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**Well done to all involved in the Red Dirt Relay for Life on the weekend
Junior Secondary Transition Day - Wednesday 13th September
Prep Transition Days starting next Term – more details within newsletter**

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Hello Everyone,

Well done to all of those involved with *Relay for Life* on the weekend. I am sure there are a few sore feet and tired eyes however it is always worth it when our community comes together to fundraise and raise awareness for a special cause. Unfortunately, I was unwell over the weekend and could not attend however I kept an eye on social media and it looked like a fantastic event.

Last Friday, we hosted Alan Whitfield (School Improvement Unit), Dr Graham Foster (Assistant Regional Director) and Brendan Wessely (incoming Principal). I shared our school improvement journey over the last 6 months, specifically relating to parent and community engagement. We have a number of clear processes and systems in place and now our challenge is to implement and monitor our effectiveness with engaging our school community.

Our teachers are preparing interim report cards for Term 3. 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 with respect to their assessment tasks. When our students are assessment literate, they have clarity with regards to what they need to know and be able to do to successfully complete their assessment.

Our Quadrennial School Review (QSR) is well underway. The QSR team met last week to review our previous strategic plan (2014 – 2017) and acknowledge the achievements of the past four years. The team will meet again soon to draft the new school strategic plan (2018 – 2021).

Have a great week everyone!
Trent

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students that were presented student of the week awards on parade today: Harrison, Luke, Kiralee, Tayla, Tyson and Lake.



**5 WEEKS
ATTENDANCE
AWARD**

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

GETTING TO KNOW THE STAFF

Kia ora Hughenden. My name is Jordan Waitoa. I am the new awesome district relief teacher based at Hughenden State School. I have recently relocated here from the Gold Coast Queensland to help teach and hopefully inspire the future of Hughenden, our children to be the best they can be. I'm from a beautiful



place in the North Island of New Zealand known as Te Araroa. Te Araroa is the first place in the Northern Hemisphere to greet the biggest star in the sky, our sun. I have been teaching for 5 years in Schools in New Zealand and doing relief Teaching on the Gold Coast since January this year. I have been blessed to become part of this beautiful place you call home. I am thankful for everyone's hospitality and help in the transition process of relocating here. From the bottom of my heart thank you. I am engaged to my soon to be husband Donny Mill. We have 4 beautiful children 1 girl and 3 boys. Kohaea 14, Te Wairongoa 12, Te Ohaki 10 and Hukarere our baby, he is 2. Our family love the great outdoors and sports. We hope we can contribute our skills and attributes to this awesome community and we can also learn from and fill our basket of knowledge from you as well. I will finish with a quote from my Māori tribe;

Ko te manu e kai i te miro nona te ngahere.

Ko te manu e kai i te mātauranga nona te ao.

Translation;

The bird that partakes in the miro berries of the forest that's his kingdom.

The bird that partakes in education the world is theirs.

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

Last week, I discussed the introduction of the new Senior Schooling ATAR System which will be introduced in 2019 with our current Year 9 cohort. The key changes to the system include:

- The introduction of common external assessment in each subject.
- Strengthening the quality and comparability of school-based assessment.
- Replacing the Overall Position (OP) with the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).
- Combine school-based and external assessment to derive final subject results.
- Four assessments (3 school-based + 1 external) per subject.
- School-based assessment will generally contribute 75% to a student's final subject result; 50% in Maths and Science.
- QCAA will endorse and confirm school-based assessments; and ratify subject results.
- Students will receive a numerical and an A–E final subject result.

Please contact me if you have any queries with regards to your child's Senior Schooling.

Tracey Jones - Senior Schooling Leader

CLUB RINO VISIT

A group of JCU students representing for club RHINO (Rural Health in the Northern Outback) visited our Year 10/11/12 students today to provide students with a briefing/presentation on what health careers are available and the role of each. Students also got to engage in hands-on workshops i.e. pressure immobilisation bandaging for snake bites, recording of blood pressure, CPR etc. The aim of this visit was to provide students with some insight into different health careers as well as other general advice on applying for university. A broad range of health students were our visitors (nurses, physiotherapists, doctors etc.) and we thank them very much for their time and knowledge.



