The opening day at the Marian Town Centre saw an opportunity to display Mirani High artworks and also promote the World Challenge. Fabulous artworks filled the vacant shop space and students were proud to show off their artistic talents. All year levels were proudly represented.

Thank you to all those who purchased raffle tickets on the day. A basket full of Easter chocolate was on offer and was drawn on the day. The students raised money for their end of year trip to South East Asia. They will be trekking through the rugged and fascinating countries of Cambodia, Thailand and Laos, to name but a few.

Please look out for a sausage sizzle in the near future at the Town Centre; another fundraising opportunity for Matt Munchow and his World Challenge students. Thanks again for helping to support and celebrate the achievements of our students.

Sharon Martin
School Anzac Day Service

Anzac Day is of major importance to us as a nation and importantly to us as a school. Our ceremony was led by Cultural Captains Bradley Scriha and Bethany Carlton at Mirani Primary School. Our thanks must go to the primary school for allowing us to hold our ceremony on their grounds.

Special guests included Mr Ted Malone Member for Mirani, and Cr. Deidre Comerford Mayor Mackay Regional Council. We also welcomed R.S.L. members from Kuttabul, Marian, Mirani, Walkerston and Finch Hatton, as well as residents from Nanyima Aged Care Centre.

Over 200 students participated in Anzac day ceremonies from the Mackay parade to Finch Hatton. We paid honour to not only the ANZACs but all members of our defence forces who have contributed in conflicts from South Africa (1899) to Afghanistan (2014).

We again thank the P & C who supplied morning tea for special guests and friends after the ceremony.

School Timetable 2015

In 2014, the school consulted with the community regarding Access Day for Year 11 and 12 students. The recommendation from the P & C Association was that Access Day should be abolished as students could now attended TAFE or their apprenticeship on any day of the week. With the Year 7 students arriving in 2015, Mirani State High will be moving to a five day timetable for all students. Research into schools like Emerald State High School who used to have an access day indicate that student academic performance is enhanced with the five day timetable.

Year Seven Students at Mirani State High School in 2015

Last week I attended with Core teachers Ms Tina Saal and Ms Mel Smith the regional conference on “Junior Secondary Schooling”. The two days were well spent with Mirani State High identified as leading in the implementation of junior secondary principles. We do have more work to do, but will easily be ready to accept and meet the needs of our future Year 7 students. I must thank Ms Saal and Ms Smith for their dedication and representation of Mirani State High at the conference. Griffith University who were the presenting experts at the conference have asked Ms Smith to write their assessment piece for students on their last practicum based on the work developed here at Mirani State High.

Regards
Scott Cage
School Matters

Calendar at a Glance

Term 2 Calendar of Events

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Important Message for Parents/Caregivers
Safety precaution for students

Parents who pick-up students at 3.00pm are asked to park along Alice Street near the Tennis Courts.
Student can then walk along the footpath and will not need to cross the road in front of the school.
This is extremely busy at 3.00pm and we now have the added traffic associated with the construction site.

Please reinforce this message with your students.

Regards

Mari Simmonds
Deputy Principal

FOR SALE - MIRANI STATE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS

- 1 extra small Polo Shirt: $15
- 3 small Polo Shirts (98cm): $15
- 1 Size 36 Boys Formal Shirt & Tie: $40
- 1 Small Winter Jacket: $40

All in good condition

Phone 49592873 / 0448857580
Help for Struggling Readers
Are you worried about your child’s reading skills? Mirani State High School runs weekly Reader Help sessions each Wednesday and Thursday after school in the library. These classes run from 3.00 until 4.00 and all are welcome.
If you feel your child could benefit from this support, please call me on 4966 7111 or email jpear317@eq.edu.au.
Jakobi Pearce
Literacy Teacher

English Help
We also run an English Help program on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the library at the same time.
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.

Jakobi Pearce
Literacy Teacher
Students Selected to Dance in Creative Generation

Six Mirani High students have been selected to dance in the 2014 In School’s Creative Generation Production in Brisbane at the Brisbane Entertainment and Convention Centre on July 18th and 19th. Students from across Queensland auditioned to be a part of this celebration of “State School” talent.

The six students who have been selected are Bethany Carlton, Meghan Gibson, Alexandra Weeks, Breanna Hodgon, Cara Rostirolla and Isaac Pinkard. The students will be spending lunchtimes rehearsing starting in June to learn the routines from DVD and will spend the first week of school in Term 3 in Brisbane rehearsing for this prestigious production.

The students will be fundraising to help lower the cost of being involved in this production, so please assist them. One venture they will be using is a sausage sizzle so please support them in their fundraising efforts by buying a sausage at the Walkerston Woolworths on Saturday 17th May.

Until next time keep on dancing.

Mr Ashley Fergus
Dance Teacher

Other Reminders for Dance students

1. Rock Pop Mime students please return your medical/permission forms and pay your $50 to the office ASAP as it is now overdue

2. Cheerleaders please pay your $95 to the office ASAP if you are getting a uniform. You won’t receive your uniform until you have paid.

3. Creative Generation Students you 2nd Payment of $250 is now overdue please pay ASAP

Softball Season commencing 17 May 2014

Mackay Softball Association is inviting new players to join the 2014 Softball Season
All age groups from TBall to A Grade

Please contact:
Hawks - Cheryl 0428 182 248, Angels - Linda 0427 114 955, Dragons - Maxine 0439 376 887.

