It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the eleventh edition of Maroochydore Mail, the bi-annual reflection on the achievements of students and staff at Maroochydore State High School. While the majority of this magazine focuses on Semester 2 2013, it is also important that we keep a clear eye on the future so we have developed and are implementing an explicit and detailed local school improvement agenda. The effectiveness and success of this agenda in focusing staff and students is evident in the excellent outcomes achieved by the graduating class of 2013; they are the best in more than a decade.

The school improvement agenda is couched in terms of specific improvements sought in student performances, is aligned with state-wide improvement priorities and includes clear targets with accompanying timelines that are rigorously actioned.

In 2014, we have five priorities for improvement:-
1. Literacy and numeracy outcomes;
2. Year 12 outcomes;
3. Getting ready for Year 7 to enter secondary school in 2015;
4. Teacher capability; and
5. Student attendance.

I look forward to sharing our progress throughout the year and in future editions of Maroochydore Mail. In the meantime, please enjoy this edition.

*Strive, serve, succeed and shine*
@ Maroochydore High!

Barry Dittman - Principal

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This edition of Maroochydore Mail is dedicated to the memory of Milton Hasthorpe, who passed away in September 2013 and who selflessly gave more than 30 years of his life to the students of Maroochydore High – a great teacher and a great bloke!
Shine

SUCCEED AND

Our 2013 Year 12 graduates have continued the record of steady improvement over the past seven years and their outcomes are the best overall for more than a decade. 100% of our students graduated with a recognized qualification, which is at least one of the following – Qld Certificate of Education (QCE)/Qld Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA), a Vocational Education Certificate (VET) II or a School Based Traineeship (See Figure 1). 99.4% of our students left school with a Vocational Education Certificate (See Figure 2) and 76% of these achieved at least a Certificate II. 94.2% of students achieved a Queensland Certificate of Education, which is an improvement of 7% over 2012 and a strong step towards our goal of 100% (See Figure 3).

85.4% of our graduating students eligible for an Overall Position (OP) achieved an OP between 1 and 15, again higher than the state average (76.9%).

This increased from 81.5% in 2012 and it has increased every year since 2007 when the figure stood at 61%. Fifteen students achieved an OP between 1 and 5. (See Figure 4). These outcomes demonstrate that Maroochydore State High School is a very good school that supports and facilitates high outcomes and more importantly, outcomes for every student. It doesn’t matter whether a student’s focus is a university education, further training at TAFE or direct entry to the workforce, Maroochydore State High School delivers!!

Good Bye YEAR 12

The Year 12s shone throughout the year in terms of their academic, vocational, cultural, sporting and citizenship achievements as well as the general leadership they provided through their behaviour and attitude, and nowhere was their maturity more evident than the way they approached their last week with an excellent formal and graduation ceremony. They set the bar high and we look forward to following their progress over the years.
Term four is always a term to celebrate the achievements of our students especially at our annual Awards Night. Proud parents and staff witnessed over three hundred students receive recognition for academic, vocational, sporting and cultural excellence. Everyone was also treated to enthralling performances by the Gubbi Gubbi dancers and our award winning Choir and Band.

Congratulations to all award winners and special congratulations to our Special Award winners. Thank you to our Special Awards Sponsors for their support and to our sponsors, our special guests and parents and family who enjoyed their children’s recognition and accomplishments.

