Welcome back to another great year at Mirani. We have plenty in store for students this year in the Visual Arts department. There will be excursions to Artspace, student exhibitions and participation in local community events such as the Pioneer Valley show, Mackay Show and the Lantern Parade to name but a few. With so much to look forward to, it is also an opportune time to reflect on past achievements.

We farewelled a successful group of year 12 art students in 2013 and to commemorate their time at Mirani they were asked to return for a special project. Erin Vollmerhause, Baylee Hardwick, Heather Fuller, Kayla Day and Lucy Lowe completed a four panel mural to be displayed in the arts courtyard. The subject of the bird featured strongly in many of the students’ works in 2013 and this symbol was chosen to represent the class. Four individual and original birds have been painted in rich vibrant colours over a clear blue sky (including a devilish winged skull).

We wish these students well in their new endeavours, with many heading off to university in the coming days. The Arts teachers are looking forward to another exciting year encouraging our students to look at the world in new and interesting ways.

Sharon Martin
Teacher
Welcome to the 2014 school year and a special welcome to the new families who have joined our school community. The school continues to grow with enrolments outstripping expectations. We have started the year with 833 students, 170 of these being year 8 students making the transition to high school. We have had a very good start to the school year and were pleased to see students looking good in uniform, settled and engaged in their learning by 8:30am on the first day.

Most important is the results of our Year 12 students from 2013 with 20% of our OP students in the top band, 1 to 5. This is an excellent result and shows the quality of the: teaching, student engagement and Queensland Core Skills Test preparation. This year we will continue to focus our school improvement on the same three school priorities in line with the “Great Results Guarantee”. Literacy with an unerring focus on reading, including comprehension and vocabulary. Numeracy with all year 8 and 9 students individually tested to identify individual needs and guide instruction. Students as a learner with individual learning goals seeking success.

State schools in Queensland are being encouraged to become Independent Public Schools. In this environment the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) plays a pivotal role in moving the school forward and accessing funding. Please consider this opportunity to contribute to our communities school. See information regarding the AGM.

Regards
Scott Cage

The Parent and Citizenship Association has an important part to play in all of the functions above. As the government moves schools towards independent governance, the role of the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) is growing in importance in moving schools forward. We need you to have your say to be able to provide the best service to all students. You do not have to volunteer for a position although we will be calling for a new president as Angela Windsor is unfortunately leaving the Mackay region. Attend the Annual General Meeting and become a member.

What: Annual General Meeting
When: 11th March
Where: School Administration
Time: 7:30pm
Contact Scott Cage  Ph: 49667111
SCHOOL NEWS

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME 2014 B “A Fair Scheme For All Students”
Mirani State High School offers a Student Resource Scheme (SRS) to all students. The scheme has the approval of the school’s Parents & Citizens Association and provides parents with the following general benefits:

• minimises costs of providing textbooks and other resource materials (electronic or hard copy) for their children;
• ensures that an adequate bank of resources is available to provide a good quality education;
• ensures all students have equal opportunity to participate in any subject regardless of family financial circumstances; and
• ensures all students have equal opportunity to participate in curriculum-essential excursions and educationally important school events/activities considered compulsory by the school.

Your contribution will only be $200 per student. Major Benefits Enjoyed by Joining the Scheme:

Reference and Hard-Copy Materials:
- Administration of the Student Resource Scheme ($20.00 per student)
- Reproduced class workbooks and worksheets and teacher-prepared material which compliment and/or substitute for textbooks ($85.00 per student)
- Student diary and/or study planner ($10.00 per student)
- Purchase and loan of textbooks prescribed for each subject ($245 per student)
- Student ID cards – for Years 8 and 11 ($5.00 per student)

Information Technology:
- Student reference material for hire/purchase eg. books; audio/video tapes; software; ($15.00 per student)
- Access to ICT support devices including but not limited to digital cameras, video cameras, microphone, headsets, graphic tables, USB storage devices, data projectors, webcams, data loggers, external DVD devices, scanners and printers
- Licensing of software programs ($30.00 per student)
- Maintenance of laptops
- Printing credit for electronic hardcopies of students work ($5.00 per student)

Resources:
- Course pack, including consumables such as art materials, exercise books, pencils, paint, calculator, compass, in excess of subject requirements ($10.00 per student)
- Stationary, writing and drawing sets, in excess of subject requirements ($10.00 per student)
- Student material used for classroom projects ($10.00 per student)

This scheme provides an entire package for a set fee and is not available in parts. The Queensland Government Textbook and Resource Allowance supports this scheme.

