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Monday - Friday

8:00am - 11:00am

What an impressive night our Main Awards evening was. I was thrilled to see so many parents there supporting the endeavors of their children. As always the Mackay Entertainment Centre is a great venue and I felt it really allowed us to showcase the many and varied talents of our students. Congratulations to Mr Skinner and his team for their superb organization of the evening. Our guest speaker Miss Tanya Reedman provided a great perspective to our students on making the best of every opportunity that comes to you. As an ex Mackay State High School student Miss Reedman has made her way in the demanding world of Building and Construction and as a young woman this is a credit to her. If you were unable to attend and would like a program please contact the office and a full list of award recipients will be printed in the Mercury.

The quality of our musical performers on Main Awards night was again outstanding. Hours of hard work goes into these productions and I am sure, like me, any of you who were there would have enjoyed the level and quality of performance. Congratulations students and teachers, Mr Johnson, Mrs Boyd and Mr Agius.

This Friday night Mrs Camilleri and her organizing committee are running the Year 10 Formal. I am sure the students will be enjoying themselves on this night. Thank you to the staff and students who have organized this event.

Our Year 12s finish Friday 21 November and parents are reminded that students must attend on that day where a presentation will take place. Parents are welcome so please see information inside. Many students drive cars on this day so please advise them to be careful. There will be a Police presence on the day.



M J O'Hanlon
Principal

- 21 November—Final Day
Year 12
- 28 November—Final Day
Years 10 & 11
- 12 December—Final Day
Years 8 & 9

Salvation Army Appeal

The Festive Season is fast approaching. Along with the joy of the occasion comes sadness for many of our local families who can't afford the little extras that go along with Christmas.

Mackay State High School students have a tradition of giving to the Salvation Army Appeal at this time. We ask each family to help someone less fortunate by giving one or two of the usual non-perishable Christmas items suitable for a hamper or a child's toy (unwrapped). These items are passed on to the Salvation Army to be distributed in Hampers to local families at Christmas.

Last year we had a fantastic response from our families and we hope to be able to do the same this year. If your family is able to help, please send the items along with your child to the Year Co-ordinator's room (E6) before the end of November.

Bob Rowlinson—Organiser

The Arts

Congratulations to all members of the Mackay State High School Bands and Ensembles who played so well at this year's Mackay Eisteddfod. The String Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Stage Band and Concert Band all performed with distinction.

In a very competitive Open and Schools Instrumental Groups sections this year our bands received two seconds and a third placing and three highly commended. All band members are also to be congratulated for the way in which they conducted themselves at the Mackay Entertainment Centre.

Thanks to Mrs Boyd, Mr Agius and Mr Johnston for the work they have put in with our students over the year.

The annual Starlight Concert and Art Exhibition will be held in the grassed area outside P Block and in the foyer of the P Block Auditorium on Wednesday 05 November starting at 5:30 pm.

Students who are performing will need to be at P Block by 5:00 pm. Families and friends are invited to bring a chair and enjoy the Bands and Ensembles final performance for 2008 and the art of Mackay State High School students. Thanks to the P&C for their support of this event.

2008 Year 12 Formal

Twinkling Fairy Lights, Sheer Ceiling Drapes and Black, White and Silver Helium Balloons and will set the scene for this year's Year 12 Formal which is to be held at Souths Leagues Club Function Room on **Wednesday 19 November 2008** from 6:00pm till 11:30pm.

It is set to be a great night with Parents, family and friends invited to attend the Formal for a short time from 6:00pm – 7:00pm for drinks and appetisers.

Student Tickets are \$55 per person which includes a two course Buffet menu providing a wide variety of foods for even the fussiest of eaters to choose from. Numbers must be finalised for catering purposes and so Tickets must be purchased from the General Office by **Friday 07 November 2008**.

Students are able to book a table (max of ten people per table) and a photography session if required. Photographer, Glenn Wilson of Glenn Wilson Studios spoke to the year 12's during the first week of term 4 and has given out photo price lists which hopefully have made their way home. No prepayment is required at the time of photography, payment is made when ordering. Each person with a photo booking will also be required to book an appointment time with Glenn after the Formal to view the photo proofs and order and pay for photos. You may wish to consider having *family photos* taken as this is a great opportunity to have professional photos without paying the price of a sitting fee. Also family shots make a great Christmas present for relatives. There will be a limited time for photo orders as time lines are tight to get orders in before Christmas, so get in quickly and book a photo viewing appointment when booking your table and photography session.

The Formal Committee has put a lot of thought into making this a memorable night and a fitting finale to your school years.

**Mrs Donna Sumpter and the
Year 12 Formal Committee**

Donation of Tennis Balls

The Physical Education Department would like to thank Mrs Burdon and the Mackay Tennis Association for their very kind donation of tennis balls. The staff and students greatly appreciate it.

