4 February 2016

From the Principal

Welcome back to all students and their families. I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing break and everyone is looking forward to getting back into the school routine in 2016. We have a new cohort of Year 7 students and many new families have joined our school community. I trust that all students enjoy their time at Hervey Bay State High School. Both my staff and I are looking forward to working together to ensure that you have every opportunity to succeed in your chosen subjects and future pathways.

This year we have made a substantial change to the case management of students. It will be a “one stop shop” with every student being allocated a case manager. Students and parents will be working with this one person concerning academic performance and participation, behaviour and welfare. As a school we want to work with families to ensure that students maximise their attendance and participation at school. Every day counts. For students to succeed they need to be in classes and ready for learning. If at any time you have a question, query or concern, please do not hesitate to contact the school and talk with your child’s Case Manager. The Case Manager can be found on your child’s timetable or the administrative officer taking your call will advise you. Ideally, if you wish to set up an email link with the Case Manager, this would allow for the efficient and effective exchange of information between home and school. If your student is absent from school, the school student absence line is to be contacted so that the absence can be explained.

STYMIE is once again in use during both school time and after hours. Students and families can contact the school and report any bullying. It also allows for the attachment of notifications to social media sites. These notifications will be sent to your student’s Case Manager, administration, Guidance Officer and the School-based Police Officer. Please report any bullying quickly so that we can assist with the support and welfare of your student.

I would like to congratulate our Year 12 students of 2015 who were successful in gaining their OP scores. Many students did very well and have been accepted into university study programs of their choice. Students were also successful in gaining scholarships which will assist them with their studies. Well done to all!

Finally, I would like to thank students for the way in which they have returned to school. It has been a great start and I am looking forward for this greatness to continue throughout the term. Most students returned in full school uniform and I thank parents for your assistance with ensuring that students are in their uniform each and every day.

If at any time you have any concerns or comments please feel free to contact school staff to discuss these. All members of the school community are invited to be involved with the school through the Parents’ and Citizens’ Association which meets on the second Thursday of every month. We meet in the Administration building at 6:00 p.m. This is a great way to have input into the school and the education of your children. I hope to see you at our first meeting on 11 February.

Looking forward to another successful year,

Ms Julie Learoyd
From the Deputy Principal – Senior School

I would like to welcome back all returning students and welcome all new students and their families to the Hervey Bay State High School community. Welcome also to all new staff members, 2016 is already shaping up to be another year filled with success. Congratulations to our departing Year 12s from 2015 on their acceptances into university, further study or employment.

Timetables

Each year students return to school wanting to change subjects on their timetables. The creation of these timetables is based on the information provided by students when they give their subject choices. The timetables dictate what classes can and cannot run in the school and, for this reason, it is not always easy to amend a student’s timetable unless there are other students who also desire a change out of a particular subject. I will endeavour to fulfil all requests, however, please don’t be too disappointed if the application is unsuccessful.

Mr Rob Burke

From the Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary

Welcome to all our new Year 7 families and also to our existing parents and students in Years 8 and 9. It has been a great start to 2016 with students and teachers settling in quickly and easily. After a very refreshing holiday both staff and students appear ready to get back into the school year.

I have also listed below the Case Managers of the various form classes.

7A, 8A, 9A: Mr Brett Moffett
7B, 7B, 9B: Ms Daniello Goddaor
7C, 7H, 8C, 9C: Ms Maree McKaskill
7D, 8D, 9D: Ms Tinka Welton
7E, 8E, 9E: Mr Andrew Hinks
7F, 8F, 9F: Mr Andrew Garty
7G, 8G, 9G: Mr Johnathan Vallance
Year 10: Ms Cherryl Perry
Year 11: Ms Sarah Brierly
Year 12: Ms Tracey Gist

Sporting Grants

With the commencement of the school year, many sporting and community groups are conduct their sign-ups. To assist some families, the government has made a range of sports grants available to parents of up to $150 for their children to join certain sporting groups/clubs. If you would like further information about this grant please click the link below.


VIVO Points

In the next few weeks we will also be introducing a new positive reward system at school called VIVO points. Students will be awarded points by teachers for making a positive contribution to the school, be it wearing the correct uniform, attending class on time or working to the best of their ability. This new on-line reward system will allow students to “cash-in” their points for various prizes. We will be talking more about this on parades and in class, and will let parents know more as we roll it out. For those who would like a sneak peek you can go to VIVO online and see examples of other schools who are using it.


Once again, thank you for a great start to the year and we look forward to another productive partnership in 2016.

Mr Brendan Krueger

Whole School Literacy

This year we are introducing students to ‘Word of the Week’ to expand vocabulary and create interest in our writing and speaking. Please ask your students about the word of the week and hear what they’ve been learning. We’ve listed the WOWs for this term below.

Term 1 Words of the Week (WOWs)

Week 2 - Confront means to be face to face with someone or present somebody with something that is usually an accusation or criticism.
Week 3 - Disinterested means that you are unbiased or “out of the loop”.
Week 4 - Enjoin means to issue an urgent and official order; you legally or strongly advise someone to do something.
Week 5 - Expressly means to do something for a very specific reason or purpose.
Week 6 - **Groundless** means not based on reason, evidence or fact.

Week 7 - A **hypocrite** says one thing and does another; they profess beliefs and opinions that they do not hold in order to conceal their real feelings or motives.

Week 8 - If something is **incomprehensible**, it is difficult or impossible to understand or explain.

Week 9 - **Irk** means to annoy or to make angry.

**Ms Danielle Goddaer**
**Head of Department - English and LOTE**

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**Australian Army Cadets**

The Australian Army Cadets offer a great youth training development plan, life skills and an insight into the Defence Forces. Parade is held at the TAFE every Wednesday from 1600 hrs to 1900 hrs.

Several Hervey Bay State High School students are already training as cadets and receiving the benefits to be gained from this extracurricular activity.

Interested persons can contact the unit either by telephone or email (details below) for recruiting information and/or to arrange a parent information afternoon.

**LT (AAC) Jennifer Emmerson - Officer Commanding of 181ACU Cadet Unit**

Jennifer.emmerson@cadnet.gov.au  
Mobile 0423 795 511

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**Student Resource Scheme**

Hervey Bay State High School offers a Student Resource Scheme (LRS) for students in Years 7 to 12. The LRS requires an annual payment of $200.00. A discount of $20.00 is offered per student if LRS is paid in full by 05 February 2016.

For families who choose not to use this scheme a full list of resources can be requested from the office.

Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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**Collection of Textbooks**

Students who have paid their LRS2016 fees or are on a contract will be issued textbooks during their English class at the beginning of 2016.

If your student is absent during this English class, please inform them that they must collect their textbooks from the eHub **before school or during recesses**. This will also apply to students who start at the school or pay their fees after this day.

Parents, please note that it is the student’s responsibility to ensure they have collected their textbooks.

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**School Fees Payment**

Reminder to parents: when depositing payments into Hervey Bay State High School’s bank account, please use a reference such as student’s name, invoice number or reason for the payment, e.g. SmithJ12345 or SmithJLRS. This will ensure accounts are paid promptly. We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

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**Uniform Shop**

Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Enter and exit through the Old Maryborough Road gate. Available for parents and students.

Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Enter and exit through the Old Maryborough Road gate.  
By appointment: - Telephone 0407 746 073  
Payment: EFTPOS and/or cash acceptable  
Lay-by available

Students can access the uniform shop at during first or second recess.

If it is more convenient, parents can place an order and pay over the phone. Students can then collect the order later.

Please contact 07 4194 3790 for any uniform inquiries.

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**Canteen News**

Welcome to all the new and returning students. We are excited to bring you all a variety of healthy meals for breakfast and lunch daily. Please remember that all students must display good manners and be wearing full school uniform to be served. EFTPOS is available for senior students (Years 10 - 12), however all EFTPOS transactions incur a $0.15 surcharge.

Our menu can be found on the school website:  
https://herveybayshs.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Tuckshop/Pages/Tuckshop.aspx

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**Ordering**

If you would like to order any items, please do so before 9:00 a.m. Pre-ordering, particularly our daily specials, avoids the disappointment of missing out. Every day we have a selection of fresh sandwiches, rolls, wraps and salads. We also have a ‘special’ each day. Please read the notices for the week’s specials.

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**Term 1**

Monday sSpecials are now Toasted Turkish Pide/Focaccia’s. Please read student notices for this week’s variety.

Also, fresh summer salads are available daily – Roasted Pumpkin, Pine Nut and Feta, or Traditional Greek salads are just some of the options.

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**Ice-Cream Sundaes are back!!**

2nd Recess every Friday from the cafeteria near the canteen

$3.00 each buys two scoops of ice-cream with your choice of chocolate, caramel or strawberry flavouring - also includes two different candy toppings and a wafer.
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### Parents’ and Citizens’ Association

The Parents’ and Citizens’ Association meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and works with the school and wider community to guide the decision-making and direction of the school. We are here to support all students and their families, the administration, staff and school community and we would like to encourage more parents to attend our P & C meetings. It is also a wonderful place to learn about the school, how it is run and what’s going on, etc. We’re a friendly bunch so if you would like to have a say in your child’s education, come along to the Admin building at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, 11 February.

### Help Needed

Do you have a spare couple of hours once a week, fortnight or month? We are always in need of extra hands to help feed the 1000+ students, reduce their waiting time and keep the prices down. If you could lend a hand, please contact Kylie Atkinson on 4194 3790.

**Ms Renei Lewis**  
**Canteen Assistant**