Student photographs were sent to the Ekka in Brisbane as part of their ‘Education on Show’ exhibition for 2014. The themes were Landscape, Moment in Time and Weather Event. The standard of photographs I received for this competition were exceptional; therefore, we had our own photographic competition here at Mirani High School to display them for all to see. Over 350 votes were counted from parents, staff and students.

Congratulations to the winners listed below.

**Category - Landscape**

1st prize: Linnea Freeman - A New Perspective
2nd Prize: Jessica Woolnough - Red Rock
3rd Prize: Caitlyn Leotta - Cooktown Sunset

**Category - Weather Event**

1st prize: Petr Ciesiolka - Rising Cloud
2nd Prize: Georgia Davies - Snow on the Wing
3rd Prize: Georgia Davies - Tranquillity

**Category - Moment in Time**

1st prize: Jarrod Ludwig-Freeman - Dragon Fly
2nd Prize: Georgia Davies - Tranquillity
3rd Prize: Caitlyn Leotta - Cooktown Sunset

I encourage all students to make use of their personal devices, iPhones/ pods/ pads etc. to take photos and have some creative fun editing them with the software apps available. The cameras are often of excellent quality in these devices and you can see the results on social media sites such as Instagram and Pinterest.
The focus on the development of literacy skills in all junior secondary learning at Mirani SHS is paying dividends. Many of our students are achieving at a level equal to or above the national average when it comes to reading and writing. This is particularly evident with our successful Readers Cup team consisting of Year 8 students Rylea Davis, Scarlett Penshorn, Ieesha Gibson and Bridgette Curley. The team will head to Brisbane next week to compete in the state finals. They will be accompanied by their hard working teacher, Mrs Patrina Mackenzie. We wish them all the best as they take on Queensland’s best.

One area of concern among the junior secondary cohort is the number of students unprepared for class. Although only a small group, these students are wasting valuable teaching and learning time by arriving to class without the necessary items, including the correct book for the subject. Please speak to child regarding the relationship of organisational skills to success at school and beyond. Additionally, check with your child to make sure they have the equipment available to participate fully at school.

Last week several students from Mirani SHS represented Mackay District at the Capricornia athletic trials. All Mirani students performed admirably for the district and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Some outstanding results included: Rachel Silvestri (1st 800m and 1500m), Jordyn Neilson (2nd 400m), and Meghan Post (2nd javelin) and Alex Hindmarsh (3rd 100m sprint). Some of these athletes will now represent Capricornia at the state championships.

P & C NEWS

Well the end of term 3 is approaching. The new building is almost complete and we hope that this time next year, our new hall will also be nearing completion. A long time goal has been to set aside funds specifically for the hall. These funds now exceed $300,000. A wonderful achievement, which would not have been possible without the help of the school community.

As we have had a no fundraising policy in place for many years, a $50 fundraising levy was introduced. To date, 101 families have paid the levy. I’m sure that we would all be spending more than $50 per year if the P & C were to run raffles or other fundraising activities.

Our other source of income is the tuckshop, which is in desperate need of more volunteers. If you are able to assist for one day each month, please ring Kerry at the tuckshop on 49667117.

The funds raised from the $50 levy and the tuckshop, are used throughout the school for things that Government funding just doesn’t cover. Some of these are - scholarships, school blazers, refurbishment of the tennis courts, purchasing Sun-Smart shade sails, funding towards the Computer Technician and purchasing new picnic tables.

There are also lockers available for students to hire. Many locker forms were received without payment. Lockers will only be assigned to students when forms are accompanied by the locker fee.

If you have over looked paying the levy, the ladies at the school office would be more than happy to collect your donation and issue a receipt on behalf of the P & C. We are very grateful for the contributions many families do make and in closing, we would like to take this opportunity to thank those families – without your assistance the P & C would not have been able to achieve the goals they have set.
Overall Positions (Ops)

What is an OP?
An OP is a student’s position in a statewide rank order based on their overall achievement in Authority subjects. It indicates how well a student has done in comparison to all other OP-eligible students in Queensland and is used for tertiary entrance purposes only. Students are placed in one of 25 OP bands from OP1 (highest) to OP25 (lowest).

