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Principal's Message



Welcome to Term 2! With such a strong and positive start to 2017 behind us, I am looking forward to continuing working with you all as we strive to provide engaging, inclusive and innovative learning environments at Longreach State High School. This term I welcome Deanne Blackmore as our new Deputy Principal for the remainder of 2017 and look forward to

the great expertise, knowledge and skills she will be bringing to our school community. Deanne is an experienced school leader who has worked in a range of educational settings and more recently been involved in the writing and development of Science teaching and curriculum resources for state school teachers throughout Queensland.

Many of you may also be aware that at the end of last term we farewelled a number of staff. Congratulations to Patrick Bruck, the previous Acting Principal, for his appointment to Central Office in Brisbane where he will be involved in state-wide data and statistics information for Education Queensland. Tania Schaller, our Master Teacher, has also accepted a temporary position as Acting Principal at Bororen State School for term 2. Lenore Roberts, our longest serving teacher at Longreach State High School, has also decided to retire at the end of term 2 from her teaching role but will remain on staff at the school overseeing and maintaining our computer network system. The staff and students of Longreach State High School, both past and present, thank Lenore for her outstanding contribution to student learning over the past 30 years. We look forward to Lenore's continued involvement, albeit in a different capacity, for the foreseeable future.

Appointment of Year Level Coordinators

Following an internal review of school roles and responsibilities throughout Term 1, a number of staff have accepted additional or amended responsibilities which will commence in term 2.

As a result of this process, Tanya Hamilton and Amy Brazil have been appointed as Year Level Coordinators for 2017. These renewed roles will have a distinct focus on student welfare, attendance and rewarding positive behaviour. Parents and students are encouraged to contact and discuss with the year level coordinator any issues or concerns they may have regarding their child that involves their wellbeing, welfare or attendance. Tanya Hamilton will be responsible for students in grades 10-12, while Amy Brazil will be responsible for students in years 7 – 9. Congratulations to these staff on this recent appointment and thank you to the previous Year Level Coordinators for your hard work and assistance in this renewal process namely: Mr Allan Crawford, Mr Adam Zuurbier, Mr Matt Sampson, Mr Simon Hamilton and Ms Aleesha Degen.

Head of Department Roles Re-Defined

As part of our internal review of key staff roles, the roles and responsibilities of our two permanent Heads of Department have also been amended. Commencing in Term 2, Ms Kym Webb will be leading our school's curriculum development from years 7 to 12. This role will provide clear direction and focus to our school as we plan for the phasing out of the current senior OP which will be replaced with a new senior ATAR score for university entry in 2019/20. Kym's experience and love for teaching will shape the development and smooth transition of our school as we embrace this state-wide change in the coming years.

Mr Dave Scutt will be Head of Department Student Services with a clear and sharp focus on student behaviour, welfare and attendance. David will be working closely with the Deputy

Principal, Year Level Coordinators and outside organisations to ensure that all students are engaged in their schooling and achieving to the best of their potential. As a longstanding staff member at Longreach SHS David is looking forward to strengthening the relationships between parents, students and the school community in 2017 and beyond.

School Uniform

As the cooler months approach it is timely to remind students and parents of the schools winter uniform policy. Students are only allowed to wear a plain maroon jumper and all black tracksuit pants or slacks. The school tuckshop has both school approved jumpers and tracksuits for sale and an order form is available from the school office for those who are interested. If students are not wearing the correct uniform, their parents will be contacted and where possible a suitable temporary replacement may be provided by the school. Students and parents are also reminded that the old style school shirt is no longer acceptable and the new microfibre shirt is to be worn.

Parent Teacher Interviews

At the end of last term students and parents were emailed or mailed a copy of their child's interim (Term 1) report card. As part of this process parents were also given the information and booking sheet for the Parent teacher interviews which will be held on Thursday, the 27 April from 3:30-6pm in the school library. Parents/Students are encouraged to return these forms asap for completion to ensure that you can speak to your child's teachers about their progress, development and future learning.

ANZAC Day Parade and Services

On Monday the 24th April Longreach SHS will be holding our schools' ANZAC Day ceremony at 9am in the Multipurpose shelter. All parents are invited to attend and a number of special guests will be present. Our school is also participating in the community ANZAC Day March to be held on Tuesday the 25th April. Students are invited to assemble at the RSL building at 8am in their full school uniform and hat. The March will conclude with a service in Edkins Park. Ilfracombe students are welcome to march for the school at the gathering in Ilfracombe. Your child's participation and involvement in this school march and ceremony is highly encouraged as we remember the service and sacrifice of our service personnel, both past and present, for Australia.

Brendan Krueger
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message



Thank you for the warm welcome I have received since arriving in Longreach. It's exciting to be able to join a community I first visited 20 years ago. As I told my Brisbane work colleagues and friends about my appointment to Longreach, I was surprised at the number of people who have a connection and many happy memories of

this community and school. Many also commented upon the

fact that Longreach was the top OP performing school (state and private) last year.

Being in the school for only a short time, I hear teachers and students speak passionately about Longreach State High School and the quality of teaching and learning that occurs here. I'm looking forward to working with the students, teachers and parents to ensure we provide the best education possible to our young people.

