There is a very focused school improvement agenda at Maroochydore State High School.
1. Improving teacher capability;
2. Improving student outcomes, especially Year 9 NAPLAN and Year 12 exit outcomes; and
3. Improving student attendance.
While we have continued to progress our agenda around improving teacher capability, we have focused heavily on two school wide targets to strengthen the culture for learning in our school:
1. 92% attendance; and
2. 100% completion of assessment.
Research is very clear that no matter what the ability of the child, if a young person attends school regularly (i.e. every day) and completes every piece of assessment to the best of their ability, they will improve. It’s something that we all need to work on together and it begins at home. When students attend and participate they enjoy success like that which is outlined in the pages that follow. Enjoy!
Strive, serve, succeed and shine @ Maroochydore High!
Boyd Jorgensen
Principal

Once again it is a privilege to be asked to contribute to this magazine. Between its covers lies the essence of what our school is about and how proud we are of all that is achieved within its walls.

We live in a busy world where the only constant seems to be change. The needs of our children have changed as they have grown. Technology moves at a startling rate. The world of today is very different from the world I grew up in. Our young people must constantly navigate these extraordinary times.

As parents we are our children’s ‘first teachers’. We hope that we have instilled in them not only the desire to acquire knowledge but also the values and beliefs we hold dear.
I am fortunate, as are many of us, to have a permanent job. I hope for my children that they will also able to obtain permanent work in the area of their choice. I have also encouraged them to develop a good work ethic so that they will be valued in any work place. They need to acquire this long before they begin work. Their teachers have also encouraged this, as it is a necessity of life. This is where Maroochydore State High School is a great preparation for ‘the real world’.

Attending school every day will help continue to boost our attendance rates, which is linked with academic achievement. We aim at 92% attendance (ask any student and they will know this). Students are also able to articulate that it is expected that they submit every assessment piece. To me, these are simple targets and a minimum rather than an aspirational standard.

As parents we do much to encourage our students – so we must always encourage their attendance to school and the academic requirements of it. It is our responsibility to support this in our homes.

After all, school is a child’s ‘work’ and it is preparation for life.

Cheers
Julie Lowry
Getting Ready FOR SECONDARY

PLANNING FOR JUNIOR SECONDARY

A focus for school planning this year has been planning and preparing for the move of Year 7 into High School in 2015. We have developed a Junior Secondary Implementation Plan that identifies and plans for all of the elements required to ensure that we will have a very successful transition of Year 6 and Year 7 into Year 7 and Year 8 at Maroochydore High in 2015. The photograph shows our senior leadership team at a planning day for junior secondary held earlier this year.

JUNIOR SECONDARY PRECINCT AND FACILITIES

A master Facilities Plan has been developed that identifies clearly the establishment of a Year 7 precinct and extensive building program that will take place in preparation for the Year 7 students coming to high school in 2015. A number of important decisions have been made in preparation for 2015. The most fundamental is that the school will be reorganized into two semi-autonomous but clearly aligned sub schools. Each will have approximately 650 students, there will be a Principal or Head of School for each of the sub schools and the both sub schools will be supported by a Head of School Executive Services.

The rationale is that the learning needs of 11-14 year olds are very different to those of 15-18 year olds and it means that lesson lengths, subject offerings, teaching methods and support structures can be better tailored to the needs of each age group. It will allow the Head of Senior School and the Head of Junior School to focus on teaching, learning and student well-being while the Head of School Executive Services provides the administrative and managerial support for both sub schools.

Mr David Samaha has been appointed Head of School Senior Secondary, Mr Ken Ernst has been appointed Head of School Junior Secondary and Mr Peter Jones has been appointed Head of School Executive Services.

Strive AND SERVE

SENIOR LEADERS’ INVESTITURE:

The new school leaders at Maroochydore State High School received their badges of office at the Senior School Leadership Induction Ceremony held on 18th February in the Jubilee Hall. Badges were presented by Principal Mr Boyd Jørgensen, Miss Fiona Simpson MP, Assistant Regional Director Mr Colin Allen-Waters, Deputy Principals Mr Peter Jones and David Samaha, Moolaabah Lions Club Leo mentor, Mr Albert Gay, Heads of Year Mr Eric Grayson and Ms Susan Blanle and Ms Belinda Ford, of Bendigo Bank Maroochydore.

