



# PARENT NEWS Term 3, Week 5

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

While the annual debate on the values and virtues of the NAPLAN testing process continues, Malanda SHS have our results and are using them to our advantage. The data obtained from the testing provides us with a measure of which areas we are teaching really well and others where we need to focus our continued attention. It is also a time to congratulate our staff and students on the amazing results we continue to attain.

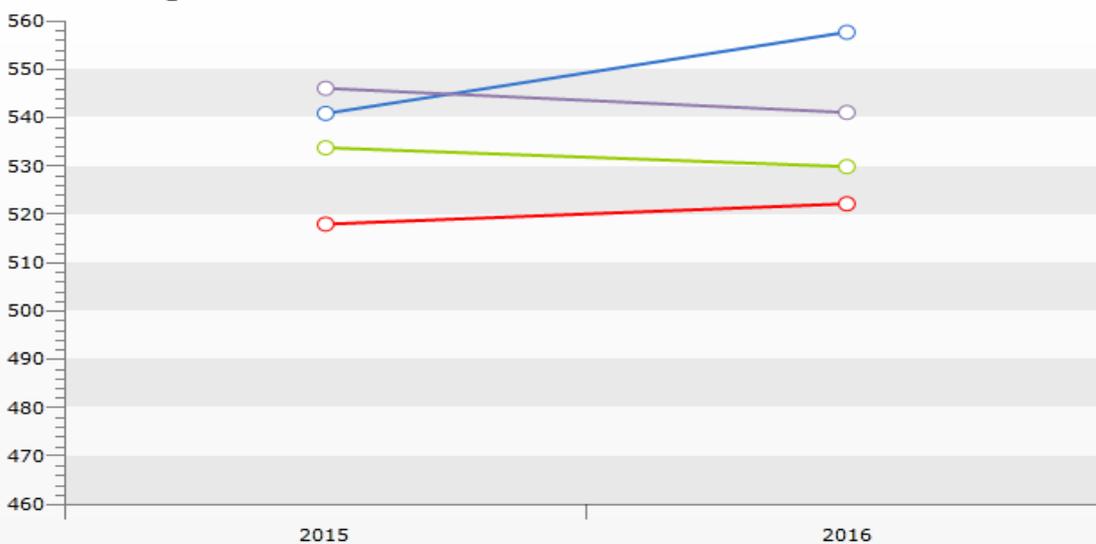


Firstly a summary of our performance needs to be articulated.

### Year 7 Report Card

- Our year 7 students have outperformed the last cohort in all 5 domains of the NAPLAN testing
- Year 7 improvement was most evident in the Reading, Writing and Numeracy
- Year 7s at MSHS are above National, State and like school averages in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Numeracy

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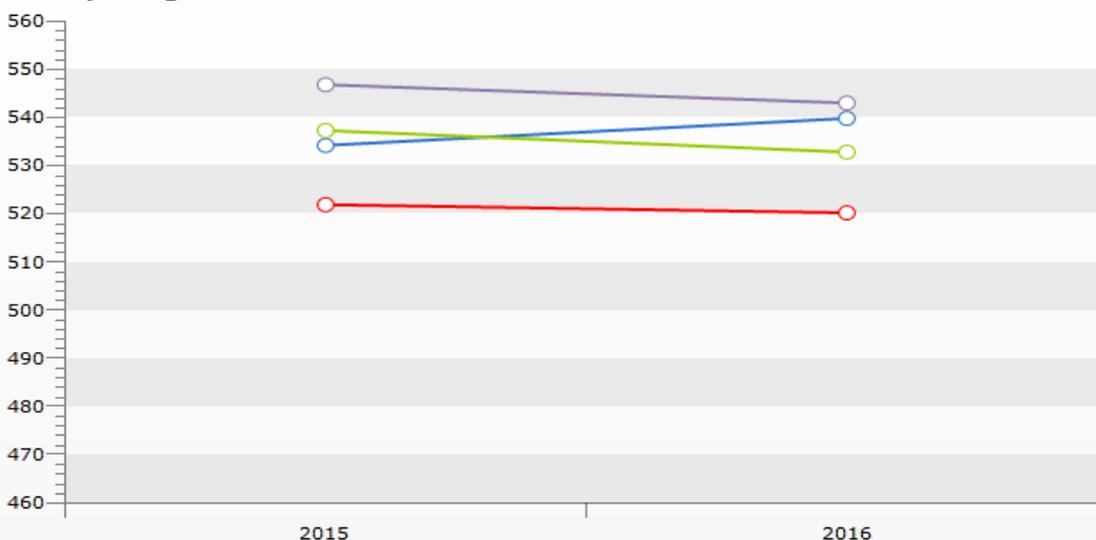


