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DATES TO REMEMBER

10 February	Year 8 PAT Reading testing P & C Meeting - 6:30pm in Administration Building
11 February	District Trials – Touch, Volleyball, Netball
13 February	Year 8 Welcome BBQ
14 February	Integrated Instrumental Music Mighty Minds Year 11/12
17 February	Year 8 PAT Mathematics testing Year 12 Senior Induction Ceremony
18 February	Regional Trials – Tennis, Cricket, Softball, Baseball, Girls' AFL
19 February	ARTIE Launch Team building – Dreamworld Cultural Centre
21 February	Red Cross – Ambassador training day QATSIF Breakfast

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 1302 returning and new students and their families and thank you for the opportunity to be part of your child's learning journey. We commit to quality teaching and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure 2014 is both personally and academically rewarding. Morayfield State High School has once again had an excellent start to the year with over 90% of our students present on Day One and ready to learn. It seems that our "Every Day Counts" message is getting through and students are keen to be at school, in class and learning.

Our positive start to the 2014 school year has included:

- Students returning to school ready to learn and ready to work;
- Students taking pride in their appearance by wearing the school uniform correctly;

- The commitment of our Student Leaders, assisting our Year 8s in transitioning to secondary school; and
- Quality learning and teaching in every classroom.

Together with our staff, I look forward to a productive year of student growth and learning. Our focus throughout 2014 is to maximise student achievement, specifically by:

- Improving students' literacy and numeracy;
- Improving academic performance (subject results, NAPLAN, QCST);
- Improving teaching quality; and
- Increasing student engagement.

We ask for your support in relation to these priorities and remind parents and carers that regular school attendance is linked to better academic achievement and social and emotional wellbeing of students.

Of course, this year we will also be preparing to welcome our Year 7s in 2015, so there is much to do in relation to curriculum, procedures and facilities. The land has already been cleared for our new Year 7 Block and the project has gone to tender, so we should see work commence in March.

Staff News

It is my pleasure to welcome the following new staff to our school for the start of 2014:

Pete Keen	Deputy Principal
Angus McGarva	Guidance Officer
Alicia Ninnes	Instrumental Music
Tavita Timaloa	Youth Support Officer
Carmello Fazio	IT/Business
David McDonald	Industrial Technology
Liz Grauf	English/SOSE
Susanne Perey	Learning Support

Ellen Abbott	Business/SOSE
Gavin Hams	Mathematics

We also welcome back Melissa Winter, Katie Gardner and Imogen Alcock. Scott Day and Jessamyn Scales also join us as pre-service teachers after being selected for the Morayfield Teacher Education Centre of Excellence. They will be working in our school with teacher mentors throughout the year.

It is also with great sadness that we say goodbye to Katrina Hooper who passed away in January. Katrina was passionate about her work with young people and was both loved and respected throughout our school community. She will be missed both personally and professionally and will be remembered for her enthusiasm and zest for life.

Year Level Responsibilities

This year, Deputy Principals will be working with Year Level Coordinators in managing and supporting students. In the past, our Junior Secondary and Senior School Heads of Department have taken on the role of Head of Year, but from 2014 their role will be to focus on student performance.

The following staff will work with students and parents in 2014:

Year Level	Deputy Principal	Year Level Coordinator
8	Mr Pete Keen	Ms Cassie Roggenkamp
9	Mr Joe Bucher	Ms Carla Stevens
10	Ms Nicole O'Hearn	Mr Brad Smith
11	Mr Simon Done	Ms Bharati Singh
12	Mr Simon Done	Ms Alison Renshaw

I urge you to communicate actively with us at all times, as our partners in ensuring the best education for your child. Should an issue arise in relation to the welfare of your student, Year Level Coordinators are the first point of contact for parents/carers.

Success of 2013 Graduating Class

We are very proud of our graduating class of 2013. 97% of our students achieved a QCE, a VET qualification or a School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship. 54% of eligible seniors received an overall position score in the range 1 – 15.

A total of 424 VET qualifications were awarded – 83% of our graduates left with one or more VET certificates. 82% of our students who applied for tertiary places through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) were successful in the first round of offers. Many of our Year 12s proceed directly into the workforce and we are aware of some successful placements at this stage.

These results provide reason for celebration of the combined efforts of students, their parents and their teachers. We wish all the best to our 2013 graduates and look forward to hearing of their future successes.

Parents' and Citizens' Association

The first P&C meeting for 2014 will be held on Monday, 10 February at 6.30pm in the Administration Building. This is a normal meeting so it is a great opportunity to come along and see how the P&C works in the school. We hope that once you see what a positive environment it is, you will want to be involved and become a permanent member. We look forward to seeing you there.

