DEAR PARENTS, CARERS AND STUDENTS,

Our Junior Secondary School

Mount Morgan State High School – Junior Secondary School

In 2015 there will be significant changes to both Mount Morgan Central State School and Mount Morgan State High School. In 2015 Year 7 students will transition across to high school. Significant preparation is occurring at Mount Morgan State High School to facilitate this transition.

At Mount Morgan State High School, we recognize that the Junior Secondary transition is a time of change and new beginnings. We see this time as the cornerstone of success, with students needing a solid foundation from which to build on. To achieve this here at MMMSHS we focus on who our students are and how they learn in order to develop flexible, targeted and collaborative approaches which aim to close the gap and set learning goals.

Mount Morgan State High School aims to provide a seamless transition between primary and high school. Our purpose is to provide challenging, engaging and rewarding curriculum that creates connections between all key stakeholders. We aspire to foster resilience within our students and to build positive relationships between students, teachers, parents/guardians, and the community so that all students achieve a positive learning outcome.

At Mount Morgan State High School our Junior Secondary Teachers are the cornerstone of successful students. Our teachers are passionate about teaching and learning; they set high expectations and provide challenging learning opportunities through Explicit Instruction. They are advocates for the adolescent learner. Our teachers build meaningful and lasting relationships with students that are based on mutual respect. Junior Secondary Teachers have a keen interest in the wellbeing of the student and create and maintain partnerships and connections with parents/guardians and the local community.

At MMMSHS the Junior Secondary students are supported to develop a sense of belonging and ownership of their school. Through this, Junior Secondary students’ feel safe and confident.

To achieve this MMMSHS has:

1. Refurbished classroom spaces for the junior secondary students. Rooms 9, 10 as well as the Drama room have been refurbished for the new cohort. These areas will be dedicated to junior secondary to meet regulatory requirements.
2. Developed form classes and a “Home rooms” for junior secondary students. Rooms 9, 10 as well as Bungoona rooms 12, 13, 14, 15 have been refurbished for the new cohort. We have added another classroom for these students.
3. A Junior Secondary Camp designed around fostering confidence, building connections, building positive relationships and build student resilience.
5. Junior Parades to be used to celebrate successes and pass on cohort information.

In the coming months the high school will be working in partnership with the primary school to ensure the transition to high school in 2015 for both the current Year 6 and 7 students is seamless for both the current Year 6 and 7 students is seamless and ensures learning is continuous for all students. In the near future I will be attending the Primary School P&C Meeting where I will elaborate on these strategies. This will also give parents an opportunity to ask questions. In the meantime please feel free to give myself or Amy Johnston (Head of Department – Junior School) a call.
Attendance
This week a letter will be sent home to all parents and carers advising them of the procedures that need to be followed when your students is absent from school.

The school must be notified on all occasions when students are absent. This can be done by:

- Ringing the school on 4912555 and speaking to one of our office staff.
- Leaving a message on our student absence line
- Sending a note to school
- Bringing in a Dr Certificate (if the absences is more than 2 days)

Late arrivals to school (any later than 9.05 am) need to provide a note to the school office or a phone call from the parent/carer.

Early departures will need to be arranged in the mornings with a note from home or a phone call from a parent/carer prior to leaving the school.

Students are not to leave unless they have valid appointments or reasons.

Uniforms
With the colder weather now upon us it is timely to remind parents and students that students are expected to wear the school uniform. Students are expected to wear:

- Black shorts, trousers, tracksuit pant,
- School shirt
- School jacket

These items are available from the tuckshop. Some parents choose to purchase maroon jumpers/pullovers elsewhere.

Students are not permitted jeans, different coloured shorts or jumpers/pullovers.

After School Tutoring
Days: Mon & Wed
Time: 3.15 — 4.00 p.m.
Where: MMSHS Science Labs

This is a free service and is available to all students. If you are having trouble in any subject please come along and take advantage.

For more information please see Ms Slattery or phone the school on 49125555.

After School Games Group
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.

If you are interested in joining up, see Mr Murray.

Immunisations
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How Important Is School Attendance

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Wellbeing Focus –

Time Management

Time is the one thing that we all have the same amount of, but it’s amazing how often we run out of it and are ‘time poor’. It is avoidable, but requires a determined focus to ignore distractions, common sense prioritising and a purpose to achieve. Before students can control their time, they have to develop a set of consistent attitudes and habits to live by. As Hilary Hilton ‘Zig’ Ziglar (American author and motivational speaker) so clearly points out, “Lack of direction, not lack of time, is the problem. We all have twenty-four hour days.”

A very rewarding exercise for them is to summarise their time usage over a typical week under the headings:
• Sleeping, eating, showering, grooming and dressing
• Travelling to and from school, school, hanging out with friends before and after school
• Part-time jobs, jobs at home, looking after brothers and sisters
• Exercising, training for and playing sport, leisure activities, TV, games, social networking sites, texting, tweeting
• Visiting relatives, study and home learning, church, other things

The above exercise, plus looking at their musts and options page and study timetable, will give students a good overview of how they spend their available time each week. Building their self-awareness encourages them to become self-monitoring and self-adjusting in their time management habits. Quite often the largest timewaster for students (and in fact all of us), is just idling and wandering around between activities; basically doing nothing – ‘nothing time’. Being mindful of this enables students to convert it to ‘something time’, thus achieving something meaningful.

“Time = Life, therefore waste your time and waste your life, or master your time and master your life.” (Alan Lakein)

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School Reunion Tours

On Saturday, the school welcomed back to of our past student groups. The class of ’94 and the class of ’79. The groups were escorted around the school by student leaders

Nicholas Stock, Billi Jansen, Tameeka Long and Kealie Traynor-Oates.

There were a number of funny memories shared, comparisons of the old to the new as well as a lot of history. It is hoped that School Tours for reunion groups will be offered again in the future and as our senior Tourism class develops, it is hoped that they will make this a very interesting and fun, permanent feature of our school calendar.

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**Important P&C News**

There will be an Extra-ordinary meeting held on Thursday 15th March at 3.30pm to elect the new Executives. This will be followed by an ordinary General Meeting.

We still need more parent participation so please come along and join us.

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Swimming Carnival Results

The swimming carnival during term 1 was a great success. The effort, enthusiasm and display of costumes from both students and teachers made the day exciting and successful. The students who came participated in a number of races as well as novelty events throughout the day and most could not wipe the smile off their faces. A big congratulation’s goes to Kendall house for winning the swimming carnival and to our age champions who swam tremendously in all events.

Boys Age Champions

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Other Sports News

On Sunday May 4th, five students from MMSHS attended the Jason Rich Foundation Fun Run at Yeppoon. In addition to completing a 5km run the students also undertook a fundraising activity and raised a total of $130 for the foundation. Linda McClusky co ordinator from the foundation was very impressed by the efforts of the students and will be attending a parade next month to present certificates.

Netball

The netball season has started again. Games are played at Jardine Park every Wednesday afternoon. The bus will leave the school at 3.15 pm and will return around 7.45 pm.

For more information please see Miss Crane.

All spectators are welcome.

Jason Rich Foundation Fun Run

Pictured Left:

Students from MMSHS that attended the Jason Rich Foundation Fun Run on Sunday at Yeppoon.
At the end of last term we started to give award certificates for students who were exhibiting positive school behaviours. The students were acknowledged for Being Safe, Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner.

The students were also acknowledged for demonstrating Leadership Skills in the playground. This will be continuing throughout this term and started on this week’s parade.

Students to receive these awards so far are:

Congratulations to all award recipients so far and we look forward to hearing about all of the continuing positive behaviour throughout the term!

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Have you got your winter uniform yet! The cold is now upon us and it is that time of year to find your jumpers and trackies.

Please be aware that for school purposes students are required to wear a plain maroon jumper or the school jacket and plain black long pants or school tracksuit pants. Denim will not be accepted as uniform.

The following items are available for purchase through the tuckshop:

- School Jacket
- School Tracksuit Pants
- School Scarf

QCS Test Community Representatives

The Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) invites expressions of interest from community members to nominate for the position of chief community representatives for the QCS Test. To maintain accountability, security and proper conduct of the test, the QSA appoints members of the community to each test centre to complete duties on behalf of the QSA.

A test centre is a secondary school, or another place approved by the QSA, where students may sit the QCS Test. All test centres are located within Queensland and have a chief supervisor to administer the test on behalf of the QSA.

This year the test will be held on **Tuesday 2 September** and **Wednesday 3 September**. The test will be held at the school and we will require two Community Representatives. Chief Community Representatives will be paid $437.92 for the two days.

To submit an expression of interest you need to collect and complete documents from the school office. These documents are due by **Friday 23 May 2014**. Appointment notices for successful expressions of interests will be emailed in late July.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT ALLENSTOWN ANNEX (H BLOCK ALLENSTOWN STATE SCHOOL)

LIVE LIFE TODAY:
Tuesday 10 June, Monday 16 June, Monday 23 June
The aim of this workshop is to increase your self-awareness, topics covered include: Relaxation, emotions, fear and anxiety, incorporating small changes, we become what we think. This program is offered free, includes tea, coffee, biscuits. Bring your own lunch.

What: Live Life Today
Where: Allenstown State School, H Block (next to the pool)
How long: 9:30-2:30 Cost: Free including tea, coffee and biscuits
Contact Melanie McAllum (Guidance Officer, Allenstown State School). 0467815549

KOALA JOEYS:
Koala Joeys is an interactive oral language program for children under school age to participate with their parents or caregivers. The program is designed to help children be better prepared for school by exposing them to skills and knowledge they will need when they start school through the use of song, rhyme, movement, oral storytelling and multisensory activities.

What: Koala Joeys
When: Wednesday mornings 9.30 am
Where: Allenstown State School, H Block (next to the pool)
How long: Approximately 1 hour each week (except during school holidays). You are welcome to stay afterwards for a cuppa and a chat.
Cost: Free including tea, coffee and biscuits
Contact Melanie McAllum (Guidance Officer, Allenstown State School). 0467815549

Domestic and Family Violence
Prevention Month
Each year Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is held in the month of May. The aim of the month is to:

- Raise community awareness on the effects of domestic and family violence;
- Promote a clear message of NO tolerance to domestic and family violence;
- Promote what support is available in our community for those affected by domestic and family violence;
- Encourage those who used abuse or violence to take responsibility and seek support to change.

Do you know someone affected by domestic and family violence?

This year's campaign is MAKE THE CALL (Queensland Government – Department of Communities). The campaign encourages the friends, family, colleagues and neighbours of people experiencing abuse in a domestic or family relationship to call the statewide DVConnect Womensline or Mensline to seek confidential advice about safety strategies and available support.

The aim of the campaign is to enable people in the community to recognise signs of domestic and family violence and especially non-physical form of violence – such as stalking, threats, verbal abuse or controlling behaviour.

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