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DATES TO REMEMBER

23 September -4 October	School Holidays
5 October	Creative Generations: State School OnStage 2013 televised on Channel 10 at 2.30pm
7 October	Public Holiday - Labour Day
8 October	School Resumes Year 9 PAT Comprehension testing
9 October	Physics students visit Dream World Year 12 Employment Support Program
10-14 October	All Schools Touch
11 October	Year 10 STEM Showcase at University of Queensland
14 October	P and C Meeting 6:30pm in Administration Block
23 October	Academic Awards Night
30 October	Sports Awards Night

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2013 NAPLAN Results

The 2013 NAPLAN summary report is now available from the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority website at <http://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/national-reports.html>.

Since testing began in 2008, Queensland is the most improved state with significant gains made in 9 out of 20 areas over this time.

Our initial inspection of student performance data shows pleasing improvement for our students and we will provide more information in relation to the NAPLAN tests and the results

of our Year 9s in the next newsletter. Over the next few weeks our staff will go through the NAPLAN results in much greater detail to look closely at the areas where we can build on our performance.

Although NAPLAN results form a useful piece of information, they are not the be all and end all upon which to judge a school's success. It is important to remember the results represent a point-in-time testing over a few hours each May. The NAPLAN results are important but are just one of the many pieces of information our school uses to improve learning outcomes for our kids.

Individual reports for every student who participated in the 2013 NAPLAN test will be distributed to students in the first week of Term 4. School-by-school NAPLAN results are available at <https://naplan.qsa.qld.edu.au/naplan/>.

Enrolments for 2014

We are currently processing a large number of enrolment applications for students wishing to enrol in Year 8 in 2014. Appointments for enrolment interviews for students enrolling in other Year Levels can be made by contacting our school administration on 5428 5555.

Sporting Success

This week we had four of our interschool sports teams compete in Metro Finals, but unfortunately none of them were successful. It is no mean feat to make it all the way to the Grand Final and we are extremely proud of our Year 8 Rugby League Team, our Year 10 Rugby League Team, our Open Rugby League Team and our Open Netball Team.

Students all showed high levels of commitment to their respective teams and played all games with skill and outstanding sportsmanship. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Bernie Toohey, Dmitri Faolua, Chris White and Tim O'Connor who have supported our teams throughout the season.

Senior Formal and Graduation

As previously announced, the Senior Formal 2013 will be held at the Glengariff Estate, Dayboro on Friday, 15 November.

The process of eligibility to attend the Senior Formal has been explained to students in detail on a number of occasions. Students need to follow up on any outstanding issues that may affect eligibility as soon as possible. The first round of invitations

will be sent out early in Term 4. If you have any concerns about eligibility, please see Ms Tindall or Mr Simpson. We would like to see all students attend the Formal and will support in any way we can.

The school has to provide exact numbers to the venue prior to the function, therefore students unable to comply with the deadlines may miss their opportunity to attend the Senior Formal largely due to circumstances beyond the school's control.

Our Graduation ceremony will be held on the same day from 9.00am – 10.30am in our Multi-Purpose Building. Students will be expected to wear full formal uniform. Graduation invitations will be distributed in the week beginning 22 October. Due to the size of our facility, we must limit the number of family members attending so we ask that you RSVP soon after receiving your invitation so that we may invite additional guests if we have spare seats.

CGEN on TV

Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage (CGEN) has celebrated its ninth year with four arena-style shows staged at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Bank.

Audiences were wowed by the dazzling display of some of the best young performing artists from Queensland state schools, spectacular special effects and performances by CGEN professional artists and mentors including world-renowned jazz musician and Queensland Music Festival director James Morrison and The Voice's Luke Kennedy.

Make sure you watch Network Ten on **Saturday 5 October at 2.30pm** for the national broadcast of *Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage 2013*.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we would appreciate your support in looking out for after-hours crime at our school. If you do see something suspicious, please do not attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – **13 17 88** – and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Janelle Amos
Principal

From the Cashier:

The Student Resource Scheme Term 4 instalments are now due. All school fees for 2013 are due to be paid in full by 8 October.