The P&C operate our Tuckshop (which is open each school day) and our Uniform Shop (open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.00am – 9.00am). Stationery is no longer being sold through the Uniform Shop, but they do still stock some special items, like Business Forms Workbook and safety equipment. The Student Resource Hire will now be done through the Resource Centre and we thank students and parents for their patience as we transitioned this year.

Sun Safety

We have had some scorching days already this year, so it is timely that I highlight the need for *SunSmart* behaviours. Every student has been reminded that they will need to wear a hat if they wish to play on the oval at lunch time. Teachers will also be explicit in their expectations of students involved in outdoor activities and the responsibility of everyone to reduce the rates of skin cancer in Queenslanders. Our school bucket hat is available in House colours from the Uniform Shop.

I trust that families have settled back into the routine of school, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the weeks and months to come.

Janelle Amos
Principal

2014 SCHOOL TERMS

Please note the following dates in your calendars:

Term One	28 January – 4 April
Term Two	22 April – 27 June
Term Three	14 July – 19 September
Term Four	7 October – 12 December

FROM THE CASHIER:

Student Resource Scheme 2014

The Student Resource Scheme form must be completed and returned to the Cashier for 2014 if you have not done so already. The cost of the Student Resource Scheme for 2014 is \$200. Year 11 and 12 students completing the Certificate III in Children's Services and Certificate III in Fitness will be invoiced in February/March 2014 for the course fees involved in these subjects.

Payments options available for the Student Resource Scheme are :

1. \$200 paid in full due now
2. 2 x \$100 instalments – first payment due now and second payment due by 18 July 2014
3. Negotiated payment instalments with the Business Services Manager – please phone the office to schedule an appointment.

Laptop/Tablet Hire

For students in Years 10 – 12 with school laptops or tablets, the payment of \$100 for the hire fee for 2014 is now due. This payment must be paid in full by 14 February. Student Resource Scheme fees are due before the laptop/tablet hire fee can be paid. Financially eligible Year 9 students who would like to participate must return agreement with payment of \$100 to the Cashier.

Julie Hill
Cashier

Uniform Shop hours

Week 3	Monday 10 February – Thursday 13 February	8:00am-1030am
Week 4 (Regular Hours)	Tuesday – Thursday	8:00am-9:00am

Carrolyn Reiter
Uniform Convenor

Year 8 Welcome BBQ

On Thursday 13 February, Morayfield State High School will hold our 'Welcome to High School' BBQ for Year 8 parents and students to casually meet and have a chat with their teachers and support staff. We hope our new parents and students take the opportunity to attend for not only a chat, but to provide the school with very helpful feedback in relation to Secondary School transition.

We will be holding a free BBQ, generously provided by Intercept Youth Support.

If you were unable to make it on the evening but would still like to be in contact with your student's teacher, Year Level Coordinator or other key staff, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office on 5428 5555.

When: Thursday 13 February
3.30pm til 5.30pm

Where: Multi-Purpose Shelter Court

English Department News

To enhance students' literacy they must experience novel and film studies. As a courtesy to parents, English teachers will send a letter home at the beginning of each of these units, providing them with the synopsis and educational worth of the text that will be studied. This will provide parents with the opportunity to read and view the texts themselves, prior to their students' learning. The English Faculty welcomes any questions you might have regarding the English curriculum; please do not hesitate to call the school if this situation arises.

Verushka Torrens
Head of Department English

INTRODUCING OUR NEW LITERACY AND NUMERACY ESSENTIAL SKILLS PROGRAM (LANES)



OFF THE SHELF

My name is Casey Reibelt, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator at Morayfield State High School. In my role as coordinator, it is my job to organise events around the school to support your child with their literacy and numeracy.

This year, students not involved in interschool sport will be participating in a new program entitled Literacy –and Numeracy Essential Skills (LANES). The program was developed by teachers at Morayfield State High School, who used NAPLAN results and other testing data to identify Literacy and Numeracy areas that need to be improved. Engaging activities were designed to provide students with opportunities to develop Literacy and Numeracy skills which are essential to success at school and in the work place.

Thank you in advance for your support of this program and I am looking forward to sharing fantastic results in 2014!

Casey Reibelt
Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator

GUIDANCE NEWS:

Careers that Shape the World: 23 April

UQs Careers that Shape the World event is on Wednesday 23 April at the St Lucia campus. This free event is a great way for Year 11 and 12 students to discover a range of career and study opportunities. Students can participate in a variety of interactive career-focused sessions delivered by industry professionals, academic experts and UQ students.

