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## P&C AGM – MARCH 16 – 7PM ROYAL HOTEL BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2 CATALOGUE NOW AVAILABLE IN OFFICE

### PRINCIPALS PIECE

Hello Everyone

Last Thursday afternoon in the staffroom we held our first community collaboration meeting. This meeting was attended by members of the P&C executive (Juanita Wiggins, Grant Bloomfield and Shelly Vass), The Shire Mayor (Jane McNamara) Education and Youth portfolio councillors (Kate Downie and Kelly Carter), Trent O'Brien and myself.



Our agenda included how each of us will work together as a collaborative team to build partnerships between the school, council, local businesses and the wider community. This included conversation around what actions we will take that shape our explicit improvement action plan including how these will sharpen and narrow our focus from the recent school review recommendations.

We have agreed that as a group we will continue to meet once per term to monitor and review our progress as we commence an exciting journey as we work together to build Hughenden into a school of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

How do Hughenden State School staff improve the assessment literacy of their students? Simple!... by working collaboratively with their colleagues.

Last Wednesday Mrs Jones, Ms Mac & Ms Hubner attended professional development at Richmond State School, centred on an Instructional Coaching Cycle. Together they learnt about evidenced based, high yield practices, which have been proven to improve student outcomes whilst also supporting experienced and beginning teachers.

This professional development was coordinated by Glenys Smith from the Mount Isa Regional Professional learning Hub. Glenys will also be visiting Hughenden State School in the not too distant future to continue this professional learning, whilst Richmond and Hughenden State Schools will continue to work together to share our learning journey.

What a busy bunch of sports people we have, last Friday, Danielle, Kiralee and Ty headed to Cloncurry to participate in the North West trials as part of the Mid-West team. Whilst tomorrow, Mrs O'Neil and Mrs Horton will be travelling to Cloncurry with all of our year 5 and 6 students to participate in the Mid-West Sports Cluster day and selection trials. Students will have an action packed two days of sport and fun. No doubt some future budding sports stars may well emerge, however the main focus is on participation, teamwork and having fun.

This week all State School Principals are travelling to the Gold Coast to attend the Bi-Annual Principals Conference. This event will be held from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Broadbeach. All state school principals are required to attend.

In addition to this Trent O'Brien and Katy MacDonald are away today and tomorrow attending the induction phase of the "Aspiring Leaders Program" which is being conducted by Sue Currin on behalf of the Queensland Education Leadership Institute (Qeli). This professional development is to provide them an opportunity to build upon their knowledge and expertise as they continue their journey as educational leaders.

Tracey Jones is acting principal until Trent's return after which he will then assume that role.

Have a great week  
Darrell

*Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work. -Vince Lombardi*

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the following students that were presented student of the week awards on parade today, George, Maddison, Tylah, Bailey, Jackson and Lake.

it is easy to buy a pretty dress and shoes for a friend. Some people aren't keen on second hand things but they have good shoes and gorgeous dresses. It was fun! It is worthwhile visiting Vinnies.



### 5 WEEKS ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with 5 weeks Attendance Awards on parade today: Cody, Shrayden, Emily, Thomas, Holly, Kobe, Jackson and Gracelyn.



### YEAR 4/5/6 STRIVING TO LEARN

Congratulations to this amazing group of year 4/5/6 students who all completed their English assessment and had it submitted on Friday. They have been analysing author techniques and identifying language features.



### NEW STAFF

Welcome to Mr West, our new Manual Arts, ICT and Graphics teacher. Our Year 8 students are also lucky enough to have Mr West as their form teacher for the year.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

A big thank you on behalf of the students and staff to our staff members who do an outstanding job with breakfast club each week. Chappy Jamie will be joining the Breakfast Club crew every Friday morning. We encourage students to come in for breakfast and a chat.

