



# PARENT NEWS *Term 1* **Week 4**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL & SCHOOL COUNCIL

### Community Connect Project



Malanda SHS is undergoing a significant project to further enhance the connection our school has with our community. It is critical that a highly successful school is working with the parents and members of our wider community to ensure every opportunity possible is utilised allowing students to reach their potential and leave our school with a bright future.

Over the coming months we endeavour to audit our processes and connect with parents, community leaders, businesses and employers to foster positive and mutually beneficial relationships. Of course a great deal of this is in place already and we value our community support above all else, however as a school we must remain abreast of the work we do and sincerely collaborate with our community.

The work will be done across the school led by our leaders and staff under the following domains:

**Communication** – Effective communication between schools, parents, the community and students forms the foundation of developing and maintaining partnerships. To have a significant impact on student outcomes, communication needs to be focused on student learning. It must also be a genuine exchange of information and ideas between the school, the home and the community.

**Learning Partnerships** – Learning partnerships raise parent's awareness of their power to improve their children's learning. Effective learning partnerships involve the commitment of schools, parents and the community to improve students' learning, at school and at home.

**Community Collaboration** – Community approaches to learning improvement make it possible for schools to form strategic partnerships with families and community organisations. This type of collaboration can help students come to school ready and able to learn.

**Decision making** – Including parents and the community in school decision-making is critical to effective parent and community engagement. Providing opportunities for relevant consultation ensures decisions reflect local needs - whether for an individual student or the school as a whole. Greater community ownership and trust of school directions and decisions can be developed through open and authentic consultation.

**Participation** - In a society where parents lead complex lives, opportunities to participate in a variety of ways, including various times and places, is key to the improvement of participation. Parent and community participation in student learning and the school community should be acknowledged and valued. This involvement sends a clear signal to students about the value of education.

Reference: Education Queensland – Parent and community engagement framework  
<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/parent-community-engagement-framework/>

We look forward to implementing a multi-layered approach to community relationships and will review and celebrate what we have achieved towards the end of the year. Please keep an eye out for opportunities to have a say and be part of the best school on the Tablelands.

**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)



## WALK & TALK

Parents and carers are invited to come along to one of our 'discovery' walks with the Principal. The first 'Walk & Talk' for 2017 will take place on Wednesday 22 February at 9.30am. Take a walk around the school and see teachers working in classrooms with your children. See students focussed and 'on task' interacting with teachers and building positive relationships. You will also have the opportunity to view the great facilities we offer.

After the 'discovery walk' you can enjoy an informal morning tea and ask questions and have clarified any queries you may have. Parents and carers who have come along to a previous 'discovery walk' tell us they now feel far more informed about school routines and this has opened up many conversations with their children.

We would love to provide this opportunity to every family. Mark the date on your calendar and phone Kathi, School Secretary on 40967111 to let us know you are coming along.

**Wednesday 22 February 9.30 am**



## SCHOOL PHOTO'S

Monday 20 February 2017

Please be aware that for school photos students will be asked to remove any facial piercings. As long as they meet our school dress code they will be allowed to put these back in after their class has been photographed.



## FROM THE P&C

### First P&C Meeting for 2017

The P&C would like to invite all interested parents and carers to our first meeting for the year, to be held on Tuesday 21st February at 7.15 pm in the Agriculture Classroom. (Use the top entrance to the school grounds.)

The P&C works with the school administration and staff to improve the facilities and resources available for the benefit of all students. Attending meetings provides opportunities to have your voice heard on various school matters, stay informed, meet other parents and make new friends, and become a part of our school community.



Below are just some of the ways that our P&C has contributed to our school over the last 12 months:


- Running the Tuckshop with healthy, freshly prepared menu items.
- Sail covers over the outdoor gym equipment and table tennis tables.
- Running the Uniform Shop and formulation of school uniform policy, including the donation of hats to match the official uniform worn by school leaders.
- Various fundraising initiatives, with a profit \$ 6,057 made in 2016 going towards a new sound system for the hall which has been ordered and will arrive soon.
- Input into Student Resource Scheme fees and debt collection process.

P&C membership forms for 2017 will be available at the February meeting. These can be completed and left with the P&C Secretary for submitting at the AGM in March, which is the only meeting each year where the person applying for membership does not have to be present to have their application considered and approved.

If you would like to become a member of the P&C but are unable to make this meeting, you can request a membership form from the P&C Secretary by emailing [pandc@malandashs.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@malandashs.eq.edu.au).

**We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 21st February!**

### Treasurer

We will be looking for a new treasurer at our AGM in March. Our outgoing treasurer, Lisa Nation  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.

(The P&C uses QuickBooks Online software.)

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](mailto:pandc@malandashs.eq.edu.au)

### Swimming Carnival

A big thank you to the parents who helped us on the day of the swimming carnival, either by helping to serve food and drinks or by donating homemade cakes, slices and biscuits (or both). It was very much appreciated!



**Volunteers are still needed to help out in the tuckshop!**



## SPORTS UPDATE

Congratulations to all students who participated in the swimming carnival on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. The attendance and participation on the day was amazing, leaving us short on time for presentations, which was carried over until a special parade on Monday morning.

Of course, our carnival would not be successful without the behind-the-scenes work from the teaching and non-teaching staff including our janitor and groundsman, John and Matt. Thank you goes to the Malanda Swimming Club for allowing us to use their facilities, and to the ladies who helped out in the tuckshop, keeping everyone well-nourished.

The spirit of the carnival was outstanding thank you to the year 12's and sports captains, who were led by our housemasters, Damien Wrench (Eacham), Andrew Burrows (Tinaroo) and Katie Pickford (Barrine).

