



PARENT NEWS Term 3, Week 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the last three or more months many of our students have been heavily engaged with the local and regional show circuit. Our agriculture students have worked tirelessly on our contributions to the shows and the cattle handling competitions. Whilst all students need to be warmly congratulated I draw attention to Jake Godfrey who has been chosen to represent the school in the cattle judging at the Brisbane Exhibition. I see the work that goes into this part of our school and the growth of our students is measurable. Well done to staff and students.



I am currently having the pleasure to read to various Junior Secondary classes. The aim is to promote the passion for reading and develop an appreciation in the students for reading for school and leisure. The students are very responsive and hopefully gain from the experience and particularly the boys see a different person reading with them which may assist in helping them value learning a little bit more.



Last week there was a very successful Year 9 Maths camp. From all accounts the students enjoyed themselves immensely and have extended their maths skills and knowledge. This is a great, positive outcome for students. We are currently encouraging the Junior students to compete in the various maths quizzes taking place in the district and we are sure our students will shine in this field.

Thank you to the families that are hosting a Japanese student this week. The Japanese students and their two teachers spend their time improving their English language skills, taking in the sights of Far North Queensland, and learning about Australian culture. The students benefit enormously from this experience and I hope that we can continue hosting groups into the future.

The interschool athletics carnival is happening today and we have quite a number of students participating over the two days in Mareeba. Students who qualify at this level will then represent our school at the Regional competition in Cairns. Good luck to all the students.



Kind Regards

Mr Gary Toshach
Principal

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
2016 – TERM 3 – WEEK 3
YEAR 7 95.42%

2017 TEXT & RESOURCE HIRE SCHEME

- Your attention is drawn to page 13 of the prospectus where information around the Text & Resource Hire Scheme has been updated for the start of the 2017 school year. Students will not be provided with text books and resources until the school has received a signed Resource Scheme Agreement Form and all overdue and outstanding fees have been paid.
- Our preferred method of payment of school accounts is online through BPOINT. A flyer providing further information is attached this week.

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



WE ARE ALMOST READY 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. A short video on how to register is available [here](#).

HEYWIRE COMPETITION

Attached again this week is information around the ABC Heywire competition which is aimed at rural and regional students. Please see Mr Axford if you are interested in entering as he is willing to assist interested students with their entries. Mr Axford will share more info with students at the next school parade.



WALK AND TALK WITH THE PRINCIPAL



Parents and carers are invited to come along to a ‘Walk & Talk’ with Mr Toshach on Tuesday 16 August at 9.30am. This is an opportunity to walk around the school, perhaps visit a class or two, and tour the facilities on offer here at Malanda SHS. We would love to see lots of parents and carers of students who will come here in 2017 and also those who are still deciding which high school their son or daughter will attend. You will have the opportunity to informally ask all the questions you like and share a cuppa at the end. Do let us know you are coming by phoning the School Secretary on 40967144 please. Please share this date with any neighbours and friends who have a child going to high school in 2017 so they too can consider attending the best high school in Far North Queensland.

CAREERS IN THE FORCE

Sergeant Darren Scanlan (Officer in Charge, Malanda Police Station) speaking to Malanda High Senior students about career pathways in the Police Force and the legal and journalism professions. Students were very receptive to the presentation and grateful for Sergeant Scanlan’s time





VOLUNTEER

all that's missing is U!

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:

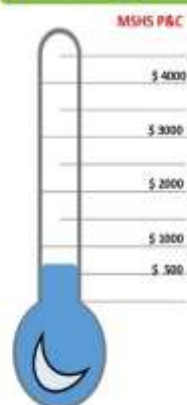
- Cut up onions on Friday 19 August
- Manning the BBQ
- Selling the sausages on bread
- Selling \$100 board tickets



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

Fundraising Goals



could help.

RSL Malanda Trivia night (together with MSHS P&C) on 31 August

Participation cost: only a gold coin donation per team member with 50% of the donations going to the P&C to add to our fundraising goal of \$4000 for this year to go towards a sound system!



Get a (student, staff, parent) team together and show of your knowledge! The P&C will also run a \$100 board at the night. Optional buffet dinner available from 6 pm.

For more info see attached flyer.

Cold during the day?

Why not warm yourself up with one of the tuckshop's daily menu specials:

- Monday:** Crumbed fish with potato wedges and a side salad \$7.50
- Tuesday:** Pork Chow Mein with Noodles \$6.50
- Wednesday:** Mongolian Beef with rice \$6.50
- Thursday:** Beef lasagne \$6.50
- Friday:** Curry with rice \$6.50



(All specials also available in a vegetarian option) For more menu items click on: [Tuckshop](#)

Secondhand uniforms

The P&C is looking for donations of secondhand uniform items. If you have any items in reasonable, clean condition that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office or the tuckshop. Thank you.

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

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

JCU Experience Day

In Week 1 term 3 our Year 12 OP eligible students had the opportunity to spend a day at JCU in Cairns. Each student selected two faculty presentations to take part in and were also treated with pizza for lunch and live music to listen to.

Some of our students chose to be a part of engineering sessions, along with education, sports and exercise science and even dentistry workshops where they were able to learn about and see a real heart and brain.



This day gave students a little bit of insight into what university is all about – both academically and socially. Our students responded extremely well to the day and represented our school very maturely.

QTAC Applications – Applying to University and Colleges

For those parents who are at the beginning of assisting their student with preparation for University, or are perhaps already knee deep in university preparations – here is a little information for you!

