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Principal's Message



Welcome to the last newsletter of Term 3. This has been another big term and time has flown on by.

Celebrations!!

Since I came to the school in 2010, we have been on a journey to improve student outcomes. It has been a long journey of changing the culture of the school for students to learn to value what happens in the classroom and engage in their learning. Teachers over these years have worked hard on improving all aspects of learning and concentrated on Literacy and Numeracy.

The result is that NAPLAN outcomes this year have shown a very strong positive gain and this has been recognised by Education Queensland.

A team from the School Autonomy and Improvement State Schools section is looking into developing an evidence base of schools that have shown great improvement and innovation. Our school has been identified as 'a site of significant improvement/achievement in Junior Secondary reading' over the last three years. This is such a positive validation for what has been happening in our school and I take the opportunity of thanking our staff for their input into teaching.

Thank you to staff who have previously left us and our HOD Lisa Veney who worked long and hard with me to design and implement improvement strategies. Thank you to our current staff and new HOD Kym Webb who has made some really positive gains in Reading and Writing. Thank you to our teacher aides who work with your students – Tanya Osborne who runs the Multilit Program, Cheryl Steger who works with students on the Toe by Toe program, Noleen, Julie, Di and Matt who all have a very big part to play in what happens in the classroom and who give individual support to our students.

And of course, the teachers in the classroom who are always willing to listen to new ideas and who devote so much time to helping your students achieve.

Other exciting news!

Our lovely Art teacher, Aleesha Deegan, applied for and WON an opportunity for SBS to come and do a filming workshop

at the school. 'The Special Broadcasting Service Corp' is producing, together with the Australian Centre for Photography (ACP) an online learning resource exploring diverse and remarkable school communities (Project).

As part of the Project, an acclaimed documentary photographer from ACP will spend up to two days at Longreach State High School between Monday 19 and Wednesday 21 October, 2015 for the purpose of undertaking fly on the wall photography (ACP photos) which captures the essence and remarkable nature of the school community.

In addition, a handful of students will be selected by the school to participate in a Photography Workshop which will be led by professional photographers sourced by the ACP. Due to the nature of the Project photographs and audio-visual images of the school and its students may be recorded.

Lesley Andrews
Principal

Cupcakes for a Cure

On Friday 4 September, Longreach State High School took part in a wonderful community partnerships project called 'Cupcakes for a Cure'. It is a project run by the Kids' Cancer Council and provides the opportunity for people around the country to participate in a fun event for an important cause. The funds raised help continue vital medical research into finding a cure and improving treatments for kids with cancer.

With the help of the Year 11/12 Hospitality class (baking and decorating) and the Year 8 Home Economics class (decorating and serving), over 100 cupcakes were made and sold to the staff and students of the school at lunch time. \$221.25 was made in one lunch time through cupcakes and donations which, thanks to the generous cupcake mixes donated by several families, was able to all go straight to the Kids' Cancer Project.



Elissa Balke
Home Economics Teacher

Chaplain's Message:

Chappy's Corner



Over the coming weeks I will be including little snap shots of what Chaplains do in schools. This information comes from Chaplains answering questions put together by McCrindle Research. The full report can be downloaded at

<http://www.suqld.org.au/snapshot>

The above is a snapshot of the top 5 issues students are facing in 2015.

<http://youthworkercircuit.com/the-80s-teen-vs-todays-teen/>

This website shows the comparison between the 80s teenager and the teenager today.

It is definitely a different world to when I was at high school 30 years ago. In 'those days' we talked face to face with our friends before school, during school and after school. Can you remember taking the phone (or rather hoping the phone would reach!), into your room just so you could have a 'private' conversation with your best friend? How many notes, written on paper, did you receive either in class or between classes? Now just about every student owns a mobile phone and it is not uncommon for them to be chatting – snap chatting or the like – until the early morning.

