Once again Technology teachers have had reason to be grateful for the school’s strong community links. The Year 11ITS students of Mr Doolan and Mrs Ilich are currently in the early stages of designing a logo for Mr Phil Wilson of Norside Motorcycles. This process begins with ‘identification’, the first step in the design phase of the DDE cycle (Design, Develop, Evaluate). ‘Identification’ requires students to interview the client, take details of requirements, then return a summary of this information to the client in the form of a design proposal (in this case, a business letter). During the recent client/designer interviews conducted over two days at North Mackay High, Mr Wilson advised students that logo placement would include the shop front, stationary supplies, business cards, uniforms and the proposed website. It would also make a high profile appearance on the shrouds of racing dirt bikes. While the sale of new dirt bikes to a predominantly male target audience is a major focus of the business, second hand sales of road bikes and the provision of a bike wrecking service are also accommodated. Students have their work cut out for them but Mr Wilson has promised to return to the school to provide feedback once the designs reach a more sophisticated stage in the software environment of Adobe Fireworks. In the meantime, feedback will be given via email. Many thanks, Mr Wilson and we look forward to seeing you again soon!

John Doolan and Sue Ilich

Danielle Stibbard thanking Phil Wilson
FLOODING IN MACKAY

Friday 15th February will be a ‘black Friday’ for many years to come in our Mackay community. As this week has gone by, we have been able to welcome back some of the students who have been badly affected by the flooding which occurred in their homes. We are asking students who have lost a significant amount of school gear to report to their Year Coordinators, so that we can assist in replacement. Text books and diaries will be re-issued where possible, and many families are bringing in spare uniforms to donate to those in need. We have some donations of books, pens and folders as well. On Friday 29th February, we will be having a ‘Dress Down’ free dress day and other activities to raise money to give to flood victims. I’m sure that the students will all support this worthy cause.

Within the school, there were some losses as well. The Music/Physical Education block was flooded (as it had been on the previous Tuesday night!). Staff members worked hard during the weekend to restore this block ready for Monday morning, and we are still assessing the damage. Does a tuba play as well after the water has been poured out of it? Several of our staff members also suffered personal losses and have been strongly supported by their colleagues.

Families who have suffered material losses in the flooding may be also concerned about the emotional strain on their children in the future. Everyone copes in different ways when they have been through a major catastrophe. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to help. Our Year Coordinators, Guidance Officers or members of the administration team are there if you need some assistance. Remember, let the Year Coordinators know about any losses of text books and equipment.

From The Principal

POSITIONS VACANT

SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEEHSIPS

Warehousing Traineeship Cert III – CNW Pty Ltd (Electrical & Data Supplies)
Business Administration Traineeship Cert III – CNW Pty Ltd
Business Administration Traineeship Cert II or III - Golding Contractors
Business Administration Customer Services Cert II – Mackay City Council (must be enrolled in BCT at school)
Library & Information Services - Library Cert II - Mackay City Council
Hospitality Operations Cert II Front of house (Service) - Hogs Breath Cafe
Hospitality Operations Back of house (Kitchen) - Hogs Breath Cafe
Commercial Cookery Cert III - Hogs Breath Cafe
Auto Glazing Traineeship - O’Brien Glass
Soft Furnishings Traineeship Cert II - Mackay Curtain Making Service
Retail Traineeship Cert II – Mackay News Express (AMA)
Business Administration Traineeship Cert II – Bucasia Medical Centre
Butcher Apprenticeship – Mt Pleasant Meats

MRAEL
Glass & Glazing Apprenticeship
Business Admin. Traineeship (Year 11 – Illbilbie/Koumala area)
Floor Covering & Finishing Apprenticeship
Hospitality/Retail Traineeship
Agriculture Traineeship

For further details about any of the above positions please see Ms Thomas or Mrs Hicks during 2nd recess in room 202
The transition from primary school to high school is a challenge for every student, so for those who started Year 8 without knowing any other students, it can be daunting.

There are about 30 Year 8 students this year who were in this situation in the first week of school. They had come from overseas, interstate, other towns in Queensland or from local primary schools.

So, on Friday 2 February 2008, the FYC threw a Pizza Party for those Year 8 students who were the only representatives of their primary school. Students had the opportunity to meet other students in the same situation, share their experiences of the first week of school and play games.

Many staff were present to offer their support to the new students. The Principal Mrs Boyle, Deputy Principal Mr Luck, Middle Schooling Head of Department Mr Horton, Year 8 Co-ordinators Ms Wollaston and Mr Henderson and many Home Group Teachers joined the Guidance Officer Mrs Van Der Veen and the chaplain Jonelle Bruning in welcoming the students to North High.