For information, contact: Jessica Hannant	
Phone:	(07) 3365 1535
Email:	shapeyourworld@uq.edu.au
Web:	http://www.uq.edu.au/shapeyourworld

Kara MacLennan
Guidance Officer

PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

Instrumental Music Program

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new and returning students to the Instrumental Music program. As part of our Instrumental Music program students have the opportunity to study Brass, Woodwind, Percussion or String instruments. Lessons are 35 minutes and occur weekly. They are delivered by one of our two specialist instrumental music teachers, Mr Jon Adams or Mrs Alicia Ninnes.

All students regardless of their year level or instrumental music ability are able to learn for a minimal annual fee. If students own their instrument they are required to pay \$10.00 per year to cover photocopying costs and for students who need to hire an instrument the total fee is \$40.00.

If you would like your child to learn an instrument, please ask them to collect an information pack from the Q block staffroom or call 5428 5555 and speak to Mrs Thorpe or Mrs Rigby for further information.

Dance Troupe Auditions

Dance Troupe auditions took place during second lunch break last week. If you are still interested please see the Q block notice board or listen to student notices for further information. The audition will include learning a phrase of movement and then performing it in a small group in front of a panel of teachers. Students who are part of Dance Troupe perform in several competitions and performances throughout the year. Dancers from all styles as well as gymnasts, martial artists and skaters are encouraged to audition. If you have missed out on an audition due to sporting or other commitments please see Mrs Rigby or Mrs Jessup to arrange an audition time.

Liz Rigby
Head of Department – The Arts

School Photos

This year our school photos will take place on Friday 28 February. All students will be required to wear their full formal school uniforms and adhere to our jewellery, make-up and hair policies. MSP photography will supply our school with photo envelopes outlining their prices by Friday 14 February. The catch up day for school photos will be Wednesday, 5 March and formal uniform will be required to be worn by any student who did not have their photo taken on our school's main photo day.

Nicole O'Hearn
Deputy Principal

Senior Induction Ceremony

On Monday 17 February we will be inducting our 2014 Senior Student Leadership team, as well as our Year 12 Seniors. As part of the ceremony, Year 12s will be receiving their Senior Badges, as well as reciting the Senior Oath and recommitting to the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation. While we do have a group of students who perform extra duties as Prefects and Senior Leaders, we expect all Year 12 students to undergo a leadership role in the school as a positive role model and mentor for younger grades.

All Year 12 students will need to ensure that they are in full, correct formal uniform for the ceremony. If students are not in full, correct uniform, they will not be able to participate.

Simon Done
Deputy Principal

SPORT 2014

Welcome back to all students for 2014. As Sports Master, I am looking forward to a successful year and encourage all students to participate in our sports program.

We are straight into various trials and preparation for interschool sport with **the Senior Interschool's sport competition beginning on Wednesday 11 February** and the **Junior competition commencing on Thursday 12 February**. Cost to participate in this program (a 10 week season) will be **\$22.00 payable** to the cashier prior to the start of the seasons. Students need to be financial with all fees up to date prior to participation in the Sports program. Also, students must regularly wear correct school uniform and not have outstanding detentions in order to be eligible to participate. Representation may be withdrawn if detentions are not completed and the uniform is not correctly worn.

Sports on offer in the summer season of 2014 are:

- Touch football
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Cricket (boys only)
- Softball (girls only)
- Futsal

I look forward to a successful interschool sports season – at Morayfield State High School we have a proud tradition in sport and we value the part the sports program plays in the holistic contribution to a young persons' life.

DISTRICT TRIAL DAY 1

District trial Day 1 is on Tuesday 11 February. The details of the afternoon are below. ALL students need to collect a permission form from Mr Moody to participate in these trials. This must be signed by the parent/carer and returned prior to the trial.

Sport	Venue	Date	Time	Cost
Open & 15 yrs Boys Touch	Petersen Road, Caboolture	11 Feb 2014	3:45 – 5.30pm	NIL
Open & 15 yrs Girls Touch	Petersen Road, Caboolture	11 Feb 2014	3:45 – 5.30pm	NIL
Open Boys & Girls Volleyball	Grace Lutheran College	11 Feb 2014	3:30 – 5pm	NIL
15 yrs Boys & Girls Volleyball	Grace Lutheran College	11 Feb 2014	3:30 – 5pm	NIL
Open & 15 yrs Girls Netball	Narangba Valley SHS	11 Feb 2014	3:30 – 5pm	NIL

REGIONAL TRIAL DAY 1

Regional trial day 1 will be held on Tuesday February 18. Again all students wishing to attend need to pick up a permission slip from Mr Moody to attend plus there is a cost attached. Details below:

