17 March 2016

From the Principal

The ninth week of first term is coming to an end but it is still business as usual. Students are expected to be attending school right up to the last day of term – Thursday, 24 March. We will finish the term with our school swimming carnival and I hope all students take the opportunity to support their house by swimming in the official events or getting involved in the many ‘novelty’ races on the day. The theme for the carnival is ‘under the sea’ and it is always great to see the number of students who take the time to dress up for the day to support their house and be involved. Students must have a hat, covered shoulders and closed footwear for safety reasons, and sunscreen for sun safety. We will provide lots of shade and have water available for students as well as extra sun screen to be applied throughout the day. With the recent intense heat and humidity it will be a very cool way to finish off the term.

As we near the end of term we are closely monitoring the attendance of all students. Our target for this year is 90% attendance or better for the whole school. This week we have ‘dipped’ below our target and are sitting on 89.5%. I urge all parents to ensure that students are attending school as any time missed from classes makes it very difficult for students to ‘catch up’. At this time of year students may be missing important assessment or submission deadlines. Our Year 7 and 12 students are leading the way with attendance at 92.3% and 91.5% respectively, closely followed by Year 8 on 89.8%, but Year 9 (88.7%), 10 (86.8%) and 11 (87.9%) need some improvement.

This week we also practised our evacuation procedures with a full school drill. Each year all schools are expected to practice both their lockdown and evacuation procedures. Before all practices we will send families a text message to alert you of the practice. Social media and mobile phones can be both a positive and negative influence and I do not want families thinking that there is an issue at the school or rushing to the school. Members of the public can make such procedures and practices more difficult and prolong such events because school staff or emergency services have to deal with or engage with the public. The safety of students and staff is paramount and we take such practices very seriously. The school was safely evacuated with both students and staff accounted for very quickly. Following the holidays we will practice our lockdown procedure within the first couple of weeks.

Finally, congratulations to our new Parents’ and Citizens’ Association executive for 2016. Julie Postle and Dave Lewis were re-elected as President and Treasurer respectively. Debbie Wilson is our new Vice-President and Fiona Terrell our new Secretary. We would like to express our appreciation to the outgoing Vice-President and Secretary, Rob Burke and Suzanne Geddes, for their years of service. Thank you to all parents, staff and community members for supporting the school. P&C. I look forward to working with the committee throughout the year.

To all families, students and staff, have an enjoyable and relaxing break and a safe return after the holidays.

Ms Julie Learoyd
School Excursions

Each year, our students participate in a number of curricular and extra-curricular excursions and camps. These opportunities are given to students to enhance what has been covered in classes and to apply the knowledge gained to real-life contexts that can only happen beyond our school fence. As is to be expected, these excursions come at a financial cost to students and parents. You can be assured that every effort is made by the school to keep these costs as low as possible in order to maximise the number of students able to attend. When information is sent home to parents and carers, it contains deadlines for payments. It is extremely important that deadlines are met, even if it requires a payment plan being put in place. As a school, we need to have payments delivered by certain dates and, if students have not met their deadlines, the cancellation of excursions may occur.

Senior Expectations

In all year levels of school, attendance is imperative for students to achieve good results. The Senior School brings an added reason for high attendance – ability to attend end-of-year functions such as the formal. Every year, the school is inundated with inquiries as to whether a student is eligible to attend the formal. To put it simply, criteria to attend the school formal is as follows:

- Behaviour Level 1-4
- 90% attendance level across the year
- full payment of all school fees.

If these criteria are not met, the student is placing his/her invitation to the event in jeopardy.

Mr Rob Burke

From the Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary

As Term 1 comes to an end it is worthwhile reflecting on some of the great achievements our staff and students have made so far. This week we held our annual World’s Greatest Shave fundraiser with a large number of students participating in this worthwhile event. Over $1500 was raised by our student body to support the Leukaemia Foundation – congratulations and well done!

Throughout this term our boys and girls rugby league teams have played exceptionally well and we are looking forward to a number of our teams playing in the grand final. A number of our junior students also tried out for the state-wide Creative Generations singing auditions earlier this term and we were successful in having 32 students selected. Considering only 160 students are selected across the state this was another great achievement and proof that both our staff and students are committed to excellence in these cultural pursuits.

Teachers are now finalising their mark books and grades for the Term 1 report cards. These reports will be finalised by 13 April and mailed out at the end of that week. When you receive a copy of your child’s report card you will have the opportunity to book a parent-teacher interview for 16 May as well. If you are unable to make this interview date please contact the school to arrange an alternative time to discuss your child’s progress within individual subjects. Please be aware that the Term 1 report card is based on assessment completed up to the Easter holidays and as a result, student grades may change between Term 1 and Semester 1.

On 10-12 May all Year 7 and 9 students will be expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, numeracy, spelling and grammar. In both the last week of this term and second week of next term, our school will be conducting practice tests for all our Year 7 and 9 students to prepare them for exam conditions. Year 9 students in particular will sit the exam in the Sports Centre and not individual classrooms. This testing provides valuable information to parents, students and schools as to a child’s progress during the last 2-3 years. Over the past 3 years our school has consistently raised students’ achievement levels and, while we are not yet where we want to be, our results prove that we are making real progress in your child’s education. If you have any concerns regarding your child sitting this exam or having to work under exam conditions in this environment, please email me at bkruer1@eq.edu.au or, alternatively, contact the school on 4194 3777. While we make every effort to accommodate students we are aware that some students become overly anxious about these tests and where possible we will work with both you and your child around this National testing regime.

Once again thank you to the many staff and students who have made Term 1 such a great start to the year and I look forward to another exciting term after the Easter holidays.

Mr Brendan Krueger

Habits of Mind

Habits of Mind (HOM) has been part of the school-wide pedagogical framework at Hervey Bay State High School since 2010. Students learn about the 16 HOMs that successful people have indicated help them to succeed in both work and personal life. This week’s HOM is

Resilience.

Ms Cherryl Perry
Head of Department - Teaching and Learning
NAPLAN tests will take place this year on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10-12 May for Year 7 and 9 students. Year 7 students will complete NAPLAN tests in their home rooms and Year 9 students in the Sports Centre.

**Tests are as follows:**

- **Tuesday 10 May:** Language Conventions (45 minutes)
  - Writing (40 minutes)
- **Wednesday 11 May:** Reading (65 minutes)
- **Thursday 12 May:** Numeracy – calculator (40 minutes)
  - Numeracy – non-calculator (40 minutes)

All Australian governments have committed to promoting maximum participation of students in the national assessment process and as a school we are committed to maximum participation of students.

**Illness:** If a student is sick on a test day, schools can organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week.

**Exemption:** Some students can be exempted from one or more NAPLAN tests if they have significant or complex disability, or if they are from a non-English-speaking background and arrived in Australia less than one year before the tests. However, exemption is not automatic and parents may choose for their child to participate. Support can be provided for students with disability to participate in the NAPLAN tests.

Signed parent/carer consent forms are required for students to be exempted from the tests.

**Withdrawal:** While participation by all students is expected, students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. A formal application in the manner specified for each state or territory must be received by the principal prior to the testing.

Please contact Mr Krueger via email for further information about the withdrawal process. A copy of the form required can be obtained from Mr Krueger via email or from the Administration Office. Mr Krueger – bkrue1@eq.edu.au.

You can find more information on the website – www.nap.edu.au.

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**Word of the Week**

Our final two words of the week for this term are incomprehensible and irk.

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

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

**Term 2 Words of the Week are:**

- Week 1 – manipulate
- Week 2 – precipitate
- Week 3 – recede
- Week 4 – ingenious
- Week 5 – serene
- Week 6 – countenance
- Week 7 – diminish
- Week 8 – fluctuate
- Week 9 – implore
- Week 10 – magnitude
- Week 11 – reputable

We hope you have a wonderful Easter and return refreshed and rejuvenated for Term 2.

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**Monica Boulton awarded scholarship**

The following article was published on 15 March, 2016, in the University of the Sunshine Coast News Exchange. Congratulations, Monica!

Former Hervey Bay State High School captain Monica Boulton has been awarded a prestigious University of the Sunshine Coast Chancellor’s Scholarship.

The aspiring surgeon, who gained an OP2 last year, said the $20,000 scholarship for academic excellence would allow her the financial freedom to focus on a Bachelor of Nursing Science which she started this semester at USC Fraser Coast.

“I have always wanted to work in the medical field and this scholarship is a wonderful financial boost that will help me achieve this goal,” Monica said.

The USC Chancellor’s Scholarship is awarded each year to two first-year students in recognition of their outstanding academic success and active role in community activities.

Monica said she was loving her first experience of university life and Nursing Science.

“Starting a Bachelor of Nursing Science has definitely confirmed that this is what I want to do,” Monica said. “I am particularly embracing the practical, hands-on aspect of the study program and I know it is going to be a very valuable degree for me as I...”
chase my dream of becoming a surgeon. My ultimate goal is to work in a fast-paced hospital environment where I can make a difference and save lives.”

While at USC, Monica intends to continue the active role she played in community service during her high school years.

“Last year I raised money for the Council Cancer and Leukaemia Foundation, as well as completing the 96-km Kokoda Challenge for charity. I hope to do similar fundraising activities this year, particularly Relay for Life.”

**World’s Greatest Shave**

Congratulations to all staff and students who participated in the World’s Greatest Shave on Monday, 14 March. Once again Hervey Bay State High School has demonstrated a high degree of support for another worthy cause. Students and staff have so far raised over $900 towards blood cancer research. This year, special congratulations must go to one of our Math teachers, Miss Sarah Caplick. Sarah has reduced her hair by over 30 cm with ‘the bob’ being donated. Congratulations also go to Brooklyn Fulton who has raised over $470, as well as Aneesha Beaven who also lost her long locks.

**Grant McDougall**

**Clean Up Australia Day**

Huge congratulations and thank you to all students and staff involved with the ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ that we held on Friday. Not only was it fantastic to have such a high number of students sign on as volunteers before the event, so many more students joined in on the day. Mayor Gerald O’Connell was impressed with the school’s cleanliness and the student receptiveness to the event.

**Grant McDougall**

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**QCS Test - Special Provisions**

If you have a medical condition or impairment, or if another factor could make it difficult for you to sit the test, you may be eligible for Special Provision.

There are two types of special provision which can be applied before the test:

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| Special arrangements      | • OP eligible students  
                          | • OP ineligible students |
| Practical changes to the test conditions, e.g. rest breaks, A3-size test materials, computer |
| Long-term impairments     | Applications close on 21 May 2016, unless the condition is diagnosed after this date. |
| Short-term impairments    | – do not submit an application before the category-specific dates shown on pages 9-19 of the special provision handbook. |
| Exemption                 | Applications close on 30 September. |
| Allows a student to be absent from the test and remain OP eligible. |
| Exemptions will be considered where students are so severely affected by their impairment/ circumstances that they will be unable to sit the test with the special arrangements that are available. |

**How do I apply?**

You need to complete an application form and gather the necessary documentation. The application needs to be submitted to either Mr Burke or Ms Gist who will upload to QCAA.

Remember, only the QCAA can approve special provision for the QCS Test.

**What sort of documentation do I need?**

It will vary depending on your reason for applying and your reason for applying.

- If you apply before the test, see the summary of provisions in the handbook. It provides detailed information on documentation types and time limits. A copy of the Special Provisions handbook is available at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au and has been emailed to all students.
When is the closing date?

In most cases you should apply by 21 May. However, if you develop an illness or if another situation develops after this date, apply as soon as possible.

For further information visit www.qcaa.qld.edu.au or refer to the information provided in SIP lessons.

Ms Tracey Gist
Head of Department - Senior Schooling

Practice QCS Test

On Tuesday 8 and 9 March, the Year 12 students participated in the Practice QCS Test.

The Practice QCS Test mirrored the ‘real’ QCS Test that is scheduled for Tuesday 30 August and Wednesday 31 August. Students experienced the four QCS Test papers; the Writing Task, Multiple Choice I and II and the Short Response Items.

Year 12 students should be commended for their mature, dedicated and focussed approach to the QCS Test Practice.

The four QCS Test papers will be marked by an external consultancy firm that specialises in providing feedback to schools and students. Students who have paid for marking will receive information that identifies their strengths and also where to focus their attention in preparation for the QCS Test. Information about the group’s performance will also be provided, allowing for targeted QCS sessions during Terms Two and Three.

Ms Tracey Gist
Head of Department - Senior Schooling

Microsoft Office 2016

Free Microsoft Office 2016 for students and school staff

All Queensland state school staff and students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices.

Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in.

Microsoft Office 2016 is available for personal devices only, not devices owned by the department or part of a school network.

Your Office subscription lasts for as long as you are a Queensland state school student or school-based staff member.

Download process

For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.

For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

If you have trouble, please refer to the instructions on how to download and install Microsoft Office 2016 to your personal home computers:


Ms Sarah Brierley
Head of Department - eLearning

Art News

Year 7 students have finished their Observational Drawing folios with sheer determination. Their final artwork was to draw a piece of fruit within a standard grid and transfer the lines over to a distorted, more warped grid. Although some students struggled with the concept, others found this method of transferring information systematic. As a result, abstracted fruit images were produced.

Year 9 students are thrilled with what they have achieved in Art this term. By displaying their work as a folio students are able to admire their progress on a weekly basis and see how far they have travelled. I cannot wait to see their cartoon representations of themselves this week!

Year 10 students have progressed onto collagraph and lino printing. Although students have been encouraged to produce still lifes within an interior space they have not been limited to it. With each new printing method, students are expanding their knowledge about printing process for the future.
Year 12 have completed their layering of images and text using Adobe Photoshop to produce a print-ready advertisement suitable for a magazine. While some students aimed at sophisticated ideals others approached the assessment in a more humorous slant.

Mrs Michelle Evans  
Teacher - Art

**Relief Cleaners Wanted**

Hervey Bay State High School is looking for relief staff. Please provide a résumé with two current professional references.

Please deliver résumé to: Administration Office  
Hervey Bay State High School  
Beach Road  
(Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

Or email Suzanne Geddes: sgedd9@eq.edu.au

**Positions Vacant**

Urangan State High School is seeking applicants to fill several positions.

**Administration Officer (AAEP)**

Multiple positions are available for short- and long-term contracts.

Please provide a résumé and a two-page application addressing the “How you will be assessed” section of the role description. Copies of the role description are available at the front office or by emailing Sharon Buckley (sbuck129@eq.edu.au) for an electronic version.

Applications close: 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, 22 March 2016

Submit application to: Administration Office  
Urangan State High School  
Robert Street  
Torquay

Or email Kacey Hannant: khann19@eq.edu.au

**Cleaner**

A permanent position of 26.25 hours per week is available.

Please provide a résumé with two current professional references.

Applications close: 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, 22 March 2016

Submit application to: Administration Office  
Urangan State High School  
Robert Street  
Torquay

Or email Kacey Hannant: khann19@eq.edu.au

**Schools Officer (Grounds and Facilities)**

A permanent full-time position is available.

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Or email Kacey Hannant: khann19@eq.edu.au
Mobile Phone Recycle Program

Do you have old mobile phones lying around, not sure what to do with them? We need them!

Hervey Bay State High School is participating in a mobile phone recycling program – a campaign run by Mobile Muster, in collaboration with the Jane Goodall Institute Australia (JGIA), to help raise money to conserve chimpanzee habitats in Africa. Mobile phones can be dropped into the box in the school library.

Miss Sarah Brierley
Head of Department - eLearning

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.

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.

Collection of Textbooks

Would parents who have paid the LRS2016 fees in full, or are on a contract, CentrePay, Abstudy or instalment payment plan, please check that your child has received all appropriate textbooks. Junior students and Year 10 students have had an opportunity to collect textbooks during English classes. If you student’s fees have since been paid or he/she was absent at the time, please ask him/her to collect the textbooks from the eHub before school or during a recess. Senior students are to collect their textbooks before school or during a recess.

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

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.

Uniform Shop

Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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.

Canteen News

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 below:
https://herveybayshs.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Tuckshop/Pages/Tuckshop.aspx

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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**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.

**Changes are coming**

The Smart Choices guidelines have recently been revised and unfortunately some items no longer fit into the ‘healthy options’ criteria. Over the coming year, students will see some items deleted and new items introduced. We hope that the school community as a whole will embrace these positive changes.

*Ms Renei Lewis*
*Canteen Assistant*