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- Qld State Schools Score
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#### Spelling



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](mailto:absentees@malandashs.eq.edu.au)



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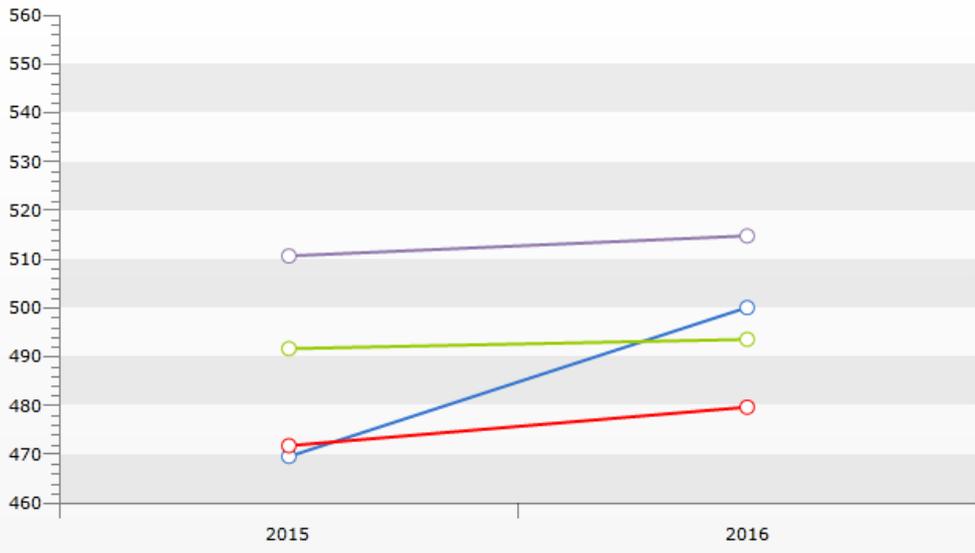
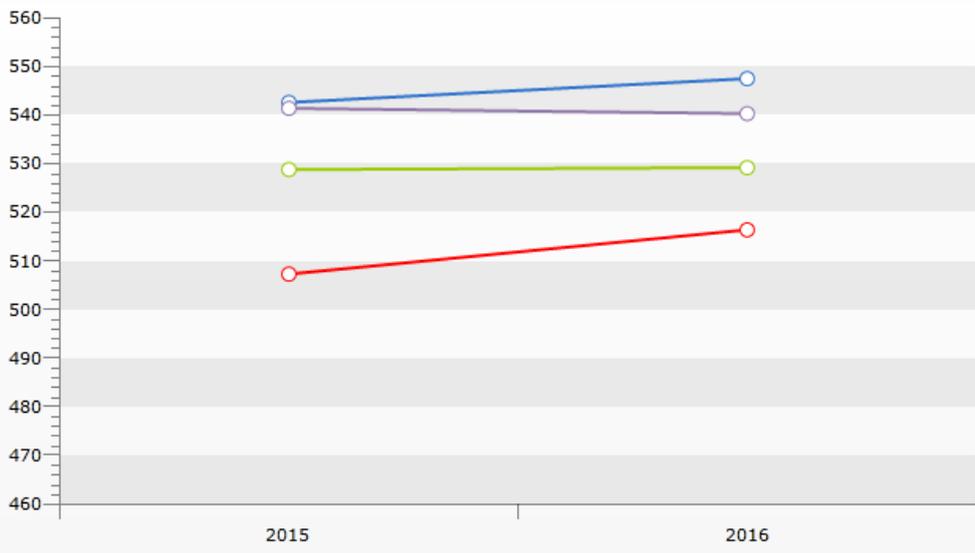


