30 November 2016

Principal’s Message

It is with great sadness that I write this newsletter. I have accepted a transfer to a school in Rockhampton for 2017. I came to Longreach for 6 months and I have stayed for 6 ½ years, so that is an indication of how much I thought of Longreach, the school and the people. I have been so well supported by staff and the community that I am very sad to leave, but I am going home. My two boys are very happy to have me coming back.

I would like to thank all those people who have worked with me, supported me and the school, the P & C over the years, and the community who have made me so welcome.

An example of the kindness of this community is the drought funding which has come to the school.

- **Hand, Heart, Pocket** gave us a number of pre-paid cards to be used for our students and families. We have purchased every student a USB for 2017, used some funding to support students who couldn’t afford camp or sport, and then will use the rest to reduce every students school fees.

- **St Brigid’s Catholic Church** – again this year have given each student in the school a $50 voucher to be used in three establishments in town, Mercury Business Supplies and the two newsagencies for their stationery needs for 2017.

- **Reach Christian Church** – the Longreach church was instrumental in leading a massive fund raising movement to support drought areas presenting a video at the Annual State Conference of the Australian Christian Churches. The word spread and there have been donations from members in Queensland and Northern Territory. The resulting funds will help families by paying $40 of 2017 school fees.

We thank these three organisations for their kindness and generosity in thinking about our students and their needs.

I would also like to farewel the staff who are leaving at the end of the year. They will be sadly missed as their contributions have made such a difference to the school and students:

- **Nick Stead** our Deputy who has worked so hard and tirelessly for our school for 6 years, first as HPE teacher, then HOD and Deputy Principal.

- **Bec Bell** who has been at this school for 8 years and has been such a pillar of strength in our school in the Science and HPE departments.

- **Esther Wearmouth**, our Maths teacher extraordinaire for 5 years.

- **Paul De Vries** has been our HPE teacher and sports coordinator for 2 years.

- **Jason Osman**, our instrumental teacher who has been with us for 4 years.

- **Brendan Krueger** an experienced DP with 4 years’ experience.

- **Katy Frize** - Home Ec and Hospitality.

- **Hannah Dionysius** - HPE and ICT.

- **Sally O’Neil** - Maths and Physics.
Thank you to all students, families and the community for your kindness over the years and your support of our great school. I am sure the new principal will also find this same support. I wish the school and staff best wishes for their continued journey to find excellence in teaching and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Lesley Andrews
Principal

Deputy Principal’s Message

It is amazing how quickly the year can pass you by! With only a week to go, we have farewelled another successful group of Year 12 students. We wish them all the best on their future endeavours and look forward to hearing about the careers they undertake in their lives. The Senior School has finished for 2017 and we have one week remaining for the Junior School. To all our families, I would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday and good luck to all students in 2017.

As I’m sure you are aware, I won’t be returning next year. I have transferred to Beerwah SHS for 2017. I have been at Longreach SHS for 6 years now and thoroughly enjoyed my time at the school. I have been lucky enough to work with students through a Teaching, Head of Department and Deputy Principal Role. I would like to thank the students for the consistent effort that you put into your education every day. You always keep us on our toes or in fits of laughter and that is what makes our job so rewarding. To the parents and community, thank you for the support you give to your students and to our school. You help to make this school a safe and supportive place for students to learn. You have made me feel welcome from my first day, which has been greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank the wonderful staff that we have at Longreach SHS. Every member of staff takes pride in what they do. The grounds are well kept, the lessons are detailed and students are closely tracked to ensure they have opportunity to meet their goals. Thank you for the effort you put in every day!! You have made this school a place I have looked forward to coming to each day.

I wish all the students the best of luck for the future. Have a safe and happy holiday. Good luck for 2017.

Nick Stead
Deputy Principal

Farewell

To the Longreach State High School community I would like to say a massive thank you from the bottom of my heart for the past 8 years. My time teaching here has been filled with ups and downs and many memories that I will take with me forever. I will miss the lovely families within the community whose children have been a pleasure to teach. It is reassuring to know how truly cherished they are by their parents or guardians who continuously provide them with the support and encouragement they need to succeed in life.

I will also miss the larrikins who never cease to surprise me with their quick wit and humour and who have many a times left me stumped with no clue what to say next. One particular scenario that comes to mind is when I once asked a student to spit out his gum while we were on the oval for a PE class. He then asked me if he could spit it into the tree, I replied asking why on earth he would want to do that and he replied saying ‘because then it will be a Gum tree!’ It is comments like these that have made the years fly by and kept things interesting with no single day ever being predictable. I guess that is the benefit of working with teenagers.

Last but not least I will miss the comradeship between the lovely staff at this school. There has never been a moment when I haven’t felt supported or have had someone to turn to. A special thank you must go to Dave Scutt who mentored me as a beginning teacher and has taught me all the tricks of the trade. Thank you.

