



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



PARENT NEWS *Term 4, Week 4*

Malanda State High School



*Parents & Carers
You are cordially invited to attend*

Presentation Night

Wednesday 26 October 2016

7.00 pm

Please help us celebrate the successes of our students.



FROM THE P&C

Uniforms

New stock has arrived and all uniform items are now available. The uniform shop is open Mondays and Fridays 8.20 am – 9.00 am at the tuckshop.

Helpers still needed!

We would love some more helpers for our last fundraisers of the year please:

- Gate entry at the **Malanda Bull Ride** on **Saturday 5th November** from 3pm to 7pm, with the gate opening at 4 pm. Thanks to the people who have already volunteered for this, we just need 3-4 more people to cover one or two hours each.
- Catering for Small Farms Field Day from 8am till 4pm on Saturday 12th November. Thanks to the parents who have already put their names down, but we still need lots more helpers for food prep, BBQ cooking and serving. Students are also welcome (junior high school students need parent supervision). You can either book online or email us – details for both events below.

Online booking:

[Malanda Bull Ride Booking Link](#) or www.schoolinterviews.com.au code **299v2**

[Small Farm Field Day Booking Link](#) or www.schoolinterviews.com.au code **zlx8m**

Or **Email:** to pandcpresident@malandashs.eq.edu.au to advise when you could help



The P&C is aiming to raise \$4,000 this school year towards a new sound system for the hall which can be incorporated into the classroom and learning as well as being used for events and performances. This is for the benefit of our kids and school community! Let's work together to make it a reality.

P&C Monster Raffle

As usual the P&C will sell raffle tickets at Presentation Night this Wednesday; we appreciate that many families have already supported our raffle and this is mainly for people who haven't already had the opportunity to buy tickets.

Please make sure your children know that a P&C representative will be at the tuckshop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings before school up until the raffle is drawn on 12th November to receive raffle tickets (sold/unsold) and money. Thanks to all the students who have already returned their ticket stubs and money. It's wonderful to see students aiming to win the Lenovo tablet for the most tickets sold (don't forget there are four runner up prizes too – movie passes and Petals & Pinecones vouchers).

Treasurer 2017:

Lisa Nation, our wonderful Treasurer, has let us know that she will be stepping down from this role at the AGM next year. We are very grateful to her for holding this role for the last four years, and understand that it is now time for her to pass it on to someone else. This means that we will be looking for a new Treasurer at our AGM in March 2017. Lisa has kindly offered to train and support the new Treasurer – this is a wonderful opportunity for someone to learn new skills at the same time as helping the P&C.

If you are interested in this volunteer position with the P&C or would like more information, please contact Sarah at pandc@malandashs.eq.edu.au.

P&C Meeting

Our last P&C meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 15th of November at 7.15pm in the Ag Building – all welcome.

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This time of year is normally a very busy time for school enrolments. We are very pleased with the number of families who have already completed the interview process and this allows the school to prepare classes and have numbers early. I have continued to offer the learning walks through the school during class time and after school. There has been a good response to this and I am yet to meet a parent or prospective parent not impressed with the tone of the operating school or the diverse range of facilities we have to offer our community. It is also valuable to highlight the importance we put on minimising the interruptions to class learning.



If there are still parents of year 6 students intending to enrol for 2017 I encourage them to make a time with the Head of School by ringing Kathi our Executive Secretary on 40967144. The interview takes 20 -30 minutes and it really allows us to have a good idea of the child and what special needs or supports we can arrange from day one of their new school year. Other year levels can make interview times in the same way and are welcome to join in a learning walk and see firsthand how hard our students are working and the buzz of a high performing school. We normally get a number of late enrolments at the start of the new year which unfortunately can impact on the subject choices available to a particular student as classes are formed and potentially full and also the missed lessons for the process to occur is also not ideal.

Final touches are going into the 2017 timetable at present and I am happy to report the school is fully staffed and I am very pleased with the new teachers coming into our school. I will introduce them to the parents and community at the appropriate time. Parents will have the opportunity in week 3 next term to come to a "Meet & Greet" evening. More details of this will be advertised next year.



