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HSS IS HOSTING RELAY FOR LIFE ON OUR OVAL THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Hello Everyone,

What a busy week we had last week. We hosted y-Lead, participated in Book Week, our senior students attended Seniors Week and we hosted the Australian Defence Force for careers talks. It is full speed ahead for the remaining three weeks of term as we prepare for interim report cards, conduct QCS testing and attend two shire performances this week.

I welcome Jordan Waitoa and her family to our school community. Jordan is our new District Relief Teacher and will work across our school, Prairie and Cameron Downs State Schools. Jordan greeted our staff and students during this morning's parade through a traditional Maori speech followed by a traditional song. We have a number of regional office staff in our school this week. We host Sue Curran (Principal Advisor – Leadership capability development) this Wednesday. We then have Dr Graham Foster, Alan Whitfield from the School Improvement Unit and our incoming Principal Brendan Wessely visiting on Friday. We will be reviewing the school action plan and planning for Brendan's transition into our school in Term 4.

I wish Rebecca, Phoebe and Zac the best of luck as they complete the Queensland Core Skills Test on Tuesday and Wednesday. This is the second last year of the QCS as we transition into the new senior secondary ATAR system.

Our Quadrennial School Review is well underway as we progress the formation of the 4-year school strategic plan (2018 – 2021). The QSR team consists of a cross-section of our school community. I thank Tracey Jones, Lyn O'Neil, Juanita Wiggins, Natasha Carroll and Vicki Horton for joining the team. Our first team meeting is this week.

Our students are working towards successfully completing their summative assessment tasks. Our goal is to develop our students into assessment literate learners who can articulate what they are learning, how they are doing and how they can improve by making links to the criteria sheet. Their assessment contributes to their Interim Report Cards which will be distributed to all families during the first week of Term 4.

Have a great week everyone!

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students that were presented student of the week awards on parade today: Jackson, Jake, Dylan, Kayla and Danielle.



GETTING TO KNOW THE STAFF



Hi my name is Sarah Tippett. I am a teacher aide at Hughenden State School. I am currently working in the Year 1/2/3 classroom with Miss Bowtell. I have lived in Hughenden most of my life and attended Hughenden State School. I first started doing relief teacher aide work in 2008. Between then and now I married my husband Aaron, who also attended HSS and works for Queensland Rail. We have two

children, Kyle who is in Year 1 at HSS and Chloe who is two years old. I spend most of my spare time with family and friends. What I love most about being a teacher aide is working with many wonderful, talented and knowledgeable people, some of which taught me when I was a student. Not to mention the many kids that no matter what, can put a smile on my face. I look forward to many more years at Hughenden State School.

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

New Senior Schooling System - Queensland's current senior assessment system began in the early 1980's. The OP system was introduced in 1992. In a 2014 report, the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) said these arrangements were fair and reliable, but would not be sustainable in the long

term. ACER recommended changes to achieve greater rigour and simplicity.

The new system of senior schooling will be introduced into Queensland schools in 2019, with the first Year 12 cohort graduating with an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) in 2020. This change will apply to the current Year 9 cohort. As we prepare for these changes, it is important that parents of students in Years 10 -12 understand that the current system is a reliable and valid system and the move to the new system for the current Year 9 students, in no way compromises the integrity of the current system. For parents with students in Years 9 and below, there will be information in the form of newsletters, information evenings and QCAA material provided to support parents and students understand the new system. Please contact me if you have any queries with regards to your child's senior schooling.

This week, Year 12 students across Queensland sit for their annual QCS test (Queensland Core Skills Test). Good luck to Rebecca, Phoebe and Zac who will sit for their QCS test on Tuesday and Wednesday.



Tracey Jones - Senior Schooling Leader

STEM TRIP

Last week I went to Townsville to participate in the She Flies Program. On the Monday we went to James Cook University and had a lecturer named Stephanie Duce share with us the various ways she uses drones in her work place. Then on Tuesday we went to William Ross and met the She Flies instructor Dr Kerry Beggs. Kerry went over all the safety precautions with us for flying drones. Then after morning tea we got to practice flying the drones..... let's just say it is not as easy as it looks, I pretty much flew it into everything there was to fly into. Then after lunch we got to do some coding for the drones and programmed a flight path for them and tested it on a map of Townsville. When we started to test our drones flight path to see if we had coded it correctly, we discovered that some of our drones were flying all over the place even when we weren't controlling it. All in all I had an enjoyable time and drone flying is a great past time!