The Student Resource Scheme is discussed annually at the September meeting of the school’s Parents & Citizens Association. As per Department of Education, Training and Employment guidelines, the scheme has to be approved each year by the school’s P & C Association. Parents/Guardians are invited to attend this meeting and express their opinions.

Where there is genuine parental financial hardship, parents can discuss with the school Business Services Manager how financial obligations can be met by instalments throughout the school year, or discuss alternative arrangements to accommodate special circumstances. All discussions are confidential.

ATTENTION PARENTS/CAREGIVERS
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. Students will only be allowed to have use of the school’s phone for urgent requests at a cost of 50 cents. Thankyou for your assistance and understanding in this matter.

STUDENTS WHO BECOME SICK WHILST AT SCHOOL
If your student messages or calls you via their mobile phone because they are sick, please instruct them to 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 – we need to know at all times where our students are.
We welcome new staff to our school community for 2014.

Miss Kerry Smith – Acting Deputy Principal; Brianna Clancy; Ian Dadswell; Elizabeth Elms; Kim Fjeldsoe
Ashleigh Hage; Michael Post; Eloise Smith; Tara Tranent
Justine Richards – returning from Maternity Leave
Cindy Toon – returning from Maternity Leave

Urgent Reminders:

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.

Recently we have had a number of incidents involving students and the improper use of aerosol cans, which have triggered asthma attacks and burning eyes. Aerosol cans of any description are banned in the school. If a student brings them to school, they will be confiscated.

Email address/ mailing address

Reminder to parents/guardians if you have not already given the school your email address and you would like to receive communications/newsletters by email, please fill in the communication advice below or email your address to the.principal@miranishs.eq.edu.au. Alternatively, newsletters will be put on our website which we encourage you to visit. http://www.miranishs.eq.edu.au/ or you may go on our mailing list.

COMMUNICATION ADVICE
PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

☐ Yes I would prefer that information like newsletters be emailed home. Email address to be used is:-

☐ OR

☐ Yes I would like to go on the newsletter mailing list to receive a printed version of the newsletter.

My address is:-

Names of students attending Mirani State High School:

__________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

Signed: ____________________________    Name: ___________________________
These guidelines have been produced based on the following information:

- The latest brain research on how to retain knowledge.
- The school’s high expectations for all students to work to achieve their best.
- The need to prepare students for the rigours of senior.
- The following are guides to the amount of time a student should be doing per night if they are to make the most of their time at Mirani;

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HOME WORK AT MIRANI MAY INVOLVE FOUR TYPES OF ACTIVITIES:

1. **Revising the day’s work.** Brain research shows that if you want to retain information in the long term you need to practise the idea (mind mapping/repeating it/using it/teaching it to someone else):
   - 1 hour after you first learn it
   - Within 48 hours of learning it
   - 7 days after learning it
   - 1 month after learning it (if it’s still there then you’ve got it)
   - 6 months after learning it.
   
   **NB:** So students should be reading over or mind mapping the work covered in class that day and this can be set as homework in their diary.

2. **Completing set activities.** This may be a weekly worksheet, spelling list, question or activities which are based on the day’s work, or a specific phase of an assignment process. It is work that may be written in the diary and checked and consequences given if it is not completed.

3. **One of the phases of the assignment process** – either researching, planning, drafting or checking final copy.

4. **Reading** to make up the allotted time for each Year level. This may be a set text or general reading of fiction/non-fiction novels. Parent signature may be required in a diary as proof of completion.
   
   **NB:** Some students may need more/less time to complete some set tasks. This differentiation is taken into account when setting homework.

