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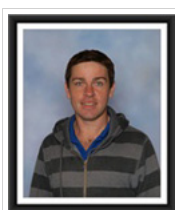
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Deputy Principal's Message



Assessment

It is that time of the term when assignments are due and students are focussed on studying for their exams. The Assessment Calendar is attached to the Newsletter and all students have had a copy emailed to them to assist with their planning and time management. Parents/Guardians can assist students in effectively planning for this time by sitting down and organising a study plan to incorporate a clear mix of study and leisure time. Creating this plan should eliminate some of the stress that students can feel around this time of the term.

Report Cards

Interim Reports will be emailed out by Thursday 24 March. Included with these reports will be an Interview Request Sheet. These interviews will give you the opportunity to talk with teachers about your student and get further insight into how they are travelling in their subjects and areas that they may need to focus on to improve. It would be great to see all parents/guardians at our interviews in Term 2. In our Junior School (Years 7, 8, 9), students complete a range of Literacy and Numeracy tests. This data is collated using a system called CQ3S. Students have been analysing their individual data in classes.

During the Parent/Teacher interviews it would be great to sit down with you to look through their data too. If you wish to do this, please indicate a time on the Interview Request Sheet to see me.

Sporting Success

It has been a busy start to the year with the majority of School and Central West Sport trials for our U15s and U18s already conducted. This weekend, we have the first of our U12 trials with the Netball and Rugby League being held in Barcaldine. At the recent NW Netball Trials, we had four girls qualify to represent NW at the State Titles. Congratulations to Jontti Arnold, Khalli Rowlands, Sophie Goodman and Natalya Lashford for this achievement and well done to all students who have represented the school to date.

Nick Stead
Deputy Principal

2016 Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in the previous year. The *Next Step* survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the *Next Step* survey in 2016.

Further information on Next Step is available online on the link below:

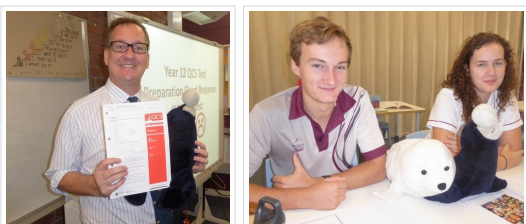
<http://www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/>

or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.

QCS Coaching

On Monday and Tuesday our OP eligible Year 12's were lucky enough to participate in QCS coaching with Matthew Rigby from Go Grammar Consulting. Originally from Mt Isa, Matthew taught for 20 years in state and private schools before leaving high school teaching to work in the university sector. He now works in over 40 schools across the state coaching students for QCS success.

Matthew will continue his work with the school and will return in Term Two for a second coaching session with our Year 12 OP eligible students.



Tanya Schaller
Master Teacher

Instrumental Music



Lessons are continuing each week as per our timetable but LSHS band rehearsals won't be on in the mornings until the renovation work in C block has been completed.

Central West Band is on every Wednesday 3.45 pm to 4.45 pm unless advised otherwise.

The Instrumental Music program has places for students of trumpet, clarinet and saxophone. Please contact me if your children are interested.

I will be away in the first week back after the Easter holidays. Lessons and band will start again in Week 2 of Term 2.

Congratulations to Hannah Deeley and Drew Young for getting into the SHEP program in Rockhampton on March 18 to 20. I will be attending on Saturday and Sunday.

Jason Osman
Instrumental Music

Longreach High School 50 Years Celebration

Nine community members held a productive meeting on Thursday 3 March in the Longreach High School library. The 50 Year Celebrations will be held on 17 and 18 September 2016 and the committee worked towards finalisation of the Saturday and Sunday program to be held on the school grounds.

The next meeting will be held in the High School Library at 5.30 pm on Thursday 17 March.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Coming Events

P & C Meetings

The next P & C meeting will be held on **Tuesday 22 March at 7 pm** in the Library. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Important Notices:

CWA Public Rural Crisis Fund

The attachment and link below is the CWA Public Rural Crisis Fund for families and individuals doing it tough.

<http://qcwa.org.au/page.php?What-we-do-Public-Rural-Crisis-Fund-52>

Shockwave is Back ~ Yahoo!!!

Friday 11 and Saturday 12 March
3.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Shockwave is a creative skills and enterprise development program for young people in Central West Queensland. This program helps to address the significant issue of young people moving away from the region in search of alternative avenues for education and employment. The theme for 2016 is based on local solutions to global problems as it is International Year of Global Understanding.

Arts workers for this round will be Amelia Kalifa and Kitch Wesche. Young people throughout the communities will remember both Amelia and Kitch from last year. They are both really excited about coming back with brand new ventures to be experienced by everyone throughout the workshops.



The picture of the horse is similar to the work that Amelia will be creating throughout Shockwave workshops over the next few months leading up to the Festival in August. Check Amelia out at the link below:

<http://www.ameliakalifa.com/>

Kitch is our amazing singer, songwriter, beatboxer, MC/ Rapper, host and motivational speaker. Kitch will be presenting a music workshop tapping into the local talents so put on your thinking caps. Maybe you have written a story, a song, a poem.



Think of some things that can help with the preservation of our planet like growing your own food, recycling, saving power, permaculture and recycling rubbish. Please bring along a USB. Check out Kitch at the link below:

<http://www.kitchenerwesche.com>

Healthy Kids Program will also be at Shockwave starting at 3.30 pm the first day of the workshop. Cassie from North & West Remote Health will be offering a chance to cook up a storm of healthy lifestyle choices for smoko.

Local arts worker Ebonee Christopher will be sharing her hip hop dance with the young people of Longreach.

Leah Baillie from Blackall will be the local arts worker sharing her creative ideas with recycled paper – bring along any old papers or magazines you have from home.