Payment can be made to the Cashier via cash, eftpos, credit card or deposits into the school bank account. If paying into the school bank account please ensure you are using your child's name or debtor ID as the payment reference so we can uniquely identify your payment. If we cannot uniquely identify your payment we cannot credit your school account with the payment.

If you have any queries regarding your school account or payment reference to be used please contact the Cashier between 8:15am – 1:30pm Monday – Friday.

Any families with students currently in Years 8 – 11 are advised that advance payments can now be taken for those wanting to get ahead for 2014.

Important dates:

ACTIVITY	PAYMENT	DUE BY
Term 4 Student Resource Scheme		8 October
Year 12 Outdoor Rec Snorkelling unit	\$ 24.00	8 October
Robotics Club – Final payment for club participation fees		8 October
Certificate in Fitness Year 11 students final payment		8 October
Certificate III in Childcare Year 11 students, Year 11 course		8 October
Year 10 Rugby League Bundaberg trip	\$152.00	9 October
All Students involved in Dance Night		17 October

Julie Hill
Cashier

UNIFORM SHOP:

2014 Year 12 Commemorative Polo

Cost: \$38.50

Orders Taken: Monday 14 October

Orders Close: Thursday 24 October

Payment must be made with order

Shop Hours: Monday – Thursday: 8:00am – 9:00am.

Carrolyn Reiter
Uniform Convenor

Student Executive and Leadership Positions for 2014:

During Term 4, the process for nominating and selecting positions for Student Executive and Leadership Positions for 2014 will begin. This is open to those students who are current Year 11 Leaders. Students can apply for the positions of School Captain/Vice Captain, President of Student Representative Council, Cultural Captain, Sports Captain and Heads of Committees. Good luck to all applicants.

Process for selection of Captaincy positions –

School Captains, Vice Captains and SRC Positions:

- Students in Year 11 nominate for position through application form for Executive Position. (process initiated by Year 11 Year Level Co-ordinator).
- Students are short listed by the Student Leadership Committee and behaviour and attendance records are checked.

- All applicants are required to undertake training in Term 4. Conduct and behaviour in these sessions will also be taken into account in relation to final decision.
- At a year level assembly, candidates are to present a 3-4 minute speech, outlining their strengths and their intentions as a member of the Student Executive. Speeches are video-taped and placed onto school network for staff perusal. Students are presented with ballots and asked to cast preferential votes after the final speech.
- Staff are provided with ballots and given one week to cast votes. Votes are placed in a box in the school common room and collated at end of the week, then added to student primary vote tally.
- Student Leadership Committee are responsible for tallying preferential votes and providing Principal with voting tallies. A preferential system used if a clear final list is not apparent.
- Student Leadership Committee short list applicants to the top four voted students - videos of speeches and paperwork provided to principal for prior reading for interview.
- Interview panel to be convened consisting of Principal, Year 11 Year Level Co-ordinator and Chair of Student Leadership Committee. The questions are provided two days in advance. Criteria allow for a score out of 50 points. An interview to be used to confirm the voting or clarify if voting is close.
- The Principal and panel have final decision in relation to appointment.
- Available Student Representative Council appointments are voted upon by a meeting of Senior Leaders and Prefects in Term 4. Votes are tallied by the Student Leadership Committee.
- Successful students will be notified of their positions at a final assembly at the close of the year.

House Captains (2 per House):

- Students in Year 11 nominate for position through application form for House Captain position. (process initiated by Senior Sports Co-ordinator). A role description is available as part of the application package.
- Students are short listed by the Health and Physical Education Department and behaviour and attendance records are checked. This list is brought to the Student Leadership Committee for approval.
- Student Leadership Committee, in consultation with the Health and Physical Education Department, will decide the suitable candidate based on criteria provided by the HPE Department.
- Interview panel (if required) to be convened consisting of HoD HPE, Senior Sport Coordinator and Year 11 Year Level Co-ordinator. Questions provided two days in advance. Criteria allow for a score out of 50 points. The panel has final decision in relation to appointment.