Deanne Blackmore
Deputy Principal

Guidance Officer's Message



A short story for today: The Weight of the Glass

Once upon a time a psychology professor walked around on a stage while teaching stress management principles to an auditorium filled with students. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they'd be asked the typical "glass half empty or glass half full" question. Instead, with a smile on her face, the professor asked, "How heavy is this glass of water I'm holding?"

Students shouted out answers ranging from eight ounces to a couple pounds.

She replied, "From my perspective, the absolute weight of this glass doesn't matter. It all depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute or two, it's fairly light. If I hold it for an hour straight, its weight might make my arm ache a little. If I hold it for a day straight, my arm will likely cramp up and feel completely numb and paralyzed, forcing me to drop the glass to the floor. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it feels to me."

As the class shook their heads in agreement, she continued, "Your stresses and worries in life are very much like this glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and you begin to ache a little. Think about them all day long, and you will feel completely numb and paralyzed – incapable of doing anything else until you drop them."

The moral: It's important to remember to let go of your stresses and worries. No matter what happens during the day, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the night and into the next day with you. If you still feel the weight of yesterday's stress, it's a strong sign that it's time to put the glass down.

Andrew Ruzicka
Guidance Officer

P & C President Message:

The P&C is now offering unisex tracksuit pants to be worn during cooler weather. Winter uniforms, including the black tracksuit pants for \$28 and a maroon jacket for \$25 can now

be ordered from the tuck shop (an order form was distributed before the end of last term).

Childrens Unisex Size Guide

TO FIT	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14Y	16Y
Height(cm)	92	100	108	120	130	140	150	160	170
Chest(cm)	56	58	60	64	68	72	76	80	86
Waist(cm)	54	55	56	58	60	64	68	72	76

Adult Size Guide

TO FIT	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
Chest(cm)	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130
Waist(cm)	77	82	87	92	97	102	107	112	117	122

Thank you to those who supported the Association by purchasing a ticket during our recent turn to sell goose club tickets. The Association receives funding from these tickets and the School also gets the benefit of access to multi-purpose equipment.

The Association will be meeting again from 7 pm Monday, April 24 in the School Library. New membership can be sought by attending any of our general meetings.

Congratulations to Miss Webb who won the first prize Easter basket in the Year 11 camp fundraiser raffle. The slightly smaller second prize basket was delivered to Mr Tom Harwood. Hope they enjoyed them! Our \$100 board winner came from Boonah and was delighted with his prize. Thanks for helping us reach our fundraising goal.

Tony Tanks
P & C President

HPE

Week 10 of term 1 saw the annual LSHS Cross Country take place. It was a scorching afternoon with the shade providing little reprieve from the heat, but participation numbers were high and students should be commended for their efforts. The 3km, 4km and gruelling 6km track that students ran was dependent on their age. A massive congratulations to Mathew Worland, the first student in off the 6km track and to all 14 year students, who had the largest participation numbers from all year levels. Another big congratulations to the winning house this year which was SPARTANS, 510 points to 422 points.

Age Champions for the day were:

- 12 years:** Dylan Oates and Lucy Chay
- 13 years:** Rhett Harris and Aiyahna Browning
- 14 years:** Harrison Kent and Chloe Young
- 15 years:** Luke Bray and Daniella Mudu
- 16 years:** Matthew Worland and Yasmin Weldon
- Opens:** Ashton Janke and Breeanna Jones

Thank you to all students, staff and parents that attended despite the heat, and a massive thank you to Craig Neuendorf for giving up your day to help set up and for showing me the ropes.

Hannah Dionysius
Teacher | Sports Coordinator



Coming Events

P & C Meetings

The next P & C meeting will be held on **Monday, 24 April at 7pm** in the Library. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Important Notices:

Survey

A Survey is being conducted by the University of the Sunshine Coast to help develop better training for learner drivers. The project is exploring the current state of professional driving instruction for learner drivers in Queensland. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

If you are a learner driver or have just got your red P-plates we want to hear from you.

Survey link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/learningtodrive>

All survey participants will be eligible to go into a draw to win an iPhone 7.

For further information please contact PhD Researcher, Natalie Watson-Brown (Natalie.watson-brown@research.usc.edu.au) at the Sunshine Coast Mind and Neuroscience – Thompson Institute, 12 Innovation Parkway, Birtinya 4575 or call 07 5456 3561

The survey closes on the 30 April 2017.

Science, Information Technology and Innovation

The Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation is holding a regional roadshow to promote digital skills for all Queenslanders and to provide Queensland communities with the opportunity to interact with digital technologies.

We will be in Longreach at the Longreach Civic Centre on Wednesday, 7th June 2017 and would like to invite local students and their teachers to join us for hands-on workshops

and practical demonstrations of digital technologies, such as [drones](#), [coding](#), [robotics](#), [3D printing](#), [virtual reality](#), etc.

We'll also be hosting a small technology expo which will be open to the whole community, plus a closed discussion on digital literacy for invited participants.

More information will follow soon, which will include details about the activities to be offered and how to register. In the meantime, please keep this date in mind as this is an exciting opportunity for your students to understand the benefits and impacts that digital technologies can have in their lives in a fun, interactive way.