How do I get an OP?
To get an OP you must study a certain number of Authority subjects and satisfy other requirements including completion of Year 12 and the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test. The basic eligibility requirement is 20 semester units of credit in Authority subjects with at least three subjects taken for four semesters. Authority subjects are based on syllabuses that have been approved and issued by the QCAA.

How is my OP calculated?
Op calculations begin with the results you get in the subjects you study in Year 12. These results are reported on your Senior Statement in terms of five levels of achievement: Very High Achievement, High Achievement, Sound Achievement, Limited Achievement and Very Limited Achievement. The levels of achievement alone are too broad to calculate Ops so finer-grained comparisons of student achievement are necessary. These comparisons are provided by the subject achievement indicators (SAIs). SAIs are numbers (from 400-200) assigned by teachers to OP-eligible students. They show your achievement compared with the achievement of other students in each subject you study in your school.

STUDENTS WHO ARE SICK
We have recently had a number of incidents where parents have arrived at the school office looking for their child who has messaged them that they are sick and want to go home. The office staff has had no knowledge of the student being sick nor is the student in sick bay under the care of a staff member. When this situation arises, and the student is found in class, the students will be referred to the Deputy Principal before they are permitted to leave the school. We remind you: Please instruct your child that if they are sick they MUST come to the school office and the office staff will phone and make arrangements with you for your child to be collected. This reflects the Education Department Duty of Care Policy for all students.

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS
Mirani State High School does not have a pager system for students. Parents please arrange with your child prior to school any changes to their day. Only urgent messages will be forwarded on to students as the school office is very busy and does not have the time or extra staff to find a student in their class and deliver unnecessary messages.

Thankyou for your assistance and understanding in this matter.
Year 10 art students left the classroom and took to the streets of Mirani this month to hone their drawing skills. Their focus this term is on landscape and the beautiful township of Mirani provided inspiration for their artworks. Students sketched and photographed the natural and man-made environment and then took those images back to the art room for further study. Close up (macro) photographs of dried leaves, sticks, plants, flowers and railway tracks became contemporary abstract artworks in white charcoal on black card. Pen and ink and colourful pastel artworks were also created. Students will complete an abstract canvas to take home at the end of the unit. We were blessed with perfect weather on the day and were reminded of the natural beauty that is on our doorstep in the Pioneer Valley.
Artists on the Move

With Sharon Martin
The 2014 Student Festival of Fashion had the theme "Conservation Generation". It was a broad concept that aimed to capture students’ and audience’s imaginations. The theme enabled students the outstanding opportunity to create and witness student design in action at the MECC on Saturday 9th August at 7pm.

This year Jade Herring in year 11, together with her models, Lucy Wubbels, Maddison Connors, Rachel Roberts and Jessica Woolnough, entered 9 items into 5 categories including Fashion Illustration, Wearable Art, Renew Recycle Reinvent, Street Wear and Red Carpet. She was rewarded for her hard work with a second place in the Wearable Art Category for her garment titled **Animals Killed for Fashion**. Jade also entered the Calliope Catwalk Competition on Saturday the 16th August held at Calliope. She was awarded a first place in the Secondary Student Category for her Sari Evening Wear garment. Well done Jade and congratulations on your hard work.

Also congratulations to Jacinta Belford-Bartho for entering her garment titled **Bold Elegance** into the Redesign Reinvent Category. Well done on your amazing garment and for your participation in the competition.
Major Benefits offered by joining this scheme:

