



# PARENT NEWS *Term 4, Week 8*



## Farewell Year 12



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As our year 12 students are off taking the next step in their lives our focus turns to completion for the year 10 and 11 cohorts. These students are required at school right up to Friday to complete their obligations and parents are asked to assist us with this expectation.

Tomorrow I will be conducting another “Walk and Talk” session for some parents new to our school in 2017. I encourage any parents interested in see the entire school in operation to come along and be part of the small group. It is a great time to ask me questions or suggest things you like or don’t like about our school. If interested please give Kathi a ring on 40967111.



The year 6 transition process is proceeding well with a trickle of enrolments still coming into the office. Any parent who has not enrolled their child for 2017 are urged to complete this as soon as possible.

The Department is currently exploring ways to add supplementary staff numbers into schools such as ours to help broaden the curriculum offerings to our small cohort in year 9. This will effectively allow us to maintain our subject choices for their senior journey with smaller class numbers. It will be very good for our school and I anticipate having a similar curriculum offering to all our year levels as they pass through the school. Our school is also exploring opportunities for students to study subjects in higher year levels if appropriate for the student. This year we had some students who had completed university subjects throughout the year which is a credit to the student but also reflective of the flexible approach we are prepared to take to cater for our students.

Regards  
 Gary Toshach

Principal

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

**2016 – TERM 4 – WEEK 7**

**YEAR 7**

**94.05 %**

### WALK & TALK WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Mr Toshach welcomes all prospective and current parents and carers to come along to a ‘Walk & Talk’ where he will provide a guided tour of our school and facilities and give you the opportunity to ask all the questions you have in an informal manner. You will see our school operating and if possible spend time within a class. There will be a cuppa together at the end. This will be the final “Walk & Talk” for 2016. If you would like to participate in this please phone the school office on 40967111 to let us know you are coming along.

**When: Wednesday 23 November – 9.30am to 10.30 am**

**We look forward to welcoming you to Malanda SHS**



## YOUR SCHOOL OF CHOICE

If Malanda SHS is your school of choice for 2017 **NOW** is the time to enrol - if you have not already done so. We are receiving enrolments from families across the Tablelands and are very busy planning classes across all year levels for next year. It will help us enormously if enrolments can be finalised over the next couple of weeks. For students entering year 7 see below for enrolment and transition to high school information and for all other year levels please phone the school secretary on 40967111 to arrange an enrolment interview.

## TRANSITION INFORMATION YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 FOR 2017

### STUDENT ORIENTATION

<b>21 Nov to 2 Dec</b>	Enrolment Interviews	Year 7 enrolments for 2017 should be finalised by Friday 2 December.
<b>30 November</b>	Transition Day	Year 6 students visit Malanda SHS and participate in a day at high school.
<b>2 December</b>	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". See attached flyer.

## Enrolment Interviews for Year 7 students in 2017

Parents & Carers – Have you booked an enrolment meeting for your student to come to high school next year? Yr 7 enrolments should be finalised no later than Friday 2 December. To book an enrolment meeting please phone the School Secretary on 40967111.

### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES 2017

Thursday 19 January, Friday 20 January 2017

9.30am – 2.00 pm (Student Free Days)

Monday 23 January – Friday 3 February 2017

Daily 8.20 am – 9.00 am (except Public Holiday 26 January)

Normal opening times from Monday 5 February 2017

Mon & Fri only between 8.20 am & 9.00 am

#### Online Ordering

**NO** online ordering from Monday 28 November 2016 till Monday 13 February 2017, the email address to forward your order to will not be monitored.

Check out the Uniform Shop on the [school webpage](#) for more information.

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## INTER-SCHOOL QLD FAR NORTH REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS DRESSAGE & SHOWJUMPING

Kate Lyttle in year 8 represented Malanda State High School last weekend at Earlville at the Interschool's Qld Far North Regional Championships Dressage and Showjumping. Over two days, each school team competed in Dressage, Combined Training and Showjumping. Kate and her horses Roselee Mondeo and Maximum Impact placed or won in all the events. Overall she was awarded Reserve Champion Secondary Dressage Rider, Reserve Champion Secondary Showjumper and Reserve Champion Overall Hi Point Horse. The secondary level was very competitive with ties and count backs for all champion sections. Congratulations Kate & thank you for representing us so wonderfully.



## JAPAN TRIP REFLECTIONS

Our last few days in Japan were spent in Osaka. Along with visiting Yao Suisho Senior High School for a day, we had the pleasure of re-uniting with the students from Osaka Nagano High School who had visited Malanda SHS earlier this year. The students and teachers met us at Dotonbori, a famous area in Osaka for food and fashion. We split in to small groups and were escorted along shopping malls, to famous landmarks and to eat local specialties. The students from both schools all had a fantastic time sharing the experience of taking "purikura," miniature sticker photos, in game arcades, shopping, ordering food and eating dinner together. At the end of the night it was unanimous that we should do it again - unfortunately our schedule was full, and they of course had school the next day. We look forward to seeing them again next time!

The next night, we again ventured in to central Osaka, this time to climb to Japan's tallest building. Abeno Harukas stands at 300m tall, as high as the viewing deck of Tokyo Sky Tree, Japan's tallest tower. The massive lift managed to fit all 31 of us at once! From the top, we had the most amazing view of the afternoon sun over the entire city of Osaka. We watched the sun set, and most of the group also ventured to the helipad on the rooftop - for the highest view of a Japanese city you can have outside!

