



# PARENT NEWS Term 4, Week 1

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back for term 4. This term is no more or less important at a school than any other. The difference being that a lot of students will see the light at the end of the tunnel and our concentration may be distracted. Please keep communicating with our teachers and ensure your students are clear on expectations at school and in each subject they study.

Our reporting processes were completed at the end of last term and as you know I have read each report. I will put together some data trends on our performance for next week's newsletter. I am sure our students work will once again be of an extraordinary nature and our school will have a lot to celebrate.

I welcome Mr John Pitt to our staff. John is a manual arts teacher and is replacing Mr Bob Dawson for this term. Mr Dawson has moved into retirement. Whilst we wish Bob all the best we also encourage parents and students to support John and encourage students to keep doing the great work in our workshops.

I will no doubt hear lots of stories regarding our Japanese trip and trust their time and effort was worth the experiences gained through this trip. I thank the teachers and parents who were so wonderfully organised to make this trip a success.

I am currently out of the school and Nicole Hyland, Deputy Principal is available if you need to communicate to administration. I will return to my post next Monday.

Principal

### ATTENDANCE AWARDS

2016 – TERM 3 – WEEK 10

YEAR 7 87.71%

### SET PLAN INTERVIEWS

### YEAR 10 PARENTS & CARERS

There are still parents and carers who have not arranged an interview for their student's SET Plan.



To make an interview time for a SET Plan please log on to:

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

and enter the school event code of **jxky5**. Alternatively you can contact the school office and we can do this for you. If you are not available during the times or dates listed, please contact the school secretary (Kathi Terrance) to make alternative arrangements – Email: [kjter0@eq.edu.au](mailto:kjter0@eq.edu.au) or Phone: 40 967 111. Students should accompany their parents/carers to the interview. **Senior Education & Training Plans** must occur before a student can progress into year 11.

**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)



## FROM THE P&C

### **P&C Monster Raffle**

It's raffle time! This week the oldest student in each family will bring home a book of 10 raffle tickets (\$1 each, total value \$10) to be sold. (If you don't wish to participate, please return the book of tickets fully intact – see below for where and when to return.) This is a major fundraiser for the P&C each year and we are aiming to increase our ticket sales by sending home books of tickets this year; your participation is much appreciated, and of course the funds raised will benefit our school and our children.

For those students who wish to participate, we have **prizes for the students** who sell the most raffle tickets! Many thanks to Harvey Norman Atherton for donating our major ticket seller prize – a **Lenovo 7" Android tablet**. There are also two double movie passes and two double "Creation Jar" vouchers to be won (thanks to Malanda Majestic Theatre and Petals & Pinecones in Atherton for kindly donating these vouchers).



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### **How to return your ticket books & get more to sell**

Please return your sold or unsold raffle tickets to the Tuckshop on either a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning before school starting from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October when someone from the P&C will be there to mark off your returned ticket books and/or to issue you with more books to sell (maximum 2 books at one time) if you are keen to win one of the prizes.

The P&C would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who generously donated prizes for the raffle itself. A full list of prizes is attached to the Parent News, and there is a list on the front of each book of raffle tickets.

The raffle will be drawn at the Small Farms Field Day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any queries about the raffle, please email the P&C Secretary at [pandc@malandashs.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@malandashs.eq.edu.au).

Happy ticket selling!

### Date Claimers

- The P&C will be managing gate entry at the **Malanda Bull Ride on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November** from 3pm to 8pm – we would love some extra volunteers for an hour or two if anyone can spare the time. Please contact the P&C President at [pandcpresident@malandashs.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcpresident@malandashs.eq.edu.au) if you can help out.
- Then on **Saturday 12th November** we have undertaken to provide the catering at the **Small Farms Field Day** - we will need lots of helpers for this event; more details to follow soon.
- Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15pm in the Ag Building – all welcome.





## FANTASY WRITERS CAMP



Ashton, Lucy and I spent week 8 of term 3 at the annual Year 8 Fantasy Writer's Camp at Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre (TEEC). We were involved in many activities such as canoeing, group challenges and of course story writing. This camp was full of endless surprises around every corner, but as students who've participated are sworn to secrecy I can't reveal too many details!

After all of the fun (and secret activities!) we worked for two days polishing a small piece of writing with the visiting author, Michael Pryor. Some people might ask, 'who wants to do English from sun up to sun down for two days in a row?' However, on this camp, who wouldn't? This is an example of a masterpiece polished up with the

help from the published author.