- Anti-Bullying dramatic production
- Arts Council performances
- Care Carnival, Swimming Carnival and Athletics Carnival costs
- Grin and Tonic performances
- Administration of the scheme and storage of all resources
- Annual loan of all curriculum textbooks as needed for up to one year
- Provision of printed booklets, class workbooks, worksheets and teacher-prepared material which compliment or substitute for textbooks (retained by student)
- Short term loan of text books (eg: SOSE texts; plays and novels studied in English/Drama approx. value of $120 per student)
- Study planner/diary specially produced for the school which includes information on school policies and procedures (poly cover and extra strong spiral binding and/or electronic copy) as well as study tips and bibliography completion guide (once issued, the diary is retained by students)
- Temporary use of class sets of books (eg: atlases, dictionaries)
- Temporary use of reference materials, periodicals, novels and updated library resources
- $5 printing credit for electronic hardcopies of student work
- Access to ICT support devices including but not limited to digital cameras, video cameras, microphone headsets, graphics tables, USB storage devices, data projectors, webcams, data loggers, external DVD devices, scanners and printers.
- Access to teacher generated resources made available on the school network and “The Learning Place”
- Audio visual classroom support provided through the use of software program Clickview
- Software and online subscriptions purchased outside the eLearning program
- Use of school purchased licenced networked software
- Student ID card for Years 8 and 11
A rare opportunity exists for an apprenticeship in Security Electronics to begin in 2015, installing and servicing alarm and camera systems. The apprenticeship will be hosted by MRAEL and you must have no criminal record. It does allow the person to work and live in the Mackay region, no shift work.

We service a broad range of clients from all walks of life; including, doctors, lawyers, accountants, schools, government departments, home owners, industrial & commercial.

Job description enquiries or applications to: security@aamky.biz.

Advanced Alarms Mackay Pty Ltd   Diana Barfield   Ph: 07 4951 1110

Mirgaz is the name of our School Magazine. It was first started in the 1960s and the name originated from the combination of the words Mirani and magazine; hence MIRGAZ. From its humble beginnings, where students used a typewriter to create the magazine, then it was run off using a Gestetner ink copier machine, to now, where computers with powerful programs, the use of colour and being professionally printed are used; Mirgaz has always been an integral part of the school.

Unfortunately over the last few years there have been very few copies sold of the magazine and it is getting to the stage where we may not be able to afford to have the magazine printed professionally. The students spend an enormous amount of their own time creating the pages for the magazine and it certainly provides a history of our school. Students thoroughly enjoy looking back on past copies of the magazine.

I would like to encourage you to purchase a magazine for your child to keep as a momento of their time at Mirani High. Any student who was at school for school photos will appear in the magazine, otherwise their name only will appear in the absent list. Years after leaving school they will enjoy looking back on their days at Mirani High. The cost of the magazine today is $20, mainly due to the numerous colour pages that we incorporate.

I know students do not realise the importance of owning one of the school’s magazines but I have had many parents tell me they would have purchased one if they knew it was for sale. I only order the number of magazines that are pre-purchased so there are no extra magazines that can be purchased once the order has been completed.

So, if you would like to purchase a school magazine can you please pay $20 to the office by the 24th October to ensure your copy is secured.

Michelle Keehn
Mirgaz Co-ordinator
As Term 3 comes to a close, we are still peddling really fast with students involved in a whole range of extracurricular activities that not only excite and energise them, but enrich their learning experiences.

Just back from the Readers Cup State Finals in Brisbane this week are Year 8 students, Rylea Davis, Bridgitte Curley, Ieesha Gibson and Scarlett Penshorn accompanied by teacher mentor, Mrs Patrina Mackenzie and teacher aide, Miss Camille Barfield. According to all reports, it was a thoroughly enjoyable and educational experience with the students pitting their knowledge and skills against the best in the state. The competition, which they have been preparing for since April this year, requires the students to read and be able to discuss 4 set novels as well as create a film trailer for one of them. They then competed at the district level in June, before representing the Mackay district in Brisbane this week. They came 10th overall out of 14 teams but with some big wins in terms of their experience. The book our team chose to do their film trailer on was written by Innisfail girl, AJ (Amanda) Betts who happened to be the guest speaker for the state finals. She also saw the girls’ trailer which featured at the finals and asked to meet the girls. The upshot was a private conversation with AJ Betts the following day at the Brisbane Writers Festival where they were guests. This was definitely a highlight for the team who then went on to enjoy three sessions with acclaimed authors and performance poets, even getting some autographs along the way. Congratulations to Rylea, Ieesha, Bridgitte and Scarlett on your performance at the state finals and on representing our district and our school with pride.