- All applicants are required to undertake training in Term 4. Conduct and behaviour in these sessions will also be taken into account in relation to final decision.
- Successful students will be notified of their positions at a final assembly at the close of the year.

Cultural Captain:

- Students in Year 11 nominate for position through application form for Cultural Captain position. (process initiated by the Arts HoD). A role description is available as part of the application package.
- Students are short listed by the Arts Department and behaviour and attendance records are checked. This list is brought to the Student Leadership Committee for approval. Student Leadership Committee, in consultation with the Arts Department, will decide the suitable candidate based on criteria provided by the Arts Department.
- Interview panel (if required) to be convened consisting of HoD the Arts, Senior Arts staff and Year 11 Co-ordinator. Questions provided two days in advance. Criteria allow for a score out of 50 points. Panel has final decision in relation to appointment.
- All applicants are required to undertake training in Term 4. Conduct and behaviour in these sessions will also be taken into account in relation to final decision.
- Successful students will be notified of their positions at a final assembly at the close of the year.

Other positions:

Other positions are selected through consultation with the three panels and made up of selected prefects at the approval of the Student Leadership Committee. It is recommended if possible that one student should not hold two or more positions.

**** The Principal will sign off on all leadership positions for approval prior to publication and notification.***

***Alison Renshaw
Year 11 Year Level Coordinator***

LIBRARY NEWS:

Term 3 has been busy in the library. We have celebrated Book Week and launched our online reference site. Students can access this site through the Learning Place. This site offers students information that is relevant for their subjects, links to important websites and instructions on how to reference properly for assignments. If any students have trouble accessing the site they should come and see us in the library so we can fix the issue. This site offers students resources they can access both at home and at school. It is a work in progress and we welcome feedback for additions. There are also still many resources that can be used in the library or be borrowed.

Our fiction section still grows as we have some students who are fantastic readers who regularly enjoy a good book. Please come in and check the new books out. Just remember the books are borrowed for two weeks. You are always welcome to extend the loan but you need to see us about extending the loan. Some of our great new reads are new additions to the Big Nate series and more zombie action from Darren Shan.

Julie Mabb
Librarian

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER:

1. Applications for QUT's Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships are now open.

Applications are online and close on **Friday 15 November**.

A range of other scholarships are available to reward and support our first-year students including scholarships for sporting excellence and a range of other categories based on specific circumstances. See QUT's website for further details and to apply.

2. CHANGES TO SUBJECT PREREQUISITES FOR TEACHING 2016 APPLICANTS

(2013 – YEAR 10 STUDENTS)

If you are considering teaching as a career path, please check that you meet the subject prerequisites for your preferred place of study as Teacher registration requirements have resulted in Queensland tertiary institutions introducing new subject prerequisites for many of their education degrees.

QTAC was advised of these and other changes after QTACs 'Tertiary Prerequisites 2016' was published.

Please be sure to refer to the separate PDF document on QTACs public and Corporate websites. It can also be accessed via the following link for your convenience:

www.qtac.edu.au/Downloads/Schools/TP_Course_Changes_220813.pdf

3. QUT has a team of highly qualified and dedicated careers counsellors working within the Moreton Bay region with schools and communities to build aspirations, enhance career development and promote access to a wide range of study and career options. Their counsellors offer a range of services including:

- Career development programs and activities in schools
- Professional development opportunities for teachers
- Free, independent, one-to-one career counselling sessions for students, parents and community members
- Access to on-line resources and information

To enhance our services they have created a Facebook page www.facebook.com/yourfuturecareer to assist community with easily accessible advice, upcoming events, self-help tools and other resources.

As Year 12s come to the end of their school year they will be keeping them up-to-date with:

- Free career planning resources
- QTAC information – especially reminders about closing dates
- Applying for EAS (Educational Access Scheme)
- How to apply for scholarships
- Advice on upgrading if they don't get the OP/Rank they expected
- Writing resumes and cover letters
- Reminders to accept their QTAC offers promptly
- How to plan for 2014

Kara MacLennan
Guidance Officer

SKI TRIP 2014:

Any students currently in Years 10 or 11 who would be interested in attending the Ski Trip during the June/July holidays next year see Mr Bradford in K Block staffroom for an information sheet. There are currently about 10 spots left. The trip is to Perisher, will cost approximately \$1450-\$1500 which includes all hire gear, accommodation, two meals per day and transport.

