



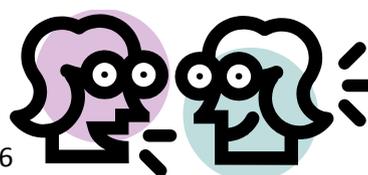
PARENT NEWS Term 3, Week 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Community engagement and cooperation is a key element of any successful State school. Our community includes parents, businesses, volunteers and of course families. At this point in the year our school is heavily involved in conversations. These conversations are conducted at parent teacher interviews, P&C and school council meetings as well as all the normal interactions and emails between teachers and parents. I cannot stress the value I put on these conversations and the positive influence a good honest conversation can have on a student or even a family's perception of our school. A noted author, Susan Scott best sums it up with the following quote –

“...no single conversation is guaranteed to change the trajectory of a career, a company, a relationship or a life – any single conversation can.”

I welcome any parent to become involved in the conversations that may assist your student progress to their potential. Parents need to feedback what we are doing well and advise us on areas where their child could be assisted to achieve. Feel welcome to join the P&C or contact the Head of School, make a time to sit and discuss the progress of your child. Our recent Parent Teacher interviews and year 6 into 7 transition meetings were a success however I would like to see three times as many parents having these conversations. Who knows, that conversation may be all we need to ensure your child strives and succeeds at the best school in FNQ.



On other matters I would like to make special mention of a couple of key events and contributions in our school. Last weekend a group of our senior student leaders coordinated and ran a working bee in our Japanese Garden. This area was sitting idle in the school and little action has happened in the area for years. The students took it on as a leadership challenge and now we have a completely revamped and wonderful space for students to enjoy and share. Congratulations to our leaders.

The recent Athletics carnival was also a wonderful display of students performing to the best of their ability and participating in a school event. Congratulations to all the winners on the day and well done to all the students and teachers who participated in events and showed excellent sportsmanship.

Kind Regards

Mr Gary Toshach
Principal

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY – LAST REMINDER

The School Opinion Survey will close this coming Friday 29 July. Parents are asked to ensure they complete the survey before then. Both students and staff also complete the annual survey and the feedback we receive is valuable in our school planning. It only takes about 10 minutes and we thank you for assisting us in this way. If you have lost the letter sent home with your unique access code please call to the office as we do have some spare. If you would like further information please contact the Deputy Principal on 40967111.

Homework Tip for Parents – 9

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE SCHOOL: If there are continuing problems with homework, get help. Get to know your student's teacher through parent teacher nights and emails. Ask for strategies or help understanding what is expected of your student.



If your student is absent please use one of the following options: Phone the school office on 40967111 on the morning of the absence OR Email to absentees@malandashs.eq.edu.au



Thank you to those families who have opted to become a [QParent](#) and be given access to peruse their children’s student information online by returning the required ‘Details Form’. Again today, we have **attached** a ‘Details Form’ for you to return if you have not done so yet. Please take special note of the information around the person who will be the QParent Account Holder (QPAO) before completing and returning the form to the school office. In week 3 of term 3 parents will be invited to complete the registration process and this will include providing the school with all necessary documentation. The QParent Account Owner will be provided with a unique invitation code to complete and finalise their registration. More information is available [here](#)

P&C NEWS

Athletics day

Thank you to all parents who donated home cooking and helped out during the day at the tuckshop. It was very much appreciated!

Thank you also to Mark and Faith from Espress Coffee for selling their very nice coffees, teas and frappes on Athletics day.

They left a very nice thank you note on their Facebook site.

Well done students!

Sausage sizzle Saturday 20 August

Sausage sizzle in front of Malanda Real Estate 20 August (Market day) from 8.00 -12.00 am.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Cut up onions on Friday 19 August
- Manning the BBQ
- Selling the sausages on bread
- Selling \$100 board tickets

There are two ways to register your times to volunteer:

- 1 Click on [P&CFundraiser](#) (or type www.schoolinterviews.com.au in your browser) and use the code **tb4sb** to log in. Then follow the instructions on the screen.
- 2 Email to pandcpresident@malandashs.eq.edu.au to advise when you could help.

Monster raffle prizes wanted

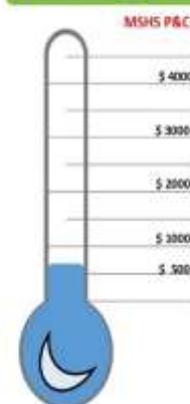
In order to raise much-needed funds for our school, the Malanda State High School P&C is again running a raffle in conjunction with our end-of-year Presentation. Tickets will be on sale from term 4 and will be drawn at the beginning of November.