Also on the agenda this week is yet another public performance by Mr Andrew Richards’ Circus Pandemonium troupe at the Mirani Dad’s Day in the Valley this Sunday, 7th September. A team of about 7 students from Years 8 to 12 will be out and about providing entertainment to the crowd in a roving display of their skills on unicycle as well as with a range of other circus ‘toys’. Congratulations to Mr Richards on your ongoing commitment to Circus Pandemonium and on being so supportive of community events. Congratulations also to the students turning up on the day, some of whom have been part of the troupe since Year 8.

Wendy Sievers
LanArts HoD
Oh me! Oh my...

The year 12’s are hard at work, preparing for their final performance night in week 10. Stay tuned for a date and time, don’t miss their contemporary adaptation of one of the most renowned Japanese Noh plays, Matsukaze.

It’s DRAMA time!

On Saturday 23rd of August, year 11 and 12 Drama students competed at the regional finals for Shake & Stir’s Shake Fast – a state-wide opportunity that highlights gives students a chance to work with the company at the Powerhouse Theatre in Brisbane if selected, creating a full-scale Shakespearean production open to the public. Caitlyn Slater and Mikki Finn performed a duologue from Taming of the Shrew (as well as Mikki presenting a photography submission using Macbeth as stimulus), Josh Belford-Bartho performed a monologue from Julius Caesar, Linley Creese, Beccy Grummitt, Tiarnee Douglas and Bennett Hardwick performed a scene from Romeo and Juliet and Tristan Kane created design concepts for set and costume for Antony and Cleopatra. We are proud to have such talented and creative students here at Mirani!

Year 11’s are studying verbatim theatre and visited Nanyima Aged Care to interview residents about their lives. They have worked really hard this term to create scripts from this interviews, compiling them into a work called “Voices of the Valley” to be performed in term 4. Stay tuned for a performance date!

Year 9 Drama are working on showcasing their vocal and physical talents, performing excerpts from Angela Bettis’ Hoods using physical theatre techniques.

Year 9, 10 and 11’s visited Mercy College for an interactive workshop developed by Brisbane-based theatre company Homunculus, who specialise in the classic Italian comedy style, commedia dell’arte. A huge thank you to Dolores LeSpina for inviting us for a day out to clown about.
Hi

Can you feel Spring coming? Some of these mornings are a tad chilly but the days have been glorious. Term 3 is racing along. Week 4 was the annual Chappies’ Conference for Scripture Union Chappies and there were top speakers and resources on hand to inspire and encourage all of us who are involved in supporting our students through their school years. Bullying, Grief, Stress and Balance along with Problem Solving were just some of the topics tackled in workshops. Claire Madden, a guest speaker on differences between generations “overloaded” us with the rapid changes in our technological world, reinforcing that feeling that our kids are VERY different from when we were kids. On-going change became rapid change and now it’s hectic change such that growing brains are wiring up differently to the bombardment of stimulation – trouble ahead! Sarina High hosted Brad Huddleston for an in-service on impacts of technology on growing brains and the message is clear; our student’s brains need recovery time from over-exposure to “computers” to prevent some of the stresses, anxieties and even addictions that are increasing in adolescent populations around the world. Our world is full of fear, stress, anxiety, worry and far too much despair. How can we counter these negative aspects of modern living? Is it the right technique of meditation, the right frame of mind, the right music, or a mantra? Paul of Tarsus wrote these words in the 1st century to people being killed for their faith. A bit like Iraq today! How about, “don’t worry about anything.” Paul again, encouraging people with the idea that worrying does NOT help one little bit. Instead he says be thankful for the life and opportunities you have right now. But the best advice from nearly 2000 years ago is; “Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.” Now that’s a great way to stay positive, look forward and be able to overcome obstacles as they hit! Oh yeah, and don’t be too proud to ask for help.

Help is available through Student Support that includes Chaplaincy, Health Nurse and Guidance Officer. Even though the High Court ruled that the Federal Govt. cannot directly fund chaplains programs, the Minister waived his right to recover funds so Chappies stay until the contract expires at the end of the year. Next year will need a new funding pathway and new applications by school communities for a chaplaincy service. We’ll keep you posted. For now though, enjoy the last of winter, pray for more rain and stay healthy.

