



# PARENT NEWS *Term 1* *Week 7*

GOOD LUCK TO OUR 54 COMPETITORS IN THE INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL – TOMORROW IN MAREEBA

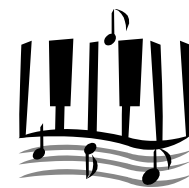




## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Music Program

In a previous us 'Parent News' I expressed I was not happy with our music program. As a consequence a parent and teacher forum was conducted to get opinions and ideas. These ideas were then delivered to a student meeting facilitated by our student leaders.



Approximately 50 students came to the "Music at Malanda" meeting last week and had a great input into our planning. Since then our Choir has started, with a number of break off groups e.g. trio group to perform at markets, a Capella group and a Senior Ensemble. Our Drama club is up and running and a call up for our new Rock Band will happen in week one next term. Sign up for our Ukulele club is next week on Thursday second lunch. This will be a student-led group giving students the opportunity to show leadership skills.



Our instrumental band is powering on with a possible tour to outlying regions as well as closer to home visits to primary schools being discussed at present. More news on this later. Thank you to the P&C for \$1000 donation to refurbish our sheet music and add depth and variety to the pieces our band is performing. Some of our students interested in a radio station idea are investigating possibilities with several keen to do interviews. This will be new for Malanda.

Great enthusiasm was also shown for the Term 3 Cultural Celebration that will include all Arts and Technologies across the school as students would be able to showcase several different areas of creativity. The interest in a Musical for 2018 was also very strong at the meeting.

So I am happy again, and the kids are doing a great deal of music and cultural development in the school. The fun and benefits are easily seen at the school. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped in the process to guide the student directions.



### Facilities

Fantastic news regarding the upgrade of the Gym and Library facility. Both facilities will commence in the next couple of weeks with the plan to utilise the holiday period to the best of our ability. The interruption will be minimised to learning however there will always be special consideration to programs and work place safety whilst these things are taking place in a school.

### Student Leadership



Our school values and appreciates the skill development for young leaders.

As a consequence this afternoon all our young leaders' will take part in a leadership development program which will include Team Leadership and Team Membership strategies, meeting facilitation and make up and department sessions. We try to leave nothing to chance and expect our leaders will continue the brilliant role modelling of past leaders within our school. More photos next week.

### Teaching and Learning Review

Our school will go into a full review in week 9 this term between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March a team of external reviewers will be in our school with a sole purpose of giving feedback on how our school is travelling. There may be the opportunity for parents to have a say with one of the reviewers and your input would be much appreciated. You can arrange a time to discuss things with the review team or pass your feedback through the P&C president, Ms Lizette Webb.

### Busy time

As all parents would know students are currently engaged in a range of very important assessment and study projects. This is critical time for study and support. I will use the end of term results to gauge and measure our teaching and student progress. Whilst it is great for students to get As, Bs and Cs etc. it is just as important that each student is progressing at the appropriate speed. I encourage every teacher to ensure all students are getting a year or more progress from a year of teaching. This means a student currently on a lower mark can still be progressing and improving at an appropriate pace and be acknowledged despite not receiving an A, B or C. A year of progress for a year of study seems like a good expectation.

Kind Regards

Gary Toshach



## FROM THE P&C

### **P&C AGM – Tuesday 21st March**

The MSHS P&C is holding its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 21st March, starting at 7.00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Agriculture classroom (use the top entrance to the school) and will be followed by a General Meeting.

The AGM is where the audited accounts from 2016 are presented, and where we elect the Executive Committee (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) for 2017. Please email the P&C or contact an Executive if you would like more information on any of the Executive roles.



All current P&C memberships lapse at the AGM and will need to be renewed. The AGM is the only meeting at which individuals can become members by submitting a membership form without attending the meeting, and at which they are able to vote straight away. If you would like to renew your membership or become a member of the P&C but are unable to come along to the AGM, please complete the attached membership form and return it to [pandc@malandashs.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@malandashs.eq.edu.au) before Tuesday 21st March. You can also drop it into the school office before that date. (If you completed a membership form at the February meeting, your membership will be automatically renewed at the AGM even if you are unable to be present.)

We welcome as many parents as possible at the AGM and general meetings throughout the year – you do not have to hold an official “position” to be involved and your input into the P&C would be very welcome. It also helps you to be informed about what’s happening at the high school and to be involved with your child’s education.

For more info regarding the P&C: <https://malandashs.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/PandC/Pages/PandC.aspx>

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





## 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)



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



The P&C recently donated \$1000 to our Instrumental Music program for sheet music and new resources. Pictured is Instrumental Music Teacher Mr Dale Dieffinbach with P&C Secretary Sarah and President Lizette. The school would like to sincerely thank the P&C for this donation.

**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)




## ATTENDANCE

Mr Toshach was very pleased this week to hear that 3 year levels had achieved 95% attendance or greater for the first time this year. Have a look at how close it was. Students who achieve 95% or greater are rewarded at the end of the term and students who have achieved 100% attendance go into the draw for a \$100 gift voucher for their commitment to their schooling.



WEEK 6	2017
Yr 7	95.89%
Yr 8	92.96%
Yr 9	93.33%
Yr 10	95.5%
Yr 11	95.44%
Yr 12	92.81%



### ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Week 6      Term 1 2017

**Year 7                      95.89%**



Pictured are Jerry English and Diamantina Nightingale – Year 11 Captains - after collecting the attendance award on parade for week 5 2017



### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Did you know that almost every school afternoon there is something for you to do at school? If you would like to participate in any of these activities please see the organising teacher for a permission note for your parents to sign. There is always something for you to do..... Just do it!!!



Monday	Sewing Club	See Mrs Shanahan
Wednesday	Robotics & Coding Club	See Mr Reppell
Wednesday	Running Club	See Mrs Stremouchiw
Thursday	Art Club	See Mrs Honeyman
Thursday	Volleyball	See Mr Burrows

### IN THE LOTE CLASSROOM

Year 8 students have been learning the important phrases required for shopping in Japan. In lessons they have had a few opportunities now to practice their skills with shops in class. We have had stalls selling kakikoori, Japanese shaved ice, and also a toy store, hiring out Japanese kendama and koma wooden toys. Students need to understand prices, currency and quantity in order to make a purchase, it is wonderful to see them all succeed!





**QUEENSLAND STATE SCHOOL TITLES – TRIALTHON.**

4 students from Malanda SHS recently were selected in the Peninsula team to represent the region in Triathlon and Aquathlon in Hervey Bay. Rohan Hickey, Hannah Skews, Brashar Coutts and Luke Skews all achieved great results.



**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.

**SPORTS UPDATE**

Congratulations to Braythen Porter who was successful in making the Peninsula Rugby League team last week. This year, Peninsula are hosting the Rugby League. Braythen will compete in Cairns from the 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May this year. Malanda High are very proud of Braythen's achievements and wish him well.

Tomorrow is our Interschool Swimming Carnival. Students will travel by bus from Malanda High tomorrow morning at 9am and will return by 2.55pm in order to catch buses. Please be aware that students must be in school uniform. A canteen will be available, however students have been told to bring lunch (or money), swimming gear, hats, water bottle, and their awesome attitudes. We wish them all the best of luck. *Rochelle Chatfield*





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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.



## IMPORTANT DATES



7 March	Student Leadership Workshop
8 March	Interschool Swim Carnival
10 March	Business Breakfast
16 March	Fun for a Cause – Bake Sale
22-24 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
26 April	School Council Meeting
1 May	Labour Day – Public Holiday
2 May	Parent – Teacher Interviews
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](mailto:echo.reception@westnet.com.au) 40966950

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**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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