Students have now settled in nicely, although many are about to face the next challenge—locker combinations!

Sincere thanks to Mrs Liz Rodgers who has kindly agreed to look after the second hand cultural uniforms. If you have any uniforms you wish to sell or if you need to purchase any uniforms, Mrs Rodgers is in the Social Science staffroom 49631638.
Share snags, salty sea stories and fish tales to celebrate International Year of the Reef!

Come along, share your memories about your time living along side the Great Barrier Reef and enjoy a free BBQ at our community workshop called Reef Recollections.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority wants to learn about the history of the Great Barrier Reef first hand by listening to your stories of the past. Bring along your family members with the longest memories for this great evening of story telling.

5.30pm – 8.00pm, Thursday 28 February 2008
St Anne’s Catholic Primary School (Assembly Area), 3 Range Road Sarina
For more information and to RSVP contact info@gbrmpa.gov.au or phone (07) 4750 0700

EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES!

Open a door to other countries! Expose your family to another culture and extend your family unit on an international level. World Education Program (WEP) is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in July 2008. Students from Belgium, Italy, Brazil, France, Germany, Sweden and Japan are looking for families that are prepared to welcome them into their homes as a family member. These young ambassadors are looking for life long friends and a place to call home during their stay. If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact our National Office.

Nikki Medwell – Inbound Exchange Administrator
World Education Program
Toll Free: 1300 884 733
Email: wep@wep.org.au

An information pack can be sent on request—it’s easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!

HOST FAMILY NEEDED for GIRL from JAPAN

The AFS exchange program is looking for a volunteer host family for an exchange student who just arrived from Japan. Yoko is 16 yrs old and is just starting school here in Mackay in Yr 11. She likes dancing, playing piano and clarinet. She is excited about everything she is seeing in Australia and is enjoying the food. She would love to belong to a family with younger brothers and sisters as she is an only child at home and loves children. Yoko would like to be an international flight attendant or translator when she finishes school.

For more information on hosting Yoko or any AFS students, contact local volunteer Leanne Dowler on 0407 546 774
AFS Infoline on 1300131736 Or visit www.afs.org.au.
**MULTICULTURAL PLAYGROUP '08**

**Do you have children under the age of 5?**

Playgroups help children and families:
- Develop and learn through play.
- Have fun with educational activities.
- Further develop a child's physical abilities and social skills.
- Meet new people, share experiences and ideas.

EVEN FRIDAY (except public & school holidays)
TIME: 9.00am - 11.00am
PLACE: Mackay Central State School (Activities Hall), Alfred Street
Contact: NATASHA SYED ALI
Phone: 49572626
Email: mcy.sc@bigpond.net.au

**MACKAY ATHLETICS CLUB Sign-on**
March 1st 1pm-3pm
Mackay State High School Oval (Penn St)
All ages (New members require a birth certificate)
For more information: 0408753098 or www.mackayathletics.com.au

**Upcoming Events**

- **25 February** Student Free Day
- **26 February** Hospitality Expo—Years 10,11 & 12
- **28 February** Activities—Trials Day 3
- **29 February** Activities—Trials Day 3
- **3 March** Newsletter Published
- **10 March** QCS Practice (pds 1—4)
- **11 March** Vaccinations—Years 8, 9, 10
- **12 March** Sports Day—Mackay District Golf
- **13 March** Student Leadership Seminar Activities—Trials Day 4
- **14 March** Sports Day—Trials Day 5
- **17 March** Newsletter Published
- **P & C Meeting**
- **21 March** Good Friday—public holiday

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**DISCOVER THE WORLD IN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF LANGUAGES**

**AFS Intercultural Programs**

2006 has been proclaimed as the International Year of Languages by the United Nations, who recognize that “genuine multilingualism promotes unity in diversity and international understanding.”

To celebrate, AFS Intercultural Programs is offering 12 periodic scholarships valued at approximately $2000 each to go towards a one year high school exchange program to either Belgium, China, or Thailand.

Most students dramatically improve their language skills while on exchange, something that stays with them for the rest of their lives.

Living and studying overseas allows students to fully immerse themselves in another culture, providing them with a wonderful opportunity to see the world through someone else’s eyes.

To apply, begin your online application today at www.afs.org.au

For more information, contact 0088-101 794

Applications close 27 February 2006.

