Rostrum Voice of Youth

Rostrum Voice of Youth is a public speaking program/competition where high school students are encouraged to develop their verbal communication skills, increase their self-esteem and self-confidence, and to provide them with an avenue to speak out on topics that are important to them.

On Wednesday 13th May, 4 students of Mirani SHS took up this opportunity. Linley Creese (Year 12), Raoul Mackenzie (Year 11), Keflen Elias (Year 11) and Chontelle Myers (Year 10) competed against a strong field of speakers.

Topics ranged from ANZACs, internet usage, multiculturalism, slavery, medicinal marijuana, media influences, mental health, climate issues to relationships with parents.

Linley took out first place and Raoul second place in the Senior section. Though not placed, Keflen and Chontelle spoke well. Linley will now compete in Rockhampton at the Regional Finals.

Thank you to Ms Elms and her Year 9 English class for being an attentive audience and providing valuable feedback to the speakers before the competition.

Well done to all Rostrum speakers. Valley Pride.
From the Principal

We are half way through Term Two and it is time for students to reflect on their study planner and ensure they are on track to meet their goals. Education is not an end in itself, but the conduit to enable our students to transition into being valuable contributing members of the community. It is therefore important that staff and students have a strong focus on improvement and working towards students attaining the best level of attainment.

As we move into the colder weather it is timely to remind students that there is a uniform code for jumpers and track-suit pants. They must be plain navy blue without stripes or logo. The school jacket is available from Uniforms Mackay and Marvic in Mackay. The dress code can be found on page 7 of the school diary which every student receives on enrolment.

If a student is out of uniform they can either change into a borrowed piece of uniform or attend the DMR (decision making room) at lunchtime. As always if there is a problem for a parent or carer to supply or provide for their child, please contact the school so other arrangements can be made.

Congratulations to all Year 7 and 9 students who sat the NAPLAN tests last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I am very proud of the efforts students and teachers have made in preparing for these tests and look forward to receiving our results in September.

Regards
Scott Cage
Principal

Junior Secondary News

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter I would focus on the issue of bullying this week. Bullying by definition is repeated behaviour that is meant to be hurtful, targets a certain person or group of people and distresses, harms or frightens the person being bullied. The key word here is repeated.

Unfortunately at times students can engage in bullying type behaviour which is a one off incident. While this behaviour won’t be tolerated at Mirani SHS, it is unfair to label a child a ‘bully’ for a regretful isolated action. If the bullying actions are repeated then the process to follow is for the person being bullied to ask the offender to stop and report it to the teacher on duty, or classroom teacher for them to take action. If the offending student continues the behaviour then the administration team will take action. Importantly, bullying occurring at school needs to be dealt with immediately. Too often the school is unaware of the issue until we hear from a parent. Students need to be resilient and inform staff straight away. This will assist in dealing with the issue as soon as possible.

Junior Secondary students at Mirani SHS continue to do us proud with their achievements at school and outside of school. Year 9 student Amy Liddle has recently successfully competed at the Australian Junior BMX Championships. On a cultural note, Year 7 student Aleesha Deguara auditioned for the Queensland Ballet Company and their production of ‘Coppelia’ at the MECC. Aleesha was selected as the understudy for 4 main characters. Outstanding!

Michael Post
Junior Secondary Deputy Principal
On Wednesday the 13th of May, 40 Dance students had the opportunity to travel to the Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre to see Queensland Ballets performance of ‘Coppelia’. ‘Coppelia’ tells the story of a Doctor who loses his beloved daughter to illness. Driven mad by his grief, he tries to recreate his daughter through the form of a doll. Once his hide-out is discovered by local youths, the story took us on a journey into the depths of the Doctors lair. The performance was enjoyed by both adult and child alike, and although it tackled a seemingly serious subject, the performance had the audience laughing at the absurdity of the situations.

Mirani State High School was honoured to have two students who were successful in their auditions to play the parts of supporting children in the Ballet. Isaac Pinkard (Grade 10) played the role of the young Henry and Aleesha Deguara (Grade7) was granted understudy for 4 characters. Some students even had the opportunity to meet Queensland Ballets Artist Director Li Cunxin who was part of the audience.

The 40 students involved in the excursion were extremely well behaved and were a credit to Mirani State High School. The grade 11 and 12 dance students will use this performance to base their first Appreciation task.