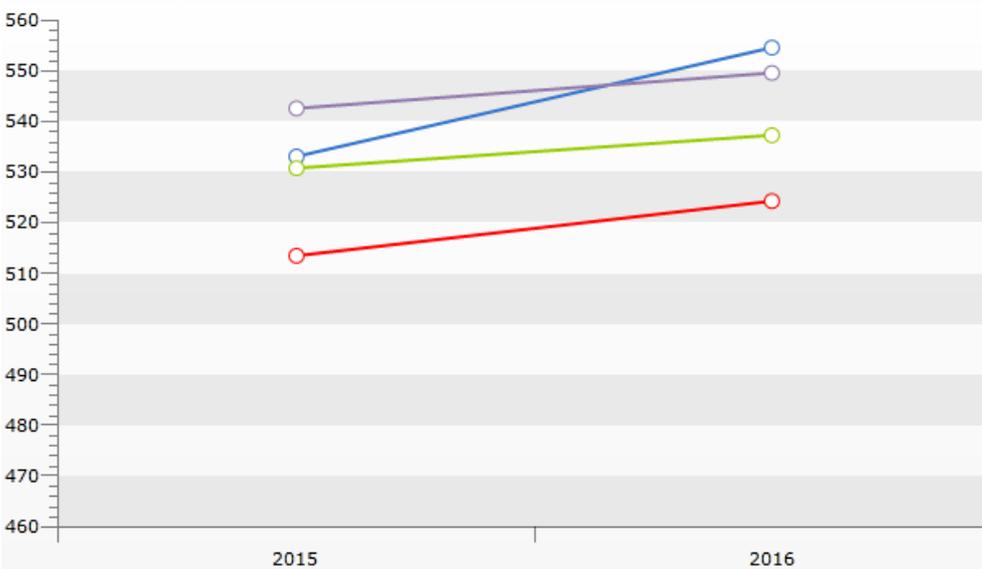
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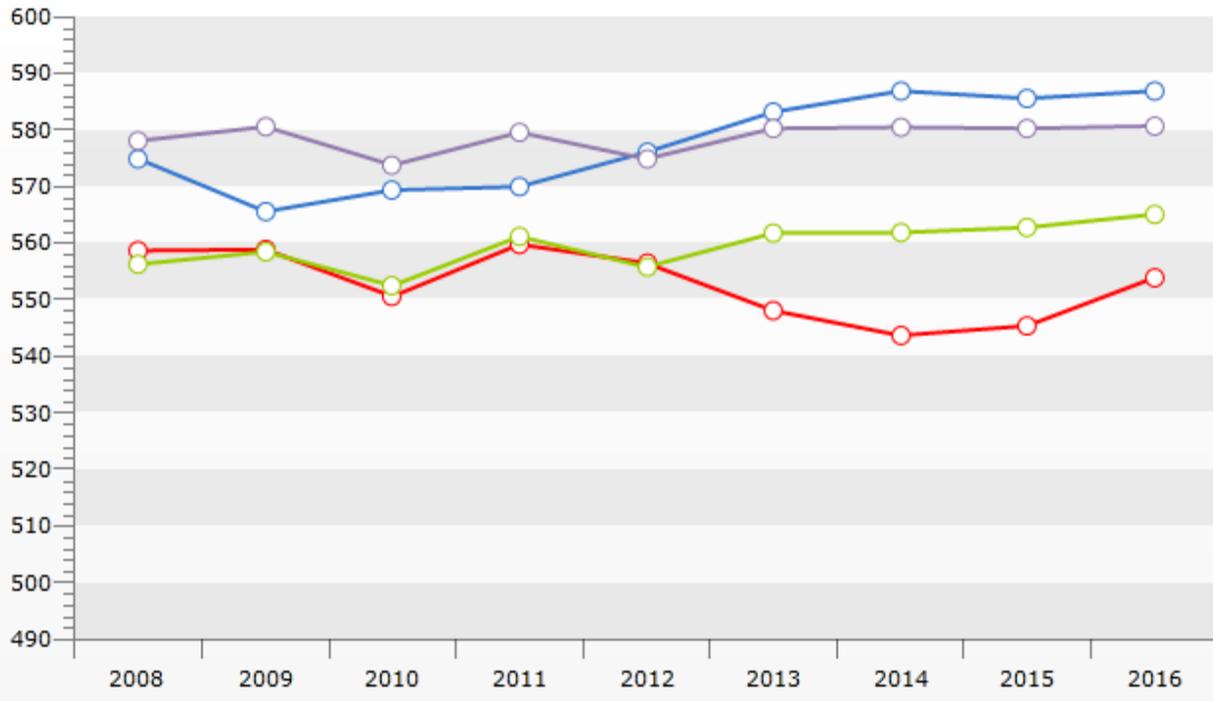
### Year 9 Report Card

