13 May 2016

Principal’s Message

Welcome to this newsletter and we are celebrating the nearly halfway point through this longer term.

Of note was our ANZAC Day Parade held at school. We thank Jim Eagan for presenting the speech and congratulate our school leaders for leading this ceremony. Also, thanks to students who marched at Longreach and Ilfracombe.

This week we have held the all-important NAPLAN tests which give us such a good picture of how our students are performing, what areas they need to improve in and what areas they can celebrate.

Some of Year 11 and 12 students have participated in a Certificate II of Coaching which has been run over the last couple of weeks. Not only does this course give them this valuable certificate, but it also gives them 4 points towards their QCE.

Coming up:

On Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 June, we welcome back Matthew Rigby from Go Grammar Consulting. As a leader in his field, Matthew is working with our Year 12 OP eligible students with invaluable literacy coaching. We are looking forward to working with him again.

CQ University will be visiting us again on 24 and 25 May. They will be working with Year 11 and 12 students and examining career paths and choices for university.

A Photography Workshop will be held on Monday 23 May for Year 10 students. They will be working with a professional photographer and looking at photographing parts of Longreach to make a photo story.

Good luck to those students competing in Show events – we have talented students who are displaying work from cooking, photography to horse events. Enjoy the weekend.

Lesley Andrews
Principal

Deputy Principal’s Message

Green House

Longreach SHS now has a Green House!! After receiving funding last year for the project, Craig Neuendorf and Mitch Neuendorf have worked many hours on their weekends to complete the project. They have been assisted by Cookie Dolgner and myself during the construction.

The Green House will give students the opportunity to cultivate a range of different vegetables. Currently Craig has planted tomatoes, lettuce, silverbeet, zucchinis, snow peas, broccoli, cauliflowers and cabbages to get the project running.
It is another fantastic resource available to the school which will be utilised across a range of faculties. Thank you to Craig, Mitch and Cookie for all the hours that you have donated to the school in the construction of the Green House. We really appreciate your support!!

### NAPLAN

The Year 7 and 9 students have been involved in NAPLAN over the past week. Over the three days students completed their Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy tests. Students will be able to see how they are progressing in these areas when they receive their results at the start of Term 3. At this point, we will have a data discussion with all students to monitor how they have progressed.

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 have all completed a round of data discussions this year and should be able to tell you how they have progressed. All students in the Junior School should have their summary table in their diaries and have access to their raw data on their school drive. Please make sure to ask your child how they are progressing and if you want to see their raw data they will be able to download it off their student drive and bring it home to show you.

Congratulations to all Year 7 and 9 students for your efforts during NAPLAN!!

**Nick Stead**  
Deputy Principal

### One Government Road Show

On Friday 29 April a small group of Longreach State High students were invited to go to Barcaldine to participate in the One Government Road Show.

Three Year 11 students and five Year 12 students participated and went with the great supervision of Deputy Principal, Nick Stead.

The event was based on real life government jobs available to those who are interested in working with the government in the near future.

Activities revolved around jobs available in a wide range of government departments such as Department of Environment and Heritage Protection; Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disabilities Services; Department of Housing and Public Works; Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Queensland Health; Department of Transport and Main Roads; Queensland Fire and Emergency Services – Urban Fire Brigade; Queensland Fire and Emergency Services – Rural Fire Brigade; Queensland Police Services; Department of Education and Training; Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges; Department of Natural Resources and Mines; Workplace Health and Safety Queensland; Department of Agriculture and Fisheries; Department of Defence and the Department of Human Services.

Throughout the day, students from other schools such as Longreach, Muttaburra and Barcaldine, were able to participate in different hands-on activities. At times activities included using some of the police and fire equipment.

Not only were senior students involved but also the lower grades of the primary schools.

A main idea of the event was that every student was given a small booklet known as a passport. The booklet was filled with check boxes that needed to be stamped at each of the stalls by the end of the session to get a reward of a small juice, a piece of fruit and a small cake from the Barcy Bakery.

The event was very appealing to many of the students from Longreach State High. They said things like:
“The event was really good for heaps of students who were interested in gaining knowledge of some of the government jobs. We had heaps of fun playing with some of the equipment provided by the police force.” – Kyle Thomas

“It was really fun to engage with other community members, all of the stalls had a lot of appealing information about being a part of a government incorporated team.” – Breeanna Jones

After our group of Longreach students had completed the ‘passport’ activity, Mr Stead took us to The Tree of Knowledge. We soon grabbed a quick lunch at one of the local cafes or the Barcy Bakery and then headed back to school.

