



PARENT NEWS *Term 3, Week 7*

YOUNG DIPLOMATS – JCU TOWNSVILLE



Six of our Year 10 students travelled to Townsville last week to compete in the JCU Young Diplomats Program.

Amy Webb, Diamantina Nightingale, Grace Darragh, Karli Bryant, Erin Phillips and Sarah Lynch have been working for the past 6 weeks to prepare for the day.

This year the team represented the nation of Tonga in a diplomatic scenario that focused on the Pacific Island Forum. The girls did a tremendous job and were not only extremely well prepared but certainly a force to be reckoned with. They argued for the plight of Tonga - presenting climate change and gender equality as the nation's

most pressing issues – all the while re-enforcing the need and urgency of amplifying the Pacific voice on the global arena. The team represented our school and the nation of Tonga with conviction and knowledge.

As a result of the team's efforts, and indeed her own, Amy Webb has won a trip to Canberra – all expenses paid. Malanda High School and our



Young Diplomat Representative didn't actually win the competition, but the team did, according to the judges – put the judges into a “diplomatic standoff” – and as result of such a close call, Amy was invited to accompany the winning team and another student on the Canberra trip. Well done girls and congratulations on your hard work and efforts. It was a privilege to work with you. *Mrs Jodi Stremouchiw*



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our students have been very active in extracurricular school activities recently. The Young Diplomat team travelled to Townsville recently and performed beyond expectation and were acknowledged for their tremendous efforts. They prepared for many weeks prior to the event and did a great job. Congratulations to the entire team.



The sporting flag was flown in Townsville recently also with our Touch teams proving Malanda is talented across all areas of the school with a powerful performance from all teams. Thank you to the parents who enjoyed the trip with the students and assisted the teachers for the entire weekend.

Communication and conversation is the best way to progress any project. We are currently showcasing our school with many parents through our "Walk and Talk" with the Principal. I have lots of parents book in a time to walk through the school whilst the students are in class. They all comment on the tone of the school and the work that is being undertaken in every class. I welcome parents who cannot make the scheduled times to make a time to suit their busy calendars and I am happy to showcase the best school in FNQ.

Our communication is also expanding into the social media frontier with a school Facebook page now active and operating. The school is travelling down this path to give parents good news and messages as they happen. Please go into our page and like it so our profile rises and even more people will enjoy the successes of Malanda SHS.



It is encouraging to see so many parents linking into QParents. I anticipate in 12 months' time parents will wonder how they managed all the jobs parents have to complete before the QParents app was offered. It will show your reports, attendance, behaviour information, financial accounts and payment options etc. Please call the school and arrange for your family to have the benefits of this service.

The seniors are preparing for the transition out of school and into the next phase of their lives. Like all schools, we encourage students to keep their eyes on the end goal which is achieving the best outcomes possible on their final reports. Each year at this time other distractions can start to come into view for some students such as the graduation process. Parents need to keep this event and others in perspective. Our graduation is the last opportunity for the school to work with and share time with our senior students. Most of these students have been at the school for their entire secondary schooling and as such this event is about the student, family and the teachers. It is not to be seen as an opportunity to invite all and sundry to a big event. We must maintain its' purpose and ensure it is the last and one of the best school memories our children take with them.



Kind Regards

Mr Gary Toshach

Principal

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

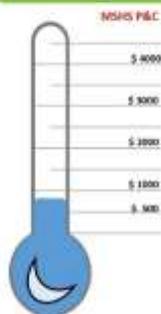
2016 – TERM 3 – WEEK 6

YEAR 9 93.63%



FROM THE P&C

Fundraising Goals



Thank you to the parents and students who helped with the Sausage Sizzle and \$100 board last Saturday. A total of \$259 was raised bringing our total fundraising money to \$850!



Also a big thank you to **Malanda Real Estate** for the donation of sausages, bread, sauce etc and for giving us the opportunity to raise money.

The winner of the \$100 board is Bronwyn English. Congratulations!

Next P&C Meeting: Due to having our next meeting falling in the school holidays in September, the next meeting will be Tuesday 18 October 7.15 at Ag building. All welcome.

IT'S TIME TO ENROL FOR YEAR 7 TRANSITION INFORMATION

Do you have a child who will come to high school in 2017? If so, now is the time to formally enrol. Enrolment packages are available at the school office and on our school website. At enrolment parents & carers meet with the Head of Student Support, Mrs Louisa Greatrex. You can make your appointment with Mrs Greatrex by logging onto:



schoolinterviews.com

and enter the code

catjd.

Or phone the office on 40967111

You will be able to make your interview at a time and day to suit. Please note times are available later in the afternoons for parents and carers who work.

FROM THE OFFICE

- QParents continues to be rolled out across our school community. The "[Details Form](#)" can be accessed from our school website and after completion should be handed to the school office or emailed to kjter0@eq.edu.au
- As the end of this term is now only a few weeks away we will continue to remind you to ensure accounts and payments are up to date. From the start of 2017 all accounts are required to be up to date before you can participate in the Text Book & Resource Allowance Scheme unless prior arrangement has been made with the Business Services Manager.

“95 to thrive” = Students that attend school at a rate of 95% or better generally achieve better academic results.



