



**LONGREACH**  
STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
SOARING TO SUCCESS

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## Principal's Message



**Photo courtesy  
The Longreach Leader**

Welcome back to the new school year everyone. I trust you had a happy and safe holiday and festive season. Over the holidays, I spoke at length with Lesley Andrews, who spoke incredibly well about the school and the Longreach community. Lesley has moved back to a school on the coast and I am sure she will miss Longreach SHS and the entire community. We

wish her all the best for the future. I will be acting in the role of Principal for first term, with a permanent appointment to be made for the commencement of Term 2. This will help ensure the school has consistency into the future. My wife Natalie and I have been in Longreach for just a fortnight from Brisbane and already, we have been made to feel very welcome. Thank you.

This year we welcome quite a number of new staff members. Our new Deputy Principal, Mr Brendan Krueger, has come to Longreach from the coast with his wife and children. We are very lucky to have his expertise at our school and no doubt it will be a pleasure working with him. In the teaching staff, we extend warm welcomes to Mr Paul Harper-Green in Drama, Ms Sally O'Neil in Maths and Science, Ms Katie Frize in the Trade Training Centre and Home Economics, Ms Hannah Dionysius in HPE, Ms Rachel McKenzie in Math and Science, Ms Nicole Douglas in a number of different teaching areas, Ms Sarah Goddard as a District Relief Teacher, and Ms Devina Ramlackhan in LOTE who is starting from Monday. We also welcome Jenny Gordon in the library until the end of the year

and Leisa Savage to the office for Term 1. I am sure you will join me in wishing all our new staff all the very best.



### *New Teaching Staff*

Students have already settled well into the new school year. I have impressed on them the importance of best effort, every lesson, every day and will continue to do so regularly. Thank you for your support of this. Students have started the year dressed in excellent school uniform, which is wonderful. I would like this to continue, as it sends a message to our community that we place pride in ourselves and our community. Thank you again for supporting these high expectations of uniform standard. If you require assistance with uniform, please get in touch with the tuckshop, which stocks all the required items.

Our Year 12 2016 results were outstanding. 100% of our Year 12 students qualified for their QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education). We had one OP1 and two OP3s which is a brilliant result! Congratulations to all our Year 12 students from last year for their success and we wish them all the very best for their futures!

I have also impressed on students our mobile phone and electronic devices policy. Mobile phones and electronic devices are not to be seen or heard at school. If students wish to bring their mobile phone to school, then the advised course of action is to present it to the office at the start of the day for collection in the afternoon after school. This way, we can look after it safely. I am sure you understand that we cannot be responsible for any damage or loss arising from mobile phones left in bags or the like. So far, students have been very good with this policy and I thank you for your support in this regard.

This Thursday was our swimming carnival. No doubt it was an excellent event and I thank Dave Scutt and the Sports team for their organisation and efforts. As I mentioned to students at our first parade, school is about taking advantage of all the opportunities available and giving best effort all the time. Part of that is participating in the school events throughout the year.

Our congratulations go to Year 11 student, Matthew Worland, who was presented with an Australia Day award last week. We are very proud of him here at the high school, as are no doubt Longreach SS and his family. Congratulations again Matthew!

We will be confirming our enrolment numbers with Education Queensland over the coming days. Rest assured that regardless of the enrolment size, students at Longreach SHS will always be afforded a quality education in a safe, caring environment. We are very lucky to be able to give students the best possible education in a small high school. In fact, I believe it is most likely that much of our quality at Longreach SHS stems from a caring community where people look out for one another.



Year 7

I have had the pleasure in recent days of meeting with our four School Captains and Vice Captains - Lucy, Kate, Nic and Laura. No doubt they will be a tremendous asset to the school with their leadership this year. Rotary Club has already offered financial support for an important student leadership opportunity towards the end of term, for which we are very grateful. Thank you Rotary.

The support from our community for our students has been magnificent. I would like to thank our local churches, which have provided vouchers for our students as school fees, stationery assistance and fruit and vegetables. A huge thank you for such generosity.

May I conclude by thanking all staff, students and parents for their efforts from the beginning of the year. Our entire community works quietly and selflessly to achieve excellent results. Thank you!

**Patrick Bruck**  
**Principal**

## Deputy Principal's Message



This year we welcome a number of new staff to Longreach State High School and we look forward to another year of outstanding student success and engagement.