**Year 8 Academic Bursary Award:** SARAH BRYAN  
(Sponsored by Suncity Bowl)

**School Based Traineeship of the Year Award:** CHRISTOPHER CATCHPOLE and MICHAEL NUGENT (Acclaim); NATHAN GIBSON (MSHS)  
(Sponsored by Acclaim and Maroochydore SHS)

**Junior and Senior Sports Star of the Year:**

**Junior:** NICOLE KAY and LOUIS GERAGHTY  
**Senior:** SHAE WOOLSL-COBB  
(Sponsored by Rebel Sports)

**Junior Citizenship Award:** JAYDA PASHBY  
(Sponsored by Maroochydore SHS)

**‘Art on the Walls’ Award:** MAXIMILIAN MC. KAY  
(Sponsored by Suncity Bowl and Caloundra Framing Factory)

**Maroochy RSL Bursary Award:**

Year 8: JULIA BUCZYNSKI and EMILY NIELSEN  
Year 9: SKY GRANT and CHELSEA SHOTTING  
Year 11: KADE PARASCOS

**Australian Defence Force Bursary Award:**

Year 10: TIA GUY  
Year 12: JAMES WILLIAMSON

**Lions Club of Mooloolaba Bursary Award:**

Year 11: TARIANA MURCHIE

**Cultural Ambassador Award:**

MADDISON FRANKLIN  
(Sponsored by Maroochydore SHS)

**Fiona Simpson Senior Citizenship Award:**

GEORGIA FOLKER

**Years 8 & 10 North Coast Trophy Centre All Rounder Awards:**

Year 8: CALEB LEVER  
Year 10: TIA GUY

**Year 9 ‘Warren Hastings’ All Rounder Award:**

EMMA HUTTON  
(Sponsored by North Coast Trophy Centre and Maroochydore SHS)

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One of the priorities in our School Improvement Agenda is ensuring that we are ready for Year 7 students to join us in 2015. We have developed a very clear action plan to guide us and much has been achieved already. We have determined where our Year 7 precinct will be, have begun the renovation and refurbishment of at least 14 junior secondary classrooms (including all of the Year 7 classrooms), have budgeted for new furniture for all Year 7 classrooms, have begun designing a new shelter area for Year 7, have determined the curriculum and timetable for Year 7, 8 and 9 and have recruited a number of specialist Year 7 and Junior Secondary teachers for 2015, with several starting in 2014.

In November, a team from North Coast Regional Office came to review our readiness and gave us a very strong “pass” mark, confirming our progress and reaffirming the actions prioritized for 2014.

Head of School Junior Secondary Ken Ernst, Junior Secondary HOD Colleen Goodin and Coalition representative Stuart Maish from Maroochydore State School were pivotal to the review.
Year 11 ‘Shane Dwyer’ All Rounder Award:
RUBIE ORMAN (Sponsored by Maroochydore SHS P&C Assn)

Buderim Lions Club Vocational Education Award:
LACHLAN MADDIGAN

Junior Indigenous Leadership Award:
ABAGAIL COOMBS
(Sponsored by North Coast Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health)

Senior Indigenous Leadership Award:
HOLLY TEMPLEMAN
(Sponsored by Look Now Training and John Pearson Consultancy)

Lions Club of Mooloolaba ‘Leo of the Year’ Award:
CONNOR ALDRIDGE
(Sponsored by Mooloolaba Lions Club and CQ University)

Maroochydore SHS & Maroochy RSL Club Best All Rounder Awards:
Maroochydore SHS P&C Assn: ALEXANDRA Mutch
Maroochy RSL Club: JESSE SMART

Dux:
Junior: EMILY JONES
Senior: TASLEEM KHAN
(Sponsored by Maroochydore Surf Lifesaving Club)

JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS REACHING THEIR TARGETS

Year 8 and 9 students with all A’s for Effort in each term are acknowledged for their hard work and achievement with a “rewards party”. Students who achieved this are set the target of being eligible for the “rewards party” again in the next term, while those who didn’t meet the target are set the challenge of trying to reach it in the next term. Happily, the numbers grew each term.
STRIVE AND Serve

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 11 November, Mr Ken Ernst led the Maroochydore High contingent at the Maroochydore Remembrance Day Ceremony at Cotton Tree, accompanied by Year 12 Cultural Captains, Katherine Ernst and Jonathan Cripps and Year 11 student, Catherine Thornton. The students laid a wreath, Catherine Thornton read a poem, while a small ensemble from the school, led by Mr Bruce Barnett and the vocal group, led by Mr Scott Gaedtke, provided the music for the ceremony.

