Cairns Regional Council, in conjunction with Education Queensland presented the 2017 We Will Remember Forum at the CRC Civic Reception Room on Friday last week.

The We Will Remember student forum is about bringing our students together to commemorate, collaborate and confer. Delegates have the opportunity to reflect on our nation’s good fortune and freedom which has come at great cost in several theatres of war. Students are inspired to identify historical understandings as well as the exploration of values and discourses of various political contexts. Such skills allow Australia’s youth to draw on a repertoire of resources to interpret and create texts for personal, cultural, social and aesthetic purposes now and beyond school.

Education Queensland and the Cairns Regional Council produced the forum which hosted ten schools from around the region. A range of high ranking men and women from the armed forces presented, contributing their own experiences of war and service life. The senior guest speakers included Brigadier George Mansford AM and Mr Keith Payne VC AM both of whom saw meritorious service in Vietnam. Lieutenant colonel Gabrielle Follett (Commanding Officer 3rd Combat Service Support Battalion) and Lieutenant colonel Timothy Rutherford (Commanding Officer 51st Battalion Far North Queensland) spoke about the life of serving officers and inspired students to be true to themselves in building their talents throughout life.

Our delegates Kynan Gobius and Ahmed Mubeen made presentations about the role of the Anzac spirit as it changes through the generations.

Ahmed posited that the Anzac spirit is always in danger of dwindling, he finished his address by thanking Brigadier Mansford and Mr Payne for being at the forum to nurture the fire of the Anzac spirit for his generation.

Kynan finished the day with a presentation about the Anzac spirit as we move through generations, not of people, but of technology. He reminded us that, in the not too distant future, most warfare will be fought with code rather than people. Kynan’s thesis is that perhaps, with the horror of blood and human sacrifice removed, a coding war may be a style of warfare that may have the approval of the original Anzacs.

Cadets, Ashlee Harris and Peirce Stein, both enjoyed the opportunity to have real discussion with serving members, both in the forum and the personnel from the 51st Battalion who were also in attendance at the forum.

The day was an opportunity for students to represent our school, both as citizens and presenters of ideas. Events such as this increase the profile of Malanda SHS in our community. Our students represented us well, and in such a formal situation, did us proud.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A quick check of the school calendar would clearly indicate that Malanda SHS does not slow down in the last week of term. Our students and staff are fully engaged in classwork, excursions and/or on-site programs for the students. We are also offering the last day rewards program for our Silver and Gold behaviour level students. I thank all parents for maintaining the importance of attendance right up to and including the last day of term.

Our school is conducting the School Council election process for parent and staff members today. As you would have read previously we need to update our council through an election process and we have had some amazing parents nominate and volunteer their time to being part of our strategic group. I obviously have no idea how the election process will conclude however I offer my sincere thanks to all parents and teachers who nominated and I look forward to working with the successful nominees in the near future.

Parents will notice a small change to the school reports this term. If you recall I conducted a parent survey regarding our reporting process earlier in the year. One change I am trialling this term is to remove the year 7 rotational subjects from the report. These subjects are studied for 10 weeks only and students will receive a single page certificate style feedback sheet for these subjects. I am trying to ensure comprehensive feedback to parents and control an ever increasing workload on teachers. I will review early next term to see if the trial was successful.

Next term sees the return of Nicole Hyland to the Deputy position following her Long Service Leave. Firstly I welcome Nicole back and thank Ben Harding and Selena Harding for their work backfilling the positions. I also note Louisa Greatrex will be back to the Head of Junior Student Services position which she has been sharing with Jess Sarri for most of the year. She will be working Tuesday to Friday in this position and Nicole will be available on each Monday. I thank Jess Sarri for acting in the shared HOD role for three terms this year.

With Term 4 approaching students will need to be very focussed to complete the year strongly. There is always a number of distractions taking place including presentation and graduation ceremonies. I request your assistance to work with the school to keep students on task and at school each day.

Have a safe holiday and spend plenty of time with your kids.

Kind Regards

Gary Toshach
Principal

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
Week 9 Term 3 Year 8 91.54%

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY – A NOT TO MISSED CULTURAL EVENT

The biennial exhibition of student work and performance MUSIC MUSE & MAHEM is launching from 6.30pm on Friday, October 13, 2017 @ Malanda High School Cultural Quadrangle – Laneway behind Art & Drama.

