

## Newsletter No. 07 - 23 May 2008

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### **SPORTING HOUSES**

CHATAWAY

DENNISS

FORGAN

MACKAY

### **UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Monday - Friday

8:00am - 11:00am

An enthusiastic group of about 100 students were fantastic representatives for our school at the Relay for Life. Our students were awarded the Best School Award and were noticeable by both their number and their attitude. Community service is a great advertisement for our school and our students and I thank members of the community who supported our teams who raised approximately \$7000. A big thank you as well to Miss Ross and the team of teachers who supported our kids. Well done to all.

Our Year 9 students completed their national testing last week and most students felt it went OK. I will report back to the community when we have our results. Our Year 8 students are currently in camp mode. The first group have completed their camp and the second group go on Monday. I visited on Tuesday and all the students were enjoying themselves. Thank you to all the staff who made the camp possible.

Our Breakfast Club recently celebrated its first year of service to the school. Our School Youth Nurse has done a great job with this and our students enjoy the morning fare. Thanks to all staff and community groups that support this excellent program.

This year the school is participating in the Rock Eisteddfod under the direction of Ms Crocker. It is a big commitment from students and staff. I look forward to seeing the show in a fortnight when they perform at the Pilbeam Theatre in Rockhampton. On the same note our music students are currently in heavy practice for Fanfare which is also rapidly approaching. The bands sound excellent and I also look forward to their upcoming performances.

Congratulations to Ian Read (Under 15) and Patrick O'Hanlon (Under 18) who have both been selected to play in Queensland Secondary Schools Rugby League teams. Ian will play in Brisbane in June and Pat will play in Darwin in July. Hopefully they can give the Blues a hard time.

Can I remind parents that the annual contribution should be paid by now. This money is used for subject resources and consumables. If you have any problems making payment could you please contact me to arrange a payment schedule.

We are approaching a stressful time for our students as exams soon dawn upon us. This time is especially stressful for our seniors. In your discussions with your son/ daughter remind them that plenty of rest, water and a healthy lifestyle is the best preparation for successful completion of their work.

***M J O'Hanlon***

- 09 June—Queens Birthday
- 30 June—School Holidays begin

## *Young Chef Competition*

Mackay State High is very proud of the achievements of our students who won both the senior and junior sections of the Rotary sponsored, interschool Young Chefs Competition.

Jonathan Raoux and Sam Dyer combined together in the senior section to produce a main course of ratatouille, Tasmanian salmon on rosemary skewers, with a basil pesto and crème brûlée for dessert.

Kody Smith and Savannah Geisler in the juniors made a risotto topped with pan fried chicken breast, fresh asparagus and baby carrots with a balsamic drizzle. A dessert of a chocolate basket filled with rockmelon, watermelon and honeydew melon balls was set off with a custard sauce, fanned strawberry and chocolate hearts.

The cost of the meal must not exceed \$30 and has a two hour limit. Students must pay attention to safety, hygiene, nutrition and table setting .

The standard of competition is improving each year over the last six years and schools thank Rotary for this opportunity for students.



*(Junior and Senior Young Chef Competition Winners—*

## *Change of Address & Phone Numbers*

Parents, Carers and Guardians are reminded to let the School know when you may change address, phone numbers (including work and mobile numbers). In the case of an emergency it enables the office staff to contact relevant family members easily. Could you please remind your student that if they should become ill at school, or need to go home for whatever reason, could they report to the office staff so **THEY** can contact the relevant parent / guardian / carers.

## *Work Experience Program*

Our Structured Workplace Learning program has achieved great successes for our students in past years, and this year we will continue to work hard towards positive experiences for our students. Preparation for work experience needs to begin 7-8 weeks prior to the commencement, as placing a large group of students is a time-consuming process.

This means that placement forms need to be collected from the school and returned quite early in the process. Placements where forms or payments are handed in after the due date can not be guaranteed. The dates of work experience include:

21 July— 01 August – Year 11 and 12

11 August— 22 August – Year 10

Letters have been sent home with interested students in Years 11 and 12 this week for their work experience block. Please discuss this with your children if you would like them to participate.

Year 10 students are being offered work experience within the school year for the first time. All students in Year 10 are completing a Certificate I in Work Education as part of their studies, and work experience is a compulsory unit within this course. It provides the students with access to a work environment and exposure to industries that we can not provide them within a school setting. Placement forms will be handed to all Year 10 students on the 12 June in preparation for this.

Mackay Region School Industry Links Scheme (MRSILS) is the company which arranges all of our work experience placements. They charge a fee of \$30 per placement, per student. This fee can be paid at the school's front office. If you have any queries regarding our Work experience program, feel free to contact me at the school.

