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## P&C Meeting Thursday 23 February – 7pm Royal Hotel Year 7 Vaccinations commence Monday 27 February

### **PRINCIPALS PIECE**

Hello Everyone

On Friday I was in Mount Isa as a member of the governance committee for the Mt Isa Professional Learning Hub.

Four Professional Learning (PL) Hubs have been established, under the Teacher Education Centres of Excellence (TECE) program, to provide enhanced support of beginning, experienced and preservice teacher capability and development in high priority locations.

Glensys Smith is the Director of Professional Learning and she will be visiting Hughenden and Richmond over the next two weeks to commence the work we will be undertaking around coaching cycles and pedagogical support for our beginning teachers (this work will gradually extend through to all teaching staff).

Susan Currin is North Queensland Region's leadership and capability development officer, (Sue is also the PLH project leader) she will also be visiting Hughenden SS on a regular basis to provide support for the project and work with our Leadership Team. Please see the link below for more information regarding what the PLH initiative is.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/staff/development/employee/teachers/professional-learning-hubs.html>

I thank everyone who was able to participate in our school review last week and I know that the feedback has assisted in shaping and sharpening our explicit improvement agenda. The review team's recommendations are currently with the school improvement unit and once the final document has been approved we will publish it on our school website and outline to the whole community the exciting journey we will commence as we work together to build Hughenden into a school of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Sharon Schimming (Regional Director) and Dr Graham Foster (Assistant Regional Director) visited our school today to hear how we will sharpen and narrow the focus from the review's recommendations, this included how these will shape our explicit improvement action plan. To coin a phrase "the work begins now".

Further to the above we are investigating ways in which we can improve schoolwide behaviour including our consistency of practice with regards to classroom management and whole school processes. One program we will be looking into is the "Respectful relationships education program". This program is a prevention program focused on influencing behaviour change to prevent undesirable social consequences. By implementing the *Respectful relationships education program*, schools give students opportunities for social and emotional

learning (in self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationships, ethics, values, social norms, stereotypes, human rights, risk and responsible decision-making). A growing body of evidence shows that social and emotional learning of this nature leads to:

- improved social and emotional skills, self-concept, bonding to school and classroom behaviour
- less disruptive classroom behaviour, aggression, bullying and delinquent acts
- reduced emotional distress such as depression, stress or social withdrawal.

Studies also show that students perform better academically.

The *Respectful relationships education program* will also equip students with the skills they need to develop respectful and ethical relationships free of violence. School communities can use the *Respectful relationships education program* to increase awareness of domestic and family violence and use this knowledge to make their schools and communities a safer place for everyone.

The program includes a suite of teacher guidelines and resources that are practical and easy to use. They provide opportunities for teachers to guide discussions, address concerns, and help students work through sensitive and complex issues.

Next week all State School Principals will travel to the Gold Coast to attend the Bi-Annual Principals Conference. This event will be held from Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 March 2017 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Broadbeach. All state school principals are required to attend, as such Trent will assume the role of acting principal in my absence.

Don't forget this Thursday we have our last P&C meeting, before the AGM next month, at the Royal Hotel commencing at 7.00pm, I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great week, Darrell

*Happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it is something you design for the present. - Jim Rohn*

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students that were presented student of the week awards on parade today: Claire, Harrison, Hailey, Lewis, Tahlia, Skye and Mitchell.



### WELCOME CHAPPY

A warm welcome to Chappy Jamie!!



### FLINDERS SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING

Last Thursday, a group of our Year 12 students attended their first Flinders Shire Council monthly meeting. Thank you to the Flinders Shire for your continued support and partnership with our school.



### 5 WEEKS ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with 5 weeks Attendance Awards on parade today: Natalie, Hailey, Reighella, Jessica, Bailey, Jackson, Hailee, Harrison and Lake.



