Principal’s Message

The end of term has come around very quickly and we have had some great influences in the school, which has produced positive change.

We have been very fortunate this term to have had two excellent presenters work with both teachers and students:

- **Matthew Rigby** has worked with teachers and students on Queensland Core Skills coaching. He has been twice to LSHS to work especially with Year 12 OP students about what to expect, how to interpret and unlock the hidden secrets of, and how to do well in this test. If you have a Year 12 OP student, I am sure that they would have told you about the amount of information that he has given them about the test and the best way of maximising results.

- This week we have had **Mr Ian Mackie and Dr Gary MacLennan** working with Maths teachers and students about Nudge for Maths. Numeracy and Maths has been a major focus for us this year with the aim of improving our Maths results with teachers attending some great professional development in Emerald and Winton. Ian and Gary presented Nudge Theory to the school and it is used to influence how people think and make decisions and choices and in this case, to improve school culture around the teaching of Maths and students making good choices.

Student News:

- Congratulations to two students, Hannah Larsen and Drew Young, who went to SHEP for music in Emerald last week. It was a great experience for them to work with professional musicians.

- LSHS has been well represented in sport – Charlie Rayner and Kade Buntine were successful when trialling for U12 Soccer in Mt Isa.

- Girl’s netball saw Jontti Arnold and Kahlil Rowlands being successful in getting into the NW Open Netball team and Natalya Lashford in the U15 girls Netball team.

- The NW Touch trials have been postponed until next term and will probably be hosted by Longreach High on Friday, April 22.

Curriculum:

This term we have seen a positive shift in the number of students who have submitted their work in on time and meet the criteria for drafts and submission. This positive improvement has meant there has been no need to run the Diligent Student Room.

Events:

- **QParent** – the system that allows parents to link into our One School system. QParent conducted professional development around the QParent process on Wednesday morning with staff from the high school, state school and LSODE.

School Camp:

Parents are reminded that all outstanding invoices to the school must be paid before students go on school camp. Students
with outstanding invoices may be excluded from optional extra curricula school activities such as school camp and formal.

If financial hardship is being experienced, the school would encourage a meeting with the Principal to set up a payment plan to reduce the outstanding debt.

With the end of term only a day away, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a great break and safe return for Term 2.

Lesley Andrews
Principal

Curriculum Head of Department’s Message

What’s My Future Program

On Wednesday 13 April the Widening Participation team from CQ University will be presenting the What’s My Future Program to Year 10 students across the Central West region. The program will be held at Longreach State High School and will offer students an insight into a variety of post-school experiences and study areas. The program will cater for students who may be interested in studying at CQ University or TAFE.

The program will include sessions in:

Agricultural Program: Delivered by lecturers from the program, Year 10 students will get to hear and see firsthand what the new Bachelor of Agriculture degree has to offer and the connection it has with Pastoral Colleges in the region.

Biology at Uni: Delivered by a lecturer from the School of Medical and Applied Sciences. The session will show students what first-year Biology is like at university.

Preparation for Success in Health: This session will be delivered by the Project Officer, Health Literacy and will showcase elements of the online short course designed for high school students in Year 10 to 12 to prepare them for study in health at university or VET at CQ University.

SUN: Start Uni Now is CQ University’s early entry program which enables students in the last term of Year 10 to begin studying University courses whilst completing their senior education and gain valuable QCE points and direct entry to CQ University.

Join the Dots: Delivered by the Indigenous Widening Participation Officer. The session will connect opportunities and challenges experienced by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

Intro to Law and Introduction to Business: Students will learn about the Law and the Business fields and hear real accounts of what it is like to study these subjects at university and work in the industry.

This will be an exciting opportunity for Year 10 students from: Blackall, Barcaldine, Winton and Longreach in Term 2.

Kym Webb
Curriculum HOD

School Fun Run

We’re holding the adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year in conjunction with the school cross country! The event will be held on Tuesday 19 April, 2016! This is a sponsorship based fundraiser, and we’re looking to raise $5000, so all help is appreciated!

The School Fun-Run promotes healthy and active lifestyles to our students in a fun and engaging way! It’s all about participation and we’re organising a great day for our school community. Family support is key to our fundraising success and we encourage all students to get involved.

Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which will be sent home with your child. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a Samsung Tablet every week!

The adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy fundraiser that ensures all schools have a viable alternative to junk food fundraising. The event sends the right message to students about having fun while getting involved and being active.