Claire Felderhof



NURSES CORNER

Need for Feed will commence in Term 4, Week 2 for the first 20 secondary students that express interest. Diabetes Queensland is kindly covering the nominal cost of \$30 per student. More details below. If you have any questions please contact myself or Mrs Sumner on 4741 2111.

Kayleigh Wilkinson – School Based Health Nurse



Cooking classes for students in grades 7 to 10

Do you like to get handy in the kitchen? Try new recipes? And create delicious meals? Then come along to the *Need For Feed* program to test your skills and knowledge and become a junior masterchef in the making!

The popular Diabetes Queensland school cooking program *Need for Feed* is coming to your school. Kids all across Queensland are participating in this hands on program and it is now available for up to 15-20 lucky students' in years 7 to 10 in your school now.

The program includes lots and lots of cooking... from stir fries and curries to cakes and fruit bakes. You'll master skills in food preparation, what to eat to stay healthy and how to make plenty of quick and easy recipes from scratch that taste delicious!

The program will commence on Friday the 13/10/17 at 3.15pm – 5.15pm and will be run within the school home economics room. The program will run for 8 weeks, with one session per week.

As there are only 15-20 spots available please see Kayleigh Wilkinson or Mrs Sumner to register, but hurry, spots **WILL** fill fast!

This program is funded by the Queensland Government.



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AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE VISIT

Last week Sgt Dion Eivers and Sgt Ash Bowers gave a presentation to a number of our high school students. The presentation was about the avenues of entry into the Australian Defence Force. Students were provided with lots of information about options so that they can make informed decisions regarding a career or training in the Army, the Air Force or the Navy. Dion and Ash also told us about all of the things that the ADF do – not just the 'going to war' part, but the assistance they give to both local and international communities. Some of the benefits of joining the ADF include: travel; sport; new skills; mateship; housing and healthcare. Also on offer are many apprenticeships and even university degrees where they pay you while you study! If any students or parents would like any further information please see Mrs Sumner.



CLUB RINO VISIT

A group of JCU students representing for club RHINO (Rural Health in the Northern Outback) will be visiting our Year 10/11/12 students on Monday 4th September. The visit is to provide students with a briefing/presentation on what health careers are available and the role of each, followed by hands-on workshops i.e. pressure immobilisation bandaging for snake bites, recording of blood pressure, CPR etc. Club RINO bring a broad a range of health students (nurses, physiotherapists, doctors etc.). The aim of these visits is to provide students with some insight into different health careers as well as other general advice on applying for university.

KALORI COVER COMPETITION

Students who are interested in designing the 2017 Kalori cover have until Friday, September 1 to submit their entries. Entries must be A4 portrait size with the words 2017 Kalori and the school badge. Your name is to be in pencil on the back of the cover. Entries are to be given to Tasha in the office.

SARAH STORER COMMUNITY CONCERT

Our school choir did a fabulous job singing an ensemble with country music legend Sara Storer on Friday night! Thank you Mrs Davison and the Flinders Shire Council for organising such a great community event! Come on Rain!



YEAR 12 FOOTY DOUBLES

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

Round 24 (#154191) 5 (home) and 13 (away) is unclaimed

Round 25 (#391727) 6 (home) and 10 (away) is unclaimed

REL AY FOR LIFE MINI TEAMS

Students who wish to participate in the Red Dirt Relay for Life event on September 2 on the HSS oval are able to register as a Mini team and walk the oval with everyone else from 2pm to 6pm. Students need an adult to accompany them and can register their team at <http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/RedDirtRFL> For further information contact Vicki Horton 0428411642

BOOK FAIR

Last week we hosted the annual Scholastic Book Fair and a very big thank you to everyone who supported it. Almost \$1900 worth of books were sold during the week giving our school almost \$600 worth of new books for our library.



DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

29-31 QCS – Yr 12 testing
30 Brave Hearts The Ditto Show
31 P-6 Shearing Display visit

HUGHENDEN CHARITY CANCER GOLF DAY KIM DALLOW MEMORIAL DAY

Hosted by the Hughenden Golf Club

Saturday 16th September 2017



Let's all go pink and have a game to help raise money for Cancer Research. Teams of 3 or 4 for a 7 hole event. You don't even need to have a golfer! Names in by 1.30pm and tee off at 2.00pm

\$20.00 per person - BBQ dinner included
\$5.00 dinner for non-golfers



For more information contact:
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EVERYONE WELCOME!

