Hello Parents, Carers, Students and Community members,

Welcome to the final term for 2015, how time has flown.

Term 4 is an extremely busy term with Awards Night, final assessment for Year 12 and then of course the Year 12 Formal.

The next cohort to finish will be our year 10 and 11 students who finish their year at the end of week 8. Years 7, 8 and 9 students will have the opportunity to participate in the Junior School Fun Day at Capricorn Resort, Yeppoon on the second last day of school. What a wonderful opportunity, all this in one term kind of makes ones head spin.

Student attendance has had significant improvement during the last year to be sitting at 81.7%. At the end of term 3 last year our attendance was at a very low average of 78.1%.

I wish to thank everyone involved for this improvement, however, we need to continue to focus on attendance and move our average closer to the Education Departments expectation of 93%.

Mount Morgan High has purchased a software program that commenced operation at the beginning of term 4 that monitors attendance of students throughout the day including lateness to class, truancy, sick bay and the amount of times students go to the toilet during the day. From the beginning of 2016, this program will automatically send a text message to parents/carers if their son or daughter has arrived at school late or has been logged into sick bay. We are now monitoring your son or daughters attendance in every lesson every day.

Can you please ensure that your phone and email details are accurate and up to date for this purpose as well as for emergency contact.

The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) at Mount Morgan State High School requires greater input from our Mount Morgan Community to support our school and students simply by joining and participating in P&C meetings at our school. We need you to help us to help your children to get even greater opportunities in education. We need you in our P&C so please contact the school and find out when the next meeting is scheduled and come along. I invite you attend.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish every student your greatest achievement ever in your final assessments for the year.

I have been the Principal at Mount Morgan State High School for one complete year now and I have thoroughly enjoyed being here. Thank you everyone for your support and teamwork.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and I look forward to meeting and working with you in the near future.

Regards,

Trevor Rickerett – Principal
Mount Morgan State High School Production 2015

Mount Morgan SHS’ Drama Group have put together a lovely play called Holka Polka. Set out on an adventure with Brenda the witch who is trying to save Fairy Tale Land with the help of the Big Bad Wolf and Cinderella. This Fairy Tale Mystery puts a new twist on some famous fables such as Humpty Dumpty, Little Red Riding Hood and many more.

When
6 and 7 November, doors open at 6 and show starts at 6.30pm

Where
Mount Morgan School of Arts (Morgan Street)

What
School play

Entry Cost
$5 per adult and $2 per student (primary and secondary), $10 for families (2 adults and 3 children)

Tickets can be pre-purchased now at the office of Mount Morgan SHS.

Snacks and soft drinks available to purchase.

We hope to see you there!

Alcohol supply: no minor offence
As end of year celebrations approach, parents and guardians are reminded that the supply of alcohol to anyone under the age of 18 for unsupervised consumption at a private place is an offence. – It carries a fine of up to $9424. For more information visit www.qld.gov.au/liquorawareness

Year 10—12 have the opportunity to participate in two courses:
- Responsible Service of Alcohol
- Responsible Gambling Services

These will be held on the 30 October 2015 and will cost $50 for one course or $80 for both. For more information contact K Stanger at the school.

Dates to remember:
Student Free Day
19/10/15

Awards Night
04/11/15

School Production
06 and 07/11/15

Senior Formal

POSITIVE AWARDS
TERM 4—WEEK 1
Year 7—Kira Jasperson
Year 8—Celeste Elliott
Year 9—Courtney Anderson-Ross
Year 10—Claudia Brooks
Year 11—Nahum Jacobson
Year 12—Cole Court-Barnham

School plain black shorts are available from the Tuckshop for $10.00

MMSHS tuckshop operates every day.
Yummy food available.
Supporting the tuckshop helps support funding for school activities.

ANY VOLUNTEERS WELCOME
Several talented Mount Morgan High School students were recently announced as winners in the ARTIE Academy Reconciliation Challenge. This art challenge was open to all students enrolled in any one of ARTIE’s 16 Queensland schools, and saw hundreds of students creatively express what reconciliation meant to them through dance, photography, music, painting, drawing and creative writing. The ARTIE Academy Reconciliation Challenge aimed to celebrate the diverse mix of cultures encountered in its participating schools, and hoped to motivate students from different backgrounds to work together on creative projects in order to encourage communication about reconciliation.

Renowned contemporary Indigenous artist Cher-n’ee Sutton had the difficult task of selecting competition finalists from over 600 entries across eight categories, with the winners of two categories being found in Mount Morgan! Shelby Pridemore, Jenna Larson, Letitia Hollier and Jaiden Roadfeldt’s artwork entitled Reconciliation was the overall winner of the Years 7 – 9 category and saw them receive prizes of iPods and Beats headphones. In addition, Shellby Evans won the Years 7 – 9 Individual category and was awarded an iPad mini. We congratulate these students on their amazing efforts at representing reconciliation through art!

From top
Jaiden Roadfeldt, Shelby Pridemore, Shellby Evans and Jenna Larson with their prizes.

Cole Court-Barnham and Courtney Brown with their ARTIE prize for 100% attendance at school.
Mount Morgan State High School was established in 1912 and is the oldest high school in Queensland. In 2012 the school celebrated 100 years of education and still continues to serve the community of Mount Morgan and its surrounding regions providing a quality education for each of its students.

INFORMATION FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Building Connections Parenting Seminar
Understanding post-separation family dynamics

What to expect
Participants will learn about:
- The effects of family separation
- The impact of parental conflict on children
- The importance of looking after yourself post-separation
- Improving communication with the other parent
- Ideas for future co-parenting
- Parents who are experiencing separation

Date and location:
Rockhampton - Saturday, 24 October 2015, 10:00am – 1:00pm
CentacareCQ - 10 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton
RSVP: Wednesday 21 October 2015
Cost:
$25, includes Morning Tea

To register or for more info:
1300 523 985 or registrations@centacare.net
www.centacarecq.com 1300 523 985

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