Mrs Pauline Place
A/Hod –Phys Ed

Schoolies 2008 Information Booklet

'Be safe and watch your mates' Schoolies 2008 Information Booklet

The Queensland Government has developed the 'Be safe and watch your mates' Schoolies 2008 Information Booklet for Queensland Year 12 students.

The free booklet contains important information that graduating students should be aware of before attending any Schoolies occasion, to help keep themselves and their friends safe.

Focusing on health and safety, alcohol and drug awareness, personal responsibility, and young people's rights as consumers, the booklet is a useful tool for teachers and parents to engage in conversation with Year 12 students and encourage healthy behaviour.

Year 12 students should receive a copy of the booklet from their school, or alternatively a copy can be ordered by calling 13 13 04 by on the Queensland Government's official Schoolies website: www.schoolies.qld.gov.au

More useful information is available for parents and students on the Schoolies website, including this year's top safety tips, key contact numbers, and important topics for parents to discuss with their teenager before they finish school.

Spending time reading this information now and talking with your teenager about how to safe stay can help to ensure that Schoolies is a time to remember for all the right reasons.

AFL—2009

Are you interested in playing AFL in 2009?

The Andergrove kangaroos are seeking new and existing players to join our great club. We are the youngest club in Mackay and will soon have the newest facilities based at Pioneer State High School. Season sign on will be held early 2009. For further information contact: James Piercy—0423 781776 or Paul Chatfield—0438 795791.

The 2008 German Experience

It was an **adventure** through Europe from September 13 to October 12. What memories for the 16 Mackay State High School students and 3 teachers!! From being sold mobile phones in Singapore which did not operate in Europe, to witnessing theft by children on the Metro beneath Paris. They enjoyed the canal tour through Amsterdam nearly as much as the celebrations at the Octoberfest in Munich. The visit to Dachau Concentration Camp was a sobering event as was the World War II bunker tour beneath Berlin.

Our students were hosted by very friendly families in the German cities of Essen and Halberstadt. They attended schools and were expected to participate in lessons, an instant education using the German language. Whilst living with the families, our students enjoyed the local food and culture. All 16 students proved to be outstanding ambassadors for Mackay State High School and its community.

The touring party benefited immensely from the tireless fund-raising led by Mr Rowlinson and they also sincerely thank the sponsors for their generous help.

Ms Jones was faultless with all of her preparations for the tour. She should be proud of her efforts. Her organisation allowed the 4 weeks to flow so smoothly.

Families of the Tour of Germany 2008 will enjoy a photo reminisce, BBQ and chat at Mackay High at 6:00pm on Friday 07 November 2008.

Students and teachers involved in the tour:

Chloe Tucker, Brittney Taylor, Tereana Suhle, Tahlia Scholfeld, Nicholas Russell, Klarissa paustian, Melanie Mather, Laya Jones, Lachlan Jones, Hames Howard, Victoria Fakamura, Amy Evans, Christoph Duval, Kahlan Cliffe, Chriatopher Blain, Sam Bouer, Ms Jones, Mr Rowlinson and Mr McGann.



School Based Glass and Glazing Apprenticeship

3½ Apprenticeship

This position would suit a student currently studying grade 10, 11 or 12 to work one **PAID** day per week.

This Apprenticeship would a great opportunity for someone with a genuine interest in this field.

The Job

- ◆ Analyse and interpret drawings, plans and specifications
- ◆ Measure the amount of glass required for the job
- ◆ Place glass sheets onto cutting tables and mark the area using a specialised glasscutters
- ◆ Use a variety of drills and cutters to put holes in glass
- ◆ Safely remove broken glass and mirrors from work stations
- ◆ Clean and prepare surfaces for re-glazing
- ◆ Smooth and polish edges utilising grinding or bevelling wheels
- ◆ Fit the cut glass into the required frames using putty, chemical compounds or rubber strips
- ◆ Install glass and mirrors in windows, skylights, display cases, interior walls and ceilings

The Skills

- ◆ Enjoyment of practical work
- ◆ Precision and accuracy
- ◆ Ability to cope with work outdoors and at heights
- ◆ Mathematical mind to calculate measurements
- ◆ Attention to detail
- ◆ Safety Awareness

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Warehouse Traineeships

MRAEL is currently recruiting for any individuals considering or interested in undertaking a Warehouse and Storage Traineeship.

The Job

Your day will be full of variety.

You will be responsible for receipting, stock locating, stock maintenance, stock replenishment, forklift operation, order picking, packaging, stocktaking and reconciliation and order checking and dispatch.

The Person

If you want a career as a Store person, Forklift Driver, Store Supervisor or Store Manager this is the traineeship for you!

You will need to be physically fit, as you will handle objects of many different shapes and sizes.

Age Open

The Skills

Current Drivers Licence or obtaining one soon

Sound marks in Maths & English

Good communication and customer skills

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