- Year 9s at MSHS are above National, State and like school averages in all domains of learning which has never been achieved at this school before 2016
- Year 9 improvement was most evident in the Writing, Grammar and Punctuation in 2016
- MSHS year 9s are among the top schools in the region and state

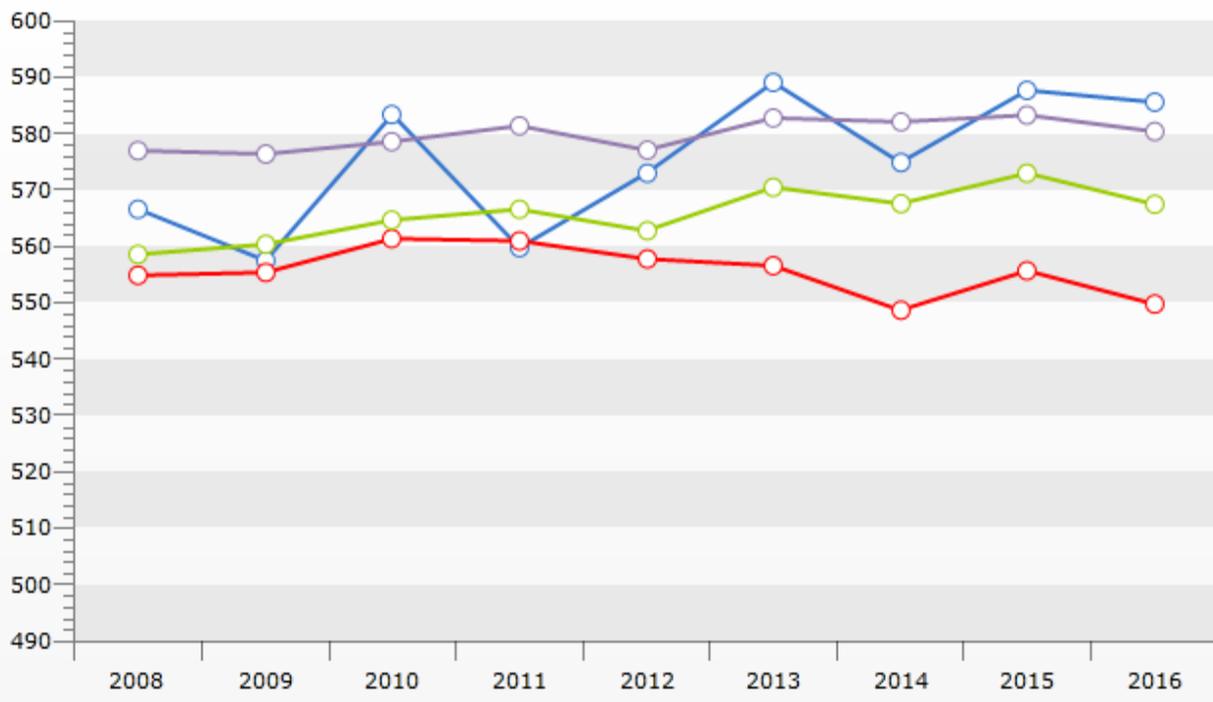
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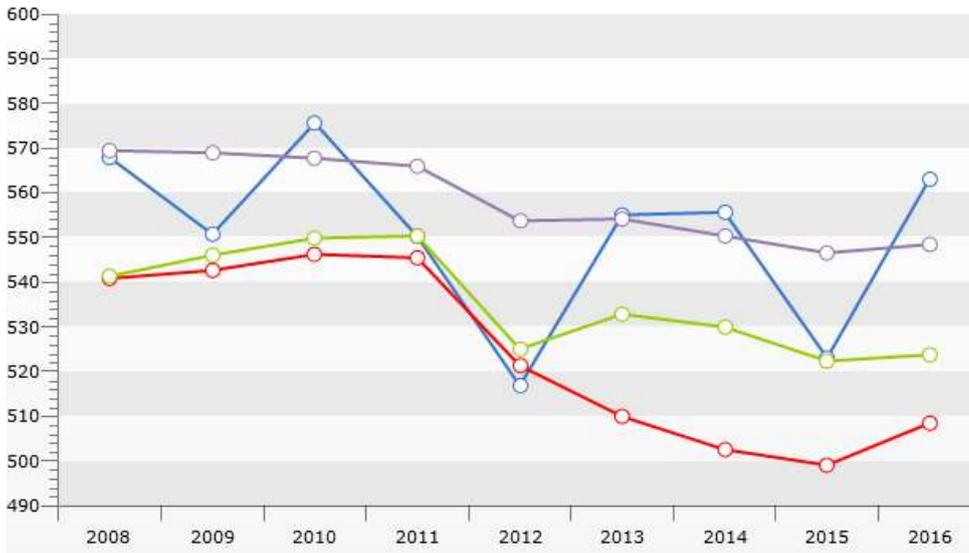
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**MALANDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL – AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**SAFETY - LEARNING - RESPECT**



