MARCHING BAND TRIP A GREAT SUCCESS

The members of the Marching Band brought great credit to themselves, our school and Mackay when they recently performed in the State Anzac Parade in Brisbane. Many congratulatory emails and letters have commented on the students’ professional contribution to the parade and the state organising committee has sent thanks and congratulations to all students and their families. In particular, the Governor, Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley, was most complimentary and supportive each time the band passed the saluting dais. It was most exciting for both the staff and students to have so many of our parents attend the march and cheer us on. Many thanks!

Rehearsals for the performance began with the Year 8s at the start of February. Each year we have to reconfigure all the key positions in the band – it’s like putting together a giant jigsaw puzzle! For the first few weeks of the year there were six separate rehearsals going on, and then all the sections came together in Week 9.

Of course, the march was the focus and main highlight of our trip for the ninety four students, but they also greatly enjoyed the ice skating at Boondall and the whole Movieworld experience. Just as the pineapples, “Wilson” and “Adidas” were stars of the 2010 trip, this year the four Year 12 Easter bunnies were the standout attraction! Early on Easter morning, they could be seen hopping around the cabins with their cute little ears and big fluffy tails, delivering “goodies” to all the inhabitants.

Planning is already almost complete for the 2012 trip. Next year the trip will leave on the night of Monday, April 23 and return on Saturday morning, April 28.

Again, sincere thanks to our dedicated and intrepid trip team for all their support and hard work – Judy Power, David Bayliss, Simon Henderson, Anne and Joe Clutterbuck and Kathy George.

MAY FAIR – 6.00PM NEXT FRIDAY 20 MAY
From the Principal

Mackay North State High School is very fortunate to have an extremely supportive parent body led by the P&C and its President Brian Saxby. Over the years, our P&C has undertaken numerous projects which have provided our school with many facilities for the benefit of our students. It is due to the ongoing efforts of our parents, often ably assisted by our staff members, that our school has been provided with many additional facilities, for example, the swimming pool, the Community Hall, the Performing Arts building, oval extensions, air conditioning, drainage projects, garden enhancements and Saxby Square.

I would like to take this opportunity thank all parents for your ongoing support of all P&C activities. One of the major fundraising activities of the year is our Annual Fair (which, this year, had to be postponed for only the second time in its thirty year history). This year’s Fair will be held next Friday, May 20 and I encourage you all to support the fundraising efforts of our P&C by attending our school fair next Friday night. I look forward to seeing you there.

Shelley Lewis
Principal

State Honours for Excellence in Music Student

Year 12 student, Tracey Cook, has already excelled in her music studies while at Mackay North State High School, and has recently added further credits to her name.

On Sunday, March 20, Tracey travelled to Brisbane for the State Trinity College awards. She was awarded with three acknowledgements in honour of her achievements for her Grade 8 Trinity piano examination:

- Mackay Senior Centre Medal winner – the highest honour mark from Grade 6-8 in all music subjects
- Top of the state in all music subjects
- Rhona Morton Keyboard Scholarship to the value of $1,000 to be spent on piano music education. This was presented by Dr Ralph Morton on behalf of the Morton family in honour of their mother who was a noted piano and theory teacher in Brisbane for over seventy years.

At the end of May, Tracey (playing violin) was again short listed for Education Queensland’s biennial Musically Outstanding Program which is to be held in June/July in Brisbane this year. She has already been selected for the program twice before in Year 8 and Year 10 – truly a phenomenal achievement.

May Fair – 6.00pm Next Friday 20 May
YEAR 8 WEEK

8N2 STUDENTS SHARE THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF YEAR 8 WEEK:

“I enjoyed Year 8 Week. It was fun because I met people I didn’t know and Kinchant Dam was fun to go back to.”  
TIOOMEE RAMSAMY

“Year 8 Week was great. We got to meet other people in our sports houses and spend time with them. Going through the mangroves, we found the mud lobsters’ homes and looked out for spiders. Going up to the lookout was hard but when we reached the top, it was worth it.”  
BREANNA WOLFENDEN

“The Year 8 Week was very enjoyable because we were able to learn new things. My favourite activity was skating because all the white t-shirts were glowing.”  
LAYLA CARNAHAN