**Some Tips and Tricks:**

- Encourage students to do their computer work first. If they stay up late the light from the computer screen can affect their cortisol levels which means they may have less, and poorer, sleep.
- Encourage them to take breaks every 20 minutes or so to stay alert.
- Drink water, and minimise the caffeine based drinks as they will only make them alert, but limit their ability to remember and recall information.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** School photos are on 27th March. ALL students MUST wear their correct uniform. Out of uniform students will have to borrow 2nd hand uniforms if there are any available, before getting their photos taken. Any students wearing make-up will be made to remove it prior to photos.
CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN for STUDENTS in YEARS 8 – 10 2013

Student Name: ________________ Year Level __________ Date: ___________

These changes are not in our current 2013 School Diary due to printing deadlines in 2012.

Complete the following statements which refer to your behaviour at school and the consequences for that behaviour:

WHAT HAPPENS IF… The most serious possible consequence is listed below.

1. I leave the school grounds without permission from the school? Answer: Suspension
   Reason: My safety is at risk and the school is responsible for me. Must be signed out by parent/carer; note from home is inadequate.

2. I am witnessed smoking in the school toilets or smell of smoke after a complaint? Ans: Suspension
   Reason: This is a serious breach of Workplace Health and Safety procedures. Other student’s health is at risk; students with allergies and other health conditions eg Cystic Fibrosis/asthma cannot access facilities.

3. If I use a device at school with 3G/4G, blue tooth or tethering capabilities? Answer: Suspension
   Reason: There is no need to use these capabilities at school. When at school, the school has a responsibility to filter internet access and ensure the security of the school network.

4. I swear directly at a teacher? Answer: Suspension
   Reason: Disrespectful. Against the ethos of the school and threatens the good order and management of the school.

5. I record images at school or make voice recordings without the person’s knowledge and permission?
   Answer: Suspension
   Reason: Every person is entitled to privacy; possible risk of harassment and negative effects on Mental Health.

6. I am witnessed sending text messages or other students receive a text message from my phone on the school grounds or during school hours? Answer: Suspension
   Reason: Breach of the school’s Personal Devices Policy; risk of harassment and negative effects on Mental Health.

7. I engage in derogatory or inflammatory comments on Facebook or other social media sites about school students or staff Answer: Suspension
   Reason: Breach of the school’s Personal Devices Policy; possible risk of harassment and negative effects on Mental Health. This is bullying.

I understand the behaviours and possible consequences above.

__________________________________  ______________________
(Name)                                    (Date)
CHANGES / ADDITIONS TO THE RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN for STUDENTS in YEARS 11 - 12 2013

Student Name: __________________ Year Level _______ Date: ____________

These changes are not in our current 2013 School Diary due to printing deadlines in 2012. Complete the following statements which refer to your behaviour at school and the consequences for that behaviour:

WHAT HAPPENS IF.....

1. I leave the school grounds without permission from the school? Answer: Suspension

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   Reason: Breach of the school’s Personal Devices Policy; possible risk of harassment and negative effects on Mental Health. This is bullying.

6. I am the driver of a car which transports other students before, during and after school without parent and school permission? Answer: Suspension
   Reason: Ensuring safety given high accident rate of student age group.

7. I am absent from school for more than 5 days or continually arrive late. I understand that school is my workplace and minding my younger sibling or going on a holiday is not a valid reason (example)? Answer: Suspension
   Reason: Cancellation of enrolment. You are not meeting the educational commitment required to be successful at school

I understand the behaviours and possible consequences above.

_____________________________ (Name) __________________ (Date)
Oh me! Oh my…

It’s DRAMA time!

We had our first musical meeting on Saturday. Thank you to all those who came along and participated in our “research” session - playing Cluedo and lots of different games to help with the scriptwriting process. Practices will be Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5pm in E-block with our performance dates on the 13th and 14th of June (week 8).

Year 8’s are madly improvising!
The 9’s are working towards putting on a student-devised pantomime performance in week 10.
Year 10’s are building dioramas for their set design unit.
Year 11’s are studying Indigenous, Realism and Post-Modernism theatre. The 12’s are working hard on their Realist performance of *Hedda Gabler* by Henrick Ibsen.

A HUGE thank you to the MECC and BHP Billiton, through the **BMC Pathways to Performance Program**, for funding transportation costs to and from the MECC for all 4 performances we applied for this year, as well as subsidising ticket prices for our students.

Our students visited the MECC thanks to the **BMC Pathways to Performance Program**.