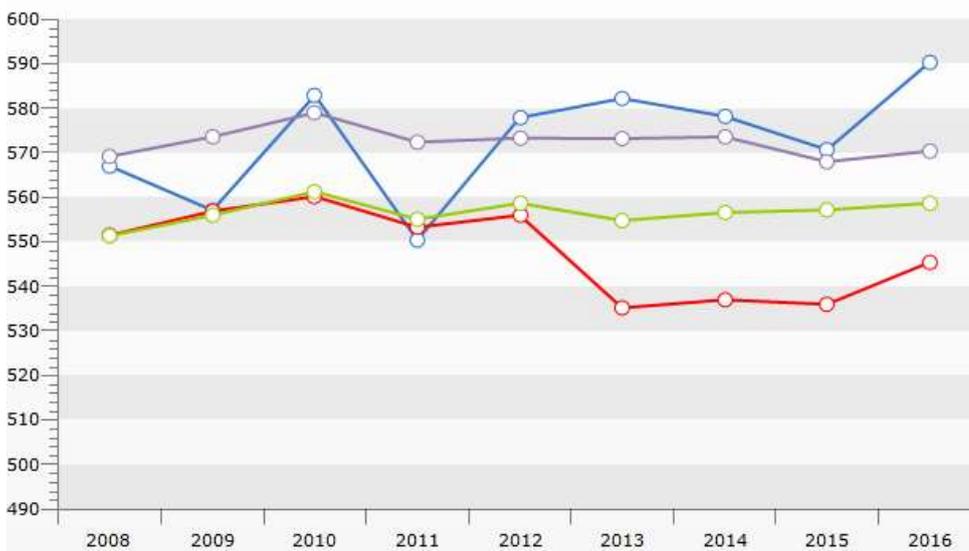
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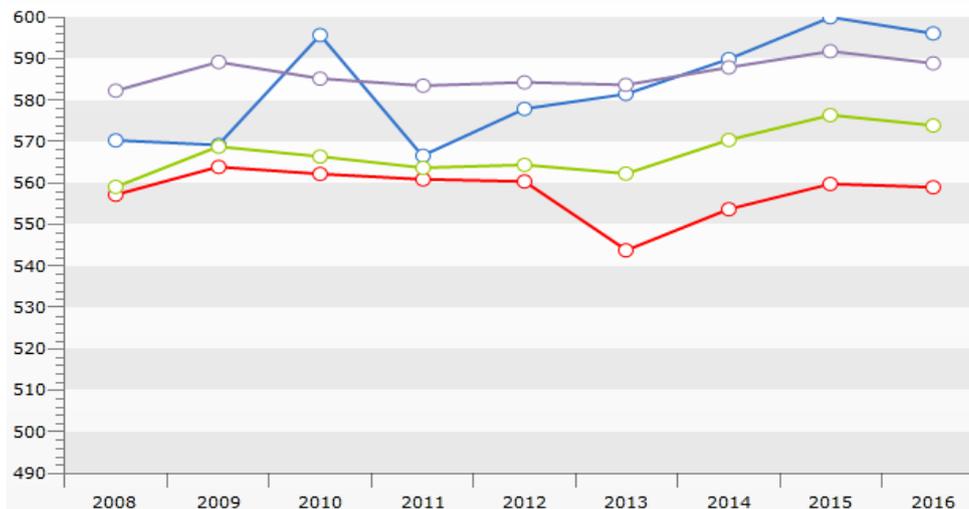
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**Grammar & Punctuation**



