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Dates to Remember

13 February	P&C Meeting
14 February	District Trial Day Sports Day 2
15 February	Year 8-9 RAGE Program
17 February	District Swimming Carnival
17 February	Year 7 Immunisations
17 February	Year 9 – 10 QUT Engineering Excursion
20 February	Photo Day
27 February	Photo Day – Catch Up
28 February	Year 12 Health Bribie Island Skin Cancer Clinic Excursion
28 February – 3 March	Year 11 Academic Meetings
3 March	Year 11 Outdoor Rec Lifesaving Comp

Cashier Dates to Remember

Due now	Student Resource Scheme payments due now
Due by 10 February	Sydney Footy Tour 2nd payment due
Due by 10 February	Laptop Hire fees
Due by 10 February	Year 11 & 12 Outdoor Recreation Subject Fee due

From the Principal

WELCOME TO 2017

Welcome to 2017 and what will be another wonderful year for Morayfield State High School.

It is wonderful to be back for the 2017 school year and to again welcome so many new families to our school. I know 2017 will be a rewarding and busy year for our students and staff as we continue to inspire excellence in all that we do.

2017 – A YEAR OF EXCELLENCE

After such a great end to the 2016 school year with 98.5% of our Year 12 students achieving a Queensland Certificate of education (QCE), we are now looking forward to an even better year ahead.

This year we are continuing to set high expectations for our students as reflected in the following targets.

Our 2017 Targets

Student Attendance & Engagement	Achievement Data	School Opinion Survey	Post School Data
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 90% student attendance across all year levels.• Decrease in student disciplinary absences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 85% of students achieve C or better in semester reports for all subjects.• 100% Year 7 & 9 students achieve NMS in NAPLAN testing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 90% of students are satisfied that they are getting a good education at school.• >90% of parents/caregivers are satisfied that their child is	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 90% of school leavers engaged in employment, education and training or actively looking for work.• 30% of school leavers are engaged in study at a Bachelor Degree level.

Our 2017 Targets

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in MSS and U2Bs across all areas of NAPLAN testing • 100% Year 12 students exit with a QCE. • 75% eligible students achieve an OP 1-15. • 100% eligible students achieve an offer to study after school. 	<p>getting a good education at school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • >90% school staff agree that they have access to quality professional development. • >85% school staff agree that staff morale is positive at the school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15% of school leavers are engaged in Cert III or higher VET programs.
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To enable us to achieve these important targets that in real terms means each and every student is on a pathway to achieve success, our teaching and support staff have been working hard to restructure our programs and organisation to best meet the needs of our students. This has enabled a very positive start to the school year as our students have settled well and are now working well with T Block as the Student Services Centre.

Our enrolments for 2017 are comparable with 2016, and we will maintain our staffing allocation that we started the year with. With just over 1480 students enrolled, we are a very large and complex school. We received a large amount of Out of Catchment Enrolment Requests and have been unable to meet many of these due to the size of our current cohorts. The interest in enrolling students in our school is a testament to the reputation the school has for caring for and support each individual student to achieve the best possible outcomes.

2017 Enrolment Numbers

Year 7 – 268
 Year 8 – 276
 Year 9 – 249
 Year 10 – 175
 Year 11 – 260
 Year 12 – 253
TOTAL: 1481

Another of our key goals in 2017 is to try and increase parent and community participation through our Parents and Citizens Association meetings. We hope to grow this group as one that supports not only the day to day running of our Tuckshop, but a means of engaging parents and community with the strategic direction of the school. For this we need new, committed and passionate people from all areas of our community to be part of our monthly meetings and projects. Please consider coming along to our first P&C Meeting and being part of this important team.

P&C Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 13th March 2017 commencing at 6.00pm in the Conference Room, School Administration Building.

COMMUNICATION

Ongoing contact with parents/carers is valued by our staff and is vital in ensuring that home and school work in partnership to provide the best possible education for each student. Our Year Coordinators (YSCs), Behaviour Coordinators (BMCs), Heads of Department (HODs), Deputy Principals (DPs) and teachers are very proactive in their communication with parents/carers, but this should not be one-way. Therefore we encourage parents to please be in constant contact with us via phone or email about any issues, ideas or concerns involving your students. Please also ensure that we have your up to date email address and you are registered for receive our online school newsletter so that you are informed of events, activities and expectations for our school. Don't forget to also regularly check our school's Facebook page and Website to keep up to date with what's happening!