**Thank you BHP Billiton and the MECC!**
If you have ever wondered how fast a 50+ gram block of balsa wood can shoot down at 25 meter track, ask the 2Fast4U boys in Year 10. These 4 students are about to take on Australia’s best school aged F1 car designers as they represent Queensland at the F1 in Schools competition in Canberra during March.

These boys have worked almost tirelessly throughout the last 12 months perfecting their car. It’s not just about the car, these boys run their team in the same format as a real F1 team. They collaborate with industry to get cutting edge advice on their design and process while at the same time raising money through sponsorship and donation. It’s an exciting time for these Isaac Connelly, Shannon Leahy, Zac Morrison, Ethan Grech and Jackson Meech who have spent a portion of their Christmas holidays running sausage sizzles to assist their passage to Canberra.

They have a couple of sausage sizzle dates at Dan Murphy’s northside and Woolworths Walkerston. Please stop by and check out their cars and buy a sausage.

One of their valuable partners this season has been Porters Hardware over at Northern Beaches. The boys have spent time with Troy Nelson preparing their pit display so that they are able to minimise their carbon footprint. As pit completion edges closer the boys will freight their booth down to the National Convention Centre in readiness for their arrival. The staff at Porters has indeed proved that they are so much more than a hardware store.

It is an amazing achievement that this team has made it through to the national competition and they will proudly represent not only Mirani State High School but also Queensland. If you are in a position to offer assistance in terms of industrial printing, freight carrying or engineering advice, and you would like your logo on their pit display, please contact Mrs Kirschty Birt at Mirani State High School.

Welcome back to another busy sporting calendar. First of all, over the holidays, we received wonderful news with our senior and junior teams confirmed CHAMPION TRIATHLON TEAMS in the inaugural Schools Triathlon Challenge. SNR TEAM – Jared Paterson and Harry Barfield; JNR TEAM – Flynn Holmes, Brittany Wedemeyer and Keflen Peter Elias. Brittany is currently attending State Titles for triathlon and we wish her all the best.

District Sport trials are well underway for a range of sports. These trials are for experienced players/athletes only. Students wanting to join a school sport will have an opportunity later in the year when school sports start. Keep listening to notices and ask your teacher what sport notices are there.

Finally, on Friday 21st February is our SWIMMING CARNIVAL. Students can get creative and dress in house colours (as long as appropriate and sun safe). Closed in shoes must be worn as we walk to the pool. Students will be released from the pool in the afternoon. Buses will pick students up from the pool. Parents please park away from the pool carpark as this will be a bus pickup zone in the afternoon. Family members are more than welcome to come and cheer on their champions. GO TEAMS AND GOODLUCK TO SWIMMERS.
Welcome to 2014! We’re looking at Week 4 already so the Term 1 routines have kicked in by now. A first-time welcome to Mirani High’s Year 8’s from the Pioneer Valley Chaplaincy Committee. The Committee would love to see parents coming to meetings and our FIRST for ’14 is on Thursday 20th February, 3.45 for a 4pm start at Finch Hatton Primary School.

The committee looks after the Chappies in the Valley’s schools and my job as Chappie at Mirani High is to support parents, teachers and students through their ‘ups-&-downs’ at school. I’m a member of the Student Support Service which includes our nurse; Doro Kollman and Guidance Officer; Karen O’Keefe. We work as a team to be ‘a listening ear’, a supportive friend and an adult you can talk to if there are issues, events or questions you’re concerned about. We’re here to help you benefit from your time at Mirani.

So what have you got in front of you? Here are some thoughts to help you focus.

Whatever happened yesterday is GONE, finished. Whatever happens tomorrow is null & void – you’re NOT there yet. TODAY is a brand spanking new day, (never been used), and it’s for you to enjoy. Scrap the other 2 days from your mind and focus on this ONE, its right in front of you.

Who can you help today? Can you learn patience, gentleness, kindness from your experiences over the next few hours? Maybe you’ll see familiar situations and people in a NEW way. See yourself as being able to make a difference TODAY. You may find, as many have, that living the right way today takes care of a big chunk of tomorrow. Are you ready to, “seize the day”? Take a careful look at what’s around you. Invest into those closest to you and you won’t go to bed feeling like you’ve wasted the day. Remember, if you’re tempted to be a couch potato you’ll end up feeling limper than warm lettuce! Don’t have another day, have a GREAT day – TODAY.

