03 March 2015

Bungoona

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Hello Students, Parents, Carers, Staff and Community Supporters.

I am hoping that everything is back to normal in your homes after cyclone Marcia and that you weren’t severely affected.

Attendance has been adversely affected as a result of the cyclone and power loss and I do understand that attending school every day last week would have been extremely difficult, however, we must soldier on now and attend every lesson every day and do our best to catch up on lessons lost. **Our attendance goal is 94% which allows for genuine sick days.**

We are in week 6 of our 10 week term and assessment is underway in many subject areas and I encourage every student to do a little extra study to ensure you secure your achievement goals for Term 1. Year 7, 8 and 9 students will all have homework books for literacy and numeracy which must be completed and handed back to their teacher at the end of every week. Please assist your son/daughter where possible to ensure their homework is completed on time.

Thank you all for your support in ensuring **every student succeeds**.

Regards,

Trevor Rickertt – Acting Principal

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 17 March 2015, please ensure your student is in school uniform.

Bus Service Meeting

Wowan/Dululu Conveyance Community Group Bus Service annual meeting will be held at 30 Dee Street, Dululu on Thursday 12 March 2015 at 4.30pm.

Swimming HPE

All students who have been attending the swimming course during term 1 for HPE need to pay the pool entry cost to the office as soon as possible.

Yr 9: $36
Yr 10: $80

Immunisations for years 8 and 10 will be conducted on 10 March 2015 at the school. Please ensure your student has returned their forms to the office ASAP.

Peer Mentor Program

A number of students have been selected this year to be part of the peer mentor program. The peer mentor students have been trained in order to help other students through support, mentoring, tutoring, mediation and conflict resolution. The students involved in the training are there to act as an extra support system for students experiencing social, emotional, physical, mental or spiritual problems and will promote problem solving skills in order to help the student.

P&C Meeting

There will be a P&C Meeting Wednesday 11 March at 3.30pm at MMSHS. This is an ordinary General Meeting.

The AGM meeting will be held on Thursday 02 April 2015 at 3.30pm.

ALL WELCOME
Swimming Carnival Results—2015
The school’s swimming carnival was held on the 17 February. The carnival was an opportunity for students to participate in a number of competitive races and novelty events in order to win points towards the house championship. Students were vibrant and colourful throughout the day with the majority of students entering in as many activities as possible. It was a fantastic day with Kendall taking out the swimming carnival title.

1st Kendall 741
2nd Gordon 692
3rd Paterson 582

The number of students participating in competitive races sky rocketed this year with the following students winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd age champions.

Age Champions

**U12**

Girls
1st Letitia Hollier
2nd Willandra Hughes
3rd Sharika Hayden

Boys
1st Kye-Juan Leisha
2nd Jarhlym Dans
3rd Dylan Stewart

**U13**

Girls
1st Mary-Rose Donald-Nord
2nd Tiara Bichener
3rd Lorina Seppings

Boys
1st Brayden Wilkes-Hayden
2nd Montell Oram
3rd Ethan Toby

**U14**

Girls
1st Carla-Delle Wilkes-Hayden
2nd Shellby Evans
3rd Keanna Martin

Boys
1st Malu Anderson
2nd Tyler Toby
3rd Lachlan Buckton & Shai Hayden

**U15**

Girls
1st Maddison Mackay
2nd Jessica Grange
3rd Katelyn Robinson

Boys
1st John Turner
2nd Zachary Somerfield
3rd Daniel Lonsdale

**U16 Girls**

1st Shona Rankin
2nd Takiah Grant
3rd Taliah Reid

Boys
1st Elijah Anderson
2nd Davin Plummer

**OPENS**

Girls
1st Faith Rankin
2nd Isobella Rudolph
3rd Natasha Wyvill

Boys
1st Luke Plummer
2nd Raymond Stewart
3rd William Holden

On the day of the swimming carnival we also saw a number of records created and broken. The following students created new records in the under 12 age group.

Letitia Hollier – Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly and the individual medley.
Ulani Anderson – Breaststroke
Kye-Juan Leisha – Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and the individual medley.

The following students broke pre-existing records.