### YEAR 8/9/10 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY



Last Thursday, the Year 8/9/10 Technology class visited the St Vincent DePaul shop as part of our Design and Technology unit for Term 1. The aims of the activity were to investigate the ethical and sustainable production and marketing of fibre products as well as applying design thinking, creativity, innovation and enterprise skills when creating design ideas for the unit titled 'Solving Wicked Problems.'

The following statements have been retrieved from the students report on the outing:

Vinnies has many different types of clothes from thousands of years old to formal wear, to PJ's to modern clothes and even togs. There are so many clothes and the people are very nice. I bought a very pretty dress. Vinnies is a great place to go, it's not just clothes they sell much more. Even 1000 year old clothes could still look pretty. They sell 23 kg bags of rags for \$20 and



### **P&C MEETING**

Thank you to all that attended last week's P&C meeting. It was a very successful meet. A big thank you to Grant Bloomfield for your ongoing contribution as the secretary. P&C AGM is scheduled for March 16.



### **TUCKSHOP NOTICES**

The tuckshop is selling second hand school shirts for \$5 each. Various sizes available, please see the tuckshop ladies for more information. New styles are also available.

### **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.



### **SPORTS NEWS**

**CLUSTER DAY** – Our Year 5/6 class, Mrs O'Neil, Vicki Horton along with Miss Alloway and students from St Francis school will be travelling to Cloncurry tomorrow to attend the Mid West Sports Cluster Day where students will participate in skills and drills sessions followed by games for netball, rugby league, touch and soccer. Eligible students will be trying out for places in the various Mid West teams. The bus will be leaving from Hughenden State School at 8:00am on Tuesday, February 28 and will return on Wednesday, March 1 at approximately 6:30pm with students being dismissed at 7:00pm (from HSS) after the bus has been unloaded and cleaned.

**NETBALL** - We hosted the Mid West 13-15 years Netball trials last Wednesday and had players from Cloncurry SS and St Joseph's schools travel down to play against our girls. The girls participated in a skills and drills session which was followed by games. Congratulations to Danielle, Dominique and Maddison who were selected into the Mid West team. They will travel to Mt Isa on March 10 & 11 to play in the North West Regional trials. A huge



thank you to Lyn O'Neil who has been coaching the girls each Friday afternoon and also gave up her lunch hour to assist with umpiring. A huge thank you to Jo Dighton for her assistance with coaching and umpiring on the day as well as Kelly Carter and Nick Collingwood who umpired too. Thank you to Vicki Horton for convening the trials.

**SWIMMING** – Danielle, Kiralee and Ty travelled to Cloncurry last Friday to participate in the North West Regional trials. Students at these trials had to reach qualifying times to gain selection into the North West team with many of our students enjoying the experience of swimming at this level of competition against other students in our region.



**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.

### **COGS AUSTRALIA VISIT – TUESDAY FEB 28**

Tomorrow, Geoff Dymock, leading coach and former first class and Test cricketer will be visiting our school as a part of his remote area cricket coaching tour, to share his experiences with our students and to introduce key cricket skills to them. The skills taught in this program were carefully chosen by cricket batting legend Doug Walters and leading 1st class bowler, Geoff Dymock. The clinic is a great opportunity for young players to learn and master correct techniques in key facets of our great game of cricket.

**This visit will be broken into 2 sessions:**

**Session 1:** 9-10am – Students in Years 4, 7 and 8  
**Session 2:** 10-11am – Students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **FEBRUARY**

28 MW Sports Cluster Day – Cloncurry  
28 COGS Australia Visit

#### **MARCH**

1 MW Sports Cluster Day – Cloncurry  
3 NW 14-15 & 16-18yrs Rugby League trials – Winton  
6 Student Council Meeting  
10-11 NW 13-19yrs Netball trials – Mt Isa  
16 P&C AGM  
17-18 NW 10-12yrs Netball trials – Mt Isa  
20 Book Club orders due  
24 SCHOOL PHOTOS  
31 TERM 1 ENDS

#### **APRIL**

18 TERM 2 COMMENCES  
20-21 NW 10-12yrs Rugby League trials - Normanton