The following is an excerpt from a letter received from Maroochy RSL:

‘On behalf of Maroochy RSL, President and members, I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Maroochydore State High School. The support from your students involved in the School Band and Vocal Ensemble was greatly appreciated. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite the Maroochydore State High School Band and Vocal Ensemble to perform at our Anzac Day Service in 2014. Thank you again for your willingness to support the Maroochy RSL and dedication to the commemoration of Remembrance Day and Anzac Day.’

FILM FOR FIFTY

The Inaugural ‘Film for Fifty’ Film Competition was held at school during Term 3. Organized by school captain Georgia Folker as a fund raiser for Cambodia, students from Years 8 to 12 had fifty hours to create, film, edit and submit a film. Students who took the challenge over the weekend had a prop and a line to base their stories around. Their films were then screened to a packed audience the following weekend where prizes and trophies were handed out to winners of Best Overall Film, Best Junior Film, Best Editing, Best Filming, Best Use of Line, Best Use of Prop and Best Acting.

Judges from the local community offered their time and expertise in watching and enthusiastically judging the winners. Chloe Hume (Freelance Producer); Matt Haynes (former Maroochy High student and creator of Analog/Digital Conferences) and Victor Parascos (Actor) awarded the winners with unique trophies made by Film and Media Teacher Alistair Hume.
Our school motto Niti et Servire means Strive and Serve. Emphasising the importance of industry and effort is central to the work that teachers and students do in classrooms every day, but one of the most rewarding and endearing features of our school culture is the attitude that many students have towards service. There is an emphasis on the importance of active citizenship with service to the community embedded in every year level through a structured service and leadership program.

In September, two of our Year 12 students were recognized with Secondary Schools Citizenship Award from The Order of Australia Association, Queensland Branch for 2013. Only fourteen students state wide win this prestigious award each year and Georgia Folker and Ash Ogilvie were both selected for an award; each received a commemorative plaque and a Certificate of Merit in recognition of their service to their school and to their community. James Williamson was also an entrant and received a certificate acknowledging his community service work.

Georgia was nominated for her work teaching English in a Cambodian orphanage and other charitable work in the community over the past two years and Ash was nominated by one of his teachers for a video series he helped create, entitled ‘Planet You’, about empowering kids to make a difference in the world. He also raised $42,000 for a variety of charities.

The Trade Training Centre was adorned in all things pink on Friday 25th October 2013, for our Annual Breast Cancer Fundraising event – and what an event it was! Staff were treated to a sumptuous morning tea, kindly organised and prepared by Ms Nicholson and her Year 10 Food Studies class. Staff were also able to view the creatively decorated bras and folios designed by the Year 10 Applied Fashion design class. Two guests from the Maroochydore Cancer Council also supported our morning tea and spoke very highly of the event and work they saw from the students.

The preparation for the annual humanitarian pilgrimage to Cambodia was enhanced in August when the director of the ‘Save the Children Development of Cambodia’ (SCD) orphanage near Phnom Penh visited us for two weeks. His visit really helped to focus the sixteen students and three teachers on their preparations for their two week visit in September and in the end, they raised $28,000 to support their humanitarian work.

The party returned from Cambodia elated from the amazing work that was achieved teaching English and building houses for the poor in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap. This year long project was realised when they arrived in SCD Orphanage in Phnom Penh where Director, Chan Norn, again hosted the group. They spent eight days at SCD where they were immersed in the Cambodian culture. The group taught English lessons, visited places of worship, were involved in the Ancestor’s Week celebrations, spent a day at the farm, where they planted trees, visited the Genocide Centre and The Killing Fields and partied with the beautiful children in SCD.

