McDonald’s Maths Team Challenge

On Tuesday 24 May, we sent our biggest ever contingent of enthusiastic young Mathematicians into Whitsunday Anglican College to compete in the McDonald’s Maths Team Challenge. This annual interschool competition consists of two rounds designed to test the students’ mathematical ability, problem solving skills, and their ability to work as a team. We had to select just 35 students from the 50 interested competitors, which involved some in-school challenges prior to the big day. In the end, we were able to have 3 teams for the junior division, and 2 teams each for the intermediate and senior divisions. All of the selected students demonstrated an outstanding attitude and competed valiantly throughout the day, showing real Valley Pride.

Juniors (years 7 and 8)

The junior teams put in a fantastic effort and competed valiantly throughout the day. There were 14 teams in this division with Mirani Team 3 finishing an admirable 4th overall. Our other two teams finished 8th and 10th. Well done!

Intermediates (years 9 and 10)

These two teams embraced the challenge, were very enthusiastic and put in a 110% effort throughout the day. They were up against some tough competition but managed to finish 6th and 10th out of the 12 teams from across Mackay.

Seniors (years 11 and 12)

Both of our senior teams competed strongly and although they did not place, maintained a positive attitude throughout the day. After round one, we held third and fourth positions, tied with a number of other schools. However, the relay event proved a challenge with the teams finishing 8th and 9th out of the sixteen teams.

A huge thank you must go to Mr Munchow, Mr Dadswell, Mr Clarke and the fabulous parents who assisted with transporting students to and from the event and supervision of teams on the day. Without your support the day would not have been possible.

Sonya Littee - HOD Mathematics
Sports Report

Congratulations to the following students who represented our school at Mackay District Cross Country at the Pioneer Valley Golf Course two weeks ago. From this team we had two runners finished in the top 6 of their age group and were selected to represent Mackay District at the upcoming Capricornia trials. Congratulations and well done to all runners.

Chloe Findlay (placed 2nd)  Kynan Staneig
Rachel Silvestri (placed 1st)  Kody Stebbeings
Latisha Perry  Ashton Scriha
Katelyn Armbruster  Phoebe Brennan
Milla Cornwall  Tamika Shaw
Luke Connolly  Bailey Camilleri
Brittanny Wedemeyer  Safire Smith

Mackay District Teams

The following students were selected to represent Mackay District at their respective sport’s Capricornia trials. Well done to the following students:

Keeleigh Paul and Rachel Silvestri  15 girls soccer
Calum Squires and Calvin Frasson  15 boys soccer
Corey Benson  15 boys basketball
Rachel Silvestri and Chloe Findlay  Cross Country

Capricornia School Sport Selection

As a result of a trial and nomination process a number of our students have been successful in being selected to represent the Capricornia region for their respective sports. This is an outstanding achievement for our students who competed against other students from Rockhampton, Gladstone and Central Highlands for their spot in the team. Congratulations and best wishes for your upcoming State Championships!

Rachel Silvestri – 15 Girls soccer
Calvin Frasson – 15 boys soccer and Open boys soccer
Corey Benson – 15 boys basketball
The following students have been selected to represent the Whitsunday Schools Region for futsal at the National Championships later on in the year. Congratulations and good luck to the following students:

- Seth Holsted – Year 7
- Calvin Frasson – Year 10
- Hayden Watt – Year 7
- Kayle Pick – Year 11
- Flynn Molloy – Year 7
- Andrew Creber – Year 11
- Adam Perna – Year 8
- Cody Moscatt – Year 11

**Australian Representation**

Congratulations to Year 11 student Kayle Pick who has just returned from Taiwan where he represented Australia for futsal. Kayle and his teammates toured the country for approximately two weeks playing a total of 13 games, of which they only lost 3. He was top goal scorer for his team. As a result from his performance, Kayle has been selected through the Brisbane futsal academy Atletico Brisbane to do a follow-up tour of Hong Kong later in the year. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement and all the best for your upcoming tournament!

**Schoolboys Rugby League**

There is one round of fixtures remaining and our footballers are doing extremely well. Our U15s have had a resurgence at the back end of their season and have had two great wins in the last couple of weeks. Our Opens and U13s have secured their spot in the semi-finals after dominating their opposition the last few games. Please stay tuned for finals fixtures as we would love to see as much support for our teams as possible as it is the first time in a few years we have made finals.

**Schoolgirls Netball**

The netball season has come to a close for another year and all five of our teams represented Mirani with pride. All of our teams played extremely well and improved greatly over the 10 rounds of competition, narrowly missing the finals in a couple of divisions. Congratulations to all of the girls that were involved!

**Soccer**

Congratulations to our Year 8-10 boys and open girls on their performances so far this season. They have both made semi-finals to be played this Thursday against the top-ranked team Mackay High. We wish both teams and all players the best of luck!
Australian Geography Competition

Students from year 7 to year 12 have recently taken part in the 22nd annual Australian Geography Competition, which is a multiple choice test questioning students about their world and Australian geographical knowledge. Geography is a vital subject for students to understand the interactions between people and their environment.

