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Dates to remember

1 June	Year 9 Assembly (AIM) Year 11 Assembly (AIM)
2 June	Regional Cross Country Strings Recital 3.30pm
3 June	Years 5 and 6 Visit – Minimbah State School Senior Drama Performance Evening 6.30pm Q Block Senior Sport Round One
3 - 5 June	Emu Gully Leadership Camp
4 June	Year 8 and 10 Immunisations Junior Sport Round One
5 June	Year 12 Childcare First Aid
6 June	All Hallows Invitational Touch Tournament
8 June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
9-10 June	Variation Free Year 10-12
10 June	Years 5 and 6 Visit – Morayfield East State School
11-19 June	Variation Free All Year Levels
12 June	Student Council Meeting Year 6 STEM Day
15 June	P&C Meeting 6.00pm

From the Principal

END OF SEMESTER ASSESSMENT

As we approach the end of semester, students will soon be facing final assignments and exams. It is important that students complete these to the best of their ability. It is particularly important for Year 10 students to pass English and

Maths in order to meet minimum entry requirements for Senior subjects, TAFE based pathways and for a number of careers including the Defence Force. Year 12 students will soon enter their final semester of formal schooling, so it is vital that they are meeting assessment requirements and achieving their learning and achievement goals.

I encourage all students to set aside time to complete assignments and to study for exams to ensure End of Semester results are the best they can be.

HEADPHONES AT SCHOOL

This morning, I reminded all students on assemblies that earphones are not to be used by students during the school day and while making their way to transport after school. I have serious concerns about student safety as they cannot hear teacher instructions while headphones are in and this has become an issue at school and particularly when making their way to buses and trains of an afternoon.

Many students have also been using headphones during lesson time which is having a negative impact on their learning. I have told students that we will not compromise on student safety or learning at Morayfield State High School and for this reason headphones have been banned. I would like to congratulate our students who have taken this on board and acted responsibly.

CHAPPY WEEK

Last week we celebrated Chappy Week - an annual event run by SU Queensland to raise awareness of the value of school chaplains. Our school chaplain, Jesse Davis, assists in providing a supportive school environment for our students. I would like to thank Jesse for his outstanding work and commitment to our school and our students.

P&C DAY

Last Friday, 29 May, we celebrated P&C Day. This day is held each year to celebrate and acknowledge the important work undertaken in our state schools by our Parents and Citizens Associations. I would like to thank our P&C Executive and members for the support they give to our students, the work they do in our community and the valuable contribution they make in assisting us in delivering quality educational outcomes.

Great state. Great opportunity.



RECONCILIATION WEEK 27 MAY - 3 JUNE

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June and is a time for us all to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements.

The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF ZONES

Please be advised that the carpark at Harvey Norman and the service road between Harvey Norman and the Caboolture Sports Club is not a pick-up and drop-off zone for children. These areas are privately owned by Harvey Norman and we have been advised that at peak times, the area is becoming congested and quite dangerous for students and members of our community.

I have been in contact with the Moreton Bay Regional Council with a view to addressing the issue of congestion at the front of the school at peak times. Until a solution can be found, I ask that you are patient and that you consider dropping students off earlier, picking students up a little later or setting a meeting point a little further away from the school.

Student drivers are able to park in the public carpark at the front of the school and some are parking in neighbouring streets. They should not park in private carparks and have been advised that if they do, they risk having their cars towed.

Janelle Amos
Principal

Every Day Counts

Morayfield State High School has high expectations on attendance for all our students from years 7 -12 because we want our students to start life with a great education. The building blocks for a great education starts with your child coming to school every day and being actively engaged in every lesson.

Research has proven that missing school can have a major impact on a child's future. We know that if a student missed one day of school a fortnight then they will have missed four full weeks by the end of the year. Coming to school is vital in your student's development, however if they do miss school you can speak to their classroom teachers to find out what work your child has missed to ensure they do not fall behind.

Remember, every day counts! We can work together to ensure that your child and our students are being provided with every opportunity to start life with a great education to lead them to a great future.

Absence Line
5428 5522 or 54285560 or info@morayfieshs.eq.edu.au

Paul Little
A/Head of Department Junior Secondary/Languages

From the Maths Department – Murrumba Downs Maths Team Tournament

GEORGIA BOLTON, 7.04

Today I participated in the Murrumba District Maths Tournament at Narangba Valley SHS. My favourite thing about today was the comedian. He was so funny! He made everyone laugh. I really enjoyed it and I appreciate the opportunity that was given to me.

JASMINE HIGGINS, 7.08

Today, twenty lucky students were able to participate in a Maths Tournament held at Narangba Valley SHS. We experienced many different trials and objectives, some being good, and some difficult. In my opinion the objectives were challenging, however; because of this we needed more time during our break to relax our brains. The day was very enjoyable.

