



PARENT NEWS *Term 1* **Week 3**



Malanda State High School 'Cinderella' 2016 was amazing!

BUT

What is our 2017 music adventure?

Mr Toshach is not happy.

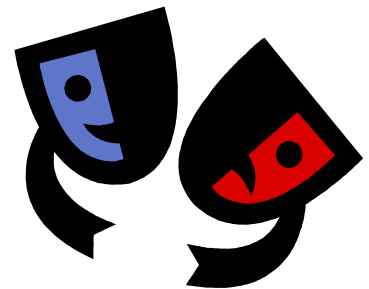
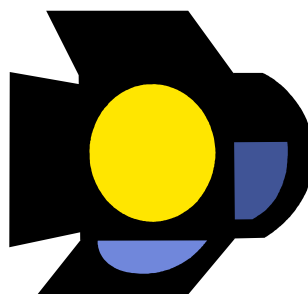


“Imagine a great school without a music program”.

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.

Come along on **Wednesday 15 February at 6.30** to the drama room at school. The more people we have turn up the bigger our dream can be!!!





Our hardworking Agricultural Assistant Kevin Mallyon was injured at work last week and will be away for quite a while. Meet Ken Stevenson who will take over as Ag. Assistant while Kevin recuperates. Ken lives locally and is enjoying meeting all our great students.



Meet Ms Brooke Radburn who is joining us as a Learning Support Teacher. Ms Radburn lives in Atherton but is originally from Condobolin, NSW. She most recently taught at Mount St Bernard's in Herberton for the previous six years.



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.

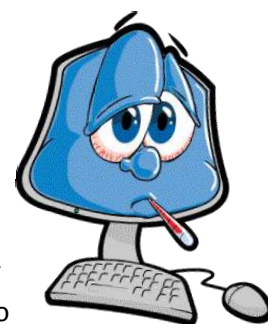
All year levels welcome!

We look forward to meeting lots of parents tonight at the “Meet & Greet” and enjoying a sausage sizzle whilst we catch up with parents. Come along and say hello.



Reminder

Our school computer server is in dire need of rebuilding. This work will take place from 11.30am on Thursday 9 February till 8am on Monday 13 February. This work is most disruptive to teachers, students, and office staff but we have been able to schedule it when it will be the least troublesome for most. Students need to be prepared for no network access on Thursday 9 February from first break. The following day is our swim carnival so students will not be affected at all on this day. Please be mindful that on Friday 10 February office staff will not have computer access and this will vastly affect the work they are able to do on this day.



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

2017 – TERM 1 – WEEK 2

Year 7

98.82%

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



FROM THE P&C

Swimming Carnival Friday 10th February

The tuckshop would love some extra volunteers to help with cooking and serving at the Swimming Carnival this coming Friday – any time you are able to spare between 9am and 3pm would be fantastic.

The P&C is also looking for donations of **home baking** (cakes, slices and biscuits) to serve on the day.



- Please supply a list of ingredients with your donated item(s).
- No cream please, or anything that needs to be refrigerated.
- All items need to be wrapped in cling film or securely (and hygienically) packaged in some way.

Please drop your donations off at the Malanda Pool on the day.



The **tuckshop menu** specifically for our Sports day is *attached* to today’s Parent News with NO pre-ordering required, just come to the food area to buy your food and drinks.

Please note the uniform shop will be **closed** on the Friday of the swimming carnival.

Tuckshop volunteer situation:

Tuckshop Volunteer Roster 9 am – 2 pm	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	9am - 12pm Non-parent (community member) 8.30am – 2 pm P&C Executive

Another P&C Exec helps before school starts to take orders etc on various days.

NO parents, except members of the executive committee, are at the moment volunteering at the tuckshop! Most help is needed from 9 am -12 pm and 1 pm -2 pm.

Are you able to help on a regular, casual or even a one-off basis??

Please come and see a P&C Executive at the Meet and Greet tonight, email pandcpresident@malandashs.eq.edu.au or better, just pop into the tuckshop and see Nat.

Meet and greet tonight 6pm-7pm! - See you there!