Results from the carnival are as follows:

**Sunsmart Award:** Eacham

**Team Spirit Award:** Barrine

Girls Points:

Barrine	Eacham	Tinaroo
891	869	858

Boys Points:

Barrine	Eacham	Tinaroo
1029	1032	491

**Overall Points: (inclusive of participation points)**

Barrine	Eacham	Tinaroo
2107	2071	1526

### Age Champions

	Born	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3rd
Boys	2005	Luke Skews	Kynan Wakeford	Brashar Coutts
	2004	Coopa Stremouchiw	Angus Hamilton	Ben Linneman
	2003	Bailey Wakeford	Riley Jones	Oliver Karan
	2002	Rohan Hickey	Klayton Stremouchiw	Kynan Gobius
	2001	Bryce Jones	Louis Karan	Anthony Reppel
	2000+	Jardine Irwin	Tiaan Gobius	Michael Tucker-Perks
Girls	2005	Georgie Miller	Zoe Rainey	Lilykay Oliver
	2004	Stella Kanowski	Mayleen Opperman	Shontay Jones
	2003	Alisha Reppel	Sophie Mohr	Lauren Jones & Sahara Gobius
	2002	Hannah Skews	Genavieve Kidd	Chloe Winterbottom
	2001	Lisl Mohr	Gemma Ivory	Charlee Langley
	2000+	Georgia King	Chloe Hamilton	Mikayla Scanlan



**STUDENTS, DO YOU KNOW WHAT BEHAVIOUR LEVEL YOU ARE ON?**

If you don't know ask your Home Group Teacher who will be most happy to check for you.

## GOLD LEVEL BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

AWAY WITH HAIR

MALANDA STATIONERY & NEWSAGENCY

MALANDA PHARMACY

MALANDA BAKERY

MALANDA MOVIE WORLD

*(please support local businesses who support us)*

**GOLD LEVEL STUDENTS - Did you know that Malanda Movie World are offering 33% discount or \$1 off on movie hire**

New Release    \$6        now \$5

3 Night Hire     \$4        now \$3

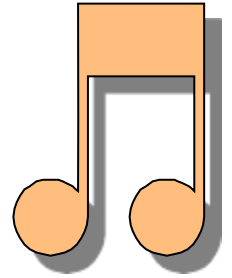
Weekly            \$3        now \$2

**Terms & Conditions Apply**

- Discount applies to movie hire only – not confectionary or ex rental purchases
- Discount does not apply to movies already in a deal
- Students must present their Gold Card



## What is our 2017 music adventure?



The parents and students, and wider community are invited to a meeting to throw all ideas – big and small – on the table to plan what our school wants to do musically in 2017.

We need ideas and volunteers, fundraisers and curtain raisers, musicians and lighting technicians, backstage stars and singing stars, leaders and script readers and most of all – enthusiasm.

Bring your interested friends and neighbours and help spread the word of this meeting into our community.

**Come along on Wednesday 15 February at 6.30 to the drama room at school.**

### TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Wednesday was the first meeting for technology club in B02. If any more students are interested in joining they need to get a permission form from Mr Reppel or the library as soon as possible. Most of us started building our Lego robots and learning to program them. While the students beat me in the construction of the robots, I just managed to figure out how to get the robot around the obstacle before the students. Mr Reppel oversaw the activity to help and ensure no one was bending the rules. There was also a student working on coding with Grok Learning, doing the HTML course in preparation for the upcoming website competition.



*Please contact Mr Reppel or Miss McBride if you have any questions.*

### **STUDENT ABSENCES**

- SMS only to **0428649942** (This number is only for absences)
- Email to: [absentees@malandashs.eq.edu.au](mailto:absentees@malandashs.eq.edu.au)
- Phone the office on 40967111
- QParents (for parents who use this service)







**IT'S VALENTINES DAY!!**



♥ The Student Council Valentine's Day Roses are done and dusted for another year and thank-you to those parents and caregivers who gave their students some extra dollars to buy a rose or two.

This year we managed to sell well over 350 roses and we would like to formally acknowledge Roseburra Gardens for their continued support – they always give us a great price on the roses and throw in plenty of extras.

We could not do this either without the support of Mrs Wakeford who does an enormous amount of preparation work to ensure that we can wrap, label and sort the roses in a timely fashion. She is an amazing lady!

Great job students, it is a pleasure to work with you, as always.

*Jodi Stremouchiw*





## IMPORTANT DATES



15 February 6.30pm	Music Adventure 2017 meeting – Drama Rm
16 February	Leaders Induction Ceremony
20 February	School Photo's
21 February	P&C Meeting
22 February	Walk & Talk
31 March	Inter House Cross Country
1 April	Easter Holidays commence
18 April	Term 2 commences
18 April	Immunisation Clinic 2 – Yr 7
18 April	P&C Meeting
22 August	Immunisation Clinic 3 – Yr 7

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### IMPORTANT LINKS

[School Website](#)

[School Facebook Page](#)

[Education Queensland](#)



### ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Year 7                      93.97 %

### OUR PURPOSE:

Malanda State High School's purpose is:      Within a supportive learning environment, to ensure all our students develop the literacy and numeracy skills in junior secondary that will enable them to successfully meet our Service Commitment within the senior secondary years.

### OUR SERVICE COMMITMENT:

Malanda State High School is committed to ensuring 100% of students achieve:

- An OP and enter University or;
- A clear VET pathway to employment or;
- Paid employment of 25+ hours / week or;
- Alternative pathways for some students with special needs.