**Robyn Robinson**

**Head of Senior Schooling**

## *Parents Support Workshop*

### **Parents Support Workshop & Morning Tea**

On Thursday 29 May from 9:00 – 11:00 am, Mackay State High School will be hosting a free morning tea for parents of Year 9 & 10 students where you will be able to meet with the many services available for young people to help with the transition from school to work or further studies.

Students will receive a detailed letter this week with more information regarding this workshop. Confirmation of attendance is required by Monday 26 May for catering purposes. Please contact Ms. Robinson on 49579152 for any enquires or to RSVP.

**Robyn Robinson**

**HOD Senior Schooling**

## *P & C News*

TRIVIA NIGHT ! TRIVIA NIGHT ! TRIVIA NIGHT ! Mackay State High School P&C are holding their annual Trivia Night this Saturday Night 24 May. It is always a great night full of fun and laughs - also an opportunity to win some terrific prizes while helping to raise money for the school. So come on, have a few drinks and let your hair down for the evening while you match wits with the best the school has to offer!

Our next meeting is Monday 26 May and we would love to see some new faces. If you have an interest in taking a more active role in your child's education - there is no reason to feel intimidated, come along and get involved.

## *Marine & Aquatic Studies*

Last week was a busy one in the Marine classes. Marine Studies and Ms Aitkin's biology class spent a day at Shoal Point doing a rocky shore study.

Students worked busily mapping the profile of The Shore and they all really enjoyed finding and identifying more and more sea creatures as the tide fell.

We then ventured to Eimeo Creek to identify the different mangroves species there. The only disappointment for the day was when a trapped octopus actually turned out to be a brittle star fish!!

The field report is due this Wednesday 28/05/08.

The year 12 Marine and Aquatic students spent Friday boating and fishing out of the Pioneer river mouth and around Flat Top Island. The weather was fantastic for us. We used our charts to help navigate our way out and to relate shore features to the charts. Most people caught small fish with Britnee Kelly catching a lovely sladey bream. The willing efforts of these students in unloading and re-loading our boat trailer helped make an enjoyable day for Ms Green and myself.



# Double Helix Science Club



## SPORTS CORNER



Mackay—Double Helix Science Club—Holiday Events.

Venue: Mackay State High School (O Block, Lab O—04)

Cost: \$12 for Double Helix Science Club members  
\$15 for non-members (Become a member today. Ask how when you book).

Times: 10:00—11:30 or 12:30—2:00.

**For all sessions, children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult.**

### BRIGHT SPARKS

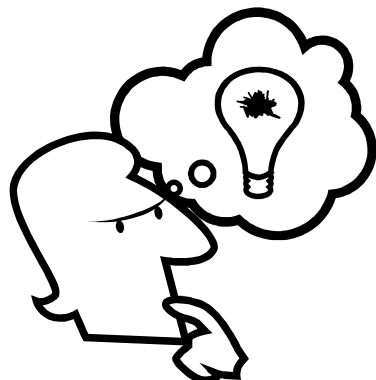
Tuesday 01 July 2008 Ages 5-15

You will be working like an electrician while learning about electric circuits.

You will build electric circuits to make lights glow, fans spin and even build a radio!

Bookings are essential! Contact us on 4725 7887

- \* Please cancel bookings if you can't make it as there are often waiting lists for events.
- \* Children aged 5-6 years **MUST** be accompanied by an adult for the entire session.



There is a lot of sports teams in action at the moment and Mackay State High School teams are going well.

A big congratulations to Ian Read and Pat O'Hanlon for making the Queensland Secondary Under 15 and Open Rugby League teams respectively. Well Done boys. Pat represented the Capricornia region which made the final at the State Championships. Mackay was well represented in the Capricornia teams with 8 from Mackay State High School, 2 in the Open team and 6 in the Under 15 team. A great effort!

Another 6 students are at State Titles this week. We have Chenaye Neale, Krissa Nielson and Emily Arnold at the State Netball titles and Sam Horton, Callum Dick and Sam McCann at the State Under 15 AFL titles. We wish all 6 students well.

There have also been many Mackay State High School students attending Basketball and Under 15 Football trials this week.

### SPORTS RESULTS

First XIII Rugby League—a hard fought victory over Emmaus College 16 - 10.

Cricket - Played well but lost a good game to St. Pats. Mackay State High School 8—100 (25 overs) St Pats 5-101 (18 overs).

Basketball - Boys Won an entertaining close fought match against Mercy A. 59 - 56 A great game.

Basketball - Girls Played well and are improving but Holy Spirit came away with the win.

Lawn Bowls - First game was lost on the final bowl of the last end. MCC 14 MSHS 12

Rugby Union - Open Boys Playing extremely good rugby and are undefeated.

MSHS 29 - St Pats 19

MSHS 33 - WAS 21

Open Girls - First game was convincingly won.

MSHS 30 - MIRANI 12