Just prior to being inducted, all of the gold badge leaders also spent a day in the Maroochydore RSL Club Board Room with Ms Shona Benjamin, Senior Schooling Head of Department and Year 12 Head of Year Ms Liana Gerba, where they engaged in leadership development activities and in developing their action plan for the year.
LEOS CLUB UNDER WAY AGAIN

The partnership between the Mooloolaba Lions Club and Maroochydore State High School continues to grow and the second Board was inducted in a ceremony in February. Swanies Leos Club is sponsored by the Mooloolaba Lions Club and the induction was attended by President Dean Farrow, Leos Mentor Albert Gay and more than a dozen Lions and Lionesses. Albert Gay commented on how it was only two years ago that a Leos Club in a local high school was a dream and now the Lions Club was working with its second group of Leos. The Leos Club presently has 18 members and following the induction, the Club members participated in a goal and direction setting workshop.

YEAR 9 LEADERSHIP DAY

Year 9 school and house leaders were given the opportunity to attend the ylead Altitude Day at the Maroochydore RSL in May. The workshop encouraged students to inspire dreams, unlock potential and to empower leaders. The aim of ylead is to “enrich the hearts and minds of all people through unique and powerful experiences that educate, inspire and empower”.

The day involved student activities where students were asked to meet students from other schools in a number of fun and innovative ways. The students were asked to look at their goals and aspirations, to think about who can help them achieve their goals, to establish what defines a positive mindset and what they need to make their goals happen and how they might overcome obstacles that get in their way.

RSL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Year 11 students, Jade Hanchard and Jayden Johnson-Moody each received a $2500 RSL Youth Development Program grant to go towards a community/ Humanitarian project for this year. Both Jade and Jayden applied for it last year so they could have it contribute to the Cambodian Humanitarian Project. They both attended a leadership day/night at Bond University on the Gold Coast, which was filled with motivational speakers, along with various activities aimed at leadership and teamwork.
ANZAC DAY

Two very respectful and memorable ANZAC Day ceremonies were held at Maroochydore State High School on 24 April, each of 30 minutes duration – one for the senior school, followed by one for the junior school.

Deputy Principal Ken Ernst lifted the bar even higher with these two ceremonies. The choir sang the National Anthem beautifully, as did Samantha Ballinger who sang the New Zealand National Anthem. Jon Cripps sang an emotional "I was only 19" and Katherine Ernst sang a very sensitive and moving "Abide with Me". The Maroochydore RSL was very well represented by Drew Wall who gave a brief and relevant speech about the meaning of ANZAC Day and the honour guard was provided by the cadets from Australian Airforce (207 Squadron). Sullivan Heywood concluded each ceremony with "The Last Post" and "Reveille".

On ANZAC Day, approximately 24 students marched, including our School Captains, Jesse Smart and Georgia Folket, Vice Captains, Tasleem Khan and Alex Mutch and Cultural Captain Katherine Ernst, who led the Maroochydore High contingent. They were accompanied by Principal Mr Boyd Jorgensen and Deputy Principal Mr Ken Ernst. The Maroochydore High Concert Band provided the music for the community service, very ably conducted by Mr Bruce Barnett.
TALENTED CHEF

At the annual Acclaim Apprentices and Trainees Awards Evening in February, Year 12 student Christopher Catchpole was announced as runner up in the School Based Apprentice category. Chris is currently doing a Certificate III Commercial Cookery Apprenticeship with Acclaim through host employer Novotel Twin Waters Resort. Chris won the school based apprentice for the December quarter in 2012.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

In January this year, James Williamson and Tasleem Khan attended the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in Perth and Canberra respectively. By all accounts they had an amazing time. The NYSF, which celebrated its 30th anniversary this year, brings together Australia’s brightest young scientific minds for twelve days of lively debates on major scientific issues, and interactions with some of the country’s premier research teams.