Siobhan Gray
The Arts
### Tuckshop Winter Menu

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Hot Milo is available from 8.15am to 8.50 every morning*

Drinks, Ice-creams, Chips: All sold 1st and 2nd Lunch
Pioneer Valley Rotary World Challenge Presentation

Students who went on the World Challenge expedition last year gave a presentation at a recent Rotary club Meeting. The club had donated $300 to the students to support the project. The students on the challenge decided that the money would best be spent donating to the Cope Centre which provides prosthetic arms and legs to those people in Laos who are blown up by hidden landmines.

Taylah and Corissa Bezzina, Magnolia Smith and Raoul Mackenzie also gave a short overview of their adventures through Thailand and Laos including working on project.

Currently, Mrs Clark and Mr Munchow are preparing for the 2016 expedition. If you or your student is interested can you please let these teachers know.

Geography Excursion

Year 11 and 12 Geography students spent last Friday visiting a diversity of farms in the region. The students saw first hand how to fish barramundi, grow hydroponics lettuce and pineapples and collect macadamias. This excursion allows students to consider which farms are more sustainable and efficient.

Val Clark
SOSE HoD
A Message From The School Nurse

The recent cooler mornings and nights are a good sign that we are definitely moving into winter and the accompanying cold and flu season. A flu vaccine available from your family Doctor and some chemists will help to prevent the flu. The vaccine is recommended for everyone but is especially important for people who have health problems such as asthma, diabetes and heart conditions.

Hand washing is another simple way to reduce the risk of colds and flu. I have recently been to every year 7 class to talk about washing hands effectively. A quick rinse under water is not enough. To kill the germs on our hands, hot water with soap should be rubbed between fingers, into palm creases, finger nails, backs of hands and wrists for at least a minute. The soap should then be rinsed off and the hands dried well. Once students reach high school level it’s easy to think that they do not need to be reminded to wash their hands or how to do so properly. This is simply not the case.

Reminders to wash hands after using the toilet, before eating, after touching pets, and after blowing their nose will probably be met with “I know that” but are still well worth giving every now and again. At this time of year it is also worth reminding them to sneeze into a tissue or their elbow to prevent germs being spread.

Trixie Mills (School Based Nurse)

Pinnacle Playhouse Starts Youth Theatre Ensemble and Welcomes Youth Director

Pinnacle Playhouse and the Valley Theatrical Players are excited to announce a new youth branch of the Players, inviting anyone between the ages of 10 and 25 to join an ensemble directed by Miss Nicole Reilly, their new Youth Director.

Nicole is currently a Drama and English teacher at Mirani and studying her Masters in Creative Arts, specialising in community theatre at the University of Southern Queensland. She is an active member of Drama Queensland and has staged many successful shows with the school. Nicole has trained with Zen Zen Zo in physical theatre and devising, and has shared her skills and enthusiasm with students and teachers across the Mackay region. She is eager to join the Pinnacle Players team and work with a youth ensemble to create new and exciting works for the entertainment of the Valley community.

An open day will be held on the 7th of June at 2:30pm at the Playhouse. Anyone wishing to join can call Nicole on 4966 7111 for further details, otherwise come to the Playhouse, bring along your annual fee of $2 and get excited for a weekly drama club that will train in both movement and voice across different forms and styles of theatre.
Want to play a sport and have fun at the same time?
Do you want to make new friends outside of school?
Like to challenge yourself?
Then come and try JUNIOR GOLF

JUNIOR GOLF SIGN ON AFTERNOON

Who School aged children from ages 5 to 18
When Friday the 5th of June from 3.30 to 5.30pm
Where Pioneer Valley Golf Club
If you are interested or want more information about this please contact Ben (0429914480).

We have recently had a number of incidents where parents have arrived at the school office looking for their student 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 and the student is not in sick bay under the care of a staff member.

When this situation arises, admin staff will then have to go and find the student.

We remind you: Please instruct your student 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.
If your child is absent from school please ring the student absentee line any time and leave a message explaining the reason and length of absence.

If you know that your child will be absent for an extended period (sporting event, holiday etc.) please ring the absentee line or send in a note, before they go away.

This will ensure our records are kept up to date and also save your child having ‘unexplained’ absences on their report cards.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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**YOUTH ART COMPETITION 2015**
**SPONSORED BY THE VALLEY DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL**

Theme: **"TEENAGE DREAMS IN A TEENAGE LIFE CIRCUS"**

When: Completed art work ready for display due by Friday 3rd July 2015

Entrants will be judged & displayed with prizes awarded at the Pinnacle Playhouse over the weekends of 24th & 25th July and July 31st & 1st August as part of the Valley District Youth Council’s annual theatrical youth production.