Have a chat with your parents/caregivers, complete the clearance forms and you are on your way. This year's crew had a blast!!

Alan Bradford
Health and Physical Education Teacher



Students and staff from 2013 Ski Trip

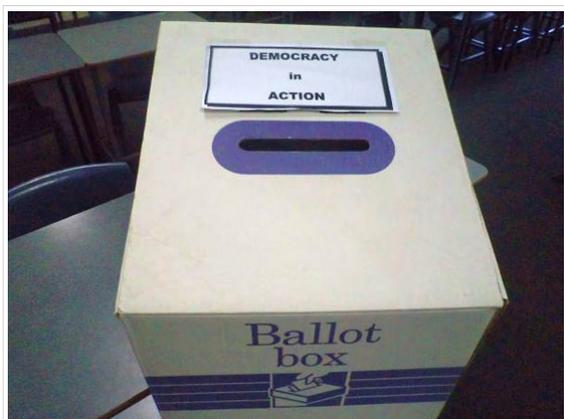
The ART and Science of Teaching (ASOT):

This month includes more snapshots of ASOT in use in the school.

Teena Norman - Why do we have Learning Goals in Year 8 Social Science?

Imagine you are asked to travel to a city that you have not visited before. What will you do when you get there? Without a specific purpose for the visit and some helpful guidelines on how to achieve this, you could feel lost or waste your time while achieving very little. Research indicates that being in a classroom without knowing the direction for the learning, is similar to taking a pointless trip to an unfamiliar city.

Learning goals can also help parents understand and become engaged in what their child is learning. For example, in Social Science, Parents can ask specific questions such as “What have you learnt about voting at elections?” Hopefully, this will lead to beneficial parent-student discussions. Examples of Year 8 Social Science learning goals are shown below.



Warren Steel
Head of Department – Teaching and Learning

ASOT ON TRACK:

Did you know that students are far more likely to succeed when they are able to track and monitor their own learning?

It is for this reason that Morayfield State High School is implementing tracking sheets so that students can track their progress toward their learning goals. These tracking sheets list a series of learning objectives, ranging in complexity, that lead up to an overarching learning goal for a unit of work. Students can reflect on where they are in relation to the learning goal; they may be “getting there”, they may have “got it” or they may be “going beyond” it. By having a transparent process that explains what each stage of learning looks like, students are able to recognise how far they have already come as well as what they have to do in order to improve.

At this stage, tracking sheets are in their infancy. Teachers are implementing them with Year 8 classes only. However, we will use the feedback generated from this trial stage to perfect the process and they will eventually be used to assist other year levels with their learning, too.

Michaela Lee and Deanna Mann
ASOT Team Members

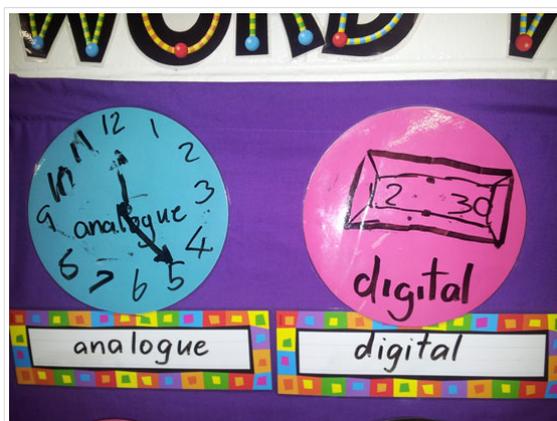


Off the Shelf

Words and Numbers Go Together



This year vocabulary has been a key focus for the Literacy and Numeracy Team and teachers across the school have been implementing vocabulary strategies in all subjects. Students in all year levels and all subject areas have been learning about the specific and technical language that applies to their specific subject and the topics they are studying. Check out the pictures below to see some of the excellent charts and word walls that have been created by teachers and students this year.