The University of Western Australia, Curtin University of Technology and the Australian National University proudly hosted the forum in 2013. As a school, we are extremely proud that from nearly two thousand applicants Australia wide, two of our students were selected for the 432 places on offer.

SHAVE FOR A CURE

Friday 15th March was our free dress day in Term 1 and it’s a major fundraiser for our Student Council’s charity work, but it was also ‘Shave for a Cure’ Day. Ella Blundell of Year 12 participated in ‘Shave for a Cure’ in memory of her cousin. Shaved by her father and supported by her mother, Ellen took the brave step of losing her hair in order to raise funds and awareness about Cancer Research. Ella has showed real commitment and leadership through her actions and is an inspiration and role model for others.

AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS MENTORING EXPERIENCE

At an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student morning tea, Darren Brady from AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) presented to Deputy Principal David Samoja a framed hoodie in appreciation of Maroochydore State High School students’ participation in the mentoring / leadership program at the University of the Sunshine Coast over the past two years.
FOGS CAREERS EXPO

In early Term 4, indigenous students attended the FOGs (Former Origin Greats) Career Expo at Lake Kawana Community Centre. The Expo gave students an insight into career pathways that are available through school-based training to apprenticeships and University Courses available. A highlight was meeting Petero Civoniceva.

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Early this year, Year 12 student Alex Mutch participated in the Primary Industries Centre for Science Education (PICSE) Industry Placement Scholarship (IPS) program. It is a two-week program held every year over the summer holidays. The program involves a week-long science camp and a week of industry placement at a local primary industry. During the camp, Alex travelled with 21 other students to various primary industries in the Sunshine Coast/Brisbane area. They were addressed by many Doctors of Science and informed of real-world applications of science far beyond that which takes place at school. Alex spent her week of industry placement working with Dr Sarah Windsor in the Research Laboratories at the University of the Sunshine Coast on a Student Research Project which compared Australian prescribed antimalarial insect repellents with insect repellent samples from Africa.

LIONS YOUTH OF YEAR

Year 12 competitors in the Lions Youth of the Year Competition this year were: Tasleem Khan, Micaela Prior, Jesse Smart, Matt Goulding, Jeff Dickinson-Fox, James Williamson, Catalina Kutner, Georgia Folk and Alex Mutch. This challenging competition involves students participating in an interview with a panel of judges, and public speaking at a Lions Club dinner meeting.

Maroochydore High students have had a long history of involvement and success in this competition. Last year Rhiannon Newberry progressed through to the State Finals round. This year James Williamson won the Mooloolaba Club competition and went through to the next round. Matt Goulding was awarded the Public Speaking prize at the Maroochydore Club.

All students performed extremely well and were a credit to our school. While the students admit to being very nervous about participating in this competition, all agree that the experience is very worthwhile in gaining confidence and maturity. Maroochydore High would like to thank the Mooloolaba, Maroochydore and Buderim Lions Clubs for providing this exceptional opportunity for our students.

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY BREAKFAST

The Zonta International women’s day Breakfast was held on 8th March at the Caloundra RSL. Georgia Folk and Kasey Furnell from Year 12 attended the breakfast, sponsored by local business and service organisations. Georgia and Kasey listened to Professor Dimitry Daran, founder and Executive Director of Here and Say, and Tessa Wallace, Olympic swimmer and Sunshine Coast Sportsperson of the Year 2012. The breakfast was superb and the speakers were inspiring and motivating.

EUMUNDI CHEF CHALLENGE

Maroochydore SHS is again this year working with the Eumundi Markets on the Market Chef promotion. Three Year 10 students: Dominic Boulle, Shania Farnham and Breanna Hammerstein participated on Wednesday 1st May to represent the school against St Teresa’s of Noosa. The students were well presented, demonstrated excellent hygiene and worked well together to prepare the demonstrated dishes - Pan fried sirloin, Duck for potatoes, green beans and a Béarnaise sauce.
MORE
Stunning
STUDENTS

NAPLAN

On 12, 13 and 14 May, the great majority of our Year 9 students participated in the annual National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy Tests. Students underwent five tests over the three days – Writing, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading Comprehension, Numeracy with a Calculator and Numeracy without a calculator. Our students participated very well and did their best to answer every question.