Rebecca Bell
Teacher

From the Classroom

Tourism

Over the course of this semester, the Year 11 and 12 Certificate in Tourism students have participated in a number of excursions. We visited the Powerhouse Museum, spending quite a bit of time in the old Nogo Cottage, marvelling at toys and furniture of days gone by. A trip to the cemetery was a revelation for some students, as they didn’t realise how interesting the stories could be of those buried there. A highlight of the semester was journeying out to the banks of the Thomson River with local edible plants expert, Wendy Phelps, where we heard about and tasted some very different foods. Some of us were hesitant at first but we all ended up trying some new tastes.

Thanks must go to Longreach Regional Council for allowing us to visit the Powerhouse and a big thank you goes to Wendy for giving up her time to share her knowledge of the bush plants with us.

Year 7 Animation

During Term 3, many Year seven students were engaged in creating their own small movies. Students had to make up their own stories, bring in props, film then edit their stop motion animations. A wide range of ideas were developed and students did a fantastic job of using Moviemaker to put their photos together to create their mini movies. A selection of the finished movies is attached to this newsletter.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGArN2_fFV8
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNWjA4dyP8
Kym Rumsey  
Teacher

Library Notes

Our Wheelers ePlatform digital library is up and running. If you signed and returned the consent form earlier in the year, you will be able to log on using your school MIS number (school computer login) and read books over the holidays. You will need to go to the link below and use the generic password “library1”. Happy holiday reading!

https://longreachshs.wheelers.co/

I would like to take this opportunity to advise that I will be taking 12 months leave so will not be here next year, but will return in 2018. Have a happy and safe 2017.

Lisa Clarke  
Library Teacher Aide

Awards Night Recipients

Swimming Age Champions
12 Years - Hara Fraser and Dean McCoy  
13 Years - Anne McLachlan and Jaxon Hitson  
14 Years - Genevieve Madden and Brock McCoy  
15 Years - Hannah Bush, Brienna Heisner and Kalab Madden  
16 Years - Juana Solomon and Jesse Butt  
Open - Chrisne Jacobie and Lochlan Smith

Cross Country Age Champions
12 Years - Matilda Madden and Dean McCoy  
13 Years - Breeanna Lashford and Nathan Faggotter  
14 Years - Daniella Mudu and Tim Richens  
15 Years - Sharni Callaghan and Kalab Madden  
16 Years - Sophie Goodman and Ashton Janke  
Open - Shannon Cossor and Lochlan Smith

Athletics Age Champions
12 Years - Hannah Cossor and Dean McCoy  
13 Years - Breeanna Lashford, Adam Worland and Sterling Green  
14 Years - Daniella Mudu and Brock McCoy  
15 Years - Sharni Callaghan and Aaron Bush  
16 Years - Holly Callaghan and Jack Huff  
Open - Shannon Cossor and Lochlan Smith

Regional Representation Sporting Awards
Athletics - Hara Fraser and Daniella Mudu  
Cricket - Drew Young, Charlie Rayner, Jonathan Harwood  
Netball - Sophie Goodman, Jontti Arnold, Ellazae Hokianga, Hara Fraser  
Cross Country - Kalab Madden and Matilda Madden

Soccer - Kade Buntine and Charlie Rayner  
Rugby League - Sam Card and Matthew Worland  
Touch Football - Amy Dicinoski, Shannon Cossor, Genevieve Madden

Year 7

Merit Certificate
- Nathan Faggotter  
- Jake Sutton  
- Abby Huff  
- Sahara Tait  
- Ty Jesberg  
- Georgia Wright

Certificate of Distinction
- Aiyahna Browning  
- Cecilia McPhee  
- Kade Buntine  
- Maddy Richards  
- Hannah Larsen

Year 8

Merit Certificate
- Laine Avery  
- Blake Young  
- Rochelle Ballard

Certificate of Distinction
- Grace Bates  
- Will Goodman  
- Amy Dicinoski  
- Kasi Steger

Year 9

Merit Certificate
- Tegan Glozier

Certificate of Distinction
- Cheyenne Martyr  
- Rangi Solomon

Year 10

Merit Certificate
- Aaron Bush  
- Jacinta McPhee  
- Jack Huff  
- Lashae Wakefield  
- Natalya Lashford

Certificate of Distinction
- Joanne Bartley  
- Lily Smith
Year 11
Certificate of Distinction
- Kate Bartley
- Lucy Harris
- Sophie Goodman

Year 12
Merit Certificate
- Heidi McPhee
- Jack Steger
- Georgia Palmer
Certificate of Distinction
- Kaitlyn Horne
- Lochlan Smith
- Darci Perry