We are currently seeking donations of prizes from local businesses or individuals. All donors to the raffle will feature on posters and promotional materials and will also get at least one mention in our school parent news. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, can you please email pandcpresident@malandashs.eq.edu.au before 1 of August?

Next P&C Meeting: Tuesday 16 August 7.15 at Ag building. All welcome.



Fundraising Goals





YOUTH WITHOUT BORDERS SPARK ENGINEERING CAMP

On the 2 – 7 of July I travelled to Brisbane to participate in Youth Without Border’s Spark Engineering Camp along with 49 others around Australia. Through this time I was put into a group with a ‘Staffie’ that would help us and answer question about being a University Student and becoming an engineer. While there I participated in activities such as laser cutting, egg drop, scale dam building, robotics, rocket building and many other inspiring opportunities on the QUT and UQ campus. These activities could be applied to different fields of engineering such as civil, chemical, mechatronics and electrical. There was also a chance to talk to engineers in a networking session. With prepared questions we had eight minutes to learn more about them and their careers. Throughout my time there I made many friends and memories I will not soon forget. *Amy Webb*



THE UNSUNG HERO’S



Three students from Malanda State High School, Mitchell Holdsworth (Yr 9), Haden King (Yr 9), and Hayden Chamberlain (Yr 7) all volunteered a day during the holidays to be the dairy show ring pooper scoopers while the cattle showing was on. They worked from 8.30 to 3.30 cleaning up what the cattle had just left behind as they were paraded for judging in the ring at the Centenary Malanda Show. The boys came from as far as Innot Hot Springs and Mareeba to help on the day and their enthusiasm and dedication to what is really a ‘dirty job’ was commented on by many members of the dairy exhibitors. A special thank you to Mrs Andrea Chamberlain who provided support and supervision to the boys.

YUNGABURRA CONNECTIONS

At our recent year 7 transition meeting the parent group from Yungaburra were very keen to explore the opportunity for students to travel to our school in 2017. We currently have 26 students travelling each day to our school from Yungaburra addresses. As requested by the parents, I convened a meeting to discuss the potential for a subsidised bus service through our wonderful supporters in Kev and Phil Emerson. The feedback to parents is that there is very little potential in a re-routing by the Department of Transport as the traditional bus routes currently travel to the nearest school which is Atherton High. The difference in distance is apparently one kilometre. However the Emerson Bus Company are offering to reduce the fare for Yungaburra students if they pay the fares up-front for the year. The new fare would be the primary school rate which would be a significant saving for current and new students wishing to head in this direction. As a state school we welcome any student wishing to enrol in our school but also support our neighbouring schools as we are all Education Queensland institutions working to ensure quality education for all students. *Mr Gary Toshach*





JAPANESE GARDEN REVITALISATION PROJECT – A Student Council Activity



Before



After

The Student Council at the beginning of the year elected to investigate the Japanese Garden as its main project for 2016. Our executive members then collaborated the project with their leadership task and founded a subcommittee dedicated to designing and implementing a revitalisation of the Japanese Garden. This garden we believe was created in 2000 by group of parents and community members and is quite a beautiful area of our school.

The Student Council had on numerous occasions indicated a desire to do something with this area as they felt it was a space that could be better resourced for student enjoyment. So with this in mind, the Student Council Executives (Maya Reid, Lisa Johnson and Grace Arnold Nott) and their dedicated team designed a simple but effective plan to revitalise the garden and open it for student enjoyment. The students then went shopping and decided on feature piece, seating, plants, another statue, rocks and sand. The hope is that the student body will show continued respect and care for an area that has been provided to them by other students.

The work was done by a wonderful team of volunteers last Sunday who gave up a few hours to help the students implement the clean-up and revitalisation. It was a rewarding few hours that certainly re-enforced the idea of “many hands make light work”. We were certainly rewarded with a wonderful sense of accomplishment at the improvement and the collaborative on the spot design certainly showcased our school’s community spirit. Every rock, gravel and plant relocation was discussed and agreed upon and the team were determined to honour the workings of the Japanese design.

The next stage is now to plan for a grand opening next Tuesday while our Japanese visitors are in the school.

The Student Council would like to say a special thankyou to Kay Swenson and John Croft for organising the purchase and delivery of our sand, dirt and rocks. John Croft ensured we needed nothing but the hands to do the work - their organisation made the work that much easier.

