Dear Parents, Caregivers & Students

Every day counts
We are now in week 6 of term 1 and it is timely to remind everyone about the importance of attending school every day. I have said it many times, and it cannot be over stated; attendance is the major contributor to positive learning outcomes for our students, your children.

Up until the end of week 5 the average attendance for each year level is:

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This represents on average, students have attended 19 out of a possible 25 days.

If your child has missed more than 2 days of school in the first 5 weeks; they have already missed too many days. If your child has missed 5 or more days; this is unacceptable and their non-attendance is jeopardising their academic future and employment opportunities. It is nearly impossible for your child to progress with the rest of the class if they are not in the classroom every day engaging in the learning experiences that are on offer. The only exception to this is illness. In this situation the parent or carer needs to contact the school so that arrangements can be made to support their child.

I would ask parents, caregivers and students to take this message seriously. All students need to be at school in class every lesson, every day. The teachers and I want you in the classroom learning, progressing and achieving to your full potential.

Yours in education
Paul Nicholson
Principal

Parents & Citizens Association
The Mount Morgan State High Schools P&C AGM, will be held Thursday March 13th 2014, 3.30 pm at Mount Morgan High School.

Year 12 Leadership Camp
Due to lack of interest the year 12 leadership camp to Kroombit Park has been cancelled.

2014 Next Step Survey
The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587

Immunisation Program 2014
This year a part of the School Based Vaccination Program, the Mount Morgan Multi - Purpose Health Service is again providing free vaccinations for all Year 8 and 10 students with the first being held on 11 March 2014.

Year 8 students are being offered vaccination to protect against hepatitis B, varicella (chickenpox) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination.

Year 10 students are being offered protection against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough). Male students in year 10 are also being offered free HPV vaccinations as part of a catch up program.

The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses.

Consent forms for each vaccination have been sent home with your child. If you haven’t returned the forms, please do so as soon as possible. The forms must be signed regardless of whether you wish your child to be vaccinated or not.

Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have breakfast on the morning of vaccination.

For more information about diseases, vaccines or the School Based Vaccination Program, visit www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation/sbvp/default.asp or call 13 Health on 13 43 25 84.

Breakfast Club
Time: 8.15 – 8.40am
Where: At the tuckshop

Drop by and Year 12 students will provide you with juice and toast, with either vegemite or jam.

Remember breakfast is the most important meal of the day!
**Nurse Hilary’s Column**

**Dress in Purple for Epilepsy**

Free Dress Day  Wednesday 26 March 2014

Gold Coin Donation to support Research into Epilepsy

Purple day is all about Epilepsy Awareness

**What is epilepsy?**
- World’s most serious brain disorder
- Tendency to recurring seizures
- Seizures are all different
- Everybody’s epilepsy is different

**What is a seizure?**
Sudden uncontrolled electrical activity causes disturbance in the brain –
- Strange sensations in the body
- Uncharacteristic behaviour – wandering, confusion
- Blank stare and unresponsive
- Convulsions and spasms
- Loss of consciousness

Some people worry about having a seizure at school or work, or how their peers will react.
How would you respond to someone having a seizure?...? facebook.com/MMEdP

**What can you do?**
- Stay with the person
- Protect from injury
- Learn about seizure first aid
- Any doubts, call 000

**What else you can do!**
March is Epilepsy Awareness Month!
Help Epilepsy Queensland celebrate Purple Day on 26 March.
Purple Day was founded by a nine year old girl in Canada called Cassidy Megan, who wanted to get Purple Day was founded by a nine year old girl in Canada called Cassidy Megan, who wanted to get

What have been put in classrooms to reduce the spread of the many illnesses that can be passed from student to student through unclean hands.
This trial will extend to the end of term 2 and be assessed as to its effectiveness and use during this trial period. If you have any concerns or questions about this trial please do not hesitate to contact the school nurse Hillary Peters.

**Purple Day suggestions**
- Log onto Epilepsy Queensland website at www.epilepsyqueenland.com.au
- Download information sheets about Purple Day
- Wear something purple on 26 March
- Host a purple or mask themed event
- Hold a purple face painting party
- Buy or sell – ribbons, badges, pens, bracelets, wristbands, masks and bears are available during March

**Infection Prevention Trial**
As of 25th February 2014, two hand sanitisers have been installed with sanitising instant foam in Rooms 9 & 12 for students to use.
These have been put in classrooms to reduce the spread of the many illnesses that can be passed from student to student through unclean hands.
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**Student Representative Council**
The SRC will hold its inaugural meeting this week.
Representatives will meet once a month to discuss and action the issues and opportunities facing the students at Mount Morgan SHS.
So if you have a fundraising idea, an issue that affects all students or want to suggest a change for the better – contact your year level representative.
Year 8 – Morgan James, Zane Smith & Tahlia Reid
Year 9 – Jessica Grange
Year 10 – Jaiden Stapides, Jewel Dolan & Talah Reid,
Year 11 – Cole Court

**School Birthday**
Mount Morgan High held a special parade last month to mark its 102nd birthday. Miss Irene Sturgess our school patron and former Head Mistress took all of the guest back on a journey to earlier times at Mt Morgan High. The guests all listened as Miss Sturgess told them about the former sporting carnivals, the trophies and even a reciting of the war cries.