Now the September break is upon us, check out these boredom busters to keep you busy these holidays.

Fun Stuff that beats Homework!

- Play a board game with friends or family.
- Play a card game.
- Grab the local newspaper and do the puzzles inside.
- Check out the ‘funny’ pages of the newspaper.
- Collect all the free catalogues that you get in the letter box and make a ‘dream’ board... what do you want for Christmas?
- Visit the local library where membership is free and you can borrow magazines, DVDs, computer games and books.
- The local library also organises FREE holiday programs and activities for primary and secondary school students.

- Go outside for an hour and count how many steps it takes to walk from your house to the end of the street, to the local shops or to the nearest bus stop.
- Read a book and review it at www.insideadog.org.au
- Write your own short story and post it online.

Have a great holiday!

Melissa Hughes
Literacy and Numeracy Coach

Year 10 Health Education - Teen Obesity and Nutrition Seminar:

On Thursday evening, 5 September, the Year 10 Health Education students attended a seminar at Chermerside about teen obesity and nutrition. As always the students represented our school very well and the organisers and speakers at the event were very pleased with our attendance.

Students listened to a presentation by a sports dietician in regards to healthy eating and healthy body shape. The information was invaluable to this group of students who are currently studying a unit on Teenage Nutrition and Eating Disorders. Students were attentive and made use of the opportunity to access a professional in this field by asking many relevant and interesting questions. Many of these students have selected Senior Health Education as a subject next year and I look forward to working with this group of young people.

Natasha Galbraith
Senior Health Education Teacher



Year 10 Health students who attended the seminar

All Schools Touch Teams play in Toowoomba:

After an early morning departure, both the Girls and Boys Open Touch All Schools teams headed up the Toowoomba Range to take on the best teams in South West Queensland. The girls were missing a few key players but toiled hard all day, eventually winning their last game. Despite a slow start the boys won four from five games, gaining momentum throughout the day. Despite finishing equal top on the ladder the boys missed the final on for and against points. Alex Albert and Brennan Griffin were stand-outs while David Patterson, only in Year 9, filled in at late notice and gave nothing away to students much older. Leah Griffin, Bianca Stewart and Taylah Lakerdis shone for the girls, helping their team mates gain much needed

experience. None of this would have happened if Mr O'Connor, Ms Purves or Mr Forman did not dedicate their Sunday to take us.

Boys: Brennan Griffin (Captain), David Paterson, David Stoff, Trent Smith, Alex Albert, Daniel Smith, Luke Ford, Matt Paulo, Charlie Barden and Nathan Feldman.

Girls: Bianca Stewart, Lauren Jones, Tiana Muir, Tyroszha'e Toby, Br'ee Toby, Taylah Lakerdis (Captain), Nicola Gardner, Emily Griffin, Leah Griffin, Caitlan Satherley and Courtney Stephens.

A thank you must go to Christopher Lakerdis and Luke Wagner. Both of these young talented referees worked the whole day; if they were not willing to ref none of this would have happened.

Our next carnival is at Bribie on the last day of term where we will field teams in four divisions before we head to Whites Hill in Brisbane for the biggest school aged touch carnival in the world.

Christopher Lakerdis
Student and Referee



Alex Albert



Brennan Griffin

SPORT:

Recently nine students attended the Regional Track and Field carnival at Sunshine Coast University to try and qualify for State titles in October and represent the Sunshine Coast region. All students performed well and had a good day.

Griffin Roberts (14s 100m), Johanne Cantuba (13s discus, and shot put), Shiquia Rihari (14s javelin, long jump and triple jump) were all successful in their events to qualify for the State titles and a big congratulations to all three students for a fantastic effort.

Well done to Braydon Cook (15s 800m), Lisa Girling (16s discus), Leah Griffin (15s 800m), Monique Hardie (14s discus), Jed Motu (15s shot put), and Nia Qaranivalua (14s shot put) for competing and in some cases, going very close to qualifying as well.