2013 SUNSHINE COAST SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Year 9 students enjoyed the annual Sunshine Coast Science and Engineering Challenge at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Term 2. Students said that it was a great experience as it tested their ability to work as a group and brought them together better as friends.

YEAR 9 INTER SCHOOL READERS CUP

Maroochydore High hosted the annual Year 9 Readers Cup competition. Teams from fifteen schools (including Maroochydore High) took part in this event which is organized by librarians in the Sunshine Coast area. Students competing in the event are required, as a team, to read six novels by a variety of authors over a period of about ten weeks. Then, on the night of the competition they must answer detailed questions about the plots, settings and characters of the novels.

Maroochydore High students competing this year were: Henry Zarb, Courtney Bradshaw, Sarah Faucett and Sarah Christensen, all from 9C. The students really enjoyed reading the novels, working as a team to memorize information from the books and of course competing against other schools on the Cup night.

Our team won their way to the finals and came third overall – a very creditable result. They received medals, certificates and a book prize each for their efforts.

SCHOLARSHIP AT MONASH UNIVERSITY

Post student Ho-Ni Nguyen (2012 Year 12 graduate) was awarded a scholarship from the Faculty of Engineering at Monash University in Melbourne. Ho-Ni, a high achieving student in Mathematics and the Sciences at Maroochydore High, has the added benefit of a scholarship as she pursues her goal of becoming an engineer.
**SPORTS Stars**

**NATIONAL BEACH SPRINT CHAMPION**

Year 10 student Nicole Kay was crowned the Open Women’s National Beach Sprint Champion! Nicole (from Mooloolaba Club) won the open beach sprint at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships held at North Kirra earlier this year. This is an outstanding effort for a 15 year old to win in open company. Nicole was also named Sunshine Coast Junior Sport Star of the Month in May.

**FUTURE GOLFING GREAT**

Year 12 student Shae Wool-Cobbs was selected in the Queensland Junior Interstate Boy’s Golf Team to compete in Western Australian in April in the national championships. Shae had finished 13th at the Junior Australian Golf Championships in Perth, shooting an even par score over four rounds. He then competed in the Queensland Interstate team in Bunbury and his efforts helped Queensland to win the Junior Interstate teams title for the first time since 2006.

**SWIMMING TO SUCCESS**

The Inter-House Swimming Carnival was a combined carnival again this year with all year 8 and 9 students attending and also the year 10, 11 and 12 students who nominated for events. The results were nearly a carbon copy of last year, with Lavarack victorious and Palmer a close second. Congratulations to Lavarack House, and in particular the Year 12s who showed great support for the carnival.

**INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY**

The annual Interhouse Cross Country was held on Tuesday, 7th May 2013. It was a perfect day for setting some fast times with an overcast sky and a fairly dry track. Again this year three records were broken – Sherree Godfrey (13yr Girls), Kirra Southwell and Casey Langton (16 yr Girls), and Jaya Nedelec-Bowen (17yr Boys). Sherree’s outstanding run resulted in a time which was the fastest of all girl’s age groups. All students went around the course in the quickest time to date and the standard of competition was again very high. Congratulations to Lavarack House who won for the 4th consecutive year.

Louis Geraghty (Year 10): Sunshine Coast Regional 16 years Rugby League team that competed in the State Championships at Wynnum in May.

Nathan Gibson (Year 12): member of the Umpires Team at the Queensland School Sport 16 years and Under Girls Invitational Australian Football Carnival held at Everton Park Football Club Brisbane in April and also a member of the Student Officials Team at the Queensland School Sport Under 15s Australian Football Championships held in Dalby in May.

Henry Hore (Year 9): played in 2013 Japan Youth Tournament Under 15 football at a tournament in Tokyo from 29 April-7 May.

Danica Bloomfield (Year 11): Sunshine Coast Regional Open Netball that competed in the State Championships held at Mackay in May 2013.