Overall the event was very appealing and gave students an opportunity to gain some information of what you can accomplish when you are part of the Queensland Public Service.

Kiona Weldon
Year 12 Student

Boot Camp

Term 2 Boot Camp is being held each Thursday at 3.15 pm at the Multipurpose Shelter by Longreach Blue Light Association for a gold coin donation. Students will get the opportunity to train with a different trainer each week.

All students are welcome to come and improve their fitness for 45 minutes to an hour each week.

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the term.

TJ Baker
Longreach Police

My name is Jo Harris and I am the school based youth health nurse at Longreach High School. I am at the school on Mondays during school hours.

My role is to provide an opportunity for all secondary school students, their parents and members of the school community to access a health professional.

I work with students, school staff and parents to address concerns and or problems about health and wellbeing to create a more supportive healthy school environment and to connect school community members with support services inside and outside the school.

- I provide confidential consultations where the student involvement is voluntary
- Provide clients with health information
- Provide health promotion and health education
- Refer to government and non-government agencies where need be.

With support and accurate health information students can be equipped to make healthy choices and informed lifestyle decisions.

I can be contacted through Longreach High School on a Monday or a message can be left with administration.

Jo Harris
School Health Nurse

Items for Tender

Longreach State High School is conducting a sale of superseded assets by tender, all items are offered on an ‘as is’ basis with no warranties implied or given.

- Metal Lathe
- Wood Lathe
- Hydraulic Press
- Industrial Wood Bandsaw
- Metal Bandsaw
- Drill Press
- Buffing Machine
- 4 person Wood Working Benches
- Falcon Metal Forming Machine
- Vacuum Forming Machine
- Tin Guillotine
- 4 x Bar Fridges
- Various Work Benches
- Bar Counters Tables
- Various Wooden Cupboards

Items will be available for inspection at the Longreach State High School truck pad, Jabiru Street, Longreach on Saturday 28 May 2016, from 8 am until 11 am. BYO Pen and Envelope. Interested people can contact the school for a list with Lot Numbers on email admin@longreachshs.eq.edu.au

Tenderers can apply for multiple items however must list only one lot per tender slip. Tender slips are available at the Longreach State High School or can be emailed.
Tenderers must disclose on the tender slip, if they have any links or interests with Education Queensland employees.

All offers must be submitted in writing on the tender slip by 11 am 28 May 2016 in a sealed envelope marked ‘CONFIDENTIAL – OFFER FOR ADVERTISED ITEM’.

The successful buyer will need to make full payment and organise collection of the items by 4 pm Friday, 3 June 2016. The buyer is responsible for any delivery charges.

Morning tea will be available on the day as a fundraiser for the school students.

### Positive Partnerships

**Free workshop for parents & carers of young people on the autism spectrum!**

Longreach - 15th June

Register online from 3rd May:


You are invited to attend a free Positive Partnerships workshop for parents and carers of children on the autism spectrum, to be held at the Jumbuck Motel Longreach on Wednesday 15 June. Positive Partnerships is an organisation that uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support children on the autism spectrum, their families and educators. Registrations are now open at [http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/)

For further details contact Sharon Morris, Key Local Contact for the Central West, on 0423 910 229.

This workshop will benefit ALL students with special needs and/or learning and behaviour challenges.

### Eat Well Be Well Seminar

**Nutrition Seminar**

with Guest Nutritionist

**Stacey Curcio**

BHSc ND, Masters Human Nutrition

May 25, 6pm - 9:30pm

Longreach Civic Centre

Stacey recently appeared on ABC WQ Radio sharing the 11 Habits of Highly Effective Eaters.

*Navigating nutrition can be complicated in this day and age. This seminar is all about taking the complication out of eating and keeping it simple yet nourishing*.

Tickets include Seminar + Whole Food Dinner and Refreshments.

Individuals: $75. Couples (friends, family or partners): $110.

You will need to purchase your tickets via the link below or directly from Nature’s Tonic in the Merino Arcade, Longreach before Friday 20 May.


All other enquiries contact

Joy McClymont 4658 9039 or joy@offthetracktraining.com.au

### Coming Events

**P & C Meetings**

The next P & C meeting will be held on **Monday 23 May at 7 pm** in the Library. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**50 Years Celebrations Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in the school library on **Thursday 19 May at 5.30 pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along.

If you would like to sponsor a page in the 50 Years Celebrations Magazine please complete and return the attached form.