Mackay Orchestra and Bands

On the weekend of 12th and 13th August our bands were a part of the MOB competition at Mackay Christian College. The bands played great music for a gold coin entry.

Schools Tree Day

Our keen environmental group students gathered on Friday 29th July to plant a tree in our gardens as part of Schools Tree Day celebrations.

The group meet regularly each Tuesday lunch to work on our environment whether it be collecting rubbish, saving the river bank or ensuring that students become more aware of why they need to reduce, reuse and recycle. If your student is interested in being part of this group, please contact Mrs Osborne or Mrs Clark.
Dear Parent/Guardian

Your son/daughter have prepared their Secondary Education and Training (SET) Plan during Cert 2 Workplace Practices class-time. A SET Plan is a crucial step for Year 10 students when planning their future educational and career goals.

A key part of the SET Plan process is for parents/guardians and their son/daughter to meet with a member of the Administration Team to conduct a SET Plan interview. This interview is a compulsory requirement for entering into Year 11. Students are required to attend the interview and bring a fully charged school computer with them.

The SET Plan Interviews will be held over a three week period starting Monday 22nd August, 2016. This year we are using the School’s Online Booking System (SOBS) to assist in securing preferred interview times. The booking system can be accessed on the school website by clicking the link for ‘Parent-Teacher Interviews’.

We understand that some parents/guardians may have prior commitments during this allocated time and may need to make the interview in a different week. Also internet access may not be available to all families. If this is the case please call the school office on 49667111 for assistance with your booking.

SHEP

Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, in partnership with Mackay North State High School, is bringing together more than 95 young musicians from across the Mackay district for an intensive music-making program during the fifth annual State Honours Ensemble Program Middle School - Mackay, from Friday August 26 to Sunday August 28, 2016. Gabrielle Dhu, Janee Emms and Caitlin Milne have gained entry into this program and will have the unique opportunity to collaborate with James Kukulies a prominent Queensland Conductor. SHEP Middle School Mackay 2016 will conclude with a grand finale concert on Sunday August 28 at 1.00pm. Entry to the concert at Mackay North State High School is open to the public, via gold coin donation. Good Luck Gabbie, Janee and Caitlin!!!

QCS

Students in year 12 are counting down to August 30th and 31st. Their preparations are coming to an end as they sit for the QCS test in our new hall. Please wish them all the best.

Mrs Val Clark
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### 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

### 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.

### Mirani SHS P&C

P&C Meetings are every 2nd TUESDAY of the Month during school terms at 7.00pm in the Common Staffroom.
In the first week of term 3, a group of 15 keen year 12 students headed to Townsville for the James Cook University, Uni experience. JCU offers this opportunity to year 12 students, from not only Mirani, but from schools all over Central and North Queensland to experience a firsthand look into the different degrees on offer.

After a 5am start, we arrived on campus at lunch time and settled into our dorm rooms at St Marks Residential College before heading to the sports oval for a round robin of sporting challenges. In the afternoon we all split up to attend our first information session. There were many different areas to explore such as science & engineering, education, medicine, nursing, law, pharmacy and creative media just to name a few. We enjoyed listening to the insightful information gathered from these sessions, along with the hands on activities some sessions had to offer.

The following day we had the opportunity to explore and participate in two more sessions of our preferred areas of study. Hopefully, this hands on opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in a variety of courses, has given us some insight into what courses we may want to study at University. The day concluded with a game of the Amazing Race around the University Campus and a pizza party.

The information that was received was very informative and provided many of us with heaps of information to enable us to make choices about our future career possibilities. Overall it was a great experience for everyone and many thanks to Mrs Van der Veen for organising and attending this for us.

Julie Vanderveen
TRY TRADE DAY AT HAIL CREEK MINE

As part of the popular Try Trade Program at the Mackay Engineering College Year 10 students participating in the program had the opportunity to visit Hail Creek Mine on Tuesday 26th of July 2016. The MEC is the only school that Rio Tinto permits a mine tour for each year. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to see firsthand how mining operations occur. As part of the tour the students were taken to a look out over the pit and were given access to some big machinery as you can see in the picture below. After the tour, Rio Tinto provided a terrific BBQ lunch and drinks and staff were on hand to answer any questions the students had in regards to working on a mine site. Thank you to Rio Tinto for facilitating such a great opportunity for the students.
Georgia Day

Georgia travelled to Rockhampton where the Capricornia Field Archers were hosting the Queensland State Titles for Bowhunting (target shooting). Georgia was placed first in her division and was awarded Queensland State Champion for her division.

On a cultural note, Georgia also entered recently in the Pioneer Valley Show in the Art Category and submitted three of her drawings in which she won 1st Place, Champion and Grand Champion. Georgia also won the Pioneer Valley Agricultural Show Caroline Head Memorial Grand Champion Exhibit of Pavilion.

Congratulations Georgia

Ashton Scriha

Ashton has represented Mirani State High in the inaugural Capricornia Schools Mountain Bike Championships at the Mackay and District Mountain bike Club grounds at Rowallan Park. Ashton was able to place 7th in his age group after losing time dealing with a mechanical issue on his bike. The track raced will become part of the track used for the Queensland State Mountain Bike Championships on the 2nd October.

Congratulations Ashton
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DADS DAY IN THE VALLEY

Show & Shine

Dad’s Day in the Valley

Hosted by
Pioneer Valley Classic Car Club

Sunday
4th September 2016
Alexandra St Mirani QLD
Gates Open
9am - 3pm

$5 Entry Per Person
Kids U16 FREE

Gate proceeds go to various charities with major beneficiary
Mirani State High School
Special Education Unit

Entrants Registration
via Heather St
$15 first vehicle and $10 per vehicle thereafter
Registration strictly
between 6:30am - 9am

Fun for the whole family!

Slick 7 Raceway • Specialty Stalls • Markets
Trade Stands • Displays & Demos • Food & Drinks
Coffee • Kids Activities • Rides • Amusements
Old MacDonald’s Farm Petting Zoo

Can’t get to the event? Catch a bus with Platypus Tours
$20 per person (includes $5 entry fee) | To book & pay phone 4959 8360
Leaving from MECC at 9am via Wallarina and departing Mirani at 3:30pm

For more information visit our Facebook Pages:
“Dads Day in the Valley” and “Pioneer Valley Classic Car Club”
or contact Vice President DJ on 0417 770 624 or
Treasurer Fiona Smith on 0418 186 883 or fsmith@mrbeau.net.au

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Come down to Dad’s Day in the Valley on Sunday 4th of September, 2016

To support and to celebrate Diversity in the community, please say ‘Hi’ to Mirani SHS Special Education Program staff and students where we will be hosting a family friendly stall behind Life Line (look out for the rainbow 🙂).

We will be offering complimentary activities such as:

- Playdough creations
- Puzzle & colouring in
- Ice blocks for children

We look forward to seeing you there!

*Please note this is not a childminding service, adult/parent supervision is required at all times

Chloe Biddle (Year 12 student) will also demonstrate a cupcake decorating workshop for children, promoting her business “Knead a cake?”

Children can purchase their own cupcake for $2 to decorate themselves with Chloe’s assistance 🙂
NORTH ETON STATE SCHOOL P & C

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10 SEPTEMBER
4PM - 9PM
$60/PP

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Transition to Work Basic Facts

Transition to Work is a service to support young people aged 15 - 21 on their journey to employment.
This service has a strong focus on practical intervention and work experience to build a young person’s skills, confidence and readiness to engage in employment.

To learn more join us on Thursday, 15 September from 5 - 7 pm at IDEAL Placements (5 Peel Street) for this FREE event
RSVP Monday 12 September