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Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's often said that change is the only constant in life. While we may smile at this cheeky play of words it does not make change any easier. This year, this term, this week will be a significant time of change for many in our school community. As we farewell our year 12 students for the last

time some of us will be sad at their leaving, others excited by the adventure and opportunity that awaits. However you may be feeling at this time of year, I trust that you can adjust and embrace these new experiences with optimism and courage.

School Vision & Values

Throughout this semester we have undertaken a review of the school's progress and development over the past four years with the objective of creating a new school vision and strategic plan for the future. This strategic planning has involved extensive consultation and feedback from various stakeholders within our school community and as a result we have created a new school vision with complementary values. Our vision for Longreach State High School is to be "A school of choice providing students a holistic education with 21st century pathways contributing to stronger communities". Supporting this whole school vision are the values of *Respect* and *Responsibility* which shape and help build our positive school culture. Over the coming weeks and into the future this school vision and values will form the key lens through which we develop our school's strategic plan and invest our time, energy and resources for the future. I wish to personally thank the

many stakeholders who have provided input, feedback and conversation around our school's future direction.

Year 6 into 7 Transition Programs

Last Wednesday I had the privilege of welcoming over 30 students and their families to Longreach State High School as part of our future year 7 cohort in 2018. It was a pleasure to meet these very excited future students and their families and get to know them prior to their official start at school next year. In an effort to assist these students, and their parents, adjust to high school life we have been working on a number of transition programs throughout Term 4. Each week Longreach State School has been attending our school as part of a combined Science learning program. Last week we also welcomed Our Ladies Catholic School students as they too commenced a separate transition program within our school. A separate, individual transition program has also been established for those students who are a little more anxious or worried about the change and it has been pleasing to see both great attendance and student involvement in each of these different transition activities. While we endeavour to make the change from primary to high school as smooth as possible we are always looking for ways to improve. If you have any ideas or feedback for 2018 please contact the school so that we can add to the great work we are doing in this space.

Year 12 Graduation

As we farewell our year 12 cohort I would like to wish them all the best for their future endeavours post school. While I have only had the privilege of working with this group for 2017 it has been a pleasure to get to know and talk to these fine young men and women as they prepare for the next stage of their life. To our valued parents who have invested in their child's education and upbringing for the past 12 years I acknowledge your tireless efforts and commitment to your child and hope

that you can rest assured knowing that you have done the best you can to prepare them for life after school.

Student Attendance

As the end of year fast approaches and various year levels finish school it is important for parents and students to be aware of their need to attend school each and every day. This year normal classes will be operating till Wednesday the 29th December with an alternative program only occurring on the Thursday and Friday of the last week of school to tidy and clean up classrooms in preparation for the school holidays. Students who complete assessment before the 29th November will still be in normal classes and working on subject related matter which may include introducing next year's work, revising concepts and learnings from throughout 2017 that require reinforcement or extra in-depth studies of various topics.

If you intend for your child to finish school earlier due to planned holidays or the like please contact the school in advance so that all absences are explained and if required an exemption to schooling is obtained for absences of 10 days or more. While we are close to achieving our school-wide target of 90% attendance for 2017 it is important that in the remaining weeks students are not excused from education because their peers may have finished, e.g. year 12s.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education and future and all the best for our graduating year 12s.

Brendan Krueger
Principal

Deputy Principal's Message



As we steam to the end of the year and thoughts move towards Christmas, family and holidays, our school is preparing for 2018.

The P-12 curriculum assessment reporting framework is the Department of Education and Training guiding document which details what teachers are expected to teach, assess and report to parents/carers. In 2018 over the course of the year, Year 7 and 8 will complete compulsory electives of Home Economics, Art, Performing Arts (Drama and Music), Digital Technology and Industrial Technology and Design. Year 9 and 10 students are able to select their two electives, from 7 subjects in Year 9 and 8 subjects in Year 10, which they undertake for the year.

Throughout Years 10, 11 and 12, students may also undertake a school based traineeship or apprenticeship while enrolled at school and working towards their Queensland Certificate of Education and for some OP/ATAR. These opportunities give students additional skills and support their transfer to work or further study at the end of Year 12.

Students in Year 10 (2018) should also be aware a Certificate III course (often associated with traineeships or apprenticeships) completed by end of Year 12 will be able to contribute to an ATAR.

