



PARENT NEWS *Term 1* **Week 6**

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

This week Mr Toshach is in Brisbane attending a meeting along with other Principals from Independent Public Schools and then to the Qld Principals Conference later in the week. The Principals Conference is held annually and is a great source of information and knowledge. Mr Toshach is sure to come back full of news and learnings to share with staff.

Yesterday I, along with our 2 Junior School Captains Genavieve Kidd and Rohan Hickey, had the pleasure of visiting a number of local businesses who have provided support for our "Gold Level" program. This involves discounts and incentives being offered to students who have achieved Gold behaviour level, indicative of exemplary behaviour and community involvement. It is wonderful to be able to acknowledge this great example of community engagement, and we look forward to the ongoing mutual benefits of supporting local businesses through such a program. If any local businesses would like to partner with us in this program please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Last Saturday night we had a number of students participate in the Lions Youth of the Year competition with great success. I would like to congratulate all students who competed, and their teacher Mr Peter Axford, for all the work involved in preparing for this night over the last several weeks. Details of their achievements can be found later in the newsletter.

Outstanding Attendance continues to be a central part of our school improvement strategies – there are a number of ways we promote our "95 to thrive" motto. At Malanda State High School the year level with the highest attendance each week is recognised on parade, and at the end of each term we plan to further acknowledge students with attendance rates of 95% or better.




Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. You can support this by avoiding keeping your child away from school for: birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as haircuts. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays wherever possible.

If your child has an attendance issue please contact Mrs Stacey Stremouchiw (Head of Student Support Senior Secondary) or Mrs Jessica Sarri (Acting Head of Student Support Junior Secondary). If your child is absent from school please inform the office by utilising one of the several ways to notify an absence – advertised further on in this newsletter. For more information please refer to the following website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/>

Kind Regards

Mr Ben Harding
Acting Deputy Principal

	ATTENDANCE AWARDS	
	Week 5	Term 1 2017
Year 11	95.95 %	

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



STUDENT ABSENCES

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



We trust you will utilise one of the above methods to advise us of a student absence in advance of the school day starting. Please be aware that our request for a reason of a student absence is mandated in law and must be provided by the parent or carer

SPORTS UPDATE

Rugby League & Netball

Last week, we had 20 students attend the Sports Cluster Day in Atherton. The sports were Rugby League and Netball. Four of our students have made the Tablelands district team for Rugby League and will be travelling to the Innisfail to compete this week, Tuesday 28th February. Good luck to the boys who are trialling on Tuesday.



Triathlon

Over the weekend, four of our high school students and one primary student travelled to Hervey Bay and competed in the State Triathlon and Aquathon. Rohan Hickey placed 24th of 82, and Hannah Skews placed 40th of 62. Brashar Coutts and Luke Skews competed in the Aquathon and also did very well. We are still awaiting final results from Aquathon.

Swimming

Bryce Jones qualified for the Peninsula Swimming team last week. He will travel to Brisbane to compete in late March. We wish Bryce all the best of luck.



Interschool Swimming Please Note- The original amount on the note that went home was \$8.00. We were awaiting confirmation of bus pricing, and once this was received, the price was re-assessed. The cost of the bus to Mareeba for Interschool Swimming is \$6.50.

Well done to all of our sporting students. We are very proud to have so many of our own representing sport in our region.

Upcoming sports trials:

- 16-18yrs Touch Football- Wednesday 1st March
- Under 12 Rugby League- Wednesday 8th March
- Interschool Swimming Carnival- Wednesday 8th March
- 13-19yrs Hockey nominations- Paperwork due by 9th March
- Under 12 Basketball trials- Monday 13th March

If you require further information about upcoming sports trials, please don't hesitate to email Rochelle Chatfield at rchat9@eq.edu.au.

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FROM THE P&C

2017 Fundraising

At our first P&C meeting for 2017, we discussed fundraising for the year ahead and where the funds that we raise should be directed. This year our fundraising goal is a minimum of \$4,000 – money that will be donated to the school to benefit our children.

We know that not every parent wishes or is able to come along to the meetings. If this is you but you have some great fundraising ideas or thoughts as to how the funds should be spent, please email them to Sarah, the P&C Secretary, at pandc@malandashs.eq.edu.au so that we can include them in the fundraising discussion at next month's meeting. Thank you.

Donation to School

This week the P&C has donated \$1,000 to the school for the purchase of new sheet music for the school music program. We are looking forward to hearing some great music this year!



Treasurer

We are still looking for a new treasurer to come on board at our AGM in March. Our incumbent treasurer, Lisa, is definitely stepping down at this time and we do not currently have anyone lined up for the role.

Lisa has kindly offered to train and support the new treasurer – this is a great opportunity for someone to learn new skills at the same time as helping the P&C. The P&C uses QuickBooks online software and online banking for payments etc.



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.

AGM & March Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st March in the Ag classroom. We will kick off with our AGM at the slightly earlier time of 7.00 pm, followed by our usual monthly meeting. More details to follow.

FROM THE OFFICE

This is our lost property box overflowing with everything from very expensive school jackets and shirts to lunch boxes, drink bottles, towels, shoes and even a sleeping bag. If you own any of this please collect it ASAP!! Items left at the end of each term are donated to charity.





SHOW TEAM NEWS

Students who are involved with the Show Team this year recently attended a meeting where they elected their Show Team Captain and Vice-Captain.

All students who nominated for these positions had to give a speech to their fellow students about their ability to lead the show team. Tamara Cameron was duly elected as Captain and Chelsea Mayer elected as Vice-Captain. Congratulations girls!



Preparations are underway for the upcoming Beef Cattle Handling and Judging School at the end of May followed by the show circuit around July. Due to unforeseen circumstances not every year level may be able to attend this year apart from the year 12's, but Mr Kilpatrick is working hard and having further discussions around this. We will keep you informed.



