LAW TRIP 2011

In early March, 20 of our Year 12 Legal Studies students travelled down to Brisbane for a thorough insight into the Legal profession. The students spent a day gaining knowledge and viewing cases at the Supreme Court, explored future tertiary paths at the Queensland University of Technology and the University of Queensland and participated in an online study tutorial at the State Library. The group was also privileged to have dinner with Barrister Kylie Ward (Gillespie) who was one of the youngest women ever admitted to the bar, and an ex-North student. It was great to get a personal view of the legal system from a professional in the field.

Kirsty Keogh: The trip provided a great insight to the workings of the justice system in Queensland. Visiting QUT and UQ was the highlight of my trip, as we were able to talk to current university students about their experiences.

Ryan Webb: I loved going to the universities to see what future options that are available to all of us next year. I enjoyed going to the Supreme Court to watch the cases. All in all, the trip was great!

Chloe Hillier: Speaking to someone who is currently working in the legal profession was riveting. Experiencing life as a University student definitely made my goals much clearer.

Jordan Katthagen: The whole trip was a great experience but the Supreme Court was definitely a highlight.

The trip was overall a success and all of the students thoroughly enjoyed the educational experience offered through visiting the courts and seeing the processes. The trip deserves high credibility and is an imperative excursion for anyone wanting to study Law through their tertiary years.
As you would be aware, mid-semester reports were issued at the beginning of this week. These reports give a very important indication of how your student is progressing in each of their subjects. In conjunction with the issuing of reports, the Parent-Teacher interviews will be held next Tuesday from 3.10-7.30pm. This is an ideal opportunity to come along, meet your child’s teachers and discuss your child’s progress. For students in Years 11 and 12, this is also an important time to evaluate your progress towards your SET (Student Education and Training) Plan goals – and adjust your course of study if necessary.

Below is a summary of our school’s achievement, behaviour and effort at the end of Term One. It is very pleasing to see that the majority of our 1575 students are receiving As and Bs for behaviour and effort and that 81.5% of our students have received a C or better for their academic achievement. These are very pleasing results overall and represent an overall improvement (in academic results) of 3.5% from the end of Term One in 2010. These results reflect the positive behaviour, effort and application of our students overall, in addition to the dedication of our staff.

SHELLEY LEWIS
PRINCIPAL
YEAR 8 SCRAPBOOKS

On Wednesday, 30th March, the Year 8s showed off their fabulous scrapbooks of their lives and fond memories to many parents over afternoon tea.

Parents were very impressed by the students’ effort and talent. Mrs Wendy McDuff said: “It was a wonderful opportunity for parents and teachers to socialise and view the excellent work the children had achieved” and Mrs Lisa De Landelles added: “It was fantastic to see so many parents there supporting their students.”

Students enjoyed completing the task: “It brought back happy memories and was a good assignment” (Olivia Parfitt 8B1) and attending the afternoon tea: “There was good food and the scrapbooks were fabulous.” (Grace Ramsay 8B2)

Thank-you to the Year 8 English teachers Mrs Cameron, Mrs Rodgers, Ms Wollaston, Mrs Power, Mr Goodall, Ms Weiss, Ms Kajewski, Mrs Kynaston and to the FYC Teacher-Aide Mrs Wise who organised the Afternoon Tea.

YEAR 8 WEEK

Students will be attending Year 8 Week from Tuesday 3/6 until Friday 6/6. Each student should have received a permission form which outlines the activities in which they will participate and they will be issued with a booklet which comprehensively outlines these activities and requirements for each day. The $70 needs to be paid at the office before Thursday 14th April and the form returned to their Home Group teacher. If there are any financial difficulties, a payment plan can be organised with Mrs Browne by phoning the school on 49 631 666.

First Year Centre News

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

SETH KELLY-O’DONNELL (8F1) - Seth found $50 in the First Year Centre and handed it in. Thank-you for your honesty and thoughtfulness towards other students, Seth.

CHELSEA PETERSON (8B2) - Chelsea has been selected in the 19 Years Softball Capricornia Team. Congratulations on an outstanding effort, Chelsea, and we wish you luck.
DEBATING COMPETITION UNDERWAY

The Apex Inter-school debating competition has begun this year and both our senior and junior debating teams have acquitted themselves well. Our Year 12 team of Mitchell Isenbert, Emily Greci and Chloe O’Shea last week recorded a victory over the Whitsunday Anglican School team. The other senior debating team of Ashleigh Rutherford, Rachel Van Der Veen, Rachel Dempster and Tony McGiffin were unfortunately denied a first round debate as the opposing team had to forfeit, and they only narrowly lost last week. Our junior team of Bree McFazden, Kate Ashworth, Aiden Stafford, Jacob Gordon and Aiden Joy had an excellent start to the competition with a win over the Pioneer SHS team. The second junior team, comprised of Vanessa Chapman, Georgina Jensen, Taylor Just, Matthew Diamond and Quinn Hatchett, will face their first debate next week.

We wish them all the best for the rest of the debates!

A big thanks to our debating co-ordinators – Lyndley Kynaston, Sean Brandon and Elise Auriac.

PARTY TIME – REMEMBER TO PARTY SAFE!

Everyone enjoys going to or hosting a party. For young people it is certainly a part of growing up and celebrating special occasions with your friends. While most parties are fun for everyone involved, intoxicated guests or gatecrashers can sometimes ruin the occasion.

By registering your party with the police, it doesn’t mean that they will attend your party. Their aim is not to turn up and ruin your night, but to provide assistance if required.

The Party Safe registration form is available from any police station or the Queensland Police Service Internet site at www.police.qld.gov.au/party.

