5 May 2016

From the Principal

Over the past week the school has received some unfortunate, negative publicity that was generated by social media use. While I am not going into the details of the incident I would like to draw parent and family attention to the world of social media. Social media can be both a positive and a negative vehicle of communication for individuals. When used appropriately it is a great means of quick and efficient communication between parties. However, our young people often do not realise or do not stop to think that what they post today can be sent and resent to many different parties who may choose to use images or comments in a way that could be detrimental to others or even to themselves. Once an image, video, photograph or comment goes ‘viral’ there is no way that it can be deleted or disappear from the world of social media. It is forever and can be retrieved and circulated again and again. This can have long term effects on an individual, both mentally and socially, and can also affect their ability to secure future employment. The ramifications may be life-long.

At school we continually work with young people who do not understand the security or lack there-of that social media provides. I have invited the Education Queensland Cybersafety and Reputation unit to come and speak to our students on June 1 and 2. The unit will present sessions on enhancing student digital identity – “The choice is yours, it’s in your hands”. This is an interactive presentation that will give students some insight into:

- how to build online brand; positive uses and benefits of social media,
- staying on top of social media privacy settings and how to deal with random friend requests,
- responding to and reporting negative online content,
- social, legal and real world consequences of online choices, and
- how to handle difficult situations online.

The unit will also present a session for parents and families on the evening of 1 June which I invite you all to attend if your students are active on social media. More information about this session will follow.

How can you help as a parent? Be aware of what social media sites your children use and how they are using them. Social media is very much a part of our lives so we all need to be aware of the benefits, pitfalls and damage it can do to our youth.

Ms Julie Learoyd

From the Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary

Year 6 to Year 7 Open Day at Hervey Bay State High School

On 22 and 29 April over 400 Year 6 students from various primary schools visited Hervey Bay State High School for our high school open day. The Open Day was designed to give primary students an experience of high school life and meet some of their potential teachers, classrooms and subject offerings when they attend high school.

Students participated in a range of exciting activities throughout the day ranging from interesting science experiments, cooking in commercial kitchens, or playing sport in the new Sports Centre. All in all it was a fantastic day with all students excited about the new possibilities available when they come to high school.
Over the following weeks Hervey Bay State High School will be offering a number of Year 6 students the opportunity to attend specialist Enrichment programs to experience a number of the Excellence programs on offer in 2017. Parents can apply for these programs immediately and information has been provided to all students who attended the Open Day.

Next term, Hervey Bay State High School will be holding a number of enrolment afternoons for both parents and students planning to enrol at Hervey Bay State High School and more information on these dates will be provided closer to the time. For more information or to check out the latest news visit Hervey bay State High School’s website at the following link.

https://herveybayshs.eq.edu.au

NAPLAN Tests

From Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 of May all Year 7 and 9 students will participate in the annual NAPLAN tests. These tests will occur in the morning lessons and classes will operate as usual for the afternoon sessions. All students are expected to participate in this national testing and if parents have any concerns, please make sure you contact the school as soon as possible.

Mr Brendan Krueger

Science and Engineering Success

Hervey Bay State High School students recently participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge run by the University of the Sunshine Coast and the University of Newcastle. This is a nationwide competition that challenges students to build structures such as bridges, Mars rovers or robotic hands, or to solve scientific problems of a practical nature. Our students compete against the other high schools in the Fraser Coast region.

This year we placed 7th overall, but had some outstanding results. The catapult team placed first, with an excellent construction that other teams are sure to copy. Members of the team are Alex Sawyer, Tristan McGuire, Luke Hughes and Josh Smith-Rasmussen.

Students performed very well on the day and had a lot of