TARYN WALKER, 8.07

Today was the Murrumba District Maths tournament. We were picked up at the front of the school and shared a bus with Tullawong SHS as we travelled to Narangba Valley SHS. When we first walked in I was amazed to see how many kids were there. We started off with an individual challenge, ten questions in two minutes. It was quite hard! Next we had a teamwork round and it was fun. Finally we had the relay competition and this, to me, was the best part of the day. We had 45 minutes to answer 20 questions. We were only allowed to have two people working on a question at any one time. We had a really good time and look forward to going again next year.

Sporting News

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Currently we are in the process of sorting out interschool sport teams for our Winter season. Permission slips will be making their way home in the next week. Cost is \$25 for the season. All sport must be paid in full by 9.00am 4 June. All students must be financially eligible to be able to participate.

MET FINALS

Some sides have been active in the Met finals stage in recent weeks. The Year 9 Girls Basketball team went down by one point in their semi final with the Year 8 Boys Basketball team losing by 10 points in their semi final. Both have done extremely well to make it this far.

The Year 9 Boys Volleyball team went down to Pine Rivers SHS in the first round but it was a great effort by the boys to make it to this stage. More detail will follow in the coaches report.

In most recent news the Year 10 Boys Volleyballers went down in their Met semi final but the open boys won their semi final against Citipointe Christian College but were not quite good enough to knock over a very strong Browns Plains SHS. This is a great effort by the boys and we congratulate them.

CONGRATULATIONS

Byron Betts finished fifth at the National Track and Field Championships in the 100m and came second in the 200m –

a magnificent effort. Also, congratulations goes to Xanda Jones on being selected in the 12 Year old Boys Sunshine Coast Rugby League team.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Lastly our cross country team travelled to Pine Rivers Park for the District X-Country championships. The team of 28 students had a great day with two boys qualifying for Regional X-Country on 2 June. Those two boys were Corey Brown (Year 10) who came second in the 15 Year Boys and Jack Francis (Year 7) who was fourth in the 13 Year Boys event. This is a great effort by Corey and Jack and we wish them well at regionals.

Steve Moody
Sport Coordinator

BOYS VOLLEYBALL MET FINALS

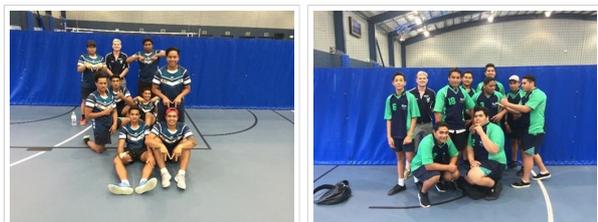
On Tuesday 25 May, the Year 10 and Open Boy's Volleyball teams travelled to The Gap SHS to compete in the winter sports Met finals.

The open boys were victorious in their semi-final against Citipointe Christian College showing great resilience and composure. After narrowly losing the first two sets, the boys clawed their way back to win the third and fourth and take the game to a nail-biting fifth set. Smart game structure and level heads ensured they claimed a well-earned victory.

In the final the boys faced the mammoth task of trying to beat a finely-tuned team from Browns Plains SHS. Our passionate Morayfield State High School team refused to be intimidated by their large number of representative players and showed great fight, however they were gallant in defeat in three extremely close and entertaining sets.

The Year 10 team produced their best game of the season against Holland Park SHS in their semi-final, however were beaten by a better team on the day. Team captain Norman Papalua-Pati led the way and showed maturity and game sense beyond his years, however this was not enough to claim victory and the boys were defeated in three engaging sets.

After training numerous times per week and showing full commitment to their sport all the boys deserve to be commended. Both teams represented the school with pride, demonstrated exemplary behaviour and are a pleasure to coach.



Ryan Phillips
Teacher

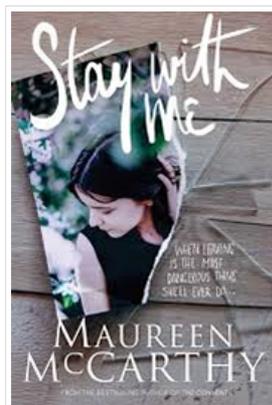
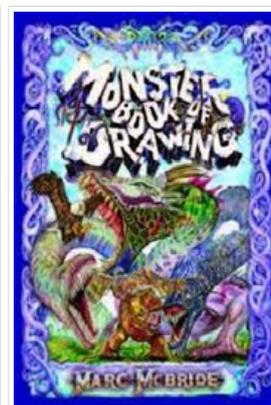
From the Library

The library has been a busy place this term. We have had a visit from staff from Moreton Bay Libraries: Caboolture. The purpose of the visit was to support Year 11 students in research

skills. All students are welcome to join the Moreton Bay Library. Membership can be arranged through our library staff.