<https://morayfieshs.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://morayfieldshs.schoolzineplus.com/subscribe>

Absence Line: 07 5428 5522

Our Year Level Coordinators are the first point of contact for issues relating to student wellbeing and support and each works closely with the Behaviour Management Coordinators, Heads of Department and Deputy Principals to ensure the best possible outcomes for each student. They are the first point of contact for concerns, other than curriculum issues which should always be discussed with class teachers in the first instance and then the Curriculum Heads of Department. Our Leadership Team for 2017 includes:

PRINCIPAL

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DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Year 7 – *Mr Bill Schneid* admin@morayfieshs.eq.edu.au
 Year 8 – *Ms Kerri Furlong* admin@morayfieshs.eq.edu.au
 Year 9 & 10 – *Ms Nicole O'Hearn* admin@morayfieshs.eq.edu.au
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Years 7, 9 and 11 - *Simon Braiden* sbrai19@eq.edu.au

Senior School Behaviour Management Coordinator

(BMC) - Paul Towner - ptown8@eq.edu.au

Junior School Behaviour Management Coordinator (BMC)

Mi-chal Purcell - mpurc8@eq.edu.au

Year Level Coordinators

Year 7 – Mrs Lee Justice ljust1@eq.edu.au

Year 8 – Mr Ethan Sorrell egsor0@eq.edu.au

Year 9 – Mrs Jeana Saunders jsaun46@eq.edu.au

Year 10 – Mrs Pauline Place pplac1@eq.edu.au

Year 11 – Mr Cameron Daniel cdani93@eq.edu.au

Year 12 – Mr Mark Waudby mwaud1@eq.edu.au

Finally, please remember our staff do value the opportunity to meet with you in person so please remember that the school day is a very busy one, so it is important to make an appointment to see a staff member prior to coming to school, so we can devote the time and attention needed to meet with you effectively.

TEXTBOOK/RESOURCE DISTRIBUTION

In subjects where textbooks/resources are required and included in the Student Resource Scheme, resources have been issued, provided SRS agreements have been signed and returned, and instalments of monies paid. All students have also received a Student Diary to assist them in engaging in their learning from Day One. Stationery lists are available from our Exec Centre and students are required to bring with them the relevant materials and their handbooks to each lesson.

Outstanding Student Resource Scheme payments are now overdue and must be made at the Cashier's Office unless prior payment plans have been negotiated.

We understand that there are times when families may face difficulties in meeting financial obligations. If you would like to organise to join the Student Resource Scheme under a payment plan that works for you, please contact the School Office arrange this with our Business Services Manager. There are many options available to meet individual needs and circumstances, and ensure your student has access to all of the resources they need to perform to their potential at school. Once you have joined the scheme and set up a payment plan, we will issue your students with the texts/resources they need for the year.

UNIFORM

Morayfield State High School is a uniform school and is proud of the reputation it has developed in the community for well presented students.

Students are required to wear their full formal uniform including fully enclosed black polishable leather or leather-like shoes (not boots) and plain white or black ankle socks each Monday. Students will require a hat or cap for outdoor activities. The Casual Uniform or the Formal Uniform can be worn for the remainder of the week.

No alterations to the style and standard of the uniform are permitted. The School Dress Code **DOES NOT** include any other item of clothing or accessory, other than that included in the list of uniform items.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Monday 6 February saw our students participate in the annual Swimming Carnival. It was wonderful to see all of our Year 7s in attendance and so many of our Year 8-12 students participating in events. Congratulations to all students who attended and enjoyed the day. Congratulations to our winners and we wish you all the best as you move into our District Team.

A special thank-you to our carnival convenors and HPE staff for their organisation and preparation for the day!

Client Services to arrange payment for student ID cards to allow their student to receive one.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Do you know a student who has achieved something special in our community? Perhaps they have achieved at an elite level at sport, participated in an eisteddfod or competition or represented themselves proudly at a community activity? Please email us at admin@morayfieshs.eq.edu.au and let us know so that we can acknowledge your student within our school community.

Finally I look forward to working in partnership with you to support all our students to achieve their best in 2017. We will be working consistently as a school community to ensure high standards of performance, presentation and participation by all students. Have a great year!

Leasa Smith
Principal

From the Year 11/12 Deputy Principal

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to all the students that have chosen to return to Senior Secondary schooling in 2017. The first two weeks back from holidays may have been a challenge for many just to get to school; some senior students went to extraordinary lengths (i.e. staying at friends houses) just to make sure that they were able to attend every day of Senior so far. They are showing the responsibility and commitment to schooling that will make them successful in this the most important two years of their education!

