12 August 2016

Principal’s Message

This week’s newsletter is one of congratulations; to our students, clever staff and a past student.

**Scouting awards** to go to last year’s dux, **Josh Keene**, who has been awarded the Queen’s Scout Award, the peak achievement award of the Venturer Scout Section (14.5-18 years old). He is a member of Longreach Venturer Unit.

**Esther Wearmouth** has been awarded the Baden-Powell Scout Award, the peak achievement award of the Rover Scout Section (18-26 years old). Esther is a member of Glennie Heights Rover Crew (Warwick).

We also welcome our latest staff member, **Rachel McKenzie**, who is our new Science Maths teacher. Rachel will come onto our permanent staff in 2017. Our clever staff member, whilst studying at James Cook University, completed a study on wildlife, developing an algorithm that isolates a threat to a particular species. Once the threat is isolated, then strategies can be implemented to take the pressure off that species. As a result, she has been invited to tour America and present talks at Berkley, Harvard and Columbia universities and sit on guest panels at a number of other universities and colleges, She will be absent in September to complete this tour.

**Congratulations to our Year 7 and 9 students on their NAPLAN results!**

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Our data shows that the work we are doing with Reading, G & P and Spelling is really getting good results and solid improvements in the other areas. Congratulations to the students for working hard but also to the teachers and teacher aides who run the many programs and classes that have helped achieve these good successes.

**Events**

The **RACQ Docu Drama** was a huge success with students. Students from LSHS, Winton, Barcaldine and Blackall watched with interest a mock crash scene where we had three students acting as victims. Police, Ambulance and hearse attended the crash site, to simulate for students what could happen in a worst case scenario. Students then went back to the classroom for a debrief and then they completed a prequel – what happened leading up to the situation eg who made poor decisions what options did they take to get themselves into that situation. Then, they were made aware of how they could...
have avoided the situation so that they are not placed in that situation.

Maths teachers, Dave Scutt, Simone Pix and Simon Hamilton have completed two days of professional development in Winton working with instructors Ian Mackie and Gary McLennan on best practice in Mathematics.

Lesley Andrews
Principal

Year 9 Camp

In Week 3 the Year 9 students embarked on their camp adventure to the Capricorn Caves. At camp, students participated in an array of activities such as adventure caving, rock climbing, high ropes and cave exploring. All of the Year 9s thoroughly enjoyed participating in the adventure caving as it was scary and challenging in some places. It required determination and strength to climb through tiny crevasses and army crawl through guano (bat poo).

The Year 9s also visited the Rockhampton Zoo and went to Yeppoon beach. While at the Zoo, students saw a variety of animals and were especially interested in the chimpanzees. The beach provided the students with some fun in the sun and time to relax with peers. Overall, the students have thoroughly enjoyed the camp and built some long lasting relationships together. They came away with some real memories and great experiences.

Aleesha Degen
Year 9 Camp Coordinator

Maths Quiz

Answer for Quiz #1 – 4 batches of Fudge Brownies and 3 batches of the Peanut Butter Brownies.

Year 10 Short Film

Thank you to those who voted for our short film in the Focus On Ability film competition.

The community was fantastic in sharing our film online and encouraging others to support us. We won’t know the results for a few weeks yet, but we do know the competition was tough with 6 schools scoring very closely together! Our fingers are crossed!

Erin Landles
Drama Teacher

Positive Mindset in Maths

One way that we are helping students change their mindset about Maths is by displaying visual reminders of the way to reword some common statements made by students. This display is in both of our specific maths class rooms.

Research has shown that many students are not confident in their own mathematical ability. Fortunately, with exposure to positive role models and positive discussions in math lessons, this negative mindset CAN change. For this reason, we encourage students to try their hardest at everything they do and discourage “not trying”, “not caring” or thinking “it is too hard”.

At Longreach SHS, our Math staff love Maths. We believe all students can achieve a pass or higher and recognise the importance of cooperative learning (team work). We encourage you to talk to your child/ren about Math and discuss its relevance to real life noting how, with a positive mindset, a positive result can be achieved.

Year 8 - Maths Quiz # 2:

In a CD store, two CDs have the same price. The price of the first CD was reduced by 5% And the price of the other one was increased by 15%. After this change the prices of the two CDs differed by $6.00. How much is the cheaper CD now?

The answer to Quiz #2 will be in the next newsletter.

Simon Hamilton
Teacher
Math Calculators
Student scientific calculators are for sale through the office for $18.65.

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Alesha Degen
Art Teacher

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Kerry Morton
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Coming Events

P & C Meetings

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

Important Notices:

**Young Ladies Workshop**

Are you a female student in Year 7, 8 or 9? Would you like to build confidence, gain interpersonal skills and have fun with interactive styling tips and demonstrations?

We are seeking expressions of interest in a locally run workshop to be held in Longreach on Sunday September 11, 2016 from 9 am to 5 pm in the conference room at the Birdcage Hotel.

A keynote speaker will engage with the group and trained professionals in hair and beauty therapy alongside specialists in fashion and deportment will be on hand to show participants how to create a flattering and age appropriate image using your own wardrobe.

Cost is $20.00 per student which includes a sit down lunch.

For further information and to request an application form, please email Fiona Tindal at workshoplongreach@hotmail.com