MUSIC MUSE & MAYHEM, aims to showcase student work and performance across multiple disciplines including Visual Arts, Drama, Music, Home Ec and Japanese to mention a few. Come along and enjoy the vibrant range of creative works from students from all year levels. A warm invitation is extended to our school and wider community to come along and support this event. Circle Friday, October 13 on your calendar, you will not be disappointed!
Music Muse & Mayhem
a celebration of student work

@ Malanda SHS
Oct, Friday 13, 2017
from 6:30-8pm

festival...Laneway Festival...Laneway

food & drinks...street perform
music...plays...school band...sculptu
artworks...music...paintings

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YEAR 8 FANTASY WRITING CAMP

On Tuesday 29th August until Friday 1st September, six students were selected to go to Tinaroo Educational Environmental Centre. Sahara Gobius, Imogen Newton, Zoe Doidge, Kai Delben, Aled Hughes and Ziggy Crook were the lucky students from Malanda SHS that joined with other students from Cairns SHS, Mareeba SHS and Atherton SHS. The students were given an iPad to work from during their time at camp and access to author Michael Pryor. To keep the camp an enjoyable experience for students, this is all we can reveal! The students had this to say about their experience:

“Year 8 Fantasy Writing Camp was an absolute blast! From being on top of the world, to tasting the delights of weird and wonderful foods with a twist. Making friends we would’ve never met, there was still time to learn writing skills we will never regret. With the help of the much experienced author, Michael Pryor, we all improved our writing skills immensely. Although we can’t say much more, we encourage all grade sevens and younger not to miss out on this wonderful opportunity to make friends, read books and write stories with the help of an amazing author along the way!”

By Ziggy, Sahara and Imogen

JAPAN TRIP UPDATE

Here are a few reminders for families of students traveling on the Japan Trip in April 2018. Thank you to all families who paid the first instalment on time. The next instalment is due 24 November (Term 4, Week 8). Families are also reminded to ensure that all outstanding school fees are settled before the trip. Secondly, please return the medical form distributed to students as soon as possible. It is vital that this information is correct and up to date. Please be in touch if you require another copy to be sent home. Also, this Friday is the final day to request the opportunity to wear a kimono, invoices will be distributed to participating students early next term once the booking has been confirmed. Please return the appropriate form, or be in touch with the school if you wish for your child to have this experience. Finally, a reminder for students to bring their passports in to school for certified copies to be made. The passports are kept securely at the office and can be collected at the end of the day.

Thank you to the great number of families for promptly completing all these tasks! Your assistance ensures smooth organising of this wonderful opportunity!
**Certificates for Year 7 Students**

As you would be aware we are continually looking at ways to improve our processes. Starting this term, Year 7 students will receive certificates for each of their term rotation subjects (Textiles, Visual Art, ICT, and Drama). These individualised certificates will outline the understanding and skills demonstrated by each student in their term rotation class. These subjects will no longer appear on formal reports since the student’s behaviour and effort ratings will also appear on the certificate. Students will receive their certificate from their class teacher this week.

**FROM THE P&C**

**Tuckshop**

As this is the last week before the school holidays, the Tuckshop will be running down its stock so some menu and over-the-counter items might not be available this week.

On Friday, the last day of term, tuckshop will only take orders for first lunch but will still sell drinks, ice-creams and snacks at second lunch (till sold out).

Next term the specials menu will be different each week with each day having a theme. Check Parent News, the MSHS Facebook page or the whiteboard at the tuckshop for menu items and prices each week.

The normal menu is also available – see attachment or it can be found at [MSHS P&C Tuckshop info](#).

**P&C Monster Raffle**

Next term, the P&C will hold its annual Monster Raffle with more than 10 fantastic prizes to be won. In Week 1 we are planning to send home a book of ten tickets (one book per family, total value $10) to be sold. This will be given to the youngest student of the family.

If you don’t wish to participate, please email the P&C President at pandcpresident@malandashes.eq.edu.au to let us know.

**Student prizes**

This year students who sell three books of tickets will receive a tuckshop icy cup voucher and are eligible to go into the draw to win a prize. If they choose to sell more than three books they are then eligible to go into the draw again after every two books of tickets sold.

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**WATCH THIS SPACE EACH WEEK**

For information around the new Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance (SATE) system – 2019 and beyond. All students in year 9 or below in 2017 will be assessed under the new SATE system.

Today we have provided a link to a short video titled – *From Syllabus to Subject Result*
Notice from your School Council

The school council will have a meeting Wednesday 11th October with one of the agenda items to discuss and vote to amend the school council constitution.

The proposed amendments are regarding:

- The procedure of electing parent, staff and student elected members, including the method of voting by parents via email and in person
- Removing text in the constitution relating to primary school students
- Revising the nomination forms for elected members to include a written response by applicants and role description
- Regarding teaching and non-teaching staff elected members: Adding “when no non-teaching staff nominates for an election, 2 or more teaching staff can be elected as staff members”.
- Adding parents to the groups to be notified, through Parent News, for amending the constitution and not only the members of the P&C association regarding the parent group.

If you would like to know more about these proposed amendments please contact the school council chair Mrs Selena Harding on shard124@eq.edu.au

Australian Reading Hour

Sharing a book with your child for 10 minutes a day, an hour a week is our aim for The Reading Hour on the 14 September 2017. We know it's not always possible for parents to share a book at bedtime with their children, but if you can manage 10 minutes most nights, your child will have the best chance of becoming a good reader, with all the social and educational benefits that brings.