ART CLUB



SICK & TIRED OF BORING 'OL THURSDAY?well not anymore!

Finally the much anticipated return of THURSDAY ARVO ART CLUB!
Come along and immerse your creative selves in the ambient vibes of the Art room, with other creative types to work on your own, or collaborative art projects of your making.

See Ms Honeyman to secure your place (and get a note for your parents)
THURSDAY ARVO ART CLUB - Guaranteed to make Thursday great again!



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.



LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Quality the name of the game...

Lions members at Millaa Millaa and Malanda have identified this year's *Lions Youth of the Year* competition as the best in years. "This is the best group we've seen for quite a long time" said Coral Smith, Lions YotY co-ordinator for Malanda Lions Club.

Topics for speeches ranged from particle physics and simulated reality; through conspiracy theory surrounding the reduction in the size of the milo bar and refugees; back to particle physics and time travel.

The competition is a national competition with a National Prize of \$5000, an organised group tour to a Lions International Youth Camp at Rotorua, New Zealand; followed by a group tour to the National Winner's home state, a total of 16 days' duration during the summer holidays. Each state winner will also receive \$500 spending money. The National Speaking winner receives \$2500.

The Millaa Millaa competition was co-ordinated by Mrs Rayanne Chalk. Reuben Arnold-Nott won best speaker on the theme of particle physics and time travel. The Lions Youth of the Year for Millaa Millaa Lions Cub is Jardine Irwin, who spoke on children in war zones.

The Malanda competition was co-ordinated by Mrs Coral Smith, who commented on our students' deportment and their well-developed skills, speaking in the unprepared speeches. The best speaker on the night was Tiaan Gobius who reminded us that waste in epidemic proportions in our world of diminishing resources. The Lions Youth of the Year for Malanda Lions Club is Mikayla Scanlan who gave a passionate and challenging account of the life of child soldiers in Uganda's "Lord's Resistance Army" operated by Joseph Kony.



The Malanda SHS Lions Youths of the Year will compete in the Zone finals to be held at the Black Stump Hotel on Saturday the 11th of March.

Our public speaking team has developed into an articulate, well presented and competitive group – we are very proud of them. We all wish Mikayla and Jardine all the best for the competition, and we'll pass on an update to this Newsletter after the event.

The next public speaking competition is the Moot Court.

Look up *mooting* on your favourite search engine, it's a great sport. Our Mooting Team will versus other teams in the Tableland Schools Moot Competition (TSMC), to be held at the Atherton Court House, during Law Week on Tuesday 16 May 2017. *Mr Peter Axford*



The Malanda SHS Lions Youth of the Year competitors at Malanda: (Best Speaker) Tiaan Gobius, Ben Britt, Trenton Flounoy-Stoetzel, (LYotY Winner) Mikayla Scanlan, Hannah Rose and Ryan Smith.



The Malanda SHS Lions Youth of the Year competitors at Millaa Millaa: (Best Speaker) Reuben Arnold-Nott, (LYotY Winner) Jardine Irwin and Austin Watkin with Millaa Millaa Lions Club members.



GOLD LEVEL BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

A WAY WITH HAIR

MALANDA STATIONERY & NEWSAGENCY

MALANDA PHARMACY

MALANDA BAKERY

MALANDA MOVIE WORLD

(please support local businesses who support us)





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.



IMPORTANT DATES

7 March	Student Leadership Workshop
8 March	Interschool Swim Carnival
10 March	Business Breakfast
21-23 March	School Review
21 March	P&C Meeting - AGM
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
24 April	School ANZAC Parade & Ceremony
25 April	ANZAC Day – Public Holiday
1 May	Labour Day – Public Holiday
5 May	Gin & Tonic
22 August	Immunisation Clinic 3 – Yr 7



IMPORTANT LINKS

[School Website](#)

[School Facebook Page](#)

[Education Queensland](#)





NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

31 MARCH - 9 APRIL 2017

MALANDA Youth Speak Out

[This will be a free, fun event that will include activities, entertainment, food and information for youth.

Take this opportunity to enjoy the activities and have your say on what matters to you in making Malanda your place.

DATE: 12 Noon – 5PM, Tuesday April 4th, 2017

LOCATION: Malanda Showgrounds

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

ECHO echo.reception@westnet.com.au 40966950

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**Get out.
Speak out!!**





We encourage all students to get involved with National Youth Week and in particular the special community event being held at the Malanda Showgrounds on 4 April. Enter the competitions, attend your special day and have heaps of fun.

The theme for Youth Week 2017 is “Be Bold, Be Brave, Be You”

In support of Youth Week 2017, ECHO Malanda are organising a *free* fun community event called

“Speak Out”

To be held on Tuesday 4th April at the Malanda Showgrounds between 12noon – 5.00pm. The day is for all Tablelands youth and their families and will consist of Activities, Games, Food and Drink as well as information dissemination from community organisations and services and Information gathering so we can plan for our youth in the future. We would love to see you there.

In addition

We would like to extend an invitation to all youth 12 – 22 years to

Enter a Competition

- A Poem or Essay (*no longer than 1500 words*)
- A Photograph, Drawing or Painting (*no larger than A3 size*)
- A Sculpture (*no larger than 300 square centimetres*)

Which allows you to “Speak Out” in support of the 2017 theme “Be Bold Be Brave Be You”

All entries will be exhibited at the event and you must have your entry into ECHO Malanda, 3 English Street Malanda no later than 4.00pm on Monday 20th March to have our panel of judges choose 1 winner in each category – The winners will be announced at the “Speak Out” event.

If you would like any further information please contact Kim Radford at ECHO Malanda on (07) 4096 6634.
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