Outdoor Recreational Sport:

Year 11 and 12 students will be spending some time doing activities in Term 4 involving the "great outdoors". Year 11 Outdoor Recreation students will be participating in canoeing for six weeks whilst the Year 12 students will be snorkelling their way up and down Caboolture Pool as they gain their competencies for their Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation. This is a good, fun way to enhance your education!

Good Luck to Dominic:

Year 10 student Dominic Paino, will be representing the 15s Lions Academy next week in Coffs Harbour in AFL. He will be competing against two Greater Western Sydney Academy teams and the Gold Coast Suns Academy in a four way competition. Should be great fun and good experience for him!



Dominic Paino

Steve Moody
Junior Sports Master

Open Morayfield State High School Netball Team shine on court

Congratulations to the following Senior girls who have had a successful season of interschool netball becoming the Sunshine Coast South District Grand Final Winners in the Open Division of netball:

- Year 12 – Renee Clifton, Nicola Gardner, Lauren Jones, Ashley Mollins and Tiana Muir.
- Year 11 – Lucy Doxanakis, Taylor Graham, Vicky Taufa and Jasmyn Waldock.

This talented group of ladies coached by Mrs Bernie Toohey, played an inspirational game of netball recently to come from being down against a very tall and accurate shooting Northside Christian College team to win their Met Semi-Final by 3 goals in what was a nail biting finish. The team has now progressed on to participate in the Brisbane Metropolitan Grand Final, where they will be playing Marsden State High School to determine who is this year's overall Senior Netball Champions.

This is an amazing achievement for the team as several of the girls do not even play netball outside of school, yet they are now currently ranked as 1 of the top 2 Senior School Netball teams participating in this year's Brisbane Metropolitan Series. The staff and students at Morayfield State High School wish the team good luck in their Grand Final.



Front Row: (L- R) Tiana Muir, Renee Clifton , Taylor Graham, Nicola Gardner

Back Row: (L-R) Jasmyn Waldock, Lucy Doxanakis, Vicky Taufa, Ashley Mollins, Lauren Jones

Community Notices:

What's on at the Asperger Centre:

17 September - 9.30 am to 12.00 noon

Pamper Morning with Vee Myles

How would it feel to close the door on the outside world, to have all your worries and cares float away while you indulge in a morning of self pampering?

17 September - 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

"FROM THIS DAY FORWARD"....

Josie Santomauro and Robert McLachlan

This is a workshop for couples (one partner with Asperger's)

Together they share how a marriage which involves Asperger's can work, how to navigate the twists and turns and where to uncover the many rewards!

9 October - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

High School Students with Autism Spectrum Condition an introductory workshop for parents and carers.

presented by Anna Tullemans (parent, author and consultant)

Anna will be discussing high school issues, including behaviours, sensory issues, processing verbal information, work or further studies, and much more

24 October - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Different Pathways to Education

Dr Marion Igarashi

Dr Igarashi will be discussing with you how your child can receive a good education through different pathways and still achieve university entry.

29 October - 9.30 am to 12.00 noon

"An introduction to Autism spectrum condition for Grandparents and Foster Parents"

presented by Anna Tullemans (parent, author and consultant)

Topics include:

What is an Autism Spectrum Condition, how to support friends and family who have been diagnosed with ASC, understanding the sensory issues my grandchild has and more

30 October - 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

"Transition to Work"

presented by Anna Tullemans (parent, author and consultant)

Topics include:

Why we need to a transition program to work

Who should be involved in this program

What does work ready really mean?

Should you disclose ASC to an employer? and much more

DIARY ENTRY - ASA CHRISTMAS PARTY **SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**

Secret Agent Society - Solving the Mystery of Social Encounters

Social Skills Program starting Term 1 2014

Youth Group meets every Friday - 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Contact the office on 07 3865 2911 for more information

Adult Support Group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Parent Support Group meets every 1st Wednesday of the month

7.30 pm to 9.00 (except school holidays)

Coffee Morning - Every 3rd Thursday of the month

from 9.30 to 11.30 am (except school holidays)

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Stefanie Evans