Daniel Lonsdale – 33 Yards Freestyle
Elijah Anderson – 33 Yards freestyle, 33 yards backstroke and the individual medley
Luke Plummer – 33 yards freestyle and the individual medley
Shona Rankin – Individual Medley
Isobella Rudolph – individual medley
NAPLAN
In coming weeks students will continue to prepare for NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN consists of testing over three mornings: language conventions and writing, reading and numeracy. The actual NAPLAN tests will take place in Term 2 from the 12th May-14th May. All classes have been working hard on curriculum to ensure that students are well prepared for the upcoming testing. If you would like further information on NAPLAN please contact Amy Johnston at the school.

NAPLAN provides benefits from the ground up for students, schools and Australian education systems.

1 MILLION STUDENTS sit the NAPLAN test.

Students take the test in years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

No pass. No fail. Familiarisation is important. Drilling and excessive practice is unnecessary.

READING
WRITING
LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS
NUMERACY

SCHOOLS
TEST DOMAINS

TEACHERS: Help teachers to challenge higher performers and identify students needing support.

SCHOOLS: Map student progress, identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and set goals.

WHO BENEFITS?

AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION SYSTEMS

EQUITY: A fair go for all Australian students.

KNOWLEDGE: Open conversation about the important skills of literacy and numeracy.

NATIONAL STANDARDS: Comparable data about literacy and numeracy standards.

School systems and governments. Valuable data to support good teaching and learning, and school improvement.

WHO BENEFITS?

The data and information we gain from NAPLAN drives ongoing improvement at school, state and national levels.

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Senior Schooling and Leadership News

Leadership
On February 12, 2015 Mount Morgan State High School not only celebrated its 103rd birthday but also the induction of 27 student leaders. The school ceremony featured guest speaker, Irene Sturgess who recollected on the process she encountered when first starting her journey at Mount Morgan State High School. We also heard from each of the grade 12 leaders as they discussed the process they undertook to become leaders and the discussion they had with the entire Leadership Team. The leadership team this year consists of 27 student leaders and they decided upon the following poem as a representation of their leadership team:

Learning is like a river stream
The journey inspires all to dream
When we put others first
We quench our caring thirst
There is nowhere we can’t explore
Together we achieve more.

The students really placed an emphasis on leading through example and supporting those around them. They recognised that some of the best things they could do would be to set a good example and support others to do the same.

I would like wish all the best in their endeavours for the following leaders inducted for the 2015 school year:

School Captains: Isobella Rudolph and Raymond Stewart
Vice Captain: William Holden
Kendall House Captains: Dylan Roberts and Bianca Tulk
Kendall Vice House Captain: Natasha Wyvill
Paterson House Captain: Kain Campion and William Holden
Paterson Vice House Captain: Isobella Rudolph
Gordon House Captains: Takiah Grant and Luke Plummer
Gordon House Vice Captain: Raymond Stewart
Senior School Leaders: Shania Moran and Faith Rankin
Junior School Captains: Jasmine Burt and Zane Smith
Junior Vice School Captain: Alan Tull
Junior School Leaders: Courtney Anderson-Ross, Savannah Alden and Katheryn Loader
Year 11 Representatives: Takiah Grant and Chelsea Tull
Year 10 Representatives: Tara-Lee Hoani and Claudia Brooks
Year 8 Representatives: Mary-Rose Donald-Nord and Telleesha Bull
Year 7 Representatives: Jaiden Roadfeldt and Shelby Pridemore
Student Leaders: Billy Snarr, Jazmin Cole and Tammy Ryan
The student council has been active already this year in organising a number of upcoming events. The students are writing a number of submissions for the P & C for community fundraisers. It will be a very busy term for our student council and any support you can give them would be greatly appreciated.

**Upcoming events are:**
- 6 March 2015 – Schools Clean Up Day and Community Fundraising BBQ
- 9 March 2015 – International Women’s Day
- 13 March 2015 – Shave for a Cure and Crazy Hair Day
- 20 March 2015 – National Day of Action Against Bullying

**Regional Leadership Induction**
After the school induction our Senior Student Leaders were also inducted into the Regional Student Leadership Team. The students attended a service at The Cathedral College. The students were positive representatives of the school and we are very proud of each of them already this year.

**Dream Big – Girls in Engineering**
On the 18th of February I had the opportunity to take two students down to CQUniversity for an event called Dream Big. The event aimed at girls aged 15 – 17 who were interested in undertaking a career in Engineering. The two students, Shianne Matheson and Claudia Brooks undertook a range of activities on the day including programming a robot car, exploring the university’s engineering equipment and watching a 3D printer in action. The students designed pendant with their initials for printing in the 3D printer and were able to bring this home with them. The information gained was inspiring for the students and a great opportunity for our girls.