Travelling up to Siem Reap, the students again worked alongside HUSK, a non-government organization that helps two impoverished villages. The main focus was building a complete new house for a family of five. This was such a wonderful achievement and their new home, blessed by a monk, was a highlight after spending three days building this from the ground up. Visits to Angkor Wat, a cooking class and circus workshops were other special days.
CHAMPION CHOIR

A number of ensembles and choirs competed in the Sunshine Coast Eisteddfod and our Open Choir are the Sunshine Coast Champion Choir wowing judges and audience with their inspired performances. The 50 strong choir (which includes 15 boys) has been coached by Mrs Elisabeth Gaedtke, ably assisted by her husband Mr Scott Gaedtke – both are music teachers here at Maroochydore High. Even though Elisabeth has been on maternity leave she has still given her time to train the choir on Sundays, after school and some lunchtimes.

The final standings were Maroochydore State High School first, Matthew Flinders Anglican College second and Nambour Christian College third. Our Vocal Ensemble also placed third in the open category of their section at the Eisteddfod. One of our String Quartets – Ballie Morris, Mollie Morris, Rhys Williams and Tenille James received a highly commended at the Eisteddfod. The String Ensemble also played very well against some tough competition, however, did not place.

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC CONTEST

On 14 October, the Concert Band travelled to Brisbane for their performance in the Festival of Music. Our students performed within a segment including Concert Bands from Kedron Park State High School, Emerald State High School, Clayfield Secondary College, and other schools. A number of the schools’ ensembles, including Maroochydore SHS Concert Band, received a Silver Award along with some useful feedback to students on performing as an ensemble.

NORTH COAST REGIONAL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Congratulations to tenor saxophonist Maddison Franklin who performed in the North Coast Regional Instrumental Music Excellence Program recently. She was selected by audition as one of the 41 best Instrumental Music Students in our Region, a remarkable achievement considering Instrumental Music in the North Coast Region boasts some 8000 students. Maddison was also a member of the Creative Generation State Schools on Stage Orchestra.

ALL STARS

Maroochydore State High School students, Maddie Franklin, Matt Taylor, Sullivan Heywood, Catherine Thornton, Jordan Tombs and Murray Law were all invited to be members of the All Stars Show Band who spent two days in a workshop with Nicky Bomba, former drummer for John Butler and head of the Melbourne Ska Orchestra and Bustamento. This is the second year that Nicky Bomba has held this workshop with the All Stars. The band played with Nicky at the Caloundra Fringe Festival, and were then invited back to play with the Melbourne Ska Orchestra on the main stage during the Caloundra Music Festival.
The annual Winter Warmers Concert lived up to the high standards set in previous years. An extensive program of solo, duo and group and ensemble performances had the capacity (and more) audience in the Performing Arts theatre enthralled for nearly three hours. The performances reinforced the benefit of our excellence programs and extensive performing and fine arts programs from Year 8 to 12.

Jonathan Cripps (Year 12), Samantha Ballinger (Year 10) and Katherine Ernst (Year 12) performed for an 800 plus crowd at the Baptist Remembrance Day concert held on Saturday 9th November. Comments from the many admirers included: “talented students”, “wonderful voices”, “very professional performances”, “wish they could have performed more items”, “a credit to your school - you must feel proud”, “Thank you for the participation of you, your staff and your students in the Legacy Remembrance Day Concert on Saturday. The performance by all three of the students was wonderful and greatly appreciated by the audience.”
Spotlight
ON STUDENTS

BEACON CHARTER CEREMONY

On the 29th July, Year 10 students were asked to take the pledge “I willingly commit to achieving personal success through the Maroochydore State High School Beacon Careers Program. I will pursue a positive pathway in further education, training or employment.” Students then signed a charter board that will be displayed in the school hall so they are able to reflect back on the pledge they made about their future pathways. The special guest speaker was a very talented ex-student of Maroochydore High, Livi Robins. Livi is a Radiologist and a talented singer and it was great to hear her story of how she eventually made her way to the career she is passionate about.