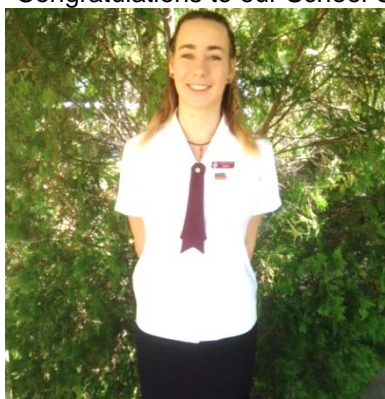
### THANK YOU MR DAVISON

Our school would like to say a big thank you to Mr D for the last 4 weeks. He has historically been a big part of our school and over the last 4 weeks has generously given his time to fill a temporary vacancy in the ITD department. His contribution and involvement in all school aspects (including the mighty Churchill) will be dearly missed. Thank you Mr D.



### CONGRATULATIONS PHOEBE

Congratulations to our School Captain, Phoebe Creagh, who has been accepted to study in the Head Start Program at the University of Southern Queensland. Phoebe will be studying drama/theatre externally to provide her with a 'head start' into University next year, well done Phoebe and good luck.



### FREE MICROSOFT



All Queensland state school staff and students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices. Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in. Any enquires please contact Tash in the Office.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please return by 24<sup>th</sup> March to the school office. Online payment option available. Family photo envelopes are to be obtained through the office.

## CADETS

Last week members of the leadership team were invited to attend the Hughenden SES Cadet sign on night. This was a fantastic opportunity for us to see what the cadets learn and participate in as a part of their training. We also viewed a slideshow of highlights from last year which was informative and entertaining. Seeing the cadets practice their marching, participate in team building and social skilling activities gave us an opportunity to consider the skills and knowledge that could be brought back into our school context and visa versa. The night was topped off with a scrumptious sausage sizzle.



## SPORTS NEWS

**MID WEST 13-15yrs NETBALL TRIALS** – these trials are being held here in Hughenden this Wednesday, February 22, from 10:30am with girls travelling from Cloncurry to attend. Good luck to Maddison Jones, Dominique Wiggins, Danielle Sladden, Amber Priestly, Breeanna Smith and Bailey Betts who are forming the HSS team. Players selected into the Mid West team will travel to Mt Isa for the North West trials on March 10 & 11.

**NORTH WEST SWIMMING TRIALS** – Good luck to Danielle Sladden, Kiralee Naylor and Ty Struthers who will be attending the North West Regional Swimming trials in Cloncurry this weekend.

**NETBALL** – There will be netball training sessions on every Friday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm on our undercover court area with Mrs O'Neil. These training sessions are for any interested girls born 2007 to 2000+ and are in preparation of the upcoming netball trials.

**MID WEST SPORTS CLUSTER DAY** – Students are reminded that your paperwork needs to be returned by this Wednesday please.

**NORTH WEST RUGBY LEAGUE** – Players intending to be a part of the Mid West team travelling to Winton on Friday, March 3, are reminded that your paperwork needs to be returned by this Wednesday please.

## CHANGE OF DATE

### NETBALL – COME AND TRY DAY

**When:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Where:** DEC

**Time:** 3:30pm- 6pm

**Who:** All students aged 5-12years (boys and girls)

**Cost:** Nil

## TUCKSHOP NOTICES

**SPECIAL** - Crumbed chicken leg, popper and zing- \$7.00.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FEBRUARY

- 22 MW 13-19yrs Netball trials - Hughenden
- 23 P&C Meeting
- 27 Year 7 Immunisations
- 24-25 NW 10-19yrs Swimming trials - Cloncurry
- 28 MW Sports Cluster Day – Cloncurry



## Hughenden Golf Club Fun Day

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Teams & Names in by: 2pm

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### What you need to know to play

- 1 - Teams of 3 or 4
- 2 - TEE OFF TIME 2:30pm
- 3 - 7 Hole Ambrose
- 4 - BBQ Tea
- 5 - Raffles on the day
- 6 - Drinks on the course
- 7 - Nominations - \$20 per player includes BBQ Tea



Glenys Smith Darrell Sard Sue Currin  
-at Mt Isa Professional Learning Hub