2017 is the year of Maximising Student Performance. We aim for 100% of students attaining the QCE!

Morayfield State High School has made it a priority to ensure that students spend the absolute maximum amount of time, engaged in learning. Some of the changes we have made include minimising disruptions to class time for extra-curricula or cultural activities and amending schedules to ensure that students are more often in class and learning. To support us in our endeavour to maximise student learning and engagement we are seeking your support. For all students (especially senior students) attendance is critical. It is not possible for students to perform at their best if they are missing classes and therefore missing out on the benefit of their teacher's explanations and in class activities and discussion. For many senior students it is the impromptu in-class discussions about concepts, topics and issues that assists them to generate a deep understanding of the topic being studied. Should your students be absent for any reason please contact the school absence line (ph. 5428 5522) to let us know. If there is going to be an absence of more than a two (2) days please also contact your student's Year Level Co-ordinator so that support can be provided for while they are away.

Performance and Effort

Senior Schooling is all about destinations! Where are you going? What do you need to get there? How are you going to get it? What are you going to do to ensure you get your QCE? Many senior students do not have all the answers to these questions, but they can be certain of one thing; the better they perform in Senior the more options and choices there will be post schooling. For those students who are tertiary bound a specialised program will be running to prepare them for the important Queensland Core Skills Test (QCST) while students who are not on that pathway will be receive a targeted curriculum more focused on work readiness. The key goal is to ensure that all seniors know what they must do in order to get the outcome they need to progress on their chosen pathway.

By the end of the first fortnight of school, all senior students will know what is expected of them including:

- All assessment is to be up to date at all times.
- Attendance is to be at least 90%.
- Efforts in classes must always be at least satisfactory.

Students who are not serious about performing in their Senior studies may find that they are required to attend a meeting with me and their parents to discuss their options.

Mr Joe Bucher
Deputy Principal

From the Year 7 Deputy Principal

JUNIOR SECONDARY

What a fantastic start to the school year we have had at Morayfield! The Year 7s have been brilliant in both uniform and behaviour and the way they are maintaining their VBlock area is an inspiration to all other students in the school.

As I walk around and observe classes I am seeing happy and enthusiastic young people engaged in their work and this will result in fantastic outcomes for all of students.

The staff at Morayfield State High School are committed to helping all students in their care to achieve their best and if you have any concerns in regards to your son or daughter you should not hesitate to organise a phone call or a meeting with the Form Teacher, Class Teacher, Head of Department or Year Level Co-ordinator so your issue can be addressed.

I look forward to being a part of the educational journey of all students in the school but in particular the Year 7's.

Regards

Mr Bill Schneid
(Acting Deputy Principal)

From the Junior School

It has been great to see such a smooth and calm start to the 2017 school year. A warm welcome to our new and returning families, especially the 268, Year 7 students who are beginning their high school journey.

Students Diaries

During Week 2, students were issued their 2017 Student Diaries. The purpose of these diaries is to assist students to organise and manage their time for homework, assignments and extra-curricular activities. Additionally, they are a great reference point and can help answer questions about uniform, ICT usage and classroom expectations. Students are expected to take their Student Diary to every lesson and keep it neat and well organised.

Uniform

Thank-you to parents and students who are working in partnership with the school to ensure the appropriate uniforms

are worn each day. Wearing our uniform ensures a sense of pride, equity and appropriate, safe dress for learning environments. Remember if students are having difficulty wearing the appropriate uniform please communicate with the Year Level Coordinators.

Year Level Coordinators

The role of Year Level Coordinators (YLCs) is to support our Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students. This year our Junior Secondary cohorts will be supported by:

Year 7 – Mrs Lee Justice

Year 8 – Mr Ethan Sorrell

Year 9 – Mrs Jeana Saunders

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Year Level Coordinators.

Year 7 Parents/Carers

An invitation has been extended to parents/carers of Year 7 students to meet their form and classroom teachers on the afternoon of Wednesday, 8 February 3.30pm-4.30pm at V-Block. We look forward to meeting you.

Every Day Counts

Research shows that higher student attendance is associated with higher student achievement. Having a set routine can help get students to school:

- Have a set time to go to bed.
- Have a set time to get out of bed.
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before.
- Speak about school positively.
- Be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term.