Vicki Walker
Secretary, Angels Softball Club Inc.
Phone: 0403 815 698
Work Experience update....

Work experience agreements have been issued to all year 10 students. Students are now required to contact their employer to arrange a suitable time for an interview and have their agreement signed. As this is your students work experience, please encourage and support them to make this contact themselves. Employers appreciate this level of maturity and independence. Information regarding work hours and suitable attire etc are to be discussed at this time. Employers prefer the student to take the initiative and ask questions regarding their work experience week. Students unable to attend work experience due to sickness are required to contact the employer as soon as possible and advise Mrs Post on 49667104 or leave a message with front office on 49667111. It is NOT necessary for students to have the Principal sign. Agreements are to be returned with 3 signatures only direct to Mrs Post on or before FRIDAY 16TH MAY.

Enjoy your week of work experience year 10’s and I look forward to hearing positive comments from employers and students when you return to school.

Cathryn Post
Work Experience Coordinator.

Mirani State High School
Junior Secondary News

Welcome back! Term 2 is a busy one at Mirani SHS. Many of our Year 8 and Year 9 students will be undertaking academic endeavours, for example, the University of New South Wales Science Competition and Rostrum (public speaking). They will also be involved in various district, regional and state sporting competitions. Additionally, many junior secondary students will participate in cultural activities which range from cheerleading and vocal groups to catering competitions, including the secondary schools Master Chef competition. The pinnacle of the cultural calendar will be our school musical in Week 8 which involves a good number junior secondary students in varying capacities.

Year 9 students will undertake the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy) test in Week 4 (13-15 May). NAPLAN is a valid and useful test for gathering data to indicate where a student sits in relation to others at a national level. As with any assessment task our students embark on, we need to give them the best possible opportunity to achieve well. During the NAPLAN testing period it is important that students have a good night’s rest, a substantial, healthy breakfast and support from home. As would be the case for any normal school day.

Finally, the behaviour of Mirani SHS students is constantly being monitored. A disturbing trend developing among a minority of junior secondary students is the refusal to comply with a reasonable instruction from an adult. Please talk to your child and remind them that deliberately and knowingly refusing to follow instruction from a teacher may result in suspension from school. Conversely, the majority of students set a fantastic tone at our school due to their positive behaviour and outstanding attitude. This was exemplified at the recent ANZAC services around the district. Accolades to all involved!

Michael Post – HOD Middle Schooling
FREE DRESS
Sports Theme

FRIDAY 16TH MAY

Gold coin donation
Proceeds go to Student Council
Mackay Engineering College partners with prominent local businesses to give you insight into what a career in the Manufacturing and Engineering Industry would be like.

**The Checklist**

- Are you in Year 10?
- Do you attend Mackay North, Sarina, Mackay, Pioneer or Mirani SHS?
- Are you interested in trying boilermaking, diesel fitting or fitting & turning (just to name a few)?

If you ticked all 3 boxes, you should consider applying for the Try Trades program with the Mackay Engineering College. It’s held in term 3 during which you’d try a range of trade experiences associated with the Manufacturing & Engineering industry such as:

- Field trips and industry tours
- Mentoring by tradespeople in their workplace
- Completing welding projects
- Tour Rio Tinto Ha I Creek Mine
- Tour BMA Hay Point Coal Terminal
- Activities at the Mackay Engineering College

Chat to your IT&D teacher today about how to apply or simply download an application pack from [www.mec.eq.edu.au](http://www.mec.eq.edu.au) /Support and Resources/forms and documents/documents (application package for Try Trades)
ZONTA CLUB FOOD DRIVE!

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED URGENTLY

Zonta is collecting food donations for Anglicare, an organisation who support people in the community who are in need. Your donations would be greatly appreciated! Please drop off your donations by Friday the 24th May!

- Tinned Spaghetti & Baked Beans
- Tinned Soups, Vegetables & Fruit
- Tinned Ham, tuna, chicken
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Ready meals
- Packet Pastas & Rice
- Instant Noodles
- Sandwich Spreads
- Crackers & Biscuits
- Cereal
- Cordial
- Hygiene Products

Donations can be dropped off at the school office or to G Block Staffroom.
Looks like fun?

Help us start a new Scout Group for the Pioneer Valley!

Ages 6 - 26 & Leaders

Come to an information session at the Marian Community Hall
Cnr Daly & Blackmur Sts
Friday May 9 from 5pm - 6pm

Or contact Nikki on 0409 632 191 or email: membership.ccr@gmail.com
Who’s in Charge?

Does your child threaten, hurt or intimidate you? Do you feel you are losing control? Want to better handle conflict?

The Who’s in Charge? group is a 7 week program for parents or carers of young people (10 to 18) who are abusive, violent or defiant.

The group aims to:
- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child’s behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
- Help parents feel more in control and less stressed

Starting: Term 2 Tuesday 6th May 9.30am – 12.00
or Thursday 8th May 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Place: Mackay Youth Support Services
Unit 2, 57 Wood St, (9th Lane) Mackay 4740.

Cost: $5.00

Contact: Karen Ph 4953 2299
Email u-nite@myss.org.au

Reclaim respect and calm in your family!