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These results are testament to the student’s commitment to learning. They also reflect the professionalism of the staff and the systems operating within the school to ensure a culture of learning. The culture of learning is based around the very high standards of student conduct and behaviour. Without the high levels of behavioural expectation learning at this level cannot be achieved consistently. Congratulations to all students and parents for the continued support of this great school and the culture we maintain across the student body.

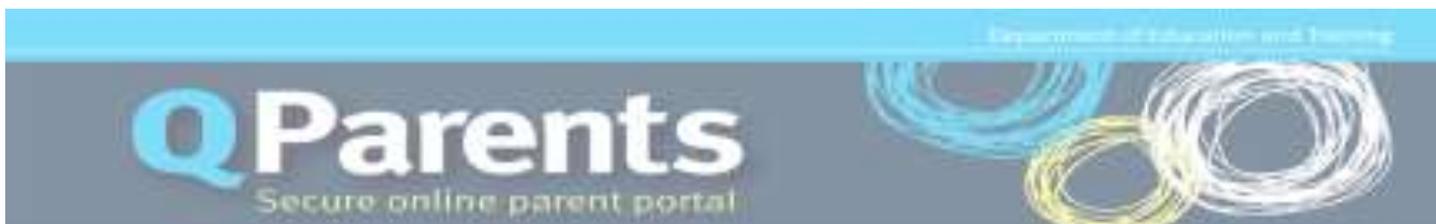
Kind Regards

Mr Gary Toshach  
Principal

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

**2016 – TERM 3 – WEEK 4**

**YEAR 7 96.33%**



We now have parents & carers accessing QParents. They are able to access their child’s report card, view and update attendance and student details, check their child’s timetable and check what invoices are owing and lots of other things. If you would like to become a QParent, download the “Details Form’ on our [website](#) and return it to the school office. A short video on how to register is available [here](#).

**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.

**YEAR 7/8 MATHS QUIZ**



On Thursday 4th August, Rohan Hickey, Sahara Gobius, and Miriam Arnold-Nott represented Malanda High School in the Tableland round of the Year 7/8 Maths Quiz held at Atherton High School. Our team did a great job securing the Runner-up position. This allows them to participate in the second round of the competition at Cairns High School on Monday 15 August. We wish them all the best for the next round. A big thank you to the parents and siblings who attended and supported our students on the night.



