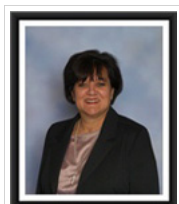




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Principal's Message



Welcome everyone to another newsletter.

The year is slipping away quickly and with only two weeks left for our senior students, the year will be finished before we know it.

Staff Movements:

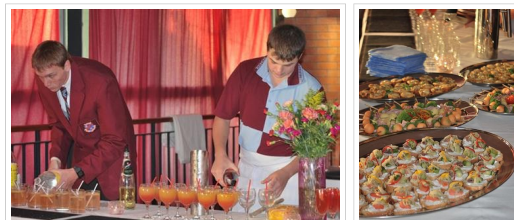
- **Ian Miller** – Deputy Principal – has accepted to continue acting at Moura State High School in Semester I next year. He will be replaced by Nick Stead.
- **Dave Scutt** will continue acting behind Nick in 2015.
- **Lisa Veney** Head of Department – it was with sadness that we said goodbye to Ms Veney early as she took the opportunity to move back to Mackay with her family. Lisa has done a wonderful job at the high school and has been instrumental in helping to make some of the great changes in the school. She will be sadly missed by both students and fellow staff and we wish her all the best in Mackay and her new job.
- **Kym Webb** will continue acting behind Lisa in 2015.

Curriculum:

Parents, we have been working with students to ensure that all **assessment** is completed and handed in and done to the student's best ability. The message is clear to students that if they are not completing work satisfactorily, then they need to redo it and achieve a pass. Students in Year 10 do not have an automatic pass to Year 11 if they have not completed the work in Year 10.

Events:

Award's Night was held last week and celebrated the success of our students. It was an outstanding night which showcased the talents and skills of our students and recognised hard work and effort. Congratulations to all the students who received awards and thank you to Nick Stead and the team who pulled the event together.



Our Senior Leaders for 2015 were announced at Award's Night and it is with great pleasure that we congratulate the following students:

School Captains: Georgia Goodman Joshua Keene
Vice Captains: Ebonee Christopher and Ben Cross
Warriors House Captains: Kate Whelan and Reece Kinsey
Spartans House Captains: Madison Fitzpatrick and Nathan Rose

It was with sadness that we farewelled our **ARTIE program** last week. Michael Tuahine worked with our students to give out final awards. Even though funding for the ARTIE program has been cut for next year, we are working with Michael to see if we can get him back in 2015 to work with our students around attendance, effort and achievement.

The Longreach State High School wishes to thank all who have paid their outstanding invoices this year. There is still outstanding student debt for annual Student Resource Fees and subject fees, to a total of \$9669.40.

If parents or caregivers are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the school to discuss a payment plan. The school is happy to assist with putting a payment plan in place to reduce debt, that does not impose undue financial hardship.

Lesley Andrews
Principal

Chaplain's Message:



Letting Go Of The Past

As we head into the countdown until the end of the school year, it is good to take time to reflect on the year that was; the highs, the lows, the triumphs, the good times, the bad times. Once we have done this, it is even better that we let it go.

Letting go of the past – this is sometimes not an easy thing to do.

If you have been hurt badly by people or by circumstances, you can often find yourself reliving those experiences over and over in your mind. Think about this though – if you picked up a small pebble every time something upset you or someone offended you and refused to put it down, it wouldn't be very long before you had collected an awful lot of pebbles. Carrying this burden would eventually start to impact all areas of your life; your health and your happiness.

And so it is with the hurts in your life. You can choose to not let go. You can cling tightly to the memory of every disappointment and negative experience. If you are like that, I can guarantee that you are not a happy or emotionally healthy person.

Recognise that there is nothing you can do to change what has already happened. However, you definitely do have the power to decide whether you allow past hurts to wreck your future happiness. The choice is yours.

Year 12s, as you head into the “real world” in a week's time, I hope that you will take what you have learnt from your schooling years and learn from your mistakes. Don't hang onto the past 12 years as a thorn in your side but rather preparation for what life may throw at you. May you continue to grow into the fine young men and women we all know you can be. Be wise, have fun, stay safe and enjoy this next chapter of your lives.

Jenny Edwards
Chaplain

Coming Events

Year 12 Final Parade

Friday 21 November will be the last day for our current Year 12 students. Everyone is welcome to come along for their final parade at 2 pm in the Multipurpose shelter.



2014 School Magazine

Orders are now being taken for the 2014 School Magazine. Please let the office know if you would like to order a copy. The price of the magazine is \$20.00.

P & C Meetings

The final P & C meeting for 2014 will be held on Monday 24 November at 7 pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome to come along.