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## WELCOME BACK!!

### PRINCIPALS PIECE

Hello everyone and welcome back.

I hope that the Easter Bunny was able to bring much joy and happiness to all families over the weekend, no doubt a lot of chocolate in every shape and form would have been devoured. However, with the abundance of sporting opportunities we have throughout the shire everyone would be well placed to work off all those extra kilojoules by taking part in a little extra physical activity.

Chocolate, Eggs, and Bunnies should not overlook the importance of the spiritual origins of Easter and I am hopeful that everyone was able to spend some time in reflection of why this time is an important one on our calendar.

Notwithstanding the above I also hope that everyone was able to enjoy time with your children and families throughout the school holiday period, sadly though as is often said all good things do come to an end. (although for some parents the good times may just be starting).

If we, as a school community, are to ever make a significant difference to the hopes, dreams, and aspirations, of the students we teach and the prosperity of the community they reside in, then we must continue to be relentless in our pursuit of excellence regardless of the hurdles or obstacles we may encounter.

To this end I am grateful for the contribution of everyone on our staff, as it takes a team to improve student learning outcomes, however, acknowledgement must be given with regards to the work of Karlee Bowtell (Year 1/2/3) and Hayley Mellon (Prep/1). The strategies they have both implemented, and are continuing with, since their arrival in 2016 in improving learning outcomes for our students, can't be underestimated.

Because of their combined leadership our students are experiencing significant gains in all learning areas, this is due in no small part to the effectiveness of teaching with a Literacy focus linked explicitly to a four lesson sequence in reading. The collective professionalism and contribution to the success of the students we teach is admirable.

Parents, grandparents, family members and carers you are always welcome to support your children and every other student in your school through volunteering in the tuckshop, helping with reading groups, assisting on sporting days, camps or excursions. The limit to your involvement in your school is only limited by the time you have to help, as is often said it takes a whole community to raise a child. Please see your child's teacher or come in and speak with a member of the leadership team so that we can ensure that you are involved.

Thankfully my knee has recovered from my operation last term, although I do still have some follow up specialist appointments I will need to attend. I have appreciated every effort of all our members of staff during my absence, however Trent O'Brien and Natasha Carroll deserve a particular mention for their leadership and follow through during my absence.

Unfortunately we will have some hiccups to the start of this term as Mrs O'Neil and Mrs Anju will be away. Over the weekend Mrs O'Neil advised that she needed to take urgent personal leave for week 1 whilst Mrs Anju advised that she had fallen ill from a recent overseas trip and will be unavailable for an as yet unknown period of time. However, Mrs Jones has advised that she will be returning this week from the extended period of leave she had to take prior to the end of Term 1.

Next week (week 2) we have our traditional ANZAC day march on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> this is followed on Wednesday with our regular student/parent learning fair where students will share their progress and results for term 1 and what their learning goals are for this term. All of this is closely followed by NAPLAN in week 4. More details will be sent home through Facebook, text message or letter, later this week or on Monday next week.

*Have a great week, it's good to be back.*  
Darrell

***A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out. - Walter Winchell***

## **TERM 1 - WEEK 10 AWARDS**

### **STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to the following students that were presented student of the week awards on parade today: Josephine and Scott (absent).



### **5 WEEKS ATTENDANCE**



Congratulations to the following students who were presented with 5 weeks Attendance Awards on parade today: Harrison, Natalie and Hailee.

### **10 WEEKS ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with 10 weeks Attendance Awards on parade today: Jackson, Bailey and Lake.



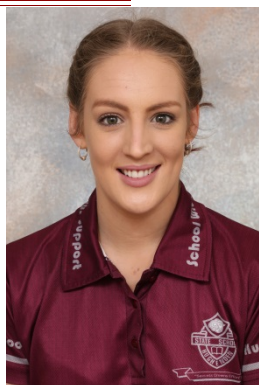
### **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

Also presented on parade today was a Certificate of Recognition to Rosemary Campbell for 25 years of dedicated service. Congratulations Rosie and enjoy your well-deserved retirement.



### **GETTING TO KNOW THE STAFF**

Hello, my name is Naomi Mitchell. I was born in Rockhampton and moved to Townsville with my parents and older brother when I was 8. I attended Willows State School and Kirwan State High School. I studied a Certificate III in Business, Tourism, Retail and Hospitality and graduated in 2010. I moved to Hughenden late 2014 to be with my partner, Tyson. In August 2015 I was lucky enough to become a staff member at HSS as an admin assistant and thoroughly enjoy it. I am loving life in Hughenden, I enjoy playing social netball, touch, staying fit and shopping. I often spend my holidays catching up with family and friends in Townsville and spending time with my partner.



## **YEAR 6/7 CAMP FUNDRAISING**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, the last day of Term we held a free dress day to raise funds towards the Year 6/7 Camp. Thank you to all who participated, together we raised \$119

### **TUCKSHOP**

This Term Tuckshop will be open as usual, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Thank you to Mandy and her volunteers, Tara and Marilyn for their continued support.

### **HOMEWORK CENTRE**

Homework Centre continues to operate in the library, 3pm to 4pm every Monday and Thursday. Come join the calm environment with access to all the resources you need. Teachers, books, internet access and other students are there to help, all finished off with a piece of fruit.



### **YEAR 12 FOOTY DOUBLES**

**Round 2** (#154191) 9 (home) and 2 (away) is unclaimed.

**Round 3** (#154767) 5 (home) and 2 (away) Rosie Sealy.

**Round 4** (#154161) 6 (home) and 10 (away) is unclaimed.

**Round 5** (#394306) 4 (home) and 5 (away) is unclaimed.

**Round 6** (#394493) 9 (home) and 9 (away) is unclaimed.

**Round 7** (#393645) 9 (home) and 6 (away) is unclaimed.

### **SPORTS NEWS**

**TERM 2** – Term 2 will be a busy term with our Cross Country Races, Interhouse Athletics, 12yrs NW Touch, 12yrs NW Soccer and 12yrs Softball.

**NORTH WEST 11-12YRS RUGBY LEAGUE** – Good luck to Linkyn Smith, Harrison Jones and Laine Priestly who are travelling to Normanton this weekend to attend the North West Rugby League trials.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **APRIL**

20-21 NW 10-12yrs Rugby League trials – Normanton

26 Parent/Student Learning Fair

27 QLD Cricket Annual Western Tour

28 Year 7 Immunisations

#### **MAY**

##### **9-11 NAPLAN**

15 Student Council Meeting

19 Interhouse Cross Country

20 HSS Golf Day

23 Science Roadshow Visit

#### **JUNE**

2 Show Day Holiday

13 NRL Flinders Highway School visit

16 HSS Fete

22 Interhouse Athletics Carnival

23 TERM 2 ENDS



# Parent/Student Learning Fair

The Parent / Student learning fair will occur on Wednesday of Week 2 (next week 26/04). There will be an adjusted timetable for the day with a whole school sausage sizzle for the first break, this will be the only break for the day as students will be dismissed at 2.30pm in lieu of a second break. Mrs Tracey Jones will continue to coordinate the organisation for this day and will provide final details in next week's Newsletter.



**HUGHENDEN NETBALL ASSOCIATION INVITE ALL  
SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN TO OUR NET SET GO AND  
JUNIOR NETBALL SIGN ON!**

**When: 18th April 2017**

**Where: Diggers Entertainment Centre**

**Time: 3.30-5.30pm**

**Just bring your sandshoes and water, ready for  
netball!**