### A VISIT FROM REBECCA MCSWINEY

On Wednesday 3 August the Business Liaison Association sponsored Rebecca McSwiney (Associate Director at the University of Southern Queensland) to visit schools in the Cairns region. We were fortunate to have Rebecca visit Malanda High School and speak to our Year 11 Tourism class, the Year 10 Business Studies students, and all of our Year 9 students. Rebecca spoke to students about Getting a Job, How to Make Yourself stand out from the Rest, and Why Leadership is



Important, while focussing on the social media revolution. Some advice Rebecca gave students was to regularly check their privacy settings on their social media profile, and to use these settings to see what other people can see on their profiles. She also did activities with the students to show them that they all have leadership potential.

### YEAR 9 MATHS CAMP AT TINAROO

In week three of this term, eight Malanda High Students and students from other Tableland Schools, attended the Year 9 Mathematics camp at TEEC. These students were Hailey Graham, Caitlin O’Shea, Ryan Cupitt, Kynan Gobius, Ashlee Harris, Shahla-Rae Peachey, Luke Martin and Mathew Easton. On this camp we learnt skills such as coding and navigation and we also participated in group activities including the Giant Swing. Overall the camp was great fun and a big thank you to Miss Boland for coming and assisting on the camp.



### STATE HONOURS ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

From the 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July, six students represented our school at the State Honours Ensemble Program - Middle School in Cairns run by the Conservatorium of Music and Griffith University. It was an intensive two and a half days of music learning that culminated in a Grand Finale concert on the Sunday which showcased the student’s talents.

All our students rose to the task of learning and playing at least five new pieces of music, learning new skills and also playing with a much larger ensemble group than they are used to.

Well done to - Shahla-Rae Peachey, Michala Friend, Stella Kanowski, Katie Crerar, Oliver Karan and Matthew English. You are all wonderful musical ambassadors for Malanda High School.





## AROUND OUR SCHOOL

- ★ Jake Godfrey won the Northern finals of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies junior judges competition at the Tully Show. Jake then travelled to the EKKA in Brisbane to compete in the state finals where he came 6<sup>th</sup>. To learn a little about judging and to hear Jake’s speech at the EKKA we have now put it on the [school website](#).
- ★ Individual student NAPLAN reports have been received by the school. These reports are available for parents to collect by the end of this week. Reports not collected will be distributed to the students on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August.
- ★ The “Love 4 Locals” student committee will be running a cake, book and busking stall at the next Malanda Market! The funds raised from the stall will be donated to a local community cause that will be announced in the next newsletter. The committee is seeking enthusiastic helpers to make some posters over the next week and help run the stall on the day. We’ll also be sending out a call for donations of cakes and stall performers. Thank you to Mrs Wakeford for the boxes of books we have ready to go. We hope we can count on your support!



## 40 hour Famine

Malanda State High is again participating in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine. Students have volunteered to give up something for 40 hours and we’d like to ask for your support. Some students are going without food altogether, while others are giving up meat or electronics.



Our goal as a school is to raise \$1,000. The money will support World Vision projects in countries such as Bangladesh, East Timor, Laos and Malawi to help children and families break free from hunger and poverty.

Could you please help us by making a donation? For example, \$20 can help one family increase the amount of food they produce for a month.

To donate please see the individual students participating or visit our profile page where you can also read more about what we’re doing: <https://40hf2016.everydayhero.com/au/MalandaSHS>

## FUN FOR A CAUSE

The Fun for a cause committee is again supporting the RSPCA fight animal cruelty with the power of cupcakes! Cupcake Day for the RSPCA is all about baking, eating and, most importantly, fundraising for animals in need. When you put on your apron and whip out that mixing bowl, you are helping to ensure animals across Australia are treated with dignity and love. Who would’ve known the humble cupcake could transform lives? We are baking and decorating our cupcakes Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of August to sell in front of the Tuckshop on **Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>**.