*The next day was Saturday. I had organised to meet Jessie at the old car wreckage in the centre of town. 'So, I was thinking we could explore a bit more of the castle complex'. I had moved here nearly 3 months ago. Mum and Dad thought it would be interesting if we owned the entire castle complex, which was no more than some crumbling ruins.*

*'Ah, Mum said I have to be home by 6!'*

*'Oh, Izaac. Don't be such a wuss. We'll be home in no time.'*

*'I don't think we should.'*

*'We'll be fine. Before you bought it, I spent all of my spare time there. It's completely safe.'*

*'But, I heard that someone got crushed.'*

*'Let's go find out.'*

*'Jessie, I said no! Why can't you leave me out of your stupid plans?!'*

*I ran into the pet shop. Animals are about the only thing (besides chocolate) that comforts me. However, inside I found that instead of pets, the shop sold doorways. Lots of old, expensive doorways.*

Everything worked out well, except some minor 'technical' issues that weren't our fault! It was sad to finish the camp after all the excitement. Overall, we all had great fun, learned a lot and are looking forward to torturing the next lot of year 8's with how good it was but not being able to tell them why! **Sophie, Year 8**



## 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.



### World Teachers' Day



Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people across our state. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities. Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers' Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society. World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year. In 2016, World Teachers' Day will be celebrated in Queensland on Friday 28 October, during [State Education Week](#).

### INDIGENOUS YOUTH LEADERSHIP

#### Crossing Cultures Workshop for the Junior Secondary Indigenous students

As an initiative to engage the junior secondary indigenous students in leadership skills, Delta McLeod (Regional Community Education Counsellor, Department of Education and Training) presented an interactive workshop for two periods during the last week of term 3. Together they explored information about the history of Queensland from the perspective of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander



people. Students discussed their own belief systems and discovered the impact that colonisation, past practices, policies and legislation has had on the land, way of life, identity and culture of local Indigenous peoples. Mrs Greatrex will be supporting interested students with a leadership project in term 4. Thank you to Aunty Delta, Toma, Mrs Greatrex for supporting the students and to Natalie for preparing a delicious chicken curry for lunch.

### **CONGRATULATIONS 2016 STUDENT COUNCIL**

At the recent Tablelands Regional Council Garden Awards your entry was given special mention in the Community Gardens section. The judges were very impressed with not only the Japanese Garden you have so willingly revitalised and tended, but the efforts put in by yourselves to raise the funding and purchase the plants, pots and seats etc. The reopening of the Japanese Garden has brought back many memories for past students who have either contacted the school or commented on Facebook. Well Done!!

The TRC Council have now presented the School with a perpetual plaque. This plaque will be handed on to the next group of students who will become guardians of the Japanese Garden with the facility for them also to have their name engraved upon the plaque.



# I am a sports nut.....but

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- I would like to clarify my position on non-affiliated sports and state schools.
- All principals are committed to sports at different levels and all have the same questions and challenges regarding the inclusion and non-inclusion of certain sports in the yearly program.
- Being a self-confessed sports nut I would certainly encourage all students to be actively involved in sports both at school and externally.
- The Education Department has affiliation with 21 sporting associations which makes up a comprehensive program involving millions of dollars and immeasurable time from staff and student involvement. I have listed these below for your information.
- As is the case every year a range of other sports try to promote their particular sport through the easiest pathway where teachers do the work for them at schools. These sports are not recognised by the department as they are not officially incorporated or recognised at a state level through their association or in some cases are a profit making organisations with a number of private companies as the beneficiaries.
- Either way each of the sports are trying to access participants through school hours outside the QSSSSA process. <https://queenslandsschoolsport.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx> In many cases the requested access is in the week before a holiday which is the perfect opportunity for all kids to be involved. The reason for this is the work contributed by very busy teachers is called upon.
- As a principal I then have to make a call which sports I will release students and/or teachers from classes to attend. Inevitably I will be unpopular with students and parents as if I let one non-affiliated sport access to students I will be called to allow all of them. In recent times the sports requests have come from Mountain Biking, Equestrian, Futsal and even the dance industry through Eisteddfods. In the end I would be having kids out of school all the time.
- This of course effects my primary role of ensuring learning is occurring and making it as easy as possible for teachers to do their jobs effectively. Teachers are time poor as it is and the constant withdrawal for affiliated sports already complicates their job and effectiveness when students are out of school or classes. It also absorbs hours of work for a sports coordinator who generally does so much on simple good will within the role. In the case of Mr Griffin, our wonderful sports coordinator, I know these events and challenges create unnecessary work and stress for him to manage.
- Recently I delivered a presentation to Qld Sport and Recreation officers on the Tablelands scenario for sport coordination. There are 32 recognised sports on the Tablelands alone for a 13-17 year old to be a participant. I cannot provide school access to each of these sports.

I hope this gives you a little clarity on the size of this issue and a little more understanding of the whole picture. As always I am happy to be invited to discuss this at a P&C meeting if needed, and challenged on my stance. In the end it is your choice whether your child participates in sports outside the attached approved sports and I hope you understand why it cannot be an authorised absence from school. I ask you to challenge your sports to work outside learning hours and consider all effects these requests have on people working hard for your child's education.