Mi-chal Purcell

Junior School Behaviour Management Coordinator (Acting)

From the Year Level Co-ordinators

Year 7 Welcome BBQ

All year 7 parents and caregivers are invited to attend an informal gathering to be held on Wednesday 8 February at VBlock from 3:30pm-4:30pm.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet your child's form and subject teachers, as well as key staff members. Looking forward to seeing all our Year 7 families at this event.

Lee Justice

Year 7 Year Level Co-ordinator

News from Year 10

"We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open." (Jawaharlal Nehru)

This is the message that I gave the Year 10 cohort on their very first day as senior students. I asked them to think about what their journey is going to look like over the next three

years and what adventures they will seek. Will these adventures take them in the right direction to where they are heading after Year 12? Are they looking at school-based apprenticeships or traineeships? Are they wanting to leave school prior to Year 12 and therefore, do they have the necessary skills and knowledge that will allow them to succeed? Do they have an up-to-date resume? Do they know where to access this kind of information or who to speak to? Are they wanting to try Interschool Sport this year or join one of our other school clubs?

Each student's adventure will be different. What we need to do to ensure that each student chooses the right adventure for themselves.

I look forward to working with each and every one of our Year 10s through their Senior Schooling journey.

If you have any concerns regarding your Year 10 student, please don't hesitate to contact me at school on 07 5428 5555 or via email at pplac1@eq.edu.au.

Pauline Place

Year 10 Coordinator

From the Cashier

For those families that haven't yet paid their Student Resource Scheme for 2017 payment is now overdue. Statements were posted home at the end of the school holidays with the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) form. All students must return a SRS form to the Cashier for 2017. Payment will ensure your student has continued access to the resources provided by the scheme as well as ensure your student remains financially eligible to participate in school activities not included as part of the SRS including interschool sport and excursions. All fees from previous years will also need to be finalised.

Year 11 and 12 students undertaking the Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation must pay a subject fee which has been invoiced and posted home. Payments are due by 10 February.

Laptop hire fees are also due by 10 February.

For any families suffering financial difficulties at this time please contact the school office to schedule an appointment with the Business Services Manager so an arrangement can be made to suit your needs, all discussions will be held in confidence. Ph: 5428 5555.

For payments or account enquiries the Cashier hours are 8:00am - 1:30pm Monday - Friday.

Julie Hill

Cashier

From the School Based Police Officer

Parents/carers are reminded that the area directly out the front of the school is a bus zone. This area also includes a pedestrian crossing and a yellow line on either side of the crossing. These areas are **NOT** for dropping off your student. There is ample parking available to the left and right of the school zone. Those parents who utilize the Sports Club/Harvey Norman car park

are reminded that this area is for customers of those businesses and I ask you to be respectful of this.

I understand that at times, especially as students commence driving themselves, parking is of premium. Afternoon pickup time would have to be the most confusing and congested period of the day around the school. Leaving pickup for ten minutes would elevate this problem greatly as most of the traffic has left the area, including the school buses. There are teachers on duty at the front of the school until 3:25pm, therefore if your child feels anxious they can always approach the teacher and speak with them.

I reiterate with parents that school zones around drop off and pick up are the most hazardous times and are the same in all school areas. Parking is not easily gained. We are fortunate that Queensland Rail allows staff, parents and students to utilise the two parking areas out the front of the school.

I ask all parents to be mindful of this matter as stopping in a bus zone, on a pedestrian crossing or on a yellow line are all traffic related offences and a ticket can be issued.

Senior Constable Kris Parker

From the Guidance Team

Hi everyone and welcome back to 2017. We hope that you all had a wonderful festive season and that 2017 has begun well for you. This year your Guidance Officers remain the same as last year, as they are following their year levels through. Simon Braiden will be looking after Years 7, 9 and 11. Chenoa Matthews will have Years 8, 10 and 12. Both are located in the Administration Building this year and can be reached at the school on 5428 5555.

There is a lot planned for this year including a Career Expo in May. This will involve a wide range of community groups and will be open to all year levels as well as parents. Presentations to the seniors by Yourtown about how to manage stress, particularly when heading towards the assessment period will also occur throughout the year. Explore Uni days are scheduled for Years 9 to 12 where all students will go to QUT Caboolture on an excursion to explore the University and TAFE campus. A range of support programs will continue to be offered by the Student Wellbeing team. Individual support can also be offered by making an appointment through the Administration Office. Both Guidance Officers are available to help with a range of things including student social and emotional wellbeing, mental health queries or concerns, school engagement, subject choices, career guidance, grief and loss, work readiness and future pathways post schooling.