As the school, staff and students plan for another exciting year of learning and engagement it is equally important to celebrate the successes of 2016, particularly our year 12 graduates. As a small, regional school we pride ourselves on being able to offer the best educational opportunities for all students and this has been reflected through our senior achievement. Kaitlyn Horne received an OP 1 with a further 62% of OP eligible students receiving an OP between 1 and 5. In 2016, 100% of Year 12 graduates received a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and an additional 80% obtained either fulltime employment or apprenticeship/traineeship in 2017. These are truly remarkable results and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, staff and extended school community. As the school embarks on a new year we endeavour to build on this success and make 2017 a great year for our staff and students.

As we commence another year, I extend a warm welcome to our Year 7 students and all new students and families who have enrolled in Longreach State High School for 2017. To help families and students with the start-up costs associated with schooling I would like to acknowledge the valuable contribution of a number of outside organisations who are working with the school to support students and their families in the New Year. In particular I would like to acknowledge St Brigid's Catholic Church for their kind donation of \$30 per student to be redeemed at Orlando Orchards to assist in providing healthy food and lunches for children. I would also like to thank Reach Church for their donation of \$40 per student to help with the payment of student school fees for 2017. On behalf of the school community we gratefully accept and appreciate these goodwill gestures.

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for a great start to the year and I look forward to working with all members of the school community in 2017.

### New Staff

This year we welcome a number of new staff into our school community.

**Mr Patrick Bruck:** Acting Principal  
**Mr Brendan Krueger:** Deputy Principal  
**Mrs Sally O'Neil:** Maths and Science  
**Ms Nicole Douglas:** Science and Maths  
**Mr Paul Harper-Green:** Drama

**Mrs French:** French

**Ms Katie Frize:** Home Economics and Kitchen Operations.

## Uniform

With the new school year commencing students have had to purchase new uniforms for the New Year. A detailed description of the school uniform policy is available in the student diary (page 14). Students are expected to wear the full school uniform at all times. Unfortunately other uniforms, such as the North West Sports shirt and shorts are not allowed to be worn as part of the school uniform. To purchase new school uniforms please contact the school tuckshop on 4652 8315 to arrange payment and collection of items.

## Student attendance and leaving school grounds

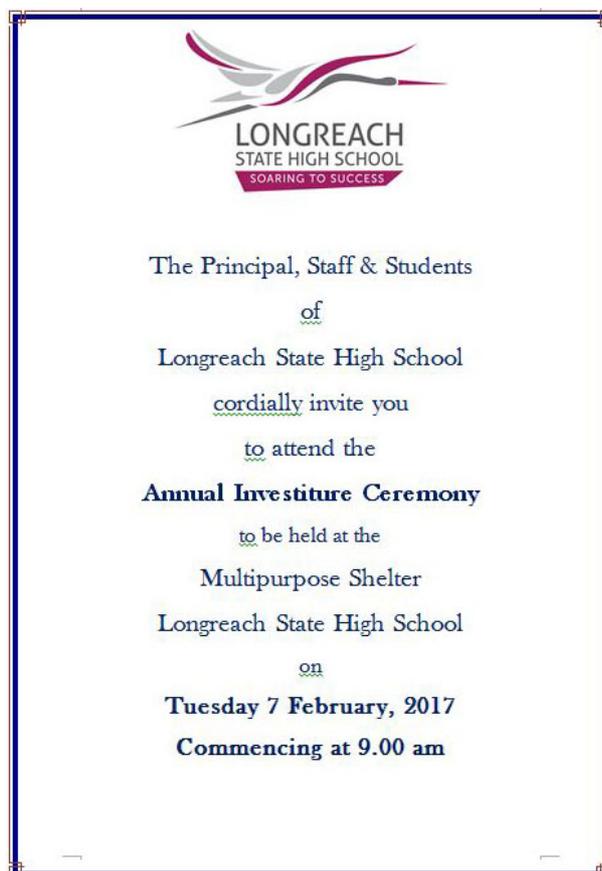
Longreach State High School has a student attendance target of 95% for each student and all student absences must be explained either through a written note, texting a message or by contacting the school on 4652 8333. Students and parents are reminded that students cannot leave the grounds without parental permission, and no lunch passes are provided. Senior students who have a flexi class in their timetable due to a school based apprenticeship or traineeship must have completed a parental permission form for 2017 and be at either home or work during these times, not walking around town. All students must sign in and out when entering or leaving the school grounds.

## School Based Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Accredited courses.

The Longreach Agricultural College is accepting enrolments for any Year 10 to 12 student who is interested in studying a Certificate II in Rural Operations. This two year program is available to all students who are interested. The course will start on February 9 and will cost \$55 per student, with the school paying for half the contribution fees. To find out further details please contact Mr David Scutt on 4652 8333 or via email on dscut4@eq.edu.au.