Regards

Gary Toshach

**AFFILIATED SCHOOL SPORT ORGANISATIONS**

| <b>Sport</b>        | <b>State body</b>   | <b>National body</b>                                  |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Athletics           | <a href="#"><u>Queensland Athletics</u></a>   | <a href="#"><u>Athletics Australia</u></a>            |
| Australian Football | <a href="#"><u>AFL Queensland</u></a>   | <a href="#"><u>Australian Football League</u></a>     |
| Baseball            | <a href="#"><u>Baseball Queensland</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Australian Baseball Federation</u></a> |
| Basketball          | <a href="#"><u>Basketball Queensland</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Basketball Australia</u></a>           |
| Cricket             | <a href="#"><u>Queensland Cricket</u></a>   | <a href="#"><u>Cricket Australia</u></a>              |
| Disability Sports   | <a href="#"><u>Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Sport and Recreation Association of Queensland Inc.</u></a> |   |
| Football            | <a href="#"><u>Football Queensland</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Football Federation Australia</u></a>  |
| Golf                | <a href="#"><u>Golf Queensland</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Golf Australia</u></a>                 |
| Hockey              | <a href="#"><u>Hockey Queensland</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Hockey Australia</u></a>               |
| Netball             | <a href="#"><u>Netball Queensland</u></a>   | <a href="#"><u>Netball Australia</u></a>              |
| Rugby League        | <a href="#"><u>Queensland Rugby League</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Australian Rugby League</u></a>        |
| Rugby Union         | <a href="#"><u>Queensland Rugby</u></a>   | <a href="#"><u>Australian Rugby</u></a>               |
| Softball            | <a href="#"><u>Softball Queensland</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Softball Australia</u></a>             |
| Squash              | <a href="#"><u>Squash Queensland</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Squash Australia</u></a>               |
| Surfing             | <a href="#"><u>Surfing Queensland</u></a>   | <a href="#"><u>Surfing Australia</u></a>              |
| Swimming            | <a href="#"><u>Swimming Queensland</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Swimming Australia</u></a>             |
| Tennis              | <a href="#"><u>Tennis Queensland</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Tennis Australia</u></a>               |
| Touch Football      | <a href="#"><u>Touch Football Queensland</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Touch Football Australia</u></a>       |
| Triathlon           | <a href="#"><u>Triathlon Queensland</u></a>   | <a href="#"><u>Triathlon Australia</u></a>            |
| Volleyball          | <a href="#"><u>Volleyball Queensland</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Volleyball Australia</u></a>           |
| Water Polo          | <a href="#"><u>Water Polo Queensland</u></a>  | <a href="#"><u>Water Polo Australia</u></a>           |



**THE GREAT 2016 MALANDA FALLS DUCK RACE**



**Sunday 6 November 2016 from 11am. Racing starts at 1.45pm**

**A community picnic day with food stalls, merry go round, train rides, safe swimming, competitions, displays, live music, market stalls**

**Sponsor a numbered duck through the Malanda SHS School Year Level Leaders or at the office. \$5 per duck or corporate ducks available for \$20**

**\$\$\$ CASH PRIZES \$\$\$**

**Help us Help our local Lions Club.**



**OUR NEWEST ARRIVAL**

**Born yesterday. Mr Kilpatrick is so pleased.....a heifer at last.....**



## Have you found us on Facebook yet?



We will use Facebook to not only give parents and carers reminders about school events but to also share with you some of the daily life at Malanda State High School. Please share our page and spread the word on this great school we all are part of.

<https://www.facebook.com/MalandaStateHighSchool/>

## IMPORTANT DATES

|             |   |
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| 5 October   | Fitzroy Is. Exc. Science Ext & Tourism classes            |
| 7 October   | Junior Respect Me Program – Primary Schools in attendance |
| 12 October  | Yr 6 invited to Full School Parade                        |
| 13 October  | Mossman 7's   |
| 14 October  | Proposed visit to Malanda Meats                           |
| 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  | Ag. Connect – K Block                                     |
| 20 October  | Defence Force Presentation Yrs 10,11,12                   |
| 21 October  | Junior Respect Me Program                                 |
| 26 October  | Presentation Evening                                      |
| 27 October  | Yr 12 Choices Presentation                                |
| 28 October  | Indig. Youth Leadership Sharing Success Workshop          |
| 28 October  | Junior Respect Me Program                                 |
| 1 November  | Authority English Exc to Cairns – to be confirmed         |
| 2 November  | Election Parade   |
| 3 November  | Sport House Captains Election                             |
| 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               |
| 30 November | Transition Dance  |
| 9 December  | Last day of school for 2016                               |
| 23 Jan 2017 | School commences for 2017                                 |

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