Often families like to seek support outside of the school. Headspace in Caboolture is endeavouring to get a parent support group up and running beginning in February. Headspace supports a number of students and their families within the community and are willing to help in any way they can. Attached is the information forwarded to the school regarding the parent group. Do not hesitate to contact them if you feel it would be beneficial to you and your family.

We hope the young people you live with have started the year well. Please call if there is anything we can do to assist.

**Chenoa Matthews (Year 7, 9 and 11) and Simon Braiden (Year 8, 10 and 12).
Guidance Officers**

From the Student Services Centre

In 2017 Morayfield State High School has redeveloped how we manage and support students. The new centre is housed in T block and is a one stop shop for students needing assistance. T1 houses all Year Level Co-ordinators, our behaviour coach and our new Behaviour Management Co-ordinators (BMCs). Ms Purcell is our Junior School BMC and Mr Towner is our Senior School BMC. T2 houses the Internal Retrieval Room and the Student Enquiries Counter is the place to go for timetable issues, medication, returning any paperwork and reporting any issues around behaviour. T3 is the Alternate Program Classroom and T4 is where our Student Attendance and Uniform Officer lives. All students signing in late or leaving early will go there as well as students who need uniform passes. T4 is also the home for our YSC (Tavita) and our Chaplain (Jesse) as well as our Indigenous Co-ordinator Ms Scott.

We believe that the new centre will allow students to get information and support in a more efficient and effective way. Parents wishing to contact the school regarding their child should contact their classroom teacher or their Year Level Coordinator.

Year Level Coordinators play a very important role as the key point of contact for your student and their teachers. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your student or if there is anything we need to know please contact your Year Level Coordinator, on 5428 5555 or via the email addresses below, so we can work together to support your child. We look forward to working with students and parents to continue to develop a calm, disciplined and engaged school.

Introducing your Year Level Coordinators for 2017:

- Year 7** – Mrs Lee Justice ljust1@eq.edu.au
- Year 8** – Mr Ethan Sorrell egsor0@eq.edu.au
- Year 9** – Mrs Jeana Saunders jsaun46@eq.edu.au
- Year 10** – Mrs Pauline Place pplac1@eq.edu.au
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- Year 12** – Mr Mark Waudby mwaud1@eq.edu.au

Attendance Matters

Regular School Attendance

Did you know?

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day, because:

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse. Illness, doing work experience, competing in a school sporting event or going on a school excursion are reasonable excuses for being absent from school.

Principals decide if the excuse given for your child’s absence is reasonable.

Avoid 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. While it is a last resort, it is important to understand that you may be prosecuted if your child is not attending school regularly.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling. All absences of more than ten (10) school days requires completion of Request for Exemption form 9 approval by the Principal.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?

Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child is absent from school, if not beforehand, then within two school days of their return to school.

Having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons? s/he:

- won’t get out of bed in the morning.
- won’t go to bed at night.
- can’t find their uniform, books, school bag.
- is slow to eat breakfast.
- hasn’t done their homework.
- is watching TV.
- has a test or presentation to do, or an assignment to hand in.
- is having a birthday.

A set routine can help. Try to:

- have a set time to go to bed.
- have a set time to get out of bed.

- have uniform and school bag ready the night before.
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast.
- set a time for daily homework activities.
- speak about school positively.
- be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won’t go to school?

You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

If you are having trouble getting your student to school regularly contact the Student Services Team, as we are here to support you and your student to improve their attendance at school.

Please contact the school on 5428 5555 to discuss or to arrange an appointment with the Year Level Coordinator or Head of Student Wellbeing.