**Communicating Australia**

**A+ Maths students:**
Maths tutoring for Years 8—10
references available.

Phone 0417795737 after 4.00 pm

The Mackay Youth Orchestra and the Mackay Junior Orchestra are instrumental groups of students from Primary and Secondary Schools throughout the Mackay area, who rehearse in an Orchestra every Monday afternoon at the Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music from 4.15 pm to 6.00 pm. Students wishing to join must have a minimum of one year of playing experience to join MJO and more experienced students can join MYO. Rehearsals commence on Monday, February 11, at 4.15 pm at the Conservatorium.

If you would like to join or need more information please contact Linda Price 49559548 or Debbie O’Dea 49420842
The P & C would like to say a Big Thank You to all staff and parents who assisted with getting the Parade Ground Project to this stage. What a great job. However …………… there is more to be done.

We welcome all students and staff back to the school for 2008 and we offer our hand of encouragement to all new staff, students and parents. Any parent, staff and student who like assisting with decision making are invited to attend our regular monthly meetings - third Monday of each month, 7.30 p.m. in the staff room of the main administration block.

All parents who have not done so (particularly parents of new students) are asked to complete the P & C Skills Form (on the next page) and have your student return it to their Home Group teacher.

At the February 18 meeting we -

- Will talk about our Easter Fair
- Receive our normal reports (Treasurer, Principal, Tuckshop, QCPCA)
- Look at our Projects including the Parade Ground
- Look at managing our volunteer human resources
- Set dates for the Annual General Meeting and Projects Committee meetings

If you are thinking about coming along to the next meeting, feel free to contact one of the people listed below for an agenda or information

- Brian Saxby 49 546 563 mob_enterprises@hotmail.com
- Debbie Brooker 49 423 458 kranddjbrooker@bigpond.com
- Helen Taylor 49 521 501 spalding@mackay.net.au
- Terry Payne (Tuckshop) 49 443 224 (between 9-10 in the morning)

Dear Parent

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Hepatitis B vaccines for Students

Our school is participating in Queensland Health’s School Based Vaccination Program. The program provides free hepatitis B vaccine (2 doses 4-6 months apart) and free human papilloma virus (HPV) for female Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 students in 2008.

Human papilloma virus (3 doses)

Your female Year 8, Year 9 or Year 10 student will be eligible to receive three doses of human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine, given at three separate sessions at zero, two months and six months.

Hepatitis B (two doses)

Year 8 students will also be eligible to receive hepatitis B vaccine if they have not already been vaccinated for hepatitis B. This is a two dose course with the first injection given in the first half of the school year and the second dose in the second half of the school year. The consent form is for both doses. Remember your child needs to have both doses for optimal protection.

The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses. The vaccination team will be visiting the school to give the free vaccinations on the following date/s:

Years 8, 9, 10 11.3.2008  HPV—Dose 1  :  Year 8 11.3.2008  HepB—Dose 1

Only students who have a signed consent form (ticked yes) will be vaccinated. If you would like your child to be vaccinated, please fill in the Hepatitis B and the HPV consent forms and return them to the school within one week.

Students who are vaccinated will be given a Record of Vaccination to bring home to ensure their immunisation records are kept up to date.

If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, or your child has already been vaccinated with the offered vaccines, it is still important that you complete the forms (ticking no) and return them. This will ensure that you have received the information about the vaccines and have had the opportunity to participate in this program.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Boyle
Principal
The Mackay North SHS P & C has a proud record of involvement in the life of our school. With high levels of cooperation between parents, staff and students, we have achieved some excellent outcomes in our project work. Part of the success has been the volunteering of help from many different members of our school community, often using the skills and experience of parents. When these projects are underway, we often make a personal approach to see if parents would like to be involved and the purpose of this form is to compile a ‘bank’ of skills which could be used in the future.

If you are willing to help the School community in this way – please complete the following.

Parent/Guardian: _________________________________________________________________________

Phone Number (H): _______________________________________________________________________

Phone Number (W): _______________________________________________________________________

Mobile Number(s): ________________________________________________________________________

Email Address: __________________________________________________________________________

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**SKILL AREAS FOR PROJECTS/ASSISTANCE**

Trade: _________________________________________________________________________________

Profession: ____________________________________________________________________________

Handyman type skills: ___________________________________________________________________

Tuckshop Assistance: ____________________________________________________________________

Other: ________________________________________________________________________________

Signature : _____________________________________________

*For privacy reasons, the P & C do not access the school records for this information, however, once provided the information will be updated from schools records. (e.g. change of address)*