HOLCIM SUNROCK QUARRY BEERBURRUM

Students from the Hard Yacca group had the opportunity to attend the Holcim Quarry Day at Sunrock Quarry in Beerburrum on the 15th August. Thanks to Holcim and the Beacon Foundation, students enjoyed a day of workshops that showed them the many and various employment opportunities available at Holcim.

JUNIOR SECONDARY
SCHOOLS CULINARY CHALLENGE

The Junior Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge is a cooking competition for Year 10 students studying Home Economics or Hospitality at high school. Its objective is to give students a taste of the pleasures, challenges, excitement and gravity that can accompany a career as a cook or chef. Pairs of students represent their school and battle it out against some of the most talented and brilliant young cooks in Queensland. This competition has been successfully operating for over four years and is designed to establish and develop links between schools and industry, in an effort to encourage more students to enter the commercial cookery industry.

Laura Wells and Bec Reardon represented Maroochydore State High School and after weeks of practice and intense mentoring from Steven Forrester (Executive Chef, Novotel Twin Waters Resort) and teacher Shelli Nicholson, the girls were awarded first place on the Sunshine Coast, beating 23 other teams.

OPTI-MINDS SUCCESS

Three Optiminds teams competed in the Sunshine Coast Regional Challenge in August and did very well. The Year 10 and 9 teams entered the Science and Engineering challenges and won their divisions. Both also received Spirit of Optiminds awards and qualified for the State Championships in Brisbane. The Year 8 team entered the Languages and Literature challenge in Division 2 and received honours.

SUCCESS IN SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Teachers Kathy Watson and Liana Gerbo attended the Queensland Tourism Industry Council 2013 Salute to Excellence Awards held in Brisbane. The annual Salute to Excellence Awards program is managed by Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) to celebrate outstanding achievement among Year 12 students from all sectors.

Ex Maroochydore High School student and 2012 State Cookery Award recipient Mollie Maher spoke about her journey and achievements during the evening – it was a very inspirational talk.

Chris Catchpole, Michael Nugent and Lachie Maddigan represented Maroochydore State High School in the Cookery section and Dylan Kelly represented the school in the Food and Beverage section. Dylan and Michael were both the runners up in their respective sections.

BUILDING BUSINESS SUCCESS

On Friday 25 October 2013, Rod Richards from the Maroochydore Chamber of Commerce and Richards Consulting presented to Maroochydore State High School Year 11 and 12 Certificate II in Business students. Rod’s presentation was about the attributes of a successful business, as well as the journey and wins along the way.

The students were engaged by Rod’s presentation and his enthusiastic nature. Students commented that this type of presentation makes studies more relevant. “It helps to show that listening to mentors, learning from mistakes and putting aside self-doubt are really important” said Rebecca, a Year 11 Business Student.

The teachers were also happy to have Rod presenting, commenting that it provides real life examples. Mrs White, the Business teacher said “Someone like Rod brings a fresh perspective for the students. It’s great to draw from Rod’s expertise and bring that back to the classroom.”
SPORTS
Stars

GREAT GOLFING STORY

Year 12 student Shae Wools-Cobb is an avid golfer who spends countless hours practicing and competing. Shae competed at the Qld School Sport State Golf Championships at Wynnum from 14 to 17 July, having an excellent tournament finishing tied for second with scores of 70, 65, 69, and 73. As a result, he was selected to represent Qld in the 19 years and under State team that competed at the Australian Schools Golf Championships at Bellarine Peninsula, Victoria from 25 to 31 August. Both the boys and girls got up to take out the Australian Championship; the Queensland boys haven’t won since 2005.

Shae had a week that he will never forget. He was one shot off the leaders in the 36 hole stroke play and then went on to win all of his match play games by convincing margins - 4&3, 5&4, 5&4, 5&4. Shae’s brilliant effort over the week was rewarded with being named in the six member Australian Merit Team. Shae was also the Maroochydore High 2013 Senior Sports Star. All his hard work is paying off.