We’re firm believers in the fact that exercise and nutrition are an important part of our students’ lives, both in the lead up to as well as after this event. We encourage you to visit the Bupa Training Hub, accessible through your child’s online profile. The Training Hub has been developed by Bupa Australia especially for the School Fun Run program, and is packed full of training tips, guidance on exercise and nutrition, as well as delicious and healthy recipes for your family to try. Check it out today: http://bupatraininghub.schoolfunrun.com.au/

Thanks for supporting your child’s wellbeing and our school in raising money towards school camps and other school events organised for students.

Simone Pix
Teacher

Instrumental Music

SHEP - State Honors Ensemble Program - only selected students are invited to attend.

Students from many schools in the Central, Central West and Capricornia area who had applied to be part of this specialist program all arrived on Friday afternoon in Rockhampton to begin work on their music and played from 4 pm to 7 pm learning their new music.

Saturday was a busy and hot day where we were working in a sports hall as the other hall was being used for voting. The students did very well in the heat. The band worked through some challenging music and because of their hard work were rewarded by some great sounds.

On the Sunday we had a long rehearsal (in air conditioning this time) where we worked on cleaning up the pieces of music ready for our performance in the afternoon. The performance was excellent and showed parents how hard our students had
worked and had improved over the course of the three days. If you heard the band on the Friday night you wouldn’t believe that it was the same band playing on Sunday.

Well done Hannah and Drew. We hope to send even more students next year!

Reminder - Mr Osman will be away for the first week of next term. High school band and lessons begin in week 2.

Jason Osman
Instrumental Music

Shave For A Cure

Friday 11 March saw the students with brightly coloured hair for World’s Greatest Shave. Sean Bartley bravely volunteered to shave his head to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. In total, the school raised $195.20 through the colouring and shaving efforts of the school community – well done!

Erin Landles
Drama & English Teacher

Year Sevens Learn Science Lab Skills

Earlier in the term the Year Sevens learnt about lab safety, how to light a Bunsen burner and conduct an experiment in a science lab before starting their Biology unit. The practical allowed students to experimentally determine at what temperature water would boil as well as use many of the pieces of equipment we use in high school Science. We are now confident that they will be able to safely perform experiments in their future studies.

Senior Art: The Senior students studying Visual Art have been working hard to complete their folio and resolved works for assessment. As a class they made some interesting designs and created artworks which discuss issues of ‘identity’, ‘social change’ and ‘sense of place’. Their artworks are skilfully designed and incorporate many different types of media such as paint, charcoal, watercolour and collage. As Senior students they have been a pleasure to teach and guide through the art making process.

Year 7 Art: Year 7 have been working hard during class to make Easter bunny masks. They have used a variety of colours to create their masks. Year 7 Art is a fantastic class and a pleasure to teach.

Cupcake Sale: On Tuesday, Year 9 were selling ‘Cupcakes’ to raise money for their camp to the Capricorn Caves in Rockhampton. The ‘Cupcakes’ were sold for $2.50 or 3 for $6.00. Students were able to purchase a ‘Cupcake’ underneath B Block stairs at first and second break. Staff and students supported the class of Year 9 to raise money for their camp. … we raised $400.00 from the cakes sold.

Aleesha Degen
Art Teacher

Art News

Year 7 Art: This term Year 7 Art has been working very hard to complete their ‘Look Outside the Box’ 3D forms. They have designed some colourful patterns and made some very eye catching designs. All students have been working hard in this subject throughout the term and it has been a pleasure to work with this class. This class has proven to show talent in the subject and have shown many creative skills.
Coming Events

P & C Meetings

The next P & C meeting will be held on 26 April at 7 pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome to come along.

LSHS 50 Year Celebrations

At the meeting held on 17 March it was decided to produce a magazine for the Longreach State High School 50 Years Celebrations. Families or individuals are invited to sponsor a page in the magazine at a cost of $10 per page. If you would like to be a part of this sponsorship, please contact Brenda or Lisa at the school on 4652 8333.

Important Notices:

COMMUNITY FOR YOUTH

When – Sunday 10 April 2016
Starts 9.00 am

Where – Skate Park Eagle Street, Longreach

What is it? – A free community event, so come and enjoy food, drinks, ice cream, a skate competition, jumping castle, face painting, sport, arts and crafts, plus heaps more activities and plenty of giveaways.

Lioness News

Longreach Lioness Bingo

Held every Thursday at the Birdcage Hotel, Longreach
Doors open at 6.30 pm, Eyes down at 7.00 pm

Longreach Lioness Club Monthly Meetings

Held at the Birdcage Hotel on the first Wednesday of each month.
For more information phone our club secretary on 0427 583 158
Next meeting Wednesday 6th April, 2016