The celebrations were conducted by the Mt Morgan High Business class and the senior students and finished with a cutting of the Birthday cake.

**Newsletter**
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**Infection Prevention Trial**
- Hand Sanitizer unit that has recently been placed into two classrooms on a trial basis.

Below:
- Junior school year level coordinator Sharonn

**Right:**
- Hand Sanitizer

**Below:**
- Junior school year level coordinator Sharonn

**After School Games Group 2014**
This year the After School Games group has kicked off with a bang! The group meets on a Wednesday afternoon to explore lost ruins, fight minions of evil and, most importantly, have a whole bunch of fun! The main game we play at the After School Games Group is a new game this year called Dungeon World, it’s a group storytelling game where each player takes on the role of a brave adventurer, but if you’re expecting to find us staring at a computer screen tapping and clicking away, think again! The game all takes place on the table and in our imaginations, using dice and character sheets that tell us what our characters are able to do.
So far the intrepid adventurers have been framed for the assassination of the mighty dwarf lord of Grey-tower, and after proving their innocence were charged with trekking in to the wild lands called The Unknown to find answers at the Blackkeep. Along the way they have faced down deadly Firehounds, and vicious Shadow Wings. Now the group has found themselves trapped in an ancient underground ruin, in a room that contains a statue of a long dead hero-turned-villain, the Master of Garon and a single door, magically sealed.

If you are interested in how you can join up, find Mr Murray or one of the Games Group and have a chat! This year’s gamers are:
- Caleb K, Charlotte B, Connor M, Jacob B, Jayden S, Jessica A, Matt L, Mr Potross, Taine P

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Above; Paul Nicholson (Principal), Kylie Stanger (HOD), Tamara White (Adopt-a-cop) with the 2014 Leadership team.

**“Adopt a Cop”**

Mt Morgan High held a special parade on Monday 17th February 2014, this was the official welcoming of our Adopt a Cop.

The school has been very fortunate in adopting Constable Tamara White for this position and she will offer her services as a school support officer.

Benefits of the program include:

(i) The enhanced safety and wellbeing of children through education;

(ii) Positive attitudes of children towards police and the community;

(iii) The encouragement of law abiding behaviour;

(iv) Increased community satisfaction with the QPS;

(v) Greater community support of the QPS

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**School Leaders**

Monday 17th February 2014, we were proud to announce and induct our Leaders for 2014.

**School captains** Nicholas Stock and Billi Jansen

**Vice captain** Whitney Tull

**2014 House captains**
- Kendall Kealie Traynor-Oates
- Paterson Sammy Snarr
- Gordon Lisa Ferguson, Chynna Williams

**School leaders**
- Tameeka Long & Constance Whittingham

**Student representative council**

- Year 8 Morgan James, Zane Smith, & Shellby Evans
- Year 9 Jessica Grange
- Year 10 Jaiden Stadden, Taliyah Reid & Jewl Dolan
- Year 11 Cole Court
- Year 12

Student leaders for 2014 had already begun their duties prior to the announcements. Their first was a CQ Leaders Regional Induction at St Joseph church with 13 other high schools.

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**School Photos**

School photos will be taken on Friday 7th March 2014. (This Friday) Students are to wear appropriate school uniform and no make-up or jewellery etc. Please see below if wish to know when your students photos will be taken.

- 09:05 am Yr 8 group, Individuals to follow
- 09:30 am Yr 9 group, Individuals to follow
- 10:00 am Yr 10 group, Individuals to follow
- 10:30 am Yr 12 group, Individuals to follow
- 11:00 am Yr 11 group, Individuals to follow
- 11:30 am Leadership team – front stairs.

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**Annual Swimming Carnival**

The Swimming Carnival is the first sporting carnival to be held this year on Friday 14th March 2014 at the Mount Morgan Pool.

All students are required to attend and participating students must return signed permission forms. Students will need to bring

- towel
- swimwear (including swimming shirt)
- broad-brimmed hat
- water bottle
- $1 entry into the Mount Morgan pool.

Students can bring a packed lunch or the canteen will be operating at the swimming pool if you would like to purchase lunch on the day.