The **LOST PROPERTY** box is filling fast and it’s only week 3. We have shoes and socks, lunch boxes, jackets, towels, and even a sleeping bag. Please encourage your child to check the lost property box up at the office if you are missing any school items.



Swimming Carnival- Friday February 10th 2017

MSHS Inter house Swimming Carnival is on next Friday 10th February. All students are expected to attend, as it is considered a regular school day. It is not just a carnival for the good swimmers, everyone can have a go in the participation races and get points for their house. It is usually a fun enjoyable day for all.



Please note the change in procedures for the day is as follows:

- Buses will drop off and pick up at the pool. All students to go straight to the pool in the morning **no students should go to the high school.**
- Students are expected inside the pool gates by **8.45am**. If your student is late to the carnival, they will need a note to explain their lateness.
- Likewise, if your child is absent from school, they will require explanation by way of a note or phone call to explain absence.

Lunch

- No students will be permitted to leave the pool grounds on the day. There will be no lunch passes. The tuckshop will be operating from the pool selling burgers, drinks etc. Students may wish to bring their own lunch on the day.
- This is a normal school day and therefore phones, ipods etc must be managed according to school policy. Some of these devices are very expensive and have a habit of disappearing when not looked after properly. It is advised to leave them at home.



New Awards

This year, we will have some new awards, in addition to our boys, girls and overall trophies.

- **Sun Smart Award**- Points will go towards each house (for this award) for applying sunscreen. Additional points will be given if students are wearing a sun-safe shirt, a hat, sunglasses or zinc. Basically, the more sun-smart they are, the more points for their house towards this award.
- **Team Spirit Award**- This award will go to the team with the best war cry, costumes, atmosphere and support for their team. Maximum participation in the participation races will also work in their favour.



If you require further information on this event, please contact Rochelle Chatfield via email at rchat9@eq.edu.au.

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HOME ECONOMICS NEWS from Ms Cockrem

The Home Economics department has been off to a very busy start this year with the students all working hard on their textile projects and cooking up a storm in the kitchen.



Year 7 Textiles

The year 7 students had heaps of messy fun on Friday as they created their own unique mono prints using shaving cream and food dye. They will be using these master pieces on other textile projects throughout the term such as card making and scrapbooking.



Year 8 Home EC

The year 8 students were very quick to learn their way around a sewing machine and how to thread it. All the students have made a small bag and are now on to cutting out and sewing up an apron that they will wear for their cooking component of their course which will start in week 5.

Year 11 and 12 Hospitality Practices

The year 11 students had the kitchen to themselves last Wednesday as the year 12's were away on camp. As part of their unit on Café Culture they baked an amazing batch of orange cakes. The smell coming from the kitchen was amazing and the results looked and tasted great too!

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YEAR 12 LEADERSHIP CAMP

The year 12 camp is eagerly looked forward to by all students as they enter year 12. The theme chosen for this camp was 'gladiators' and students battled out camp competitions in their sport houses. Mrs Stremouchiw reports that the camp was another fantastic success and this group of young adults are now ready to tackle the school year united as a leadership group.



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



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.

STUDENT ABSENCES – Things you need to know

From Monday 30 January parents and carers now have 4 ways to advise us of a student absence.

- 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.

We have also now commenced a same day automated SMS message service to advise parents & carers when their student is absent from school without authorisation. The automated service will not send a message when we have received prior notice and reason for the absence. This is a new legal requirement for state schools from 2017.

We are aware of some families who may reside in an area where mobile service is unavailable or very limited. Please advise the school office by telephone or email if this is the case for your family so that we can arrange to advise you of an unauthorised absence on the same day by email.

Please remember absences should be advised of in advance where possible using one of the methods above.



IMPORTANT DATES



TONIGHT	Meet & Greet – Parents & Staff BBQ 6-7 pm
10 February	Inter House Swim Carnival
1 – 3 February	Year 12 Camp
14 February	Immunisation Clinic 1 – Yr 7
14 February	Student Council Valentine’s Day Roses Sale
15 February	Music Adventure 2017 meeting – Drama Rm 6.30pm
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

IMPORTANT LINKS

[School Website](#)

[School Facebook Page](#)

[Education Queensland](#)



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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.

