PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Welcome to week 8 of Term 3. The term seems to be going fast and my time at this school will regrettably coming to an end. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, students, parents/guardians and community members for making me feel welcome. I have enjoyed my time here at Mt Morgan High and wish you all the best for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Mr Trevor Rickertt from North Rockhampton High School will be Acting Principal indefinitely at Mt Morgan High. Mr Rickertt will commence at this school at the beginning of Term 4.

Regards,
J Sinclair—Acting Principal

Relationships Australia - Homework Club has been running on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm—4.30pm at the Mount Morgan Community HUB. This class was set up for students both primary and high school to attend and provides an opportunity for support with homework and/or assignments. The program is open to all students who wish to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Year 8 Camp Raffle winners:

1st Prize – Jim Pearce
2nd Prize – Darren O’Brien
3rd Prize – Rob Gasler

Thank you to everyone who supported this fund-raising event. The money raised goes towards funding of the Year 8 Camp in Term 4.

Sharonn Payne—Teacher

Cross Country Carnival – Kemp Beach

On the 06 August, the entire school was bussed to Kemp Beach to partake in the school Cross Country. The day provided students with the opportunity to perform a beach run, play sport and go swimming. It was a successful day with smiles all round from students and teachers. The day aimed to increase community involvement and school spirit with the idea of offering students a different experience and a chance to release mid-term stress and enjoy the day with friends and family.

Capricornia Sports

Recently a number of students travelled down to Emmaus College to partake in the district trials for the Capricornia Athletic Team. There were a number of successful students who competed on the day with Dylan Forbes, Dale Arnold, Davin and Luke Plummer being nominated to Cap Trials in Mackay. Mount Morgan State High had two students travel to Mackay to compete at Cap Trials with both students successfully placing in the top four (4) for the majority of their qualifying events. I wish Dylan Forbes all the best representing the school and the Capricornia district in Brisbane next month.

Subject Selection Evening for Year 10s is being held tonight at the school from 4.00-6.00pm in room 12.
Mount Morgan State High School is a School Wide Positive Behaviour School (SWPBS). At MMSHS we have four expectations:
Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be a Learner

Our SWPBS emblem, which is pictured, was designed by a current year 10 student in 2012. The emblem lists our core expectations with a focus on wellbeing and the relationships fostered at MMSHS to ensure all students succeed.

The four expectations are the cornerstones of every aspect of our school. In every setting at MMSHS students are expected to follow these core values. Each week during our whole school parade (Monday morning), students from each year level receive positive awards based on nominations from staff. The nominations focus around our values of be safe, be respectful, be responsible and be a learner. The positive awards are an excellent way to recognise excellent behaviour and effort across all year levels at our school.

Junior Secondary

Exciting changes await our Year 6 and 7 students this year, as 2014 marks the final year that Year 7 will be a part of primary school in Queensland. Next year, our current Year 6 students will become the first group of Year 7 students in high school.

To provide a smooth transition we are supporting students and parents, and working with our local primary schools to ensure the move is a great success.

As a result of the introduction of the Prep year, almost half of the current Year 6 students will turn 13 in 2015 and will be in their eighth year of school, which is traditionally the right time to start high school. We are confident that all of our students will experience a smooth and successful transition to high school. If you would like more information on the move of Year 7 to high school, you can also visit www.flyingstart.qld.gov.au

Next year there will be almost 100,000 students entering high schools across Queensland, with all secondary schools preparing to welcome both Year 7 and 8 students into their community. At Mount Morgan State High School we’re expecting 60 Year 7 and 8 students in 2015. These students will become a part of our Junior Secondary years along with our current Year 8 students. Junior Secondary is a phase of education designed to better support students in the early years of high school.

Over the past two years we’ve been developing our Junior Secondary model, with full implementation to be completed next year when Year 7 joins high school. Some highlights of our Junior Secondary model include:

- Designated JS classrooms
- A core Junior Secondary faculty
- Core teachers
- Year Level Co-ordinator
- Wellbeing program timetabled and targeted to student needs
- Strong integration of SWPBS
- Strong partnership through the Mount Morgan Education Precinct

Please feel free to talk to any member of our staff if you have any questions about welcoming Year 7 and 8 students to Junior Secondary at our school. We’re here to help.

School Nurse

Nurse Hilary will be replaced by Nurse Rachel for the remainder of term 3 and 4. Nurse Hilary will return to our school late in term 4. Nurse Rachel is situated in the Student Support Centre and will be at MMSHS every Tuesday and Wednesday.
Congratulations to all our year 9 students who by now have received their NAPLAN results from the testing that took place earlier in the year. Please contact the school if you have not yet received your results.

Amy Johnston—Junior HOD

Positive award recipients for:
Monday 01 September 2014
Justin Brown, Jessica Grange, Jewel Dolan and Gemma Mansell

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT MMSHS:
♦ 02 and 03 September—QCS testing
♦ Year 8 Fundraising for camp in term 4
♦ Work Experience for year 10s
♦ Subject Selection Night 02 September for year 10s

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews were conducted last Tuesday 26 August at the school. Thank you to the many parents/guardians, students and staff who attended and made this evening a success.

On Thursday 20 August Mount Morgan State High School students and teachers hosted a Science Week event. The theme for this year’s Science Week was “Food for the Future: Science feeding the World”. Year 6 and 7 Students and Teachers from Wowan, Central, Bouldercombe, and Gracemere State Schools came to the High School and participated in a number of science activities that were on offer for the day. The activities offered were Fruitcake Mining, It’s Electric, Biology Dissections, Sustainable Fishing and DNA lolly models. Ms Dale’s Drama Group gave a performance on the effects of Bullying and Mr Murray’s afternoon games group ran a series of role playing games. It was also the opening of the High School’s Aquaponics System.

In light of the theme of Science Week, having an Aquaponics System for growing vegetables enables the students to learn about the technology of sustainable vegetable growing. Aquaponics is a working model of sustainable food production wherein plant and animal agriculture are integrated and recycling of nutrients and water filtration are linked.

Aquaponics is the merger of Aquaculture and Hydroponics. The fish are kept in a large tank and the waste from the fish tank is passed through the grow beds where a naturally occurring bacteria converts the waste, largely ammonia, first to nitrite then to nitrate. The water is thus filtered and drains back into the fish tank. A simple idea, borrowed from nature, but with extraordinary results for modern gardeners.

The National Science Week Open Day was a great way to showcase the different aspects of science studied here at Mount Morgan High. It was also an opportunity to promote the wonderful students, teachers, staff and volunteers here at Mount Morgan High School. The feedback the High School received from the visiting teachers, students and our students from Mount Morgan High was extremely positive and watch this space for the Mount Morgan State High School National Science Week event next year.
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.

FOGS CAREER & EMPLOYMENT EXPO IN ROCKHAMPTON

On the 05 August MMHSHS year 10-12 students were offered the opportunity to attend the Former Origin Greats (FOGS) Career & Employment Expo at the Rockhampton Show Grounds. Students were encouraged to discuss potential training, employment and career pathways with a variety of stakeholders from Training Organisations, Universities, Industries and Employment Agencies. Students also had the chance to meet and mingle with FOGS like Wendell Sailor, Alan Langer, Kerrod Walters and Scott Prince to name a few.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE INCLUSIVE EVENT
Yeppoon Main Beach

Jumping castle  Hand Cycling
Face painting  Inclusive Beach
Kite making  Sports
Kite flying  Art and Craft
Sandcastle Art  African Drumming

Music
Entertainment
Information
Stalls... and much more

free transport available (including accessible)

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

BEACH DAY OUT 2014
Friday, 19 Sept
9:30am – 1pm
Disability Action Week

for more info
PH. 4933 5101

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE:
www.eventbrite.com.au

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