And of course thank-you to the students and families who attended –

The Reid family; Mrs Arnold and daughters; Mr Harding and son; Mrs Stremouchiw and daughter; Lyn Bass; Ethan Scanlan; Johnson family; Paul Irwin; Maddie Parise; Julianne Parise and Selma Peiter.



BARRINE WIN THE INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Barrine House Captains Shannon Reynolds, Joe Doidge, Hailey Graham and Ryan Lloyd with the Winner's Trophy

2016 AGE CHAMPIONS

12 years & under	Stella Kanowski	Coopa Stremouchiw
13 years & under	Holly Henricks	Damian Walker
14 years & under	Hailey Graham	Ryan Cupitt
15 years & under	Keeley Coutts	Kyle Wyatt
16 years & under	Hayleigh Sartor	Tiaan Gobius
17 years & over	Shannon Reynolds	Joe Doidge

NEW RECORDS

Girls 12 yrs	Triple Jump 8.36m	Stella Kanowski
Girls 12 yrs	Javelin 17.08m	Carla Giumelli
Boys 12 yrs	Triple Jump 8.78m	Ben Linneman
Boys 17 yrs	Javelin 45.49m	Joe Doidge
Girls 12 yrs	Discus 14.65m	Bridget Peden
Girls 12 yrs	400m 1:20:60	Stella Kanowski
Girls 12 yrs	Relay 1:06:77	Barrine – S Kanowski, B Peden, L Barnett, L Mathieson
Boys 12 yrs	Relay 1:02:94	Eacham – C Stremouchiw, Z Morse, R Gallagher, D Manini



Important Dates

27 July	School Council Meeting
28 July	Australian Mathematics Competition
1-2 August	Interschool Athletics Carnival
16 August	Walk & Talk with the Principal 9.30am
23 August	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
30 August	Fantasy Writers Camp
30 August	QCS Testing commences
6 September	Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Info Session in Hall
13 September	Yr 12 Drive 2 Live Theory
15 September	Yr 12 Drive 2 Live Practical
16 September	Gold & Silver Level Excursions
17 September	Holidays Commence
17 September	School Japan Trip Departs
3 October	Public Holiday
18 October	Walk & Talk with the Principal 4.30pm
19 October	Walk & Talk with the Principal 9.30am
19 October	Transition Dance
26 October	Presentation Evening
11 November	Remembrance Day
17 November	Final Parade for Year 12
18 November	Year 12 Graduation
25 November	Year 10 & 11 Finish for the year
30 November	Transition Day for all 2017 Year 7 students
9 December	Last day of school for 2016
23 Jan 2017	School commences for 2017

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Our best wishes extend to all those families who will be hosting a Japanese student over the next two weeks. We are sure you will love learning about the Japanese culture whilst sharing all things Australian and especially our beautiful Atherton Tablelands with them.



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SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

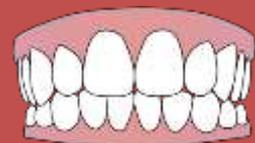
Welcome back to another term. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. A friendly reminder – My name is Diane Gander and I am the

School Based Youth Health Nurse from QLD Health and am at Malanda SHS each Wednesday and Thursday. The School Based Youth health Nurse Program is a State Government initiative that aims to promote health to young people. I work in the school setting to support positive health and well-being for young people, their families and the whole school community. Young people face a number of challenges – physical, emotional and psychological as they make the transition to adulthood. Puberty, the establishment of relationships, exposure to alcohol, smoking and general risk taking are issues that young people face as they become mature adults. This is an opportune time to lay the foundations for positive health behaviours and attitudes that will last through their lives. Staying healthy requires knowledge and skill development and it is important that young people have access to accurate information and advice about these changes. I am a health professional who is available to young people, parents and the school community. I provide individual confidential consultations with referral to other services and agencies if necessary, and support whole of school activities that focus on promoting health and well-being. As the Youth Health Nurse I also help with teaching and learning activities that focus on health and promotes a culture and environment of health and well-being.

To make an appointment just come to my room in C02 and organise a time with me. I am also available to parents by ringing the school to organise a time or a chat over the phone.

Staying Healthy *Di Gander*

FREE Dental Care



- All Qld school age children from 4 years to completion of year 10
- All Qld children aged between 2-17 years who receive Family Tax Benefit A (Child Dental Benefits Schedule) or have a current pension/concession card

When arranging an appointment, dental staff will be happy to include other eligible children in your family.

Please bring your Medicare Card to your appointment

Contact your nearest clinic for an appointment.

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