Over 60000 students from around Australia entered the competition managed by the Australian Geography Teachers Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland.

A thank you to Mrs Klarenbeck and Mrs Osborne for facilitating the completion of this test.

Fanfare

On Tuesday 7th June, primary schools and secondary schools from the region competed against each other in the Fanfare competition held at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre.

Fanfare is the biennial state wide festival for bands and orchestras in Queensland state schools. It showcases the outstanding music making that occurs in school ensembles across the state. The emphasis for Fanfare is on improving the quality of ensembles, promoting the highest possible standard of performance, striving for excellence and encouraging participation.

Fanfare was initiated in 1985 to foster the development and highlight the achievements of school-based ensembles in the instrumental music program. Since then over 140,000 instrumental music students from across Queensland have participated in the program. Fanfare provides an opportunity for school communities to celebrate their young musicians and instrumental teachers by encouraging and promoting musical excellence through performance.

It aims to: • promote excellence in ensemble performance • highlight school-based ensemble performance • offer students and teachers of ensembles the experience of expert adjudication • provide students and teachers with the opportunity to perform in a music festival with ensembles from other state schools.

Primary school students began performances at 9 a.m.

High School students played in concert bands from 6 p.m. Stage Bands began their competition at 9.00 p.m. Our school performed at 7 p.m. and 9.30 p.m earning a Bronze Certificate for both. Comments made by the adjudicator will be helpful in improving performance.

Val Clark
Instrumental Music Coordinator

Premiers Anzac Prize

Would you like to go to Gallipoli and the Western Front in 2017?

Enter the Premier’s Anzac Prize Competition by preparing a 3 to 5 minute multimedia presentation.

Do you want more details? Please check out the website or contact Mrs Clark in B Block staffroom.

Val Clark
Instrumental Music Coordinator
Environmental Club

Students in the Environmental Club have been working hard, one lunch time a week to remove noxious weeds along our riverbank, using information provided by representatives from the Pioneer Landcare and Management Group who visited our school one Saturday recently.

We have removed one in particular by hand picking. We are waiting confirmation as to whether or not we were successful in receiving a grant we applied for through Ports Authority so we can get a professional in to spray the Singapore Daisy and provide other much needed funds. This noxious weed removal will be an ongoing task which we are happy to do so students can take advantage of the beautiful river we have at our backdoor.

We will be planting more Lomandra donated from the council shortly to help with river bank stabilisation.

Mrs Clark and Mrs Osborne
Environmental Club Coordinators

Harvest Blessing

Five students representing our school small group Ensemble performed the opening at the recent Harvest Blessing held at the Marian Catholic Church Hall. Melissa and Christine Hall, Keflen Peter Elias, Caitlin Milne and Janee Emms joined Ms Patch in playing a selection of songs to support the sugar industry farmers, harvester operators, mill representatives and workers as they began the yearly harvest.

Mrs VanderVeen our Guidance Officer spoke on behalf of our Valley Chaplains, including Rex Frazer from our school, outlining the good work they do in our schools and sought donations to continue this work.

The afternoon concluded with attendees enjoying afternoon tea and a social mix.

Mrs Clark

World Challenge

The students who are preparing for the World Challenge expedition to Malaysia and Borneo at the end of the year recently held a successful Pie Drive fundraising money for their group project.

Chontel Myers, Stephanie Ellwood, Erin Benyon and Aimee Ellwood took orders and delivered pies last week. They hope to repeat the drive in Term 3

A big thank you to all staff and community members who supported this initiative for the world challenge students.

Mrs Clark, Mr Munchow and Mrs Jones
School leaders

QCS

Senior students are preparing weekly for their major Core Skills Test in August. The school is holding a two day practice on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st June to ensure that students know what is expected of them. Attendance during these two days is compulsory for all OP eligible Year 12 students. If there are extenuating circumstances why these students cannot attend, they are to contact Mrs Clark, the Chief Supervisor.
English Tutoring

English Tutoring is on Wednesday and Thursday from 3.15 to 4.15pm in the Library. Students can receive assistance with homework and assignments.

Maths Tutoring

Need extra help with your homework, revision or assignments? Then Maths tutoring is the place for you!

Maths tutoring sessions are run every week on the following days:

Tuesday; Wednesday; Thursday 3:10 – 4:00pm in D04

Mirani SHS P&C

P&C Meetings are every 2nd TUESDAY of the Month during school terms at 7.00pm in the Common Staffroom.