If your child is interested in undertaking a school based apprenticeship or traineeship please contact Mr David Scutt at the school.

Our School also has a strong partnership with Longreach Pastoral College throughout Years 10, 11 and 12. Students may enrol in a Certificate II in Rural Operations. This course which includes theory and practical components is conducted at the college, one day per week. If you're interested please contact the school.

Deanne Blackmore
Deputy Principal

P and C President Message:

As the 2017 school year rapidly approaches its end the Longreach High P and C Association would like to extend congratulations and best wishes for a bright future for the Year 12 cohort.



The Association is holding its last general meeting for the year on Monday, November 20 from 7pm in the School library. New members are encouraged and are welcome to attend any general meeting.

The Canteen will **BE CLOSED** the last day of school.

Tony Tanks
P and C President

Chappy's Place



Hi Everyone,

Chappy's breakfast continues to go well. We have been trialling some different meal options with corn fritters proving popular with the boys so they will become a regular with pancakes so that there is some choice. I am also hoping to offer gluten free, at this stage pancakes at least. Breakfasts are on

Wednesday mornings before school in the Home Economics room, C block. There will be no breakfast in week 9.



A small group of regulars have been gathering at lunch times to engage in Christmas craft. This has been a lot of fun as we chat, listen to Christmas music and stimulate our creative juices. Communing together as we work reminds me of Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Christians see this as a time to prepare for celebrating the birth of Jesus, for taking

stock of what really matters in life. Taking time to reflect is very difficult in this busy world, many are so busy they can't even hear themselves think but taking time out to reflect can be very refreshing to the soul and provides space for insights. I hope that you will take time this Christmas to reflect on what is important to you and where your spirituality fits within the context of your daily activities.



Just a reminder that if any students wish to speak to me individually they can go to the front office and request an appointment.

**Susan
Chappy**

Library

Books and Resources need to be returned by the following dates:

Year 10 and 11 by the 22 November
Year 7 – 9 by the 28 November



Families will be invoiced for any outstanding items.

Coming Events

P and C Meetings

The next P and C meeting will be held on **Monday 20 November at 7 pm** in the Library. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Important Notices:

Year 12 Cert III in Health Services Assistance

Taste

State Election

The state election to be held on the 25th November will have only 1 polling booth in Longreach based at the LSHS Library.

To reduce crowd and waiting times people are encouraged to pre-poll at 3 Snipe Street (Old Centrelink office). The pre-poll centre is open 9.00am – 5.00pm, weekdays from 13th-24th November. Anyone can vote pre-poll.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is State and Federally funded dependent on historical numbers – Longreach is at risk of losing some of this funding if the numbers of people receiving services are not increased, so we are seeking support in promoting the wonderful service provided.

Should you be aware of anyone who might like to access Meals on Wheels, we are offering a 'try before you buy' of two free meals to sample what is available. Please contact longreachmealsonwheels@gmail.com via email if you would like further assistance, have any queries or contact one of the committee via the telephone numbers listed on the flyer.

RESQ

RESQ have a new training room at 101 Eagle St (the old bakery)



If you're having difficulty studying or unable to access computer or internet then come on in and have a look at what we have to offer to teenagers between 14-17yrs. Opening hours are 9am - 4.30pm most days

We are specializing in:

- Study sessions for those doing apprenticeships and traineeships
- Sessions on getting job ready, resume writing, interviews
- Assistance with homework, literacy and numeracy

Entrance is at the side door on Duck St. or call Julie on 0499 047 500 for bookings and enquiries.

Jobs

The Pioneers Retirement Community in Sparrow Street is looking for locals to work as Hotel Service employees (kitchen, laundry, and housekeeping) and Personal Care Workers.

We have full time, part time, traineeships and casual roles available. Earn while you learn – we provide all the training!

- Flexible rosters // great benefits // generous casual loading
- Work with a fun and hard-working team to support our lovely clients – make a difference in your community
- Salary packaging benefits which make a big difference to your take home pay – even as a casual
- All uniforms provided

We offer a great place to start with pathways to clinical or business careers – or simply a great team environment for casual work. Come and join the Bolton Clarke team at the Pioneers!

Want to know more??

Call the office on 4658 4900 or drop in for a chat in office hours at 1 Sparrow Street Or check out our vacancies on our website.

<http://www.boltonclarke.com.au/>