***All students are invited to join in the fun of baking and decorating on Monday 15 August in the Home Ec. Room from 3pm to approximately 5/5.30pm***





V O L U N T E E R

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### Sausage sizzle Saturday 20 August

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

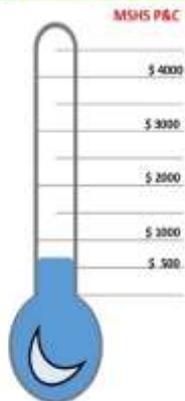
Volunteers are needed to:

- 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](http://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](mailto:pandcpresident@malandashs.eq.edu.au) to advise when you could help.

#### Fundraising Goals



Please consider helping out to raise money for the P&C to be donated to the school towards a new sound system for the hall, which as well as being used for events and performances, can be incorporated into the classroom and learning.

#### Date Claimer future fundraisers:

- RSL Malanda Trivia night (together with MSHS P&C) –Wednesday 31 August 7pm-9pm
- Stall at Malanda Primary School P&C Fete – Friday 2 September 5pm-9pm
- Monster Raffle –term 4
- Catering at Small Farms Field Day – Saturday 12th November

**Wanted:** Royal blue shorts, any sizes, in clean and reasonable good condition, can be dropped off at the office or Tuckshop.

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



## FROM THE SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

## Get active, get healthy

“Many Australian children are overweight or obese... It is estimated that by 2020, with the current trends in weight gains, 80% of all Australian adults and one third of all children will be overweight or obese.” The Australian Sports Commission.

There is a strong link between excess weight and an increased risk of heart disease.

The Heart Foundation strongly encourages Australians to make some lifestyle changes to help reduce the risk of heart disease.

For heart health and general health benefits, it is recommended that you have at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity. Increasing physical activity burns fuel – burns fat. The amount of fat burned off will depend on 2 things – how often you are active and for how long. Aim to be active everyday. Put together at least 30minutes of moderate physical activity on most, preferably all, days. The best choice of physical activity is the one you like the most. Many people find walking easy and enjoyable. Also try to be active in everyday life. Small amounts of activity, just moving about rather than sitting, all add up at the end of the day.

Moving for health

Diane Gander

School Based Youth Health Nurse.



## **STS *Young Endeavour* - 2016 Australian Circumnavigation Youth Crew Applications Now Open**

Final applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Young Endeavour Youth Development Program. Encourage young Australians in your community to set sail for the voyage of a lifetime as the national sail training ship *Young Endeavour*

circumnavigates Australia!

All young Australians aged 16 to 23 can apply for voyages at [www.youngendeavour.gov.au](http://www.youngendeavour.gov.au). Youth Crew are selected by ballot, and no sailing experience is required.

The 2016 circumnavigation is a fantastic opportunity for youth from Indigenous, regional and remote communities to participate in the youth development program in north Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia - sailing *Young Endeavour* to Cairns, Gove, Darwin, Broome, Exmouth or Fremantle.

At every port, *Young Endeavour* will change-out the 24 strong youth crew, with the aim to include six Indigenous Australians in each crew.

Meet some of our Indigenous alumni and find out about Young Endeavour Indigenous Leadership Bursaries at [www.youngendeavour.gov.au/indigenous-leadership](http://www.youngendeavour.gov.au/indigenous-leadership).

The youth who join each eleven or thirteen day voyage will learn the skills to sail a square-rigged tall ship. They will keep watch and take the helm, cook in the galley, navigate using the ship's charts, and climb the 30 metre mast to set and furl the sails. Each participant will also be encouraged to pursue personal and team goals and challenges. By the end of each voyage they will have the skills and confidence to elect a leadership team and take command of the 44 metre brigantine, sailing *Young Endeavour* along the Australian coast.





Important Dates

- 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
- 17 October Pupil Free Day
- 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