James Puschmann (Year 10): Sunshine Coast 15 Years School Boys AFL at the state championships in Dalby. After a freezing cold four days in Dalby James was selected to play in the Queensland 15 Years School Boys AFL team to compete in the nationals to be held in Darwin in August.

Mack Pearson (Year 10) and Riley Pearson (Year 8): Australian Dingoes Baseball Team from 16 June to 6 July.


Regional Cross Country place-getters: Sheree Godfrey (Year 8) - 2nd; Jaya Nedela-Brown (Year 12) – 3rd; Connor Buhk (Year 10) 5th.
ART ON THE HEADLAND

The annual Year 9 Art excursion to Alexandra Headland again produced a high quality of finished product. Students took in the coastal views from Alexandra Headland, using sketching and photography to produce concepts for lino prints.

‘BOUQUET’ FROM THE MUSIC CAMP AND CONCERT

The Music Camp from 27 February to 1 March and concluding concert produced the following response from a parent.

‘I was so impressed by the concert that the music students performed on Friday night that I thought I would drop you a line. What a fantastic programme - and to think that this was all pulled together over three days at band camp! The bands, stage band, concert band, the string section and the choirs provided a beautiful programme of music with a high standard of musical performance.

Congratulations must go to the music department. I think the band camp really worked - the young people bonded and it showed in all performances, which were tight and very professional. Also recognition should go the cultural captains - really lovely young people who obviously led the way. Congratulations to all the young people who performed and huge thanks to the music department - our children are indeed very lucky to have such a great team behind them.’
Home Economics

Happenings

Tourism – Stanthorpe Excursion

On 22nd and 23rd April, 27 Year 12 students happily travelled to Stanthorpe to complete the industry exposure component of their Wine Tourism qualification. The information gained on the excursion helped to complete assessment and assist in developing student knowledge ahead of their final piece of assessment for the term – a food and wine showcase.

The scripted commentaries completed on route proved challenging to the students as they had to use the microphone on the bus and act as a tour guide as we passed through various destinations. In Stanthorpe, we visited Ballandean Estates, Symphony Hill Winery, Bramble Patch, Siromet vineyard and the Queensland College of Wine Tourism, before heading to Brisbane to the XXXX factory tour at Milton where the students could look at fermentation, bottling and labelling systems.

Year 11 & 12 Restaurant Course

In May approximately 45 Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students completed a one week restaurant course. Students worked with qualified trainers from SmartSkills Australia. During the week, students gained invaluable knowledge and developed their practical skills in the area of food and beverage service, personal presentation, working with colleagues and customer service skills. On Thursday evening, staff and family members were invited to a three course meal. This provided the students with an opportunity to show off their excellent service skills in a real life situation. Students found the experience sometimes stressful yet challenging and rewarding.

Food and Wine Show

On Tuesday 11th June the Year 12 Tourism students conducted a Food and Wine show as the last part of the assessment for the Certificate III Wine Tourism unit. In pairs the students were required to set up a cellar door display to complement a chosen Australian wine and to highlight activities in the wine tourism region. The 80 guests helped to provide a very positive atmosphere where the students could explain the characteristics of the 16 chosen wines and the reasons for the paired food. It was a great event. The students put a lot of hard work into the production of their food and research to present a very professional and polished presentation to their guests.
FACULTY Features

MATHS DAY OF EXCELLENCE

The seventh Annual Maths Day of Excellence was held in the Jubilee Hall on Thursday 28 February. Ten of the top Maths students from Buderim Mountain, Bli Bli, Kuluin, Maroochydore, Pacific Paradise and Mooloolaba State Schools and Stella Maris Primary School joined the students from our Year 8 Challenge Program in an excellent day of learning and fun. Some of our top Year 10 Maths students provided invaluable assistance as ambassadors and hosts throughout the day.

2013 SUNSHINE COAST CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

On Tuesday 26th February, four students, Freya Munce, Leon Pope, Lucy Ballard and Jessica Betiga, represented Maroochydore State High School at the annual Sunshine Coast Schools Constitutional Convention at Lake Kawana Community Centre. The theme for the convention was – How should the Australian Constitution recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples as Australia’s first people?