Our school has many options for research which are designed to make the research process easier and quicker for students. Try these options – Morayfield State High School eLearn, Library Webs (articles that have been identified for students – found through eLearn), vertical file (collection of recent articles on contemporary issues – found in M04), Bureau of Statistics, Australia and New Zealand Reference Centre and Encyclopaedia Britannica (through Moreton Bay Library).

New books



Reminder – computers are available in the library for student use and priority is always given to assignment and homework. Please ask if you are having problems accessing them.

Julie Mabb
Teacher Librarian

Law Week

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL VISITS THE LEGAL STUDIES CLASSES

The Senior Legal Studies students at Morayfield State High School were privileged to participate in a lesson shared with the Attorney General and Minister for Justice, the Honourable Yvette D'Ath. As a part of the activities for Law Week (11-15 May) the Attorney General, the State Member for Morayfield, Mark Ryan, along with the State Member for Pumicestone, Mr Rick Williams, visited our school to talk to students studying Legal Studies. Students and teachers from Caboolture and Tullawong State High Schools also attended.

The theme for this year's Law Week was: 'We're with you every step you take'. This initiative was designed to show Queenslanders how the Justice Department, and the law and

justice partners, offer assistance and services for many of the big milestones in our lives. This includes: registering a birth, getting married, buying a property, starting a business, returning faulty goods, researching the family history or finding a JP or solicitor in the local area.

The Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies students enjoyed the opportunity to listen to the Attorney General speak about Law Week and legal issues in general. This was followed by a discussion session where students asked a variety of interesting questions, which she answered quite candidly.



Students, Amy Hinchliffe and Kimberley Cowell; The State member for Morayfield, Mr Mark Ryan; The Attorney General, Ms Yvette D'Ath; The State Member for Pumicestone, Mr Rick Williams.

Teena Norman
HoD Social Science

Influenza (flu) season

Winter is coming, bringing cold and influenza (flu) season with it. Queensland Health's influenza page, www.qld.gov.au/flu, covers the symptoms, how to protect yourself and others from getting sick and treatment.

Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:

- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough
- making tissues readily available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately
- ensuring children and staff wash their hands regularly
- cleaning our facilities and resources regularly
- encouraging staff and children with flu-like symptoms to stay at home
- strongly urging staff and children who arrive with flu-like symptoms to instead stay at home and encouraging them to seek early medical advice.

If your child catches the flu, please seek medical advice and keep them home until they are feeling well again.

P&C News

UNIFORM SHOP

Microfiber Jackets, Trackpants and Winter Jersey

Orders placed for Microfiber Jackets, Trackpants and Winter Jerseys have arrived and can be collected from the Uniform shop.

Commorative Polos

Orders placed for Year 12 Polos have arrived and orders can be collected from the Uniform shop.

Shop Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am – 9:00am.

Carrolyn Reiter
Uniform Shop Convenor

P&C POSITION VACANCY

An exciting opportunity is available for a highly motivated person as a Permanent Part-Time Employee with the Morayfield State High School P&C Association.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the efficient operation and management of the MSHS 'Smart Choice' Tuckshop and Uniform Shop (servicing 1500 students) in conjunction with the P&C Executive. The position is 5 days per week (32.5hours) and is subject to Award conditions.

Key Requirements

- Demonstrated organisational skills
- Managing a team of 9 employees & volunteers
- Hold a Certificate III in Food Processing
- Hold a Suitability Blue Card
- Computer Skills (Word/Excel)
- Banking/Cash Register skills
- Workplace Health & Safety Procedures / Hygiene guidelines
- Experience in dealing with Children of various ages (preferably within a School environment)

In Tuckshop -

- Administration knowledge of : Stock purchasing & receiving, liaison with Suppliers, monitoring stock levels & preparation of Monthly Stocktakes, maintaining financial paperwork & records in accordance with the Policies & Procedures of the P&C Association, reporting to the P&C Executive
- Menu planning
- Quality control monitoring and preparation of approved Smart Choice food

In Uniform Shop -

- Administration knowledge of : Stock purchasing & receiving, liaison with Suppliers, monitoring stock levels & preparation of Monthly Stocktakes, maintaining financial paperwork & records in accordance with the Policies & Procedures of the P&C Association, reporting to the P&C Executive

Please forward your Resume to:

The Secretary, MSHS P&C Association
PO Box 835 Caboolture QLD 4510
-or- pandc@morayfieshs.eq.edu.au

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE – WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE
2015**

Healthy Schools – Advice on Managing Stress

The demands of schools can sometimes be stressful and create anxiety for students. There are many places to go for help. One of the most trusted sites is Beyond Blue. They offer fantastic advice to survive Year 12. Use this link to read their advice.