Sport	Venue	Time/ Cost	Cost	State Titles Date and Venue
Tennis (Open Boys & Girls)	Mooloolaba Tennis Centre	8:00am - 2:30pm	\$12.00	Caloundra and Kawana 13-16 March
Softball (Open Girls)	Caloundra State High School	9:30am - 1:30pm	\$8.00	Downey Park, Brisbane 20-23 March
Baseball (Open Boys)	Narangba Baseball club	---	\$6.00	Pine Hills, Bunya 24-27 April
Australian Football (16 yrs and Under Girls)	Fishermans Road, Maroochydore	---	\$10.00	Maroochydore 3-6 May

Sport	Venue	Time/ Cost	Cost	State Titles Date and Venue
Cricket (Open Boys)	Maroochydore Cricket Club	9:30am - 2:00pm	\$7.00	South Coast 30 March – April 1
Cricket (14 yrs Boys)	Caboolture Cricket club	9:30am - 2:30pm	\$7.00	Sunshine Coast 30 November – 4 December

Student must be 14 years and under as at 31 August 2014

All questions re school sport at Morayfield State High School can be directed to Mr Moody in the MPS staffroom on 5428 5527.

Steve Moody
Sports Master

INDIGENOUS NEWS:

The Launch of the Former Origin Greats (FOGS) ARTIE Mentoring Program will take place on Tuesday 11 February from 2:00pm-2:45pm in the library. This event will outline the focus of this year's ARTIE challenges, afternoon tea will be provided and parents and family are invited to attend.

Homework Club times for 2014 will be:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	3:00pm to 4:00pm
Tuesday	1:00pm-1:45pm
Friday	8:00pm-8.30am

These sessions are all held in the library with a teacher and senior students to support. All students are welcome, and encouraged, to come along.

Karen Scott
Indigenous Coordinator

Community Notices

“SAVER PLUS” - GOVERNMENT FUNDED FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR PARENTS WITH PENSION AND HEALTH CARE CARDS:

Saver Plus is a 10 month program offered across Australia, and as the local worker, I take care of all aspects of the program. On successful completion of the Saver Plus program each parent will be able to spend \$500 on educational expenses for their family.

What is Saver Plus?

Saver Plus is a Federal government funded community program which matches savings dollar for dollar up to \$500.

Can anyone join Saver Plus?

If you meet the criteria below you are able to join Saver Plus.

- 18 years or over
- Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- child at school OR studying yourself
- some income from paid employment (can be your partner or cash in hand work)

What do participants have to do?

- Make regular and consistent deposits over 10 months
- Complete Money Minded Financial Education program by attending three group financial education classes
- Use matched funds for the purchase of education items eg: iPads, tablet, laptop, school uniforms, shoes, book packs, camps, sporting or music costs.

For further information please contact using details below:

Kellie Cooper Moreton Bay Saver Plus Program

(Monday - Thursday) **M: 0431 076 010**

E: kellie.cooper@benevolent.org.au

Office - Family Heath & Mother Baby Hub

429 Gympie Rd Strathpine 4500

P: 07 3480 2000

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Can Saver Plus assist you with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Kellie Cooper, your local Saver Plus Worker:

0431 076 010

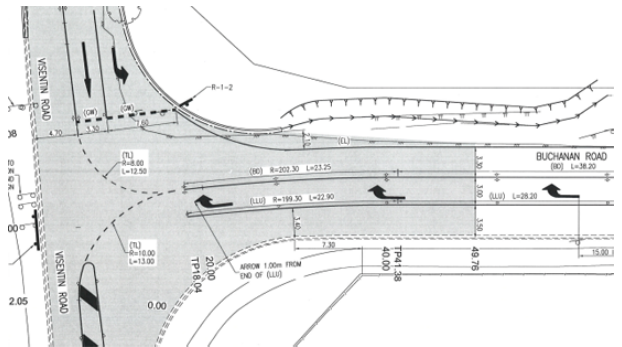
or kellie.cooper@benevolent.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Moreton Bay by The Benevolent Society. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

may have noticed the project signs and electronic message boards that have just been deployed on site. Council is in the process of letter dropping nearby residents with more information.

Traffic control will be in place to ensure the safety of all vehicles and pedestrians during the road works. Delays to vehicles travelling along Buchanan Road, Visentin Road and the rail underpass at various times is to be expected. Project duration is 10 weeks – dependent upon prevailing weather conditions.

Please find attached an extract of relevant plans below for your information. Any queries should be directed to Moreton Bay Regional Council.



Ongoing Roadworks to Visentin/Buchanan Road – Update

Moreton Bay Regional Council has approved the long awaited upgrade to the intersection of Visentin Road and Buchanan Road, Morayfield with works commencing in February. You