Awards of Distinction
- Michelle Gracie Music Award (Years 7 - 10) - Matthew Worland
- Ellaways Merit Award for Instrumental Music (Years 8 - 12) - Hannah Larsen
- Zonta Club of Longreach - Girls in Science Award (Year 8) - Grace Bates
- John Baumann Science Award (Year 9) - Rangi Solomon
- Lachlan Millar School Spirit Award (Years 7 - 9) - Aiyahna Browning
- David Littleproud Service Award (Years 10 - 12) - Joanne Bartley
- Longreach Regional Council Bursary (Years 7 - 11) - Brook McCoy
- ICPA Consistent Effort Award (Years 7 - 12) - Riley Hoskin
- Girls in IT Award (Years 8 - 12) - Shalaina Wallison
- Sir James Walker for Computing Excellence Award (Years 8 - 12) - Kiona Weldon
- MRAEL Group Young Achiever (Years 10 - 12) - Lauryn Birch
- RAPAD Skilling VET Award (Year 10) - Kalab Madden (Year 11) - Teah Tanks (Year 12) - Andre Laza
- Lion Norm Morris Memorial Scholarship Awards (Years 7 - 9) - Will Goodman (Years 10 - 12) - Lachlan Heisner
- Rotary Junior Citizenship Award (Years 7 – 10) - Genevieve Madden

Excellence Awards
- Tony Rayner Bursary (Year 12) - Darci Perry
- P&C Academic Award (Year 7) - Cecilia McPhee (Year 10) - Dana Steger
- Lioness Academic Awards (Years 8) - Grace Bates (Year 11) - Kate Bartley
- ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards (Year 10) - Matthew Worland (Year 12) - Jack Steger
- Caltex Best Allrounder Award (Year 12) - Lochlan Smith
- Geo Douglas & Sons Junior Sportspersons of the Year - Charlie Rayner & Hara Fraser
- Geo Douglas & Sons Senior Sportspersons of the Year - Kalab Madden & Shannon Cossor
- Junior Dux - P&C Academic Award (Years 9 and 10) - Rangi Solomon
- Senior Dux - P&C Academic Award (Year 12) - Kaitlyn Horne

2017 School Leaders are:
School Captains - Lucy Harris and Kate Bartley
School Vice Captains - Laura Hearn and Nicholas Rumsey
Warriors House Captains - Brienna Heisner and Jesse Butt
Spartans House Captains - William Laza and Liam Oates
The Great Gatsby was the theme for this year’s Year 12 Senior Formal. It was a fantastic evening.

It was a special occasion for the Year 11 Certificate II in Kitchen Operations, as they were also the caterers of desserts this year for the formal.

Well done Year 11s and congratulations to the class of 2016.

Tanya Hamilton
Hospitality Teacher

White Ribbon Day

Friday 25 November was White Ribbon Day. This is an important date on the national calendar that brings attention to the issue of domestic violence and violence against women in our society. Domestic violence is a significant social problem in our society and one that affects not only women, but also children in communities across our country. It is up to all of us, especially men, to consider our own attitudes and be positive role models for our young people.

In the lead up to this important day, Year 11 Ancient History students have been completing a small post-assessment task investigating the ‘plight of women around the world’ in order to understand the obstacles that still exist globally on the road to gender equality. This project has proven quite sobering for students and has resulted in some excellent posters which will be put up around the school grounds to educate our school community on this important issue.

Adam Zuurbier
Teacher

2016 Senior Graduation and Formal

Chappy’s Corner

Shout-Out from Chappy Kerry

My warmest wishes go out to students, families and staff at this time of the year.

No doubt everyone is feeling like it’s time for a holiday, so I hope you all get to enjoy relaxing and meaningful times with loved ones over the next eight weeks.

As chaplain, it’s my hope this Christmas season will lead us into a time of refreshment, as well as consideration of the important things about life, like what brings meaning and how we go about finding it in our own particular situation. We all need to find ways to acknowledge and to honour our individual worth.

In April this year, I moved to Longreach to become Chappy at the High School (as well as at LSODE) and it’s been a great joy to come to know the students, staff and other community members during this time. I’ve been humbled by how welcoming and friendly you all have been, and I feel very much at home here now.

In 2017, I’ll be thinking about how I can best serve students, through activities, resources and the like, and am always very happy to receive constructive suggestions for consideration.

Meanwhile, thank you to everyone who has helped me in my Longreach ‘journey’ so far – a little kindness always goes a very long way! I look forward to working with you and serving you in the new year.

Stay safe and well, and have your best Christmas holidays ever!!

Kerry Morton
Chaplain

Senior Day Uniform

Senior day uniforms are available for Years 10 to 12. If you would like your student to have one of these uniforms for 2017 please place your order before Friday 2 December.

The Tuckshop will be open on Thursday 19 January for school uniform purchases.

QParents

As a parent have you applied for access to QParent. It makes it easy for parents to pay their SRS invoices and view their new student timetables, attendance details, behaviour and report cards directly through the app.

To register, fill in our online form. To find out more about what QParents can do, read our introductory flyer here, or visit our help materials page.

If you missed ordering merchandise there are still a couple of items available for purchase:

- 50 Years Celebrations Magazine $20
- Keyring $9.50
- Drink Cooler $7.50

50 Year Celebrations Merchandise

QParents
Coming Events

P & C Meetings

The next P & C meeting will be held on **Monday 28 November at 7 pm** in the Library. Everyone is welcome to come along.