1. QTAC Applications open on 2nd August 2016 – it is not first in best dressed so there is no immediate hurry.
2. Stacey Stremouchiw HOSS (Snr) will walk all Year 12 OP eligible students through the QTAC website on Tuesday 2nd August during students QCS preparation lesson.
3. Scholarships are available at all universities, with differing selection criteria, and to access these, students should go straight to their preferred university's website. Any assistance required please contact Stacey Stremouchiw.
4. College Applications for accommodation whilst at university is something students should consider in the immediate future. Again, research the chosen university's website for more information about how and when to apply.

This is both an exciting and stressful time for students and their families, if you need any assistance please contact me and I will try my best to assist wherever possible. Stacey Stremouchiw sstre27@eq.edu.au

Expressions of Interest for TAFE 2017

Students going into Year 11 and 12 in 2017 are able to complete Expressions of Interest for TAFE 2017 now!

If your student is interested in being a 2 day 3 day student, completing Certificate 2 courses in Engineering, Mechanical Automotive, Real Estate, Retail Beauty, Health among others, now is the time to apply. Students should see Mrs Stremouchiw for relevant information and application forms. Places are limited and inclusion into courses is determined by TAFE itself.

JCU Cairns Indigenous Education Talk

On Tuesday 26th July our school was visited by James Cook University Cairns Indigenous Education Program staff and ambassadors. Our Year 10, 11 and 12 indigenous students had the opportunity to partake in the session which proved to once again be extremely informative and helpful to our students.

Students were able to ask questions about University pathways, application processes, course information and university life in general. They were also given a host of information pamphlets. More information about university at JCU Cairns can be found at their website: www.jcu.edu.au





Senior students at JCU

40 hour Famine

Malanda State High School will be taking part in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine 2016. Around the world children are suffering from hunger. Malanda students are giving up something that matters to them for 40 hours on 19-21 August to make a difference. Students have are nominating to give up food, furniture, technology and talking. Permission forms are going home to students under 15 years so parents are aware that students are wanting to give up something for 40 hours. Please help to support the students and the school in raising money. Any enquiries see Miss Jonker who is co-ordinating with the Fun for a Cause committee.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You can make a difference by supporting Malanda State High School towards our target of \$1000 for this year's 40HR Famine. This year's funds will impact and improve the lives of thousands of people around the world in areas including education, food programs and health care accessibility. Please donate by going to

<https://40hf2016.everydayhero.com/au/MalandaSHS>

or donating cash directly to participating students for school collection.



FOR SALE

The Malanda State High School agricultural department regularly has livestock for sale. If you are interested in purchasing cattle, goats or chickens, please contact the Agriculture teacher, Dave Kilpatrick, through the school or email dkilp9@eq.edu.au



HOST FAMILY NEEDED!

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is looking for a volunteer host family for a 16 year old Danish girl who arrived in Australia in July 2016 and is currently attending Malanda State High School. She is a very open minded and friendly girl interested in drawing and meeting friends. Together with her host family she would love to experience new activities and simply be part of her host family's daily life.

If you can help, please phone Isabelle at the Student Exchange Office: 1300 135 331. Thank you very much for your help.



FROM THE SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

Get off to a great start – eat breakfast!

It's very important to eat a healthy breakfast every day.

Why?

Eating breakfast improves academic performance, concentration and muscle coordination, improves behaviour and helps maintain a healthy weight range.

There is more to breakfast than just eating breakfast. It:

- Encourages young people to choose healthy breakfast foods
- Promotes skills to prepare simple healthy foods
- Develops independence and hygiene skills
- Is a great way to learn about nutrition and how to focus the mind ready for the school day.



So come on – switch on with breakfast – it is the most important meal of the day.

Healthy body, healthy life

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School Based Youth Health Nurse



ようこそ- OSAKA NAGANO

Our Japanese homestay friends have had a busy week here at Malanda High. The Japanese students spend 2 periods each day in intensive English classes and then integrate into our classes for the other 2 periods of the day. These students have also spent time in Japanese classes mentoring and assisting our students with the Japanese language. They will be teaching our students how to make sushi and sharing this with them at the opening of the Japanese Garden tomorrow. Later in the week they will visit the primary school and meet students learning Japanese and then go down on the farm with Mr Kilpatrick in an Ag class. Many of the students spent the weekend visiting tourist hotspots – seeing kangaroos and koala's, the Kuranda Markets and for some a visit to the Mamu walk. We will farewell our visitors this coming Friday on a whole school parade. All parents and carers are very welcome to come along at 2.30pm and help us say goodbye.





Important Dates

3 August	Japanese Garden Opening
3 August	Rebecca McSweeney Visit
3 August	School Council Curriculum Workshop
4 August	Yr 11 RSA – all day
4 August	Yr 7-8 Maths Quiz ASHS
5 August	Yr 12 RSA – all day
10 August	Japanese Speaking Contest Cairns
12 August	Yr 6 ICT visit – Feeder schools
16 August	Walk & Talk with the Principal 9.30am
16 August	P&C Meeting
17 August	Spirit of ANZAC – Cairns excursion
18-20 August	Young Diplomats – Townsville
19 August	NQ All School Touch Comp. Townsville
19 August	Principal visit to Yungaburra SS
20 August	P&C Sausage Sizzle – Helpers wanted
23 August	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
30 August	Fantasy Writers Camp
30 August	QCS Testing commences
31 August	Trivia Night at the RSL Club
1 September	First Aid Senior Rec – to be confirmed
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