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**Drama Club**

If your student is interested in joining Drama Club, we meet every;

- Thursday afternoon 3.10 pm — 4.10 pm

Collect a permission slip from Miss Dale.

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**Staff vs Year 8 Volleyball Comp**

Every term Mr Leon & Miss Crane are hoping to have a game of volleyball/touch/soccer/basketball or netball against different year levels within the school.

This Friday the 7th of March, Lunch 1, staff will be Versing year 8’s in a game of Volleyball. Students wishing to participate are to see Mr Leon or Miss Crane.

Our Adopt-a-cop, Constable Tamara White will also be joining in to play on the day.

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**GRIP Leadership Conference**

Our newly inducted school leaders attended the GRIP Leadership conference in Rockhampton on 21 February. The conference gave the leaders the opportunity to learn more about what it takes to be a leader and how to lead in their school environment. Leaders attended keynote sessions about Creating Unity at School and Creating House Spirit; lessons which were derived from the extraordinary lives of Nelson Mandela and Cathy Freeman.

Networking opportunities with leaders from other schools was another focus for the conference. This allowed our leaders to discuss and promote MMSSHS and highlight its grand history and successes.

The leadership team are now focussed and ready to implement the new fundraising ideas they learned at the conference very soon.

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**LATEST NEWS ON THE ARTIE PROGRAM**

The Artie program was launched last week at MMSSHS, they will be meeting again on Wednesday 12th March 2014, at 2nd Lunch for “The ARTIE Shout Out” lunch.

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2014 leaders that attended the GRIP Leadership day.

2014 School Captains Nicholas Stock & Billi Jansen
Free Womens Health Checks

DATES:
17th Feb
7th Apr
19th May
23rd June

VENUE:
Women’s Health Centre
225 Bolsover Street
(cnrs Bolsover & Derby Streets)

Ph: 1800 017 382 Or 4922 6585
BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!
Private & Confidential

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Road Safety Week
March 17th –23rd
Road safety is your future
The Fatal Five
• Speeding
• Drink & Drug Driving
• Failure to wear seatbelts
• Driving whilst fatigued
• Distraction & Inattention

Where: HERITAGE VILLAGE
When: SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2014
Time: 9AM-2PM
Cost: GOLD COIN ENTRY

Road Timetable
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costly exercise to set up, so we are asking if any-
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Plagiarism & Cheating

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MOUNT MORGAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Golden Mount Festival Update
Golden Mount Festival, 2nd -4th May 2014
Hi Everyone.
We are all working hard on organising this
years festival and would love to see your in-
volvement. This years theme is Comedy and
we would love to see some local talent.
We would love to see some budding stand
up comics or comic skills suitable for family
entertainment or being part of the event crew
on the day. Do you have idea for a float for the
parade or walk on foot dressed as your
favourite comic character. Join in the fun and
contact me; Jeni on 0452003030 or
hjen55@live.com.au.

Regards
Jeni Hall
Golden Mount Festival 2014

Youngs Bus Service
Young’s Bus Service has released a new
bus tracking application that will help par-
tents and students when catching the bus.
The Live Timetable allows

Youngs Bus Service

Be Brave & Shave
Shave for a Cure – Reece Jones is looking for sponsor-
ship and will get his head shaved for this
great cause.
Reece is asking for donations or sponsors in his
endeavour to raise money for cancer research.
Thursday 13th of March will see Reece shave his
head and to honour his sacrifice we are asking
that all students create their own crazy hairstyle
or washout colour to support him on the day.
Your Crazy Hair comes with a cost – a gold coin
donation for Shave for a Cure!
If you would like to help raise money for this
great cause, I’m sure Reece would appreciate any
support you can give him!
Let’s get behind Reece and support Shave for a
Cure by showing your crazy hair on
Thursday 13 March!!

MMPAD Trivia Night
In conjunction with
Mount Morgan Rugby Union Club
When: Friday, March 28th 2014
Where: Mount Morgan School of Arts Hall
Time: 7.00 pm
Teams minimum of 4 people &
maximum of 6
$10 per person (includes supper)
To register a team:
Phone Camille on: 49 382 312 or
Contact MMPAD: mmpad@bigpond.com

Dates to Remember
March 7th School photos
March 11th Immunisations
March 12th Artie Lunch
March 13th P&C AGM
March 14th Swimming Carnival
March 26th Purple for Epilepsy
April 4th Last day of Term
April 22nd School resumes for Term 2

Road for a Cure
Mount Morgan State High School
was established in 1912 and is the oldest school
in Queensland. In 2012 the school celebrated 100 years of educa-
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gan and its surrounding regions providing a quality education for
each of its students.

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