Remember that One Punch Can Kill – it is a shocking reality that simple acts of violence can have tragic consequences. Violence is NOT okay. For more information visit www.onepunchcankill.com.au

Also general information regarding alcohol can be obtained from www.alcohol.gov.au

Party Safe and remember look after your friends.

Mackay North State High School – Monday and Tuesdays (9am – 3pm)
Mackay Police Station – Friday (8am – 4pm)

SENIOR CONSTABLE MARILYN JACKSON
KMEIA CHORAL FESTIVAL – MONDAY NIGHT, APRIL 11

Best wishes to all members of our vocal ensemble, Crescendo, who are performing on Monday night at the annual KMEIA Choral Festival at the Mackay Entertainment Centre. Our group has been intensively rehearsing for this very popular event which begins at 7.30pm and will finish around 9.00pm.

On Monday night our students will need to be at the MECC at 5.15pm in full cultural uniform for final rehearsals. Tickets for the public are available at the MECC for $15.00 – remember that these always sell out very quickly!

Our students will also need to be at Mercy College this Sunday afternoon for the combined Community Choir rehearsal. This begins at 3.30pm and finishes at 6.30pm. Students should wear smart, casual clothes and bring WATER with them to the rehearsal.

On Monday afternoon in Periods 5 and 6 our vocal group, together with our Year 12 Music students, will be participating in a vocal workshop with the renowned choral conductor, Anthony Young (who is visiting Mackay for the Choral Festival). This is a terrific opportunity for our vocal students to develop and enhance their vocal/choral skills.

BRISBANE ANZAC DAY MARCHING BAND

The details have all been finalised for this trip and the final letter will be given out at the rehearsal today. The State Anzac Day Committee is eagerly anticipating the performances of our marching band – we are marching the route THREE times. The parade is televised statewide on ABC television starting at 10.00am.

Sincere thanks to all students and families for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for this trip – the competition to secure the places on the coaches has been fierce! We are taking 93 students. Again, we are the only state school marching band, and in fact the only band outside Brisbane, to be invited to perform at the State Parade.

We look forward to an emotional and very memorable experience at the Anzac Parade in Brisbane. It is wonderful to see so many families travelling to Brisbane so they can be there to cheer us on! Many thanks! Also, we have sent messages to the Easter Bunny letting him know where to find us on Easter Sunday!

SHANGHAI MARCHING BAND

Arrangements for our exciting trip to Shanghai continue to progress smoothly. The fund raising chocolate drive has been extremely successful. A very exciting development was the news from the Premier, Ms Anna Bligh, that her government wishes to support our trip with a $10,000 donation! Sincere thanks to North Jacklin Nissan, Aim Aluminium and Coast to Coal Refrigeration and Air Conditioning who have all generously agreed to sponsor our travelling shirts.

FULL MARCHING BAND

Our full marching band has two important performances coming up.

On Monday, May 2, we are leading the Labour Day March in Mackay. Students are to meet at the car park at the corner of Gregory and River Streets at 9.00am. The march begins at 9.30am and will proceed down Gregory Street, left into Gordon Street and finish at Queen’s Park. By way of appreciation, the Queensland Teachers’ Union is making a donation to the Shanghai Band to assist with their expenses. At the completion of the march, the students will be provided with drinks and snacks.

The second performance by the band will be in May at a free family barbecue at the Entertainment Centre while State Parliament is sitting in Mackay. More details will follow on this performance as they are finalised.

Kathy GEORGE
HOD – Performing Arts

MAY FAIR AUCTION

HERE IS A SMALL SAMPLE OF THE GOODS WHICH WILL BE ON OFFER

# Men’s and Women’s Fragrances # Personal Care Products
# Pet Accessories # Gym Membership & Gear # Wet Suits # Hair Vouchers
 # Surfing Gear # Car Services # Tyre Vouchers # Meal Vouchers
 # Pest Control Vouchers # Roosters’ Cap & Shirt # Motorcycle Gear
 # Signed Cowboys Jersey # Printer # Electric Guitar

Kathy GEORGE
HOD – Performing Arts
Perfect weather for growing plants for the MAY FAIR!

SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

VACCINATIONS AND CATCH UP INFORMATION

Queensland Health School Based Vaccination Program

There is a catch-up clinic scheduled at Child Youth and Family Health in Nelson Street for any students who have missed out on the school clinics. It is to be held on Friday 15th April (Student Free Day) from 9am to 4pm. Please ring 49683863 for all enquiries and appointments.

On Tuesday 22nd March, the year 8 students received their first Hepatitis B vaccine, and HPV vaccine (girls only); 31st May, the year 8 students will be receiving their Chickenpox vaccine and HPV vaccine (girls only); 10th October, the final Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines will be given.

On vaccination day, please ensure that your child eats breakfast, and is well hydrated. It is ideal if they bring a water bottle with them to their vaccination appointment.

To find out more about Queensland Health’s School Based Vaccination Program:

Call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)
Talk to your GP
Contact your School-based Youth Health Nurse, Tania Kelly on 49631606

STUDENT ABSENCES

Phone 07 4963 1660

If your student is absent please phone this 24 hour line and leave a brief message detailing child’s name, grade, reason and days of absence.

The Reading Corner

Today we profile the reading habits of Ms Wollaston, SOSE and English Teacher and Year 8 Co-ordinator

Name something you read every day.
Facebook
Do you judge a book by its cover?
No, but I love to read books with beautiful covers.
Favourite book?
Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert
Favourite author?
I am currently going through a Phillipa Gregory stage.
Favourite place to read?
Bed
What do you love about reading?
I’m directing a movie in head.

Student
Free Day
Friday
15th April

School
begins for
Term 2
Wednesday
27th April