This week is Presentation Night where we celebrate and acknowledge the students for their commitment and application to various aspects of their schooling. I encourage all students and parents to come and join the celebration in the school hall at 7.00pm Wednesday this week. I will be making a particular mention of the many students who are not sitting at the top of the pack but through tenacity and hard work have improved their outcomes and are also worthy of special mention for the effort it takes to improve. Parents will also be congratulated for the continued support offered to the students. All research indicates a student from a supportive and highly education focussed family will exceed normal expectations

Regards
Gary Toshach

Principal



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

2016 – TERM 4 – WEEK 3

YEAR 7 97.82%

FROM THE OFFICE

- Please check your email inboxes as the office staff have recently sent statements and accounts out and we would appreciate prompt payment as we near the end of the school year.
- Already this term the lost property box is overflowing. If your student/s has lost anything please remind them to check the box which is kept near the office.



MSHS Band at the Yungaburra Folk Festival

Congratulations to the MSHS Band which combined with the TRY (Tablelands Regional Youth) Band and members of the Saints (St Augustine’s and St Monica’s) Brass Band to play a wonderful concert at the Yungaburra Folk Festival on Saturday.

The combined bands played a number of popular pieces including Safe & Sound and the theme from Game of Thrones. The standard of playing was excellent and the pieces were well received by a very appreciative audience. Well done to everyone who participated – looking forward to hearing the band play again at Presentation Evening on Wednesday night!

TRANSITION INFORMATION YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 FOR 2017

STUDENT ORIENTATION

14 to 25 Nov	Enrolment Interviews	Two weeks set aside to finalise enrolments for 2016. See below for information on how to book an enrolment interview.
30 November	Transition Day	Year 6 students visit Malanda SHS and participate in a day at high school.
2 December	Transition Dance	Yr 6 students who will attend for year 7 in 2017 are invited along with students from year 7, 8 and 9. Theme for the Dance is “Superheroes”

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Enrolment Interviews for Year 7 students in 2017



Parents & Carers – Have you booked an enrolment interview for your student to come to high school next year? Enrolment interviews are currently being undertaken and it is appreciated if you do not leave this to the last minute. To book an enrolment interview please log on to:

Schoolinterviews.com.au using the code **catjd** and follow the prompts. Alternatively you may phone the school secretary on 40967111 who is most happy to do this for you.

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 Year Level Leaders or at the office. \$5 per duck or corporate ducks available for \$20
\$\$\$ CASH PRIZES \$\$\$

JAPAN TRIP REFLECTIONS

On our return to Osaka from Hiroshima, we stopped by at Himeji to visit the World Heritage Site of Himeji Castle. The train which had brought us to Himeji had been a modern Shinkansen bullet train, travelling at speeds around 300km/h. The futuristic style of the train was in complete contrast to the traditional design and construction of the castle; perhaps we had travelled back in time, 300 years per hour? Despite the stifling heat and incredible Sunday crowds, students climbed the seven storeys of stairs to the top floor for an impressive view of the city of Himeji.

The castle was built over 400 years ago, and is one of a handful in Japan which are in their original condition, surviving wars, earthquakes and modernisation over centuries. Students noticed many of the defence mechanisms built into the design of the castle and its surrounds, including moats, maze-like pathways, hidden rooms and passageways, and armoury storerooms. Nothing beats coming "back to the future" with an ice-cream from a Japanese vending machine on a hot day, and we all deserved one that day.



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JCU YOUNG LEADERS BREAKFAST

The Business Liaison Association in conjunction with the James Cook University recently held a Young Leaders Breakfast in Cairns. Aspiring leaders, Tiaan Gobious, Jardine Irwin, Maddi Parise & Chelsea Mayer attended along with Ms Hyland. The guest speakers were Mr Rod Jensen, Ms Lucy Graham and Ms Bree James who all spoke on the topic :Dare to Lead.



The P&C is always 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 at the office or the tuckshop.



WORLD TEACHER'S DAY 25 OCTOBER

This Friday we celebrate the great work of our teachers on World Teachers Day. The quality teaching in effect in our classrooms every day has a powerful effect on students' performance. Our teachers will be celebrated with a morning tea and we hope lots of thank you's are forthcoming from students on the day



NDIS

Please pass along to any interested community members the attached flyer on the National Disability Insurance Scheme. (NDIS) We will be holding an information session for the Malanda community in the school hall on Wednesday 16 November at 5pm. The flyer provides contact information on how to book a personal appointment with the presenter prior to the information session.

IMPORTANT DATES

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
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
16 November	NDIS Community Meeting – School Hall - 5pm
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
2 December	Transition Dance - Theme is 'Superheroes'
9 December	Last day of school for 2016
23 Jan 2017	School commences for 2017

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