ROWING AHEAD

Year 12 student Tori Surman competed in the South East Queensland Schools Rowing Regatta at Lake Kawana and had a very successful competition. Tori won silver medals in the Open Double Sculls and Open Quad Sculls and a bronze medal in the Open Single Sculls. Tori, who has been rowing for three years, also achieved a personal best time in the Open Single Sculls.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS

In Term 3, Sunshine Coast Karate (based in Maroochydore) sent a team of 15 members to Hong Kong for the 11th Chito-Ryu World Karate Championships. In this team of 15, there were four students from Maroochydore State High School, all of whom came home with medals in their respective divisions, including one gold medallist, Tia Guy.

- Tia Guy - 1st Place, Junior C Girls Kumite (14-15 yrs)
- James O’Grady - 2nd Place, Junior C Boys Kata (14-15 yrs)
- Klaudia Caston - 2nd Place, Junior B Girls Kata (16-17 yrs)
- Jack Graham - 3rd Place, Junior C Boys Kumite (14-15 yrs)

This is a remarkable result and is a testament to the hard work, dedication, practice and talent of the students and the excellent instruction that they receive.

The Year 8 Girls Soccer team led the way at the Junior Interschool Winter Sport finals day. The team, coached by Mr Calling, were undefeated premiers and therefore received a Bronze sport award from the school. Team members were Isabelle Baker, Aliecia Braddock, Sheree Godfrey, Jordyn Guest, Brianna Hapa, Lilly Jone, Jordan Mathers, Jorja McGinty, Nikita Norris, Angela Pike, Eloise Sizer, Artitia O’Connor, Claudia Ventura, Breanna Wilson and Poy Yuphiitak.

Connor Buhk (Year 10) competed in the Queensland Canoeing Marathon Championships in August and placed 3rd overall and 1st in the Under 15 age group K2, 9km race.

Luke Jessup (Year 10) was selected in the Sunshine Coast Regional Under 15 Boys Football Team that competed in the State Championships at Cleveland.

Nicole Kay (Year 10) won the Girls under 15 100 metres at the Qld Secondary Schools Athletics Championships.

Jason Kennedy (Year 10) was selected in the Queensland School Sport 15 years Australian Rules Football Team that participated in the School Sport Australia 15 years & under Australian Rules Football Championships held in Darwin from Saturday 10th August – Sunday 18th August 2013.

The Girls B division Senior Basketball team for 2013 - Baillie Morris, Mollie Morris, Maddie Hunter, Milly Hunter, Sophia McLaren, Holly Holmes, Tiahne Byron, Lucy Ballard (Captain), Ella Blundell and Kirra Chapman - won their third championship in a row, losing only one game in the past two seasons.
The Maroochydore State High School Parents’ and Citizens’ Association sponsors a range of scholarships for Year 7 students valued at around $750 each. Congratulations to the following students on being awarded the Year 8 2014 Scholarships:

**ALL ROUNDER SCHOLARSHIPS**
- Tayla Crump (Bli Bli State School)
- Keira Fennell (Pacific Paradise State School)
- Ashley Hutton (Bli Bli State School)
- Akram Khan (Maroochydore State School)
- Brooklin Logan (Kuluin State School)
- Tarquin MacMahon (Buderim Mountain State School)
- William Reid (Kuluin State School)
- Caitlyn Smith (Pacific Paradise State School)
- Kamryn Stray (Maroochydore State School)
- Lucy Upston (Buderim Mountain State School)

**SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS**
- Oliver Pateman (Kuluin State School)
- Kynan Smith (Pacific Paradise State School)
- Chelsea Styan (Kuluin State School)

**MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS**
- Jakob Henderson (Kuluin State School)
- Oliver Smith (Maroochydore State School)
- Jade Topham (Kuluin State School)

**SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN FOR YEAR 7 AND 8 FOR 2015. CLOSING END OF SEMESTER 1 2014**