## Upcoming Events:

- Student Investiture Tuesday 7 February. 9 – 10 am in the Multi-purpose Sports Centre. Parents and families invited to attend.



**Brendan Krueger**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Curriculum Head of Department's Message

### QCS Results

Longreach State High School is, for the second year in a row, celebrating student achievement of an OP 1. This is the highest Overall Position ranking attainable. All 2016 OP eligible students received outstanding rank orders; 62 % of this group attained an OP rank between 1- 5. This is an outstanding achievement for a rural school.

Our rankings were:

- OP 1 - one student
- OP 3 – two students
- OP 5 – two students
- OP 10 – one student
- OP 11 – one student
- OP 15 – one student

Whilst celebrating the QCS test results, we should also take the time to recognise the calibre of teachers at the school, who have worked diligently to support the students throughout their secondary education. Well done all!

Soaring to Success is more than a motto, it is our reality.

### Literacy Coach

Once again, the Year 11 and 12 QCS students will receive additional QCS coaching by renowned Literacy guru, Matthew Rigby. Matthew was a secondary teacher, born and raised in Mt Isa. After working across the public and private sectors,

Matthew lectured at QUT in Brisbane for several years. He is now working as a Literacy Coach, supporting over 25 schools across Queensland. We were fortunate enough to lure Matthew to Longreach in 2016.

We are pleased to announce that he will be returning in February and July, for 2 days, to run QCS test workshops with the OP eligible students in Year 11 and 12. I am confident we will see the benefit of his expertise when our Year 12 students confidently sit the QCS test on August 28 and 29.

**Kym Webb**  
**Curriculum HOD**

## Guidance Officer's Message



Hello everyone, I will now be servicing Longreach SHS every Monday and Tuesday. I service other schools such as Longreach SS, LSOE, Aramac SS and Winton SS. If you like to arrange a meeting with me regarding your child's welfare, progress or career please contact the school.

My year's focus will be targeting; Counselling, Career Expo, Cognitive Testing, Behaviour Management and Class Presentations in Life Skill topics.

Below are some helpful agencies that might be helpful for young people in our community.

**Longreach Police Station** - 4652 5200  
**Longreach Hospital** - 4658 4700  
**Longreach Family Medical Practice** - 4658 3866  
**Longreach SES Service** - 132 500  
**Child Youth Mental Health** - 4652 7981  
**Kids Help Line** - 1800 55 1800  
**Youth Beyond Blue** - 1300 22 4636  
**LifeLine** - 13 11 14  
**Domestic Violence Helpline** - 1800 811 811  
**Relationships Australia** - 1300 364 277  
**Alcohol & Drug Information Service (ADIS)** - 1800 177 833

**Andrew Ruzicka**  
**Guidance Officer**

## Chappy's Corner:

### Chappy's Breakfast

The weekly P&C/Chappy's Breakfast will be held every Wednesday this term, commencing Wednesday 8th February.

The breakfast is free for all students and staff and goes from 8.15 am to 8.50 am in the C Block Home Economics room.

**Kerry Morton**  
**Chaplain**

## Coming Events

### P & C Meetings

The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday the 27th of February, in the Library. This general meeting will follow immediately after the Annual General Meeting which is set to start at 7 pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along.

## Important Notices:

### Term 1 Calendar

### 2016 School Year Book

It is still not too late to order your 2016 School Year Book. Please phone the office if you would like a copy. Cost is \$17.00

### Longreach Tennis Club

**Longreach Tennis Club Inc**  
Address: Kite Street (P.O. Box 162)  
Longreach Qld 4730

30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**TO THE COMMUNITY of LONGREACH**

The Longreach Tennis Club wish to advise that the Annual General Meeting of the **LONGREACH TENNIS CLUB INC.** will be held this Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the Tennis Club in Kite Street. LONGREACH.

Tennis players interested in playing tennis are invited to attend this meeting and share their input as to the planning for the 2017 year. We hope to start Social tennis in the next couple of weeks.

The Club now has two brand new synthetic courts as well as three other Courts, this will allow us to hold more games. We have also upgraded spectator seating as well as new concrete paths around the building. A concrete practice board should be complete soon as well.

Like all Sports Tennis too is struggling and therefore we need the support of those interested in tennis in the community.

New and existing Committee members are welcome. There is not a lot to do as a committee person. We have one meeting per month which goes for one hour. Committee members are also expected to help maintain the complex from time to time, help fundraise and assist with running the canteen.

We look forward to seeing you this Saturday.

Regards

*Gavin Douglas*  
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