Lyndon Davis, a representative from the Gubbi Gubbi people, made the welcome to country. Guest speakers included the Honourable Fiona Simpson, former Federal Minister Mal Brough and the Honourable Jenny Macklin.

Students discussed questions including – How should the Australian Constitution recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia’s first people and How else should the Australian Constitution recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

INFORMATION CENTRE

The Maroochydore High Information Centre is always a busy and vibrant place! Toward the end of the term though, as exams approach and assignments are due, the pace picks up even more and every available space is taken up. During breaks especially, the Information Centre is a hive of activity as students work individually, confer with their peers, print out assignments or simply relax for a few minutes between classes. The photos below show a typical lunch break inside the Information Centre at MSHS.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Immersed in School Life

We welcomed 11 new international students at the beginning of the year and 4 returning students. By midway through the term, the newly arrived students had settled into their classes after numerous subject changes and were working towards their end of term assessments. Teachers’ mid-term reporting indicated that all of the students had settled in well to their new learning environment.

Already they had hung ten or wiped out at Surf Awareness and had the opportunity to dive into the swimming carnival (Max and Lisa representing the school at the district carnival). Our internationals and a number of their Aussie friends cheered on the Broncos in the first round of the NRL against the Manly Sea Eagles. It was a great night and they can look forward to another trip to Suncorp Stadium in Term 3.
YEAR 10 BEACON AMBASSADORS INDUCTION DAY 2013

Our Beacon Ambassadors for 2013 along with Nambour and Burnside SHS spent the day with Jade Leishman and Anita Cannon from the Beacon Foundation and found out just what was required in their role as Ambassadors. Students talked about public speaking, event management, leadership and learnt all about what Beacon means. Students will attend meetings throughout the year to work on different projects with their first one being Get Dressed for Work Day in May.

GET DRESSED FOR WORK DAY - BEACON STUDENT AMBASSADORS

On the 8th May the Beacon Student Ambassadors held their first event of the year – Get Dressed for Work Day. The student ambassadors dressed up as a Sky Driving Instructor, Photographer, Surf Lifesaver, Fitness Instructor, Master Chef, Fire Fighter, Construction worker, Police Officer and much more! The students then surveyed their peers to see what sort of career pathway they are seeking after school. The top 5 career pathways from those students surveyed were: Health & Science, Hair & Beauty, Hospitality, Construction and the Arts.

GIRLS ACHIEVE PROGRAM

The Beauty House Academy located in Maroochydore opened their doors to seven very lucky female students for a day in Term 2. The students were given valuable information about resume writing and employers’ expectations about how they should conduct themselves at an interview. The highlight of the morning was the hair and makeup workshop conducted by Narelle. The girls were given some fantastic tips about how to apply some simple make up for an interview and also some great hair styling tips.

ARMY ADVENTURE FOR YEAR 12 GIRLS

Year 12 students, Haylee Wells and Lucy Ballard, spent the week 29th April – 3rd May at Gallipoli Army Barracks at Enoggera participating in the Defence Force Female Adventure Camp along with 18 other female students from South East QLD schools.

The students were introduced to many of the jobs and trades on base, including clerical, logistics, transport, medical, policing, aviation, communications, field engineering and explosive ordnance disposal, unmanned aerial vehicle operation, and combat roles.

In addition, the girls got to participate in water obstacle courses, weapons and combat training, light physical training in the barracks gym and participated in a “Master Chef” competition in that was judged by senior Army representatives.

By far the highlight of the event was the opportunity to fly in a Blackhawk Helicopter over the Brisbane City. When Haylee was asked what she thought of her week in the camp, she said it was “an unbelievably awesome experience” and she is definitely going to go through the recruitment process for the Army after graduation.

THANK YOU TO WORK EXPERIENCE PROVIDERS

A big thank you was extended to all of the employers around Maroochydore and the wider community for the support they once again showed towards our 2013 Year 10 work experience program in the last week of Term 1. All students would have gained valuable knowledge and skills from their week of work experience which will help guide them towards their choices for career pathways.
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