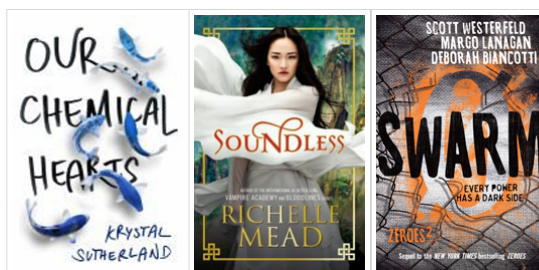
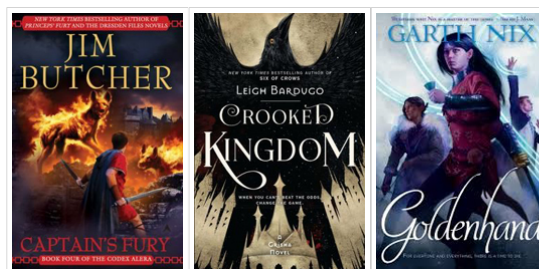
Donna Whyte
Head of Department - Student Wellbeing

From the Library

We have many new books that arrived just before Christmas. Borrowing has commenced for all students. Reading is a fantastic way to find out new information, relax and experience different lifestyles. I'd love to hear any recommendations that you may have.

My favourite read from the holidays was Hannah Kent – *The Good People*.

Here are some others you might like.



Textbooks

Textbooks have been distributed in Maths classes. Once students have joined the Student Resource Scheme and returned any overdue texts, they are eligible to receive their textbooks for 2017. Students will need to come to the library in their breaks to collect these.

Opening Times

We are open every day from 8:00am through until 3:30pm, unless staff need to attend meetings. We are keeping the library area open for all students to read or do schoolwork.

Julie Mabb
Teacher Librarian

From the Sports Department

SPORTS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Interschool Sport

Interschool sport will involve Junior and Senior students in the Winter season and Junior only in the Summer Season, therefore we are now in the process of finalising Year 7-9 teams via trial and will be starting Round 1 in Week 4 on Thursdays, starting 16 February.

Please ensure that interschool sport fees are paid once teams are finalised juniors = \$20.

District Trials

It is a very busy time for sport in the Region at present with not only our school-based sport season starting but also a number of Sunshine Coast District Trials to be held in the next two weeks.

District Trial Day 1 will be held on Tuesday 7 February for the following sports:

- Open Boys and Girls Tennis
- Open Boys and Girls Softball
- Open Boys Baseball
- 16 and Under Girls Australian Rules Football.

District Trial Day 2 will be held on Tuesday 14 February for the following sports:

- Open Boys and Girls Touch
- 15 and Under Boys and Girls Touch
- Open Boys and Girls Volleyball
- 15 and Under Boys and Girls Volleyball
- Open and 15 Girls Netball.

Students need to see Mr Faolua in I Block for a permission note if they are interested in trialling.

Swimming Carnival and District Swimming

Our school Swimming Carnival held on Monday 6 February was a great success this stage will be allowed to nominate for the District Carnival on 17 February.

It is already looking like a big year in sport at Morayfield State High School and we hope to continue to see high participation rates in the available sport programs and wish all the students who go on to representative trials the best as they pursue their goals.

Ryan Phillips
Sports Coordinators

From English Department

A Word from the English Faculty

Welcome back! It's exciting how every year brings about new challenges and achievements. The new English Essentials subject in Year 10 and the Year 11 English External Exam Trial are just a couple of examples for our Faculty.

English Essentials

This year we've introduced a new English course in Year 10; it's called English Essentials and is tailored towards preparing students for English Communication in Year 11 and 12. English Communication is a subject that aims to prepare students for work.

Year 11 English External Exam Trial

Our group of Year 11 English students will benefit from experiencing the trial external exam on 30 May, this year. This is part of preparing for the move to a new assessment regime across Queensland in the near future. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) says that the trial will "give schools and students the opportunity to become familiar with the use of subject-based external assessments, and enable the QCAA to evaluate the effectiveness of its processes."

The trial assessments are:

- developed in close consultation with subject experts drawn from schools, subject associations and universities.
- aligned to the existing syllabus and designed as an alternative to a task already being undertaken at participating schools.
- administered under secure conditions, and graded externally.

...Schools will be provided with details of individual student achievement at the conclusion of the trial. Cohort analysis will also be provided once all student results have been confirmed.

As the trial involves Year 11 formative assessments, there will be no impact on a student's Year 12 exit result in the subject.

Verushka Torrens
Head of Department English

From Language Department

French News

A big Bonjour to all those students who are lucky enough to be studying French at Morayfield State High School. I am so excited to see so many young people who can see the immense value of learning a second language and the new world of opportunities that opens up for them from this experience.

Many of our new Year 7 students are experiencing French for the very first time after engaging in Japanese in the primary



years. Whilst this may at first be challenging, students will soon see that French and English share so many words that are similar. This helps them to appreciate that learning a second language is not as hard as they think!