Cheers in Christ,

Rex the Chappie
TRY TRADES PROGRAM 2014 – Year 10 students

Congratulations to the students involved in this year’s Try Trade program (Dale Curran, Sam Fortescue, Jackson Meech, Layton Morrison, Matthew Ryan, Brendan Sant, Brady Smith, Patrick Wells, Shari Windsor, Cobey Zarb). The students participated in an eight week program conducted by the 3 state high schools and the Mackay Engineering College. Here is a taste of what the students experienced in the program.

Week 1 – 18th July - Orientation (held at school)
Week 2 – Industry tours (Hastings Deering, G&S Engineering and Ziggy's Engineering)
Week 3 – Cigweld welding project conducted at school
Week 4 – Fabrication project conducted at MEC
Week 5 – Diesel Fitting held at Cummins and Auto mechanical held at Auto Corner
Week 6 – Tour Rio Tinto Hail Creek mine.
Week 7 – Industry tours (Consolidated Plastics, Jet Engineering & Expert Laser Solutions)
Week 8 – Tour BMA Hay Point

While touring the various businesses our students were given some valuable advice. Each business indicated the importance of behaviour, school attendance and sound or higher passes in Maths, English and Graphics were looked upon favourably. Rio Tinto suggested to our students that they attempt some on-line aptitude testing to help prepare them for employment opportunities. All employers also advised our students that having the right attitude and great work ethic is important as well. Students wishing to apply for the Mackay Engineering College are encouraged to do so asap and hand in the application to your Head of Department (IT&D).

All students and teachers from Mackay North, Mirani, Sarina, Pioneer and Mackay SHS with BMA staff at the presentation of the students Try Trade completion certificates.
Are you worried about your child’s reading skills? Mirani State High School runs weekly Reader Help sessions each Thursday after school in B8. These classes run from 3.00 until 3.50 and all are welcome.

If your child cannot attend on a Thursday, the lessons are available on the virtual classroom at eLearn. Please call me on 4966 7111 or email jpear317@eq.edu.au for more information.

Jacobi Pearce
Literacy Teacher

**WHY READ 20 minutes AT HOME?**

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Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests
Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests
Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests

By the end of 8th grade, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read only 12 school days, and Student C will have read 3. (Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Want to be a better **READER**? a better **WRITER**? a better **COMMUNICATOR**? READ!

**English Help**

We also run an English Help program on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the library from 3.00 until 3.50.

If students feel they need some extra help with their English work or an assessment task, they are more than welcome to come along. Please make sure they bring all necessary task sheets, workbook, laptop etc.
S2J Alliance Mackay is a support service for Year 12 students to assist with their transition pathway when they leave school. To enable S2J to assist students in 2015, an on-line survey will be sent to all Year 12 students’ school email accounts. The survey will remain on-line from 25 August 2014 to 17 October 2014.

S2J will be contacting all Year 12 school leavers in 2015 and the information that is provided by the survey assists us to have up to date contact details and email addresses for students. It will also identify students’ career goals and we will endeavour to send relevant information on training and employment opportunities to students from the information we have collected from our survey. All information from this survey will be confidential and no information will be released by S2J without prior consultation with students and/or parents.

A copy of the survey will be available on the S2J website for your information. If you have any questions concerning the survey, please do not hesitate to contact Sonya Johnson, Coordinator, S2J Mackay.

We encourage parents and students to access the S2J webpage to gain further information on the program and to access the **Employment and Training Opportunities Bulletin (ETOB)**. The ETOB advertises school-age entry and junior positions, including free training opportunities and scholarships. The ETOB is updated monthly and can be accessed on the S2J website.

The Transition Assistance Pack (T.A.P.) can also be accessed from the S2J website. This gives students valuable information to assist them when they leave school.

For further information or assistance, please contact S2J:

**Phone:** 4842 8385  
**Mobile:** 0427 528 664

**Email:** sonya.johnson@dete.qld.gov.au

**Website**  [https://s2jalliance.eq.edu.au/Pages/s2j-mackay.aspx](https://s2jalliance.eq.edu.au/Pages/s2j-mackay.aspx)
Sarina Show Judging

Very early on the morning of the 3rd August, three of our students made their way to the Sarina Show for the Junior Judging Competition against Sarina State High School. This competition required our students, Casey Bartolo, Stephanie Smith and Fiona Bazeley to judge sections of the show including Fruit, Vegetables, Poultry and the Sugar Cane.