What: Can be any form of...
- **hanging art** (including painting, sketch, drawing, poster, photography, etc.), or
- **freestanding art** (classic or modern sculpture, modelling, 3-d mural, etc.), or
- **multi-media art** (short video clip, power point, etc. – guidelines will apply)

Full guidelines for all types of art will apply and will be supplied to each entrant upon an Expression of Interest being received.

Expressions of Interest can be collected at the front counter of the school office or by emailing neil.kemps@mackay.qld.gov.au...

Note on theme:...
...dreams can be anything from sweet dreams to nightmares and everything in between... the art work can be singularly simplistic or multi-layered in concept...

**PRIZES:**
- 1st Prize $300;
- 2nd Prize $200;
- 3rd Prize $100 – plus encouragement awards and prizes.

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The Valley District Youth Council PRESENTS...

**THE UPSIDE DOWN INSIDE OUT CRAZY CHAMELEON**

**CIRCUS OF LIFE**

**PINNACLE PLAYHOUSE**

Friday 24th July, Saturday 25th July, Friday 31st July, Saturday 1st August 2015

Performances commence at 7.30 p.m. sharp – doors open at 7.00 p.m.

**ADULTS** $25 – **CHILDREN/STUDENTS/PENS.** $10

Tickets available at the Mirani office of the Mackay Regional Council, Victoria Street, Mirani, during office hours – or by phoning 0417799660 – or by emailing neil.kemps@mackay.qld.gov.au

...A Unique Experience in Youth Variety Theatre...

DRAMA ~ COMEDY ~ MUSIC ~ SONG ~ DANCE

...thought provoking, inspirational, entertaining, fun...

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**The Valley District Youth Council**

Mackay Regional Council

Queensland

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21st Display and Competition!!!

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AND SENIOR CATEGORIES

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SHIPS  SCIENCE FICTION
MOTOR CYCLES
FIGURES – FACT & FANTASY

DIORAMAS
WOODEN & METAL MODELS
AIRCRAFT

ST. PAUL’S UNITING CHURCH HALL
MACALISTER STREET, MACKAY
ADULTS - $3  CHILDREN - $2  FAMILY - $6

PUBLIC VIEWING TIMES
11am to 6pm Saturday  —  9am to 3pm Sunday

For more details contact: Greg Martin on 0427423815  (gmart364@bigpond.com)
Dodge Ball Tournament  McGrath Foundation

On the 29th of May, as part of our class unit, our year twelve English communication class are raising funds for the McGrath Foundation by holding a teachers vs students dodge ball tournament. $2 entry fee coin or 50c to watch. Every dollar goes straight to the McGrath Foundation. The two teams that win will proceed to the final tournament to win a mystery prize. Get involved and sign up outside K block staffroom!

We would like to ask anyone who is willing to donate a prize for our assignment, please contact Miss Smith via esmit528@eq.edu.au.

We would strongly encourage all students and teacher to participate in the dodge ball tournament. The cause is worth getting involved for, so show your support and join!
Let the best team win!

Eloise Smith
English Teacher
Mackay Northern Beaches SHS
Teacher Aide Position – 5 Hours per week

Mackay Northern Beaches SHS is the newest school in the Central Queensland Region and is located in the rapidly expanding Northern Beaches community, 10 km north of the Mackay City center.

Mackay Northern Beaches State High School commenced its provision of quality, world class education for students in January 2013 and currently have enrolments in Years 7 through to 10. 2017 will see the full complement of year levels offered when we introduce Year 12s that year.

This position will commence in Term 3 2015 on 13/07/15 with a salary of between $21.82 and $25.05 per hour. The Role Description, which contains a list of duties required, including how you will be assessed in your application, can be downloaded from the school website at www.macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au or contact the school on 4842 1333.

Applicants must respond by:
Addressing the 5 key attributes in the how you will be assessed section, of the Role Description (2 pages; no less than Arial font, 11);
providing a detailed resume; and
providing the names and contact details of two current referees.

Applications close on 05/06/15.
Applications can be returned, marked “Confidential” to:-
The Business Services Manager, PO Box 430, RURAL VIEW QLD 4740
or email - Vacancies@macknorthbeachesshs.eq.edu.au

“The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening.”
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.