JUNIOR SECONDARY TRANSITION PROGRAM

Year 6 students are invited to join our Junior Secondary Transition Program which will be conducted on **Wednesday 13th September** and **Friday 20th October**. Participants will experience the different aspects of a secondary environment, literally becoming Secondary School Students for the day. We cordially invite parents to join with their students in attending a Question and Answer session that will be conducted in the Sewing Room from 9:00-9:30am on the **20th October**.

As a school, we believe that this program will be of immense benefit to both parents and students alike and look forward to receiving a positive response from our

community. A timetable and requirements have been handed out to the students, if you have any questions please contact Mrs O'Neil on 07 4741 2111.

SHEARING DISPLAY

Our Prep-Year 6 students headed to the Discovery Centre last week to watch the final sheep shearing display run by Hughenden Connect (Flinders Shire Council). Students learned about the tools needed to shear a sheep, how much sheep shearers get paid and what happens to the wool once it has been shorn. We also got to have a feel of the wool! We concluded our afternoon by paying a quick visit to Ms Crase in the Flinders Shire Library. Thanks to the Flinders Shire for organising the afternoon for our students.



BRAVEHEARTS – DITTO SHOW

Last Wednesday our Prep-Year 6 students watched a performance from Bravehearts and Ditto the Bear about the importance of 'yes' and 'no' feelings and feeling safe. We learned that everyone has the right to feel safe with people, it's ok to say NO if we feel safe or unsure and nothing is so yucky that you can't tell someone about it. Thank you to Bravehearts for presenting this to our students and a big thank you for the activity books full of fun.



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. If you are interested please see me to put your name down and collect a consent form.

Kayleigh Wilkinson – School Based Health Nurse

ROYAL HOTEL – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Royal Hotel is looking for a school aged casual kitchen hand. Please contact Linda on 47411183.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Vinnies Market commencing at 9am on 9th September. Why not come in store today and have a look at the many evening dresses, shoes and men's suits on sale.

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) Rebecca Felderhof

Round 26 (#395165) 12 (home) and 6 (away) is unclaimed



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PARENT/STUDENT LEARNING FAIR

will take place on

FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2017

Information for the day is as follows:

TIME	YEAR LEVEL	ROOM
10.00 – 10.30am	Prep/1	P/1 Classroom
10.30 – 11.00am	Year 1/2/3	Yr 1/2/3 Classroom
11.00 – 11.30am	Year 4/5/6	Yr 4/5/6 Classroom
11.30 - 12.15pm	LUNCH	Sausage Sizzle for staff, students and parents
12.15 – 12.45pm	Year 7/8	Junior Secondary Room
12.45 – 1.15pm	Year 9/10	Junior Secondary Room
1.15 – 1.45pm	Year 11/12	Junior Secondary Room
2.30pm	All students	Dismissed from school

Come along to our Learning Fair to:

- view your child's Term 3 folio of work
- have your child articulate their report results to you
- discuss your child's identified improvement goals

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

13 Junior Secondary Transition Day
15 TERM 3 ENDS

OCTOBER

2 Public holiday - Queen's Birthday
3 TERM 4 COMMENCES
5 Prep Open Day 9am-10:30am
6 Parent/Student Learning Fair
12 Prep Open Night from 5pm
16 Student Free Day
18 Prep Transition half day
20 Junior Secondary Transition Day
25 Prep Transition half day

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2017 Transition to Prep Program



Prep Open day - Thursday 5th October from 9am - 10:30am

All parents and Pre-Prep aged children are invited to come along and explore the Prep/1 classroom and program of learning together for the morning.

Prep Open night - Thursday 12th October from 5pm

*Please note, in order for your child to attend transition days you must have either attended the open night or had a meeting with Miss Mellon. Please arrange a meeting via the office if you are unable to attend.

Transition to Prep program

An opportunity for 2018 Prep students attending, or considering attending Hughenden State School to immerse themselves into the learning environment as they begin their transition to Prep for 2018.

Half Days (8:45am - 11:25am)

Wednesday 18th October, 2017
Wednesday 25th October, 2017
Wednesday 1st November, 2017
Please pack a hat, fruit or veggie snack and water bottle.

Full Days (8:45am - 3pm)

Wednesday 8th November, 2017
Wednesday 15th November, 2017
Wednesday 22nd November, 2017
Please pack a hat, fruit or veggie snack, full lunch and water bottle.

For more information please contact the office on (07) 4741 2111



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