(modified from Feb’13 word4U2day)

Cheers in Christ,
Rex the Chappie

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**Calendar of Events**

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**ATTENTION PARENTS/CAREGIVERS:** It has come to our attention there are a few cases of head lice in the school community. Please be vigilant and check your student. If they are present, please treat accordingly before allowing your student to return to school.
The Maths Department has hit the ground running this year, welcoming on board a number of new staff. They are Mr Ian Dadswell, Mr Damian Hewitt, Ms Ashleigh Hage, and Ms Natalie McMillan. We also welcome back Mrs Cindy Toon from maternity leave. I wish them all well for the year ahead. At the end of last year we said goodbye to Ms Jennifer Barkley, Mrs Jodie Wood, and Ms Jodi Gibson, who have all taken on positions at other schools. We have also farewelled our fearless leader, Mrs Lyn Keehn, who has taken some much deserved leave. I am looking forward to working with all the teachers in 2014.

Planned activities for the year include:-
Reclaiming our title at the McDonald’s Maths Competition (May)
Entering the Australian Maths Competition (August 7th)

The Maths Department will continue to offer free afterschool tutoring for all students. This will be run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15pm to 4:00pm. The students do not need to book ahead but will need to sign in at D04 by 3:15pm on the day. This has proven to be a worthwhile way for students to receive extra Maths assistance in a friendly and relaxed environment and we are keen to see students taking up this opportunity again in 2014.

I am also looking forward to working with parents, carers and students to get the best possible outcome for our students, so please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.

Ms Sonya Littee
A/ Head of Department Mathematics
Ph: 49667146

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Work Experience News.....Year 10

A huge thanks to students and parents for your efforts in returning work placement forms so promptly to support your child’s first work experience – 26/05/2014 – 30/05/2014. I will begin contacting employers next week and will speak with students and parents if the need arises throughout the process to ensure the best possible experience and outcomes for all involved.

Placements will not be altered once a student is placed with an employer. Therefore any new information pertaining to your student’s choice of work experience needs to be discussed with me immediately.

Holiday Work Experience
Students in year 9 – 12 have the option of engaging in holiday work experience. If your child is interested, please have them collect a holiday placement form from me as soon as possible to ensure adequate time for placements, paperwork and employer interviews to be finalised.

Cathryn Post
Work Experience Coordinator
49667104 / czonc1@eq.edu.au
We would like to welcome all new Mirani SHS students to Mackay Engineering College and our continuing students into 2014.

Mirani Year 11 students:
Winston Dwyer Aydan Geddes
Brayden Grimm Dylan Harvey
Mitchell Head Michael Kyle
Braiden Marshall Jayden McEvoy
Mitchell Norton Mitchell Penrose
Luke Pritchard Timothy Stevenson
Phillip Stiemmie Cody Turvey
Selwyn Windsor

Mirani Year 12 students:
Ian Adani Jacob Connelly
Caleb Hine Connor Patterson
Dean Vassallo Joshua Walz
Cody Watt Scott Wedemeyer

What does Mackay Engineering College offer students:
- Certificate I Engineering
- Certificate II Manufacturing
- Work ready skills
- Resume Writing & Interview techniques
- Industry standard workshop
- Spacious training rooms
- Strong links with industry

How can you be part of Mackay Engineering College:

To find out if you are a suitable candidate give the school’s TRY TRADE program a go. This program focuses on providing the students with a trial of Fabrication, Mechanical and Electrical Trade experiences associated with the Manufacturing and Engineering Industry. Students are selected via an application process through the school. This program is held in term 3 and more information will be provided to students in term 2 or you can ask Nathan Gelhaar or Catherine Post or phone Mackay Engineering College on 48980333.

Applications to enrol at Mackay Engineering College and the Try Trade program are on the website www.mec.eq.edu.au - Support & Resources – documents – Forms & Documents – Documents.

If you are keen to find out more you can speak to Frank Duthler (Head of College) or Sylvia Warren (Business Services Manager) of Mackay Engineering College.
MIRANI STATE HIGH SCHOOL
MECC YOUTH AMBASSORS 2014

The Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre is pleased to announce the successful nominees for the 2014 MECC Youth Ambassador Program. After receiving numerous nominations from schools throughout the Mackay region, the MECC have chosen the finest culturally-minded students that our district has to offer.