**Camps and Jerseys**
Year 12 Camp planning is still in progress for 2015. It is likely that the students will attend a camp in late term 2 at Yeppoon but as soon as this is finalised parents will be notified.

The year 12 students have the opportunity this week to order their senior shirts and payments are required by Friday. The shirts will cost $45 each. Students may order more than one, however they should keep in mind Senior Jumpers may be purchased and these will be a greater expense.

**Year 12 Fundraiser**
Thank you to all students who supported the year 12 Valentines fundraiser on Friday it was a great day with some fantastic costumes and lots of fun was had by all.

**Assessment and Reporting**
Coming to the middle of term many students will have assessment due in the coming weeks. This assessment will be reported on with Term 1 report cards to be handed out late term 1 or early term 2. If you have concerns with your child’s progress please feel free to contact the teacher or myself as Head of Department.

*Kylie Stanger*
*Head of Department – Senior School*
ARTIE is back for 2015!

ARTIE is back for 2015! ARTIE (Achieving Results Through Indigenous Education) Academy is an Australian Government supported program that rewards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students for improvements in school attendance, behaviour, academic achievement, effort and ultimately Year 12 attainment or its equivalent.

Founded in 2010 and named in honour of our most significant Former Origin Great, Arthur Beetson OAM, the ARTIE Academy is much more than an education program. It is a living testament to the first Indigenous captain of an Australia sporting team. A man who was an inspiration and role model for his people, Arthur was resolute in his beliefs about the absolute need for young Indigenous Australians to be education, to finish school and to gain employment.

The ARTIE Academy expects students to achieve to the best of their ability and is there to support them in times of need.

Paula McDonald, ARTIE Academy Education Coordinator for the CQ region, will be bringing ARTIE to Mount Morgan State High School on Thursdays. Feel free to contact her via email at paulam@fogs.com.au for more information.

What is ARTIE?

The Former Origin Greats (FOGS) ARTIE (Achieving Results Through Indigenous Education) Academy is an Australian Government supported program. It provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attending Queensland schools within Townsville, Central Queensland, Sunshine Coast, Caboolture, Ipswich and Logan regions, the opportunity to participate in a program that encourages and rewards improvements in school attendance, behaviour, academic achievement, effort and ultimately Year 12 attainment or its equivalent.

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The ARTIE Academy operates with an innovative, high expectation, consistent and positive mindset. ARTIE is an Academy that expects them to achieve to the best of their ability. An Academy that will support them in times of need, but not accept excuses for a lack of commitment.

The ARTIE Academy motto of “Inspire, Encourage, Succeed” lays the foundation for the creation of strategies that aim to improve the schooling endeavours of participants.

ARTIE Overview

Global Term Challenges

Focused on Physical Attendance and Effort and Behaviour results in Math and English. Students are encouraged throughout the Term to improve their results to achieve Bronze, Silver or Gold status and in turn receive a reward for their hard work.

ARTIE Greats Challenge

An incentive based challenge to ensure the retention of students from Year 10 into their senior years of schooling (Years 11 and 12). The focus of this project is on being a "role model" for younger students. As well as the overarching Global Term Challenges, Year 10 students are set the task of entering they achieve a high standard so they are able to receive an ARTIE Letterman Jacket.

Yarn Outs

Gives students an opportunity to gather together as one group and celebrate their culture and successes with appearances from special guests, community members and former ARTIE graduates.

Tutoring

A significant element of our program involves ARTIE students being supported by University students and community members. The tutoring program supports students to build their skills in Literacy and Numeracy.

CONTACT US TODAY!

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This program is an initiative of FOGS

Mount Morgan State High 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.

For parents and community

School absenteeism and truancy can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing. Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless there is a reasonable excuse. Schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing school without you knowing, contact your school immediately for assistance and support.

Schools will:

- monitor student attendance
- let you know if your child is not at school
- follow-up any unexplained absences as soon as practicable, but within three days of any unexplained absence
- use effective teaching strategies to engage your child in learning
- help you with strategies to encourage your child to go to school
- provide support for families.

For more information please contact the school on 49 125 555.