Most of our brain development happens between birth and three years of age, so it's not enough to assume that your children will learn to read when they get to school. Parents need to share stories and rhymes right from day one – and a good way of finding out more is to join storytimes, rhymetimes, baby bounce and toddler sessions at your local library.

The Reading Hour is for everyone and there will be events and activities for all age groups.

The Reading Hour is nominally 6pm to 7pm on 14 September, but events will be happening all day, to avoid or coincide with important sporting fixtures and venue opening hours, and to accommodate the different time zones. Visit http://www.readinghour.org.au/ for more information.

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Congratulations to both FNQ schools for winning the QLD Reader’s Cup state finals!
YEAR 10 SET PLAN INTERVIEWS

PARENTS – please ensure you have booked a time to attend a short meeting at the school with your Year 10 student for their SET Plan. The SET Plan maps out a student’s plan of action for his or her education and training over the next two years in partnership with their parents and the school. This includes a signed agreement outlining roles and responsibilities of the partnership agreement. A SET Plan must be completed for every student.

Parents are asked to book a meeting time for the SET plan process on the school interview website.

The link to use for SET Plan Interviews is jxky5

All year 10 students and parents in Queensland are involved in the Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan process with the school they are enrolled at.

YEAR 7 TRANSITION TO MALANDA HIGH FOR 2018

ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS ARE UNDERWAY

Bookings have now been opened for enrolment interviews for year 7 students in 2018. We encourage parents to make their booking online by clicking on this link: schoolinterviews.com and enter the access code below. You will be able to book your interview from a variety of available times with more to be added or term 4. If you are unable to find a time to suit or would like us to make the booking for you, please phone the School Secretary on 40967111. Please bring the completed enrolment forms and a copy of your child’s birth certificate with you to the interview. Year 7 in 2018 Access Code mzk4k

NATIVE PLANTS FOR SALE

We still have plant seedlings for sale. These have been propagated and grown by our agriculture students and are of an endemic native species. These are available for sale each Friday from 9.00 to 3.00 up in the Ag Dept. If you would like more information please email Mr Kilpatrick at dkilp9@eq.edu.au

Fun for a Cause – Jeans for Genes Day

Wednesday 13th September (tomorrow) is a free dress day for students to raise money for a Jeans for Genes Day. Students can come in free dress with a ‘Denim’ theme, but need to remember uniform rules. Clothing needs to be sun safe and suitable for practical activities. Please bring a gold coin donation for this cause.
Fun & Fitness – will resume in term 4.

IMPORTANT DATES
13-14 Sep RSA Course
14 Sep Yr 12 – Drive 2 Live – Practical
15 Sep Gold & Silver Level Excursion
15 Sep Last Day for Term 3
2 October Public Holiday – Queens Birthday
3 October School Resumes for Term 4
6 Oct Junior “Respect Me” Program
13 October Music, Muse & Mayhem – Community Invited
16 October Student Free Day – Staff Professional Development Day
17 October Walk & Talk – with the Principal 5.30pm – book at the office
18 October Walk & Talk – with the Principal 9.30am – book at the office
19 October Mossman 7’s
20 October Junior Respect Me Program
27 October Junior Respect Me program
3 November Junior Respect Me Program
8 November Student Leadership Handover – Full School Parade
8 November Presentation Evening
7 November SNAP Exhibition Opening – Atherton
11 November Remembrance Day
13-17 November Yr 12 Alternate Activities Week
16 November Yr 12 Final Parade
17 November Graduation Dinner
24 November Yr 10 / 11 Last Day
29 November Yr 6 into 7 Transition Day
30 November Transition Dance
8 December Last Day School 2017 – HOLIDAYS!!

IMPORTANT LINKS
School Website
School Facebook Page
Education Queensland
Year 13 Cairns – Facebook page

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WHAT DOES YOUR “GOLD LEVEL” ID CARD GIVE YOU ACCESS TO?

Malanda Bakery & Coffee Shop
- 5% Discount

Elders Insurance & Real Estate
- Free USB. Students must present to Elders Office to receive

Malanda News & Stationery
- Gold – 10% Discount
- Silver – 5% Discount
- New Release $6.00 Now $5.00
- 3 Night Hire $4.00 Now $3.00
- Weekly $3.00 Now $2.00
- Discount applies to movie hire only
- Excludes confectionery or ex rental

A Way With Hair
- Free Hair Cut & Treatment If Required

10% Discount
(Does not apply to prescription items)

Businesses:
- “A Way With Hair”
- “Elders Insurance and Real Estate”
- “Malanda Bakery & Coffee Shop”
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- “Malanda News & Stationery”
- “Malanda Pharmacy”
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