Calendar at a Glance

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Year 11 and 12 Exam Block

Week 10 - June 13 to June 17

- All Year 11 and 12 students have been issued with the exam timetable.
- Students will be required to attend school for their exams only and/or if their teachers have identified them as being at risk of failing and that they need to ‘catch-up’.
- Catch-up students will attend school during week 10 until their teachers have deemed that their work is at a satisfactory level.
- Students present at school to study or catch-up will be supervised in a classroom where a roll will be marked.
- Students may leave the school grounds when they have completed their exams if they have a written, signed note from their parent/guardian.
- Bus travellers are not permitted to exit the school until 3pm.

Mari Simmonds
Deputy Principal

Mirani Bootcamp Classes

MON– WED–THURS 430-530pm
Mirani State High School

10 Week Block—Starts Monday 11th July
$240 for 3 sessions a week (EARLY BIRD $220)
$160 for 2 sessions a week (EARLY Bird $145)
$10 Casually—Students ONLY $5

Child Friendly
* EARLY BIRD Ends Wednesday 22nd June
SENIOR SCHOOLING SEGMENT

HEADS UP!

Does your student want an apprenticeship, traineeship or employment after they have completed their final year at high school? Now is the time to start checking the daily newspaper, seek.com, and students need to check their email address as well. Students need to update their Resume so when then opportunity arises they are already prepared to apply. For in this day and age students need to use the philosophy of ‘the early bird gets the best worm’.

HABITS TO BECOME AN EFFECTIVE STUDENT

Some helpful tips:

- **Take notes** – taking notes engages your mind and memory.
- **Get organized** - make a plan for what needs to be done and when it needs to be done by. Allow extra time to lower stress levels.
- **Divide it up** – Study is not fun so do a study marathon. Study or work to manageable sizes.
- **Manage your study space** – study away from distractions.
- **Join a study group** – you can bounce of each other; quiz each other, encourage each other.
- **Ask questions** – Ask for help, from a teacher, a tutor or your friends. Learn and don’t be afraid to learn.
- **Healthy Eating** – choose the right food and drink plenty of water
- **Sleep** – It is very important to get 8 hours sleep. This will sharpen your focus and improve your working memory
- **Balance** – Incorporate a balance between school, family, work and friends by using efficient practices. Create harmony for you.

You’ve made it this far, and you will make it through. **You are stronger than you think.**

NEW FREE LEARNER DRIVER APP

The Department of Transport and Main Roads have recently released an app which allows learner drivers to record their driving hours using a smartphone or tablet.

The QLD Lear Logbook app is the first of its kind, enabling learners to electronically submit their completed hours directly to TMR for processing. This instant submission not only saves learners time and money mailing their completed logbook to TMR for processing, but it also means that TMR will be able to start checking submitted logbooks sooner.

Learners can use the app to:

- View their progress against set target hours
- Enter information for past journeys
- Use the timer to record new trips
- Save multiple vehicle and supervisor details
- Seek approval for trips from their supervisor by email

Those who have already recorded some trips in a paper logbook can still use the app by creating new entries to transfer their past trips across, or by submitting both logbooks for processing.

Download the app for free today from the Apple App Store or Google Play for Android.

For more information, visit [www.qld.gov.au/learnerlogbookapp](http://www.qld.gov.au/learnerlogbookapp)
PARENTS

1. Online System | Pay School Invoices
   - Pay School Invoices
     (SRS; Text Book Fees; Camps; etc.)
   - Access via ANY Computer or Smart Phone

2. Payments Accepted:
   MasterCard | VISA

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   Easy to Use Interface

ALL 4 fields MUST be filled in!
We thought 86 was a big team! Our 2015 team pictured!

Our team has doubled in size for this year’s Pioneer Valley event!

P.S. Ms Sievers thinks she may need a bigger lens to get us all in one photo!

Relay for Life is off to an excellent start at Mirani SHS, with 176 students from Years 7 – 12 signed up to raise funds and awareness for the Cancer Council and its many causes.

This is an amazing show of support from our school community and proves that Valley Pride is alive in our students! We are aiming to raise $10,000 for research, support, and care of those fighting back against cancer!

We have a few fundraisers coming up between now and the Relay Weekend (September 10th and 11th), including:

Paint Mirani Purple – Free Dress Day: Friday 10th June (Week 9, Term 2)

Students are asked to show us their Relay spirit and dress in purple on Friday of Week 9 for a gold coin donation. Relayers can wear their Relay shirts and show off their team spirit in style!

Relay Trivia Night: Friday 12th August (Week 5, Term 3)

Once again we ask you to strap on your thinking caps and get a team together for a fun night at the high school. Entry is $10 and includes a soft drink and sausage sizzle! All are welcome and last year was a real blast! This is a student friendly event, and will be hosted by the Year 12 Relayers! All proceeds will go towards our fundraising goal.

Raffle Tickets!

Our team will be selling the official Pioneer Valley Relay for Life Raffle Tickets from mid-Term 2. Tickets are $2.00 each and can be purchased by any one of 176 Mirani SHS students throughout the Valley.