FROM THE SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

Queensland Health School Based Youth Health Nurses (SBYHN) offer services to secondary schools across Queensland, including Schools of Distance Education. These nurses focus on preventative health for young people and provide:

- a confidential health service
- health information to students, teachers and the school community
- intervention and links to other services as required.



SBYHNs are not employed to administer medications, deliver health procedures or provide routine first aid. Queensland state schools offer these services via other staff members. In accordance with the SBYHN program management guidelines and Memorandum of Understanding, this service is accessible by all students in a secondary setting.

How the SBYHN can support your teenager

Confidential Student Appointments

Your teenager can make an appointment with the SBYHN to discuss any questions they have about their health. These appointments are confidential, and the nurse will not share any information without the student's consent unless there is a risk to the student's health in not sharing this information with others.



In most cases, it is best for young people to talk to their parents about health and wellbeing issues. The SBYHN can support young people to do this.

Generally the law recognises that young people (usually over the age of 12 years) have the right to self-determine access to a health service. The SBYHN will assess if the young person has a sufficient level of maturity and understanding regarding the issues and the health services proposed. Where the SBYHN assesses that the young person does not have sufficient levels of maturity and understanding, the SBYHN will seek consent from the young person's parent.

Individual health consultations may include:

- early detection of actual or potential health problems
- providing information, options or referrals regarding relevant health services to provide them with further assessment, treatment or support
- providing brief interventions and/or referrals as appropriate.

Some of the main issues for which young people access a SBYHN are mental health, including social and emotional wellbeing, relationships, stress, eating issues, sexual and reproductive health, drugs (including tobacco and alcohol) and growth and development.

Where possible and with the young person's consent, the school may establish a team approach with Education Queensland school support staff to address the health needs of the young person.

Other Nursing Services in Queensland state schools

In addition to the SBYHN program, Education Queensland employs Registered Nurses ([EQRNs](#)) to work in state primary and secondary schools, to assist school personnel to safely manage the health needs of students with verified disabilities and specialised health needs, supporting their participation in an educational program.

For further information – Contact the SBYHN for further information on the SBYHN program and other health services available to support students' health and wellbeing.

Moving for health

Diane Gander

School Based Youth Health Nurse.

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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



RECREATION BUSHWALKING EXCURSION – YEARS 10 & 11

On Tuesday, the 16th of August the two Recreation classes travelled to Atherton to walk the Mt Baldy loop as part of their bushwalking assessment. The wet weather did not dampen our spirits and students were very well behaved making it a safe excursion for all of us. We were very impressed and proud of our fantastic students.

Lauren Wrench (10/11 Teacher) and Selena Harding (12 Teacher)





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NQ ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH FOOTBALL NEWS

On Friday, 40 of our Malanda State High School Students travelled down to Townsville for NQ All Schools Touch Football. Three teams were entered into the school challenge, an 'open mixed' team, a 'junior girls' team and a 'minor mixed' team.

The students participated in a range of games on Saturday. The open mixed team had even wins and losses, resulting in a drop off at the end of Saturday, to determine semi-finalists. Unfortunately, we lost at a 3-person drop off. The junior girls were placed in a tough pool, versing Kirwan and St Margaret Mary's Schools, but played superbly, holding out their opponents well. The minor mixed team played incredibly well, especially as this was the first carnival for most of the students.

All students who were involved in the competition are to be commended on their excellent behaviour and effort over the weekend. We received many compliments from the referees, coaches and the Townsville touch organisation, acknowledging how well-mannered the students of Malanda High were. All students played extremely well, and upheld positive attitudes. A special congratulation goes to Alex Watson, Grace Darragh, and Ella Cook, who were nominated by their teams as the players' player for the carnival. This award was based on improvements throughout the carnival and being a supportive and respectful team member.

A massive thankyou to all of the parents who came along to support and help out with organisation of the carnival. We had 7 amazing parents who assisted in food preparation, cheerleading, cleaning and general supervision of the students. Without their assistance, the weekend would not have run as smoothly. An extra special thank you to Lou Gobius who volunteered as our designated referee for the carnival, and did an amazing job at it! Thankyou!

As you may see in the photos, our students looked amazing in their new sports singlets! Thank you to our sponsors, Lisa Nation from *Lisa J Bookkeeping*, Dean and Tracey Coutts from *Peninsula Windows and Doors*, and *Malanda Spar*. Without the ongoing support of our local community, this would not have been possible.

And of course, a huge thank you to the teachers who volunteered their weekend to assist with taking the touch teams away, Mr Andrew Burrows and Mrs Harding.

Congratulations to all staff, parents and students involved in this successful weekend



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Important Dates

30 August	Fantasy Writers Camp
30,31 August	QCS Testing
31 August	Trivia Night at the RSL Club
1 September	First Aid Senior Rec – to be confirmed
2 September	Malanda SS Fete – MSHS running a stall
6 September	Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Info Session in Hall
9 September	Malanda Butchers Exc. - Proposed
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
19 September	School Japan Trip Departs
29 September	Japan Trip arrive home
3 October	Public Holiday
4 October	Term 4 commences
4 October	Fitzroy Is. Exc. Science Ext & Tourism classes
12 October	Yr 6 invited to Full School Parade
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
27 October	Yr 12 Choices Presentation
1 November	Authority English Exc to Cairns – to be confirmed
11 November	Remembrance Day
12 November	Small Farms Field Day – P&C would like your help
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