Some things are still the same though, 30 years on. One of the many things that haven't changed is students coming to school without food. And this is where Chappy's breakfast which is run across the state every day of the week, every week of the term, comes in. Students are able to come and enjoy a healthy breakfast as well as socialise with other students, face to face. It is also a way to meet other community members who come in to help with breakfast.

For us here at Longreach High, we have breakfast each Wednesday morning and quite often there are leftover pancakes and toasties and these are enjoyed then at second break when Chappy's Place is open.

I'd like to finish this last newsletter for Term 3 with a huge thank you to the P&C at Longreach High for the continued support with P&C Chappy's breakfast; Dean and Eva Mitchell for their contribution of bread over the last 4 years; and to Yeast to West Bakery who are now donating bread for lunch and breakfast. Your support to students here at Longreach High is priceless.

Have a safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you all again in Term 4.

Jenny Edwards
Chaplain

Year 7 and 8 Stop Motion Animation

Throughout this term, the students have been busily working on ideas to transform into small movies. They practised with moving smarties and various levels of water in glasses before creating a movie of their choice for assessment. Students produced some great little movies in the time available. Some of their work has been included in this newsletter.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJNm--FOWaE>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QsSqH_aAKIo

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lhld1znNM00>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5aklmSR3Qs>

Kym Rumsey
Teacher

Outback College in Hospitality

Staff and parents were invited to come for lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday this week in the Outback College in Hospitality truck for the final assessment dinner party for the Certificate II in Kitchen Operation students.

Students had to complete a collaborative task and cook a two course meal in the truck. Students were successful in this task and congratulations to students who achieved competency this week.

Staff and parents were very impressed with the taste and presentation of the meals which the students presented.



The Dinner Party

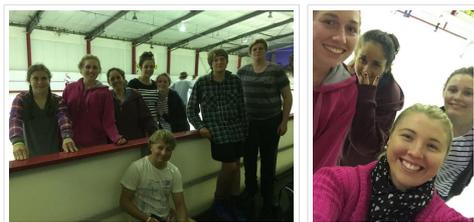
Tanya Hamilton
Outback College of Hospitality Teacher

Certificate II Tourism Camp

In week 9 of Term 3, six Year 11 and three Year 12 students made the trek down to the Gold Coast for the practical sector of their Certificate II in Tourism course. What a camp to go on!!!! Activities during the week included (just to name a few): visiting Dreamworld and Movieworld, Ice Skating, Stand-up Paddle Boarding, Archery, Laser Skirmish, Surfing Lessons and the list goes on!

The purpose of the camp was for students to get a firsthand experience at what the Tourism Sector brings to the Gold Coast with all of their fantastic attractions. The nine students had an absolute ball and enjoyed every moment of the camp! For me, it was wonderful to see how well the students represented our school, from wearing appropriate clothing for the types

of activities they were participating in, to showing exceptional teamwork and social skills by working and mingling with students from other schools. Abby, Cheyenne, Georgia, Khalli, Rhian, Caleb, Jack, James and Justin have done both the school and themselves proud.



Mrs Elissa Balke
Teacher on Camp

Library News

The library has a long list of students with overdue books. As per the library agreement form signed at enrolment, it is the student's responsibility to return their books to the library. I will issue the students a list of books out in their names in Week 1 of Term 4. Please note that I will be issuing invoices for all outstanding overdue items in the Week 2 of Term 4.

Thank you and have a safe holiday.

Lisa Clarke
Library Teacher Aide

Coming Events

P & C Meetings

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

Important Notices:

School Watch

Please keep an eye on our school. If you see anything suspicious please phone School Watch on 131788.

2014 School Magazine

There are spare copies of the 2014 School magazine, \$20 each. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase one.

Longreach Swim Club

Free trial and sign on nights at Longreach Pool on Monday 12 and 19 October at 5.45 pm. For more details call Jayne Douyere 0488 552 458 or Ben Roughan 0457 728 525.