A student from Mirani State High School has been selected as a MECC Youth Ambassador in 2014 – Mikki Finn. This student’s nomination demonstrated a keen interest in the Arts and a passion and desire to share this enthusiasm with peers and the wider community. Mikki will now undertake some training early in Term 1 to prepare for ambassador duties and will be looking forward to the Ambassador Program’s first official event, Shakespeare’s presentation of 1984 by George Orwell.

The MECC Youth Ambassador Program is designed to open a direct link from this facility and its opportunities to the students of Mackay region. As a MECC Youth Ambassador, students will help create bridges between the MECC, our district schools and a future-filled with young people who have developed a love for live theatre.

Many congratulations to Mikki, her family and the teachers who supported her nomination. Well done!

1984
BY GEORGE ORWELL

Thursday 6 March 2014, 7.30pm
MECC Auditorium

adapted and created by Shenandoah Theatre Co

Step yourself in for the technically tightening theatrical event set against a towering wall of plasma screens.

From the team that brought you Amour Parti, this new stage adaptation from George Orwell’s novel screaming into the present.

Tickets $22 - $42

WEST’S “TIGERS” JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE - 2014 SIGN-ON

STILL TAKING REGISTRATIONS IN ALL AGE GROUPS
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
PLEASE CONTACT registrar.wdjrlfc@hotmail.com

Tracy Falbo
Secretary
0438 735 698
Western Districts JRLFC Inc.
Mackay Softball Association invites parents to get their kids active and playing a great sport whilst making new friends and social groups. All the clubs welcome new players for the 2014 season commencing in May.

All upcoming Softball Sign on days for adults and children are held at the Mackay Softball Fields, Beaconsfield Road, Andergrove. Come along to any of the days for more information and sign on.

Dragons: 2nd March 2pm – 4pm  
Contact: Noreen 4942 7606

Angels: 8th March & 15th March 10am – 2pm  
Contact: Chub 0416 432 988 or Linda 0427 114 955

Hawks: 16th March 2pm – 4pm  
Contact: Cheryl 0428 182 248 or Kim 0420 309 905

**H2opia**

A passion for Waterskiing??

H2opia has a Junior retail position available.

The successful applicant will be responsible for a variety of tasks including showroom sales, phone enquiries and be able to open & close the business (Saturday morning/ holiday work)

Requirements include being a self motivated person, excellent customer service, communication skills and phone manner, good literacy skills, basic computer skills. Person must be punctual, energetic and enjoy waterskiing and boats.

Send application to H2opia [www.h2opia.com.au](http://www.h2opia.com.au) or 3 Alexandra Street Mackay Qld 4740

**Making Stepfamilies Work: A Course for Couples**

Stepfamilies face unique challenges for all family members, which are not always recognised.

**What the Course offers**

- An opportunity for individuals to express and acknowledge their emotional responses to living in a step family.
- Creative options and solutions based on a step family model rather than a biological one.
- Learning through both educational and experiential processes.
- Opportunities to meet with others in a step family thus gain a sense of belonging.

**Aims of the Course**

- To encourage an awareness of the need to forge new ways of relating in a step family, which demands different expectations and roles
- To provide participants with strategies for coping with difficult stepfamily dynamics and relationships
- To promote an understanding of the psychological barriers and prior situations we bring into stepfamily relationships
- To present a perspective which celebrates the viability and positive of stepfamily life.

For all appointments and enquiries please call: FRC on 1300 783 544 or Centacare on 1300 523 985

**Mackay Athletics Club**

**run jump throw**

**Sign-on and Information Day**

Saturday 22 February 2014 from 10am-2pm
Mackay State High School, Via English or Penn Sts, Mackay
Ages from 5 to Masters

1st club day, Saturday 1 March
Trial period only $10.00 for two weeks


for more information or call
James on 0431 973 129
New members to bring a copy of Birth Certificate for sighting.

**Walkerston BMX Club Open Sign on Day**

At McLennan Park BMX Track, Creek Street, Walkerston.

On 23rd February, 2014 9am to 1pm

Contact, Cheryl 0447617090
Robert 0412956655