For language learning to be effective, it is important to immerse the students in a typically French environment. This is what we have done in the new French room, P10. The walls are covered in French posters, Eiffel towers are suspended from the ceiling and all surfaces are covered in French memorabilia. A veritable French feast for the eyes!

The School Administration have now placed all of the language teachers in R block to make it more convenient for students who are needing assistance in languages to get help. The teachers in the French department now based in R block and V Block are Madame Mann, Madame Bowie and Madame Rivera.

I hope that everyone enjoys their experience in French this year.

À bientôt,

Madame Mann

From Home Ec Department

Mooloolaba Barbecue Championships

Last year, it was announced that Mooloolaba would host their first Australasian Barbecue Alliance sanctioned by Barbecue Championships. The students were very excited about their first competition, however, we soon realised that Mooloolaba would certainly be different to previous competitions. The main change centred on entry into this prestigious competition which was strictly by invitation only. Only the Top 10 teams in Australia were allowed to compete, with four Wild Card entries. Our school barbecue team, Voodoo Doll Barbecue, was extremely lucky to be given a Wild Card entry. The team knew this event would test them to their limits but they were ready for the challenge.

After we accepted our Wild Card entry, the team began its preparations. Meats were trimmed, rubs were prepared and sauces were developed. Mooloolaba hosted four categories during the championships - beef, chicken, pork ribs and lamb. Prior to Mooloolaba, the team had experienced mixed success across the Championship Circuit. We were aware that our chicken dishes seemed to be our weakness but were determined to break that curse. Consequently, we worked hard prior to the event by researching and testing to find a way to increase our scoring for that category. However, we were mindful to keep an eye on the other three categories as we wanted to excel in all of our prepared dishes.

After much anticipation, the day arrived and we set off on the Australia Day weekend. The competition was held within the Wharf precinct near Sea Life. We arrived at approximately 4pm and quickly began setting up. When our site was secure and prepped, we were briefed by the officials and waited until 5pm when cooking preparations were allowed to begin. With our groundwork complete, it was time to relax because our cooking would not begin until 11pm that night and would continue non-stop until 1pm the next day. Unlike other competitions we have attended, Mooloolaba was a baptism of fire. The heat was

extreme with no sea breeze and 98% humidity. We cooked in tough conditions as we were surrounded by approximately a hundred barbecues all belting out smoke, heat and the smells of various types of meats. To say we had "the meat sweats" would be an understatement.

However, we didn't buckle under the pressure or the harsh environment. We took turns and cooked all through the night. We constantly monitored temperatures of the meat and the pit because you cannot turn your back for a second at these events. After ten hours of cooking, our brisket was taken out of the smoker to rest and then it was time to focus on the cooking of the lamb, chicken and pork ribs which all have their own unique challenges. The day progressed and our dishes were taking shape. After submitting our last dish, the beef category, we packed up and waited for the judging ceremony. Our team was ecstatic to hear the results. Voodoo Doll Barbecue finished 5th in chicken, 5th in brisket, 6th in pork ribs and 9th in lamb. This result reflects a sensational effort against the best in the barbecue business. Our scores now mean we are ranked in the Top 10 in Australia after three rounds of the Australian Circuit. Congratulations to the Voodoo Doll Barbecue team and thank you to all staff that supported, visited and tasted the food. Our next competition is in Brisbane in June. We are all very excited and hopefully, we can bring a trophy or two back with us.



Mr McCormick, Breanna Sturgess, Ms Gardner, Kate Oberthur



Jason McCormick
Home Ec Teacher

New Uniform Supplier

Morayfield State High School is now live on the website at The School Locker, purchases can be made online.

<http://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/morayfield-state-high-school/uniforms>

From the P&C

Happy New Year!

The first P&C Association General Meeting for 2017 will be held on Monday 13 February commencing at 6:30pm in the Conference Room, School Administration Building.

We especially welcome new parents to come along. This is an excellent opportunity to be informed and involved in your school.

The P&C Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 13 March 2017 commencing at 6:00pm in the Conference Room, School Administration Building.

Following acceptance of the Minutes from the 2016 AGM and the Tabling of the Audit Report for the year ended 31 December 2016, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions – President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information regarding any position, please leave your details with the School Office and a member of the current P&C Executive will contact you.

March 2017 P&C General Meeting will follow the Annual General Meeting and will commence as soon as all new P&C Association Application for Membership Forms are completed and collected by P&C Secretary.

P&C Association