Our final day was spent around Osaka Castle. The oppressive heat finally took its toll, and despite being impressed again by the work that had gone in to building the large stone walls and moats four hundred years ago, the air-conditioning was perhaps appreciated more. Students split in to three groups, each visiting a different museum, and being thoroughly rewarded with engaging and hands-on displays at each. These were the Osaka Museum of History, the Osaka Museum of Science and Peace Osaka (a modern history museum). For many students, it was their first time to visit a major museum, and despite not being able to understand Japanese, they enjoyed the experience immensely.



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## YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY

This week, students in the Year 10 Geography class were visited by a guest speaker from Minnesota, USA. Aurelia DeNasha works for the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service and shared some of her stories of environmental management programs implemented in the Superior National Forest near the border with Canada. The students enjoyed learning about the variety of wildlife she encounters in her work, Canada lynx, bob cats, snowshoe hares and moose, for example. Aurelia explained how the landscape was formed by glaciers, and how Superior Lake is the remnants of that glacial movement. The students were also surprised to hear how her work is impacted by the extreme weather conditions, especially in winter when temperatures can drop as low as -40 degrees! It was a wonderful opportunity for students to reflect on the special environment we live in here in the Wet Tropics, compared to another beautiful place in the world.



## FROM THE OFFICE

- 2017 Student Resource Scheme documents have now been emailed to parents. We ask that you complete the form and return it to school signed before the end of this school year please. Remember from the commencement of 2017 students who have not provided the school with a signed Student Resource Participation Agreement Form will not be issued with books & resources at the start of the school year. Your attention is drawn to page 13 of the school Prospectus which is available on the school [website](#). Books and resources cannot be issued to students whose parents/carers choose not to participate and have not signed the agreement form. The Principal may refuse to admit a student to the scheme if there are hire payments overdue from the previous year.
- 2017 Resource Lists for each year level are available [here](#).
- If your student has lost something please ask them to come and check the lost property box near the office. It is overflowing with jackets, shoes, lunch boxes etc. At the end of the year all remaining items are passed on to a local charity.
- [Young Athletes Travel Subsidy](#) - a good website to save for those students who compete in either school or club sport and represent our region.



**INTERNAL SCHOOL REVIEW** The school is currently undertaking an Internal School Review. Some of our parents & carers may receive survey's sent from the school secretary's email address with a link to completing the survey. Please take the opportunity to tell us what we are doing well and where we can improve. All surveys are completely anonymous and we cannot identify the respondents in any way.

### Malanda Pharmacy Guardian Points

Malanda Guardian Pharmacy offers our school/P&C the opportunity to earn loyalty points on items purchased in their store. When shopping in store this festive season simply ask the staff at the counter to scan the Club Loyalty Card to accumulate points for our school/P&C.

### OUR FLAG IS STILL MISSING

The school has loaned a banner / flag out and unfortunately this has not been returned. It will have been loaned to either students or parents who were either fundraising or representing the school in some capacity. If you have borrowed a flag this year please do a double check at home to see if it is still in your possession. We really do need to find it as it will be required for end of year school functions and on multiple occasions next year. It can be returned to the school office

**2017 P&C Meet and Greet** 

 **Tuesday 7th February 2017**  
**6 pm - 7 pm**

Come and say HELLO to the Malanda State High School Staff,  
meet other parents and the P&C.

The P&C will have a sausage sizzle and (soft) drinks available.  
*In front of the Tuckshop at the alfresco eating area.*

**All year levels welcome!**



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## Paid Tuckshop Assistant/Relief Convenor Applications close 25th November 2016



### TUCKSHOP ASSISTANT/RELIEF CONVENOR

Malanda High School P&C Association is looking for a motivated and enthusiastic Tuckshop Assistant/Relief Convenor. This position is casual and based on a standard 9 hour week over three mornings during term time, however flexibility and the ability to act as Convenor when necessary are required.

Duties include assisting with all aspects of food preparation, taking food orders, cleaning, and general running of our tuckshop.

Suitable applicants must:

- Hold a current Blue Card suitable for paid employment (or be able to apply for one);
- Have a Certificate in Hospitality (preferred) or have completed a Participate in Safe Food Handling Practices course (or be willing to complete one);
- Be self-motivated, efficient and able to work unsupervised; and
- Enjoy working in a team environment and with children.

Previous experience in hospitality would be an advantage. Payment and conditions will be based on the *Parents & Citizens Award – State 2016* (Retail Operations Stream).

Please send your application including resumé and supporting documentation to [pandc@malandashs.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@malandashs.eq.edu.au) or by post to P&C President, Malanda State High School P&C Association, Memorial Avenue, Malanda Qld 4885.

Applications close Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016.



**We are proud to support local business in Malanda as many businesses support our school. Please follow our lead and support those that support us.**

## IMPORTANT DATES

23 November	Walk & Talk with the Principal
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'
4 December	Instrumental Music – Christmas Concert
9 December	Last day of school for 2016
17 January 2017	School Office Opens
19, 20 Jan 2017	Uniform Shop Open 9.30am to 2pm
23 Jan 2017	School commences for 2017 – all year levels
26 January 2017	Public Holiday
7 February 2017	Meet & Greet – Parents & Staff BBQ

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