“My favourite activity for Year 8 Week was rafting at Kinchant Dam. The reason why I liked rafting was because it was a new experience and my team and I had lots of fun. We made the second Titanic- it sank.”  
MIKAYLA KELLY

“My favourite activity at Year 8 Week was going skating with all the 8 N’s because it was a new experience and I learned how to do it. The skating was also funny because most people fell at the beginning but then they got the hang of it.”  
MARIE JENSEN VAN RENSBURG

“We had great fun doing activities with our friends. My favourite was when we went to the Long Hut as we were learning about different cultures and eating damper.”  
TYLER HOFFMANN

“Year 8 Week was really fun. I made heaps of new friends.”  
SHANNON LAMONT

“The best part was the Long Hut because we got to paint our faces and make a cool ball out of palm leaves. We got to throw boomerangs and they made us damper with syrup.”  
MADELYN REEVES

“Year 8 Week was a good week. I had lots of fun doing some of the activities. My favourite activity was rockwall climbing in the hall and the bushwalk at Cape Hillsborough.”  
ROBERT PEARCE

“It was fun because I had never done most of it before. I liked the Kinchant Dam the best because we got wet.”  
AKISA HUNTCHINSON

“Year 8 Week was a really good experience. The Cape Hillsborough excursion was so much fun! My favourite activity was the beach games. During Year 8 Week, I made a few new good friends who I now spend my breaks with.”  
KATE ASHWORTH

“Year 8 Week was the best week of high school ever! I loved it when we went on walks up to the lookout and through the forest.”  
MORGAN FORMAN

“Year 8 Week was the best week yet. On Tuesday, we went to Kinchant Dam and our second activity was raft making and my team came first.”  
JYE RUSSELL

MORE PHOTOS IN THIS NEWSLETTER
Today we profile the reading habits of Ms Hardisty, Maths Teacher.

Name something you read every day.  
Junk Mail

Do you judge a book by its cover?
No

Favourite book?
I like too many to have a favourite. 

Favourite author?
Nora Roberts

Favourite place to read? 
On the couch

What do you love about reading?
Escape from real life.
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

MARCHING BAND
It was wonderful to see so many students at the Labour Day March performance. The weather was glorious and the march went extremely well. The students were very kindly provided with a drink and a burger at the end of the march (which they greatly enjoyed!) and the Queensland Teachers’ Union also made a generous donation to our Shanghai band after the march. Congratulations and many thanks to all students and families who were able to support this performance.

All students should have received a letter this week outlining the details of our next marching band performance which is for the Queensland Premier on Tuesday, May 24 at 5.00pm. All students in the marching band are to meet in the Senior Citizens’ Building at 4.30pm. The students should be finished about 5.15pm.

FAIR PERFORMANCES
Please note that many of the Performing Arts groups are performing at the Fair on May 20. The intermediate band, stage band and dance troupes will all be involved on the night.

TWILIGHT CONCERT
The annual Twilight Concert which showcases the achievements of the music students during this first semester is coming up on Wednesday night, June 8 starting at 7.30pm (finished by 9.00pm) Please keep the night free. All music ensembles will be performing as well as some very talented Year 12 music students.

ANNUAL DRAMA PRODUCTION
Under the watchful eye of director, Ms Toni Cresswell, forty Year 8 – 12 drama students are adding the final touches to our annual school drama production which will be held in our hall on Thursday, June 2 and Friday, June 3 starting at 7.00pm. This year it is titled “Australian” and focuses on “all things Australian”. It will be another impressive night of entertainment, so do keep the night free and support our students. Entry is by way of a donation of $5.00 per person. Some of the issues explored may not be entirely suitable for children under high school age.

THEATRE SPORTS SUCCESS
A big congratulations to the members of our intrepid, talented school theatresports team: Reece Madam, Ellie Wilson, Jordan Kattahgen and Kaitlin Tweedale who won the interschool competition held at Pioneer State High at the end of last term. Their creativity, confidence and ingenuity had to be seen to be believed – tremendous work!

MUSICALLY OUTSTANDING STUDENTS
We were delighted to hear that Tracey Cook (Year 12 – violin) and Rachel Van Der Veen (Year 11 – violin) have both been selected from statewide auditions to attend the prestigious Musically Outstanding Student Program in Brisbane in June. This program offers students invaluable extension work with music lecturers and professional performers. Congratulations to both these students – we are very proud of your achievement.

Kathy George
(HOD – Performing Arts)
MAY FAIR
NEXT FRIDAY 6-9PM

Dances
Raffles
Stage
Side Show Alley

Easy Dinner
Face Painting

Splat the Rat

Steak Burgers
Sausages
Chips
Spiders
Coffee & Cake
Hot Spuds
Fairy Floss
Poffertjes
Donuts
Drinks

Concert Band

Donations for the Fair may be brought in to the office at any time. Plants & Cakes on Friday if possible.

CAKE STALL
If you can bake for the fair, please feel free to come to the school office to collect some cooking ingredients.
INFORMATION EVENING
FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS

6.30PM ON TUESDAY 7TH JUNE 2011—
MACKAY NORTH ASSEMBLY HALL

MACKAY NORTH SHS WILL BE CONDUCTING A SHORT INFORMATION EVENING AND A TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERING ENROLLING HERE IN YEAR 8 IN 2012.

THE STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND WITH THEIR PARENTS.
Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

Parents and students will visit classrooms during the tour of facilities available at North. They can meet and talk with current Year 8 students who will be working in the various classrooms around the school. The present Year 8 students are keen to share their experiences with parents and prospective Year 8 students for 2012.

CAN YOU HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE?
If you know of students attending private schools who may be considering MNSHS for 2012, please pass this information on to them.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the school on 49631666 to speak to Mr Ian Luck. We would love to hear from you.
We hope that you will consider Mackay North State High School for 2012.

THE INFORMATION EVENING IS A GREAT WAY TO FIND OUT ABOUT OUR SCHOOL.

PARENTS OF STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT MNSHS

As you will be aware Mackay North SHS (MNSHS) has an Enrolment Management Plan (E.M.P.) in place and you need to be aware of the following procedures for enrolment in 2012.

Only students who reside in our catchment area will be guaranteed enrolment for Year 8 providing parents submit a completed APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT FORM accompanied by a rates notice or other documented proof of residence.

Students who live outside the catchment area, will be enrolled from a waiting list in order of receipt of their application for enrolment, according to the priorities of the E.M.P, until we reach our maximum capacity for Year 8 which has been set at 300 students. This order gives priority advantages to students in year 7 who:
• have a sibling attending MNSHS
• students enrolled in year 7 at the following State Schools in our catchment area: Mackay North, Fitzgerald, Northview, Glenella, Farleigh and Coningsby.

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity for priority you will need to submit an Application for Enrolment Form as soon as possible after enrolments open from 12th July, and well before the first round offers on 29th August. Further round of offers will only be made after that date if we believe capacity still exists for out of catchment enrolments.

WE WILL NOTIFY YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER 29TH AUGUST 2011 AS TO WHETHER YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL OR NOT.

SHELLY LEWIS (PRINCIPAL) IAN LUCK (DEPUTY PRINCIPAL)

WHOOPING COUGH (PERTUSSIS)

Two students attending North High have recently been diagnosed with Whooping Cough, which causes a persistent cough. Any person with Whooping Cough is highly infectious for the first three weeks of their cough and could pass the illness on to an infant or baby at home. Children under 1 year of age are at particular risk of severe illness.

If your son/daughter develops a troublesome cough please take them to your doctor promptly. Whooping cough can only spread through coughing, and those with the illness should stay away from school until they have completed at least 5 days of an antibiotic.

Whooping cough is prevented by routine vaccines given to infants and children at 2, 4 and 6 months, 4 years of age and again at 15 years of age. Please take this opportunity to check that your child is up to date with vaccination.

Dr Steven Donohue
Public Health Medical Officer
Tropical Population Health Service
11th May 2011

MAY FAIR
6.00PM
NEXT FRIDAY
20TH MAY
## Calendar of Events

### Assessment

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### Year 10

| **HEC10** | 24/05/2011 | Research Assignment | CRIDKA |
| **HIS10** | 16/05/2011 | ASSIGNMENT DUE | DOWNPE |
| | 23/05/2011 | ASSIGNMENT DUE | MCEWEBE |

17/05/2011 Students in Mr. Donohue's GEG101A class will be on an excursion to the River Street Precinct to investigate liveability and sustainability of cities in Periods 1 to 3 (8.50 to 11.00am).

19/05/2011 Students in Ms. Lee’s GEG101C and Mrs. Sticklan's GEG101D class will be on an excursion to the River Street Precinct to investigate liveability and sustainability of cities in Periods 1 to 3 (8.50 to 11.00am).

20/05/2011 Students in Ms. John's GEG101E and Mrs. Sticklan's GEG101B class will be on an excursion to the River Street Precinct to investigate liveability and sustainability of cities in Periods 4 & 5 (11.15am to 1.15pm).

### Year 11

| **DAN11** | 16/05/2011 | Musical Performance 2 min | GOODRO |
| **ESB111A** | 19/05/2011 | CHCCN305A - Oral Exit Interview | GEAECVI |
| | 19/05/2011 | CHCCN305A - Assessment Booklet | GEAECVI |
| **ESB111B** | 19/05/2011 | CHCCN305A | WALLRO |
| **HSB11B** | 25/05/2011 | SITHFIN001A - Non Al Beverage | BATTSA |
| **HSB11C** | 26/05/2011 | SITHFAB010B - Non Al Bever | PORTLA |
| **HSB1A** | 26/05/2011 | SITHFAB010B - Non Al Bever | PORTLA |
| **LST11** | 23/05/2011 | RTS EXAM (IN CLASS) | MURRBR |
| **MUS11** | 19/05/2011 | Analyzing Repertoire Exam | RICAVE |
| **SOS11** | 23/05/2011 | RESEARCH ASSIGN. DUE | RODGLI, KYNALY |
| **TRB11** | 22/05/2011 | Research assign SITTTS0003A - Service + provide international destination info | CRIDKA |

16/05/2011 Ms. Simmons’s MST111D & Mr. Murphy’s MST111C on Oceanography Excursion to Harbour - all day

17/05/2011 Mr. Shaw’s MST111E & Mr. Mian’s MST111D on Oceanography Excursion to Harbour - all day

### Year 12

| **DAN12** | 16/05/2011 | Battles Performance 4 mins | GOODRO |
| **ECB12** | 16/05/2011 | ORAL - EPILOGUE | CAMETR |
| **HSB12A** | 27/05/2011 | SITHFAB002B - Assessment 1 | RAET |
| **HSB12B** | 25/05/2011 | SITHFAB002B - Operate a bar Assessment 1 | BATTSA |
| **HSB12C** | 16/05/2011 | SITFAB001B - Assessment 2 | PORTLA |
| | 26/05/2011 | SITFAB002B - Assessment 1 | PORTLA |
| **MHS12** | 16/05/2011 | CATEGORY COMPLETED | COPTLO |
| | 16/05/2011 | CATEGORY COMPLETED | GOODMI |
| **MUS12** | 25/05/2011 | Analyzing Repertoire Exam | GEORKA |
| **SOS12** | 23/05/2011 | WRITTEN REPORT DUE | STICGE |

Seminars Presentations Begin

| **TRB121A** | 19/05/2011 | SITXFIN001A - Assessment 2 | RAET |

16/05/2011 All Year 12 students involved in a QCS Practise or Vocational Skills session in periods 1 and 2.

17/05/2011 All Year 12 Physics students attending a full day "Physics in Motion" Excursion at Palmyra Drag Strip.

18/05/2011 Mr. Mian’s MPs121B Class on a Boating Excursion today.

23/05/2011 Mr. Shaw’s MPB121B Class on a Boating Excursion today.

27/05/11 Marine Studies Classes to Hamilton Island. Leave School 5am—return school 7pm Mr Shaw, Mr Langford, Mr Mian Ms Simmons

### Whole School

16/05/2011 Parents & Citizens Association Meeting in Library at 7.30pm

25/05/2011 Approximately 60 students selected from Year 10 to Year 12 will attend the sitting of Qld Parliament at MECC from 9.30am to 12.00pm with Ms. Auriac, Mr. Donaghue.

27/05/2011 Newsletter issued to all students today

### Year 10 Camp

16/05/2011 Year 10 Camp for students in 10N's and 10 S's at Action Challenge, Alligator Creek. Students to be at school by 8.30am. Normal school for all other students in 10N's and 10 S's not attending camp.

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18/05/2011 Year 10 Camp for students in 10N's and 10 S's at Action Challenge, Alligator Creek. Students will be back at school by 3.00pm. Normal school for all other students in 10N's and 10 S's not attending camp.