Students scored very well in a number of sections but the standout was Stephanie Smith in her first competition being judged overall the best individual student. Mirani High School won the overall judging competition earning a donation from Mackay Canegrowers for their efforts. Excellent work, girls.

Cheerleaders

in only their second World Cheer and Dance regional competition, our small band of cheerleaders performed successfully. Chontelle Myers and Bella Rethus won their duo section while Tahni Bartolo was placed third in her solo. As a group, the performance in the pom pom section was outstanding and the girls won a second place. In their dance group, they were also successful, taking out first place.

Next outing will be the Relay for Life at Finch Hatton before they head off to the State Championships in Brisbane at the start of the school holidays.

MOB

Students in our Concert Band have been attending early morning rehearsals to improve their playing of Lady Gaga remix and Awake the Iron before the Mackay Orchestra and Bands performance. Students gained a bronze in their section, however the adjudicator spoke highly of the band’s commitment.

Val Clark
HoD Music/SOSE
RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Flight Centre Travel Group
Northern Beaches Mackay
Shop 10 Northern Beaches Central Shopping Centre Cnr Mackay Bucasia.

Flight Centre Northern Beaches will pay Mirani High 1% of the total amount of any bookings made by customers referred to them by our school. This scheme is only applicable to bookings made at Northern Beaches Mackay Flight Centre.

An example of what 1% can do for your school:

A booking to Europe for 2 people can easily cost $10,000. For each booking like this, the school would receive a $100 voucher. If only one person booked with the centre each month, the school would receive $800 by the end of financial year. 2 couples = $1800 voucher. The person making a booking does not have to be a member of the school. Any friend, parent or associate can tell the flight centre they were referred to them by Mirani High and the school will make money from their booking.

Please consider booking your holiday through Flight Centre Northern Beaches and reward your school.

Ashley Fergus
PE Teacher

A Family Fair - Gargett 28th September

A Family Fair will be held at the Pioneer Valley Sporting Assoc. Grounds, Gargett on Sunday, 28th September from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It will feature entertainment and competitions including a Wife Carrying Competition with the winner collecting his wife’s weight in beer. A $20 nomination fee is applicable for this event.

Stall Holders are invited, with sites being available for $10.

All nomination and site fees are payable to Pioneer Valley Ladies Bowls Club, P.O. Box 66, Gargett, 4741 and are to be received no later than 14th September.

There will also be a Sausage Sizzle, coffee and cake and the bar will also be open.

Bring the family along for a fun filled day.

Enquiries: Phone 4958 3180 or 4958 4603.
Move more, sit less!

The Australian Bureau of Statistics reports show that 9 in 10 Australian young people aged between 13 and 17yrs of age don’t move enough.

Young people in this age group need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day. Physical activity is any activity that gets the body moving and makes breathing quicker and the heart beat faster. You may have heard it before but stronger bones, stronger muscles, improved mental well-being an improvement in school work and improved fitness for life are the benefits of moving more.

Try these ideas: riding a bike for 30minutes a day, 30minutes walking to school, walking the dog, kicking a ball, dancing, swimming, skate boarding or using stairs instead of elevators. Joining a sports team or martial arts team or even doing some simple sit-ups at home will increase physical activity. Most important choose activities that you enjoy!

Even if you are already physically active you will benefit from reducing the amount of time that you spend sitting or lying down. The trick is to limit time in front of a screen so turn off the TV, the electronic games and the computer. Be active in as many ways as you can.

More information about moving more and sitting less can be found at www.health.gov.au now it’s up to you!

Trixie Mills
(School Based Youth Health Nurse)

Pinnacle Cricket Club are looking for players over the age of 14 this season to take part in the Mackay Cricket 3rd Grade Competition. Most games take place on Saturday afternoons with training Friday afternoon at the Mirani High School oval. There is a sign on day and friendly cricket game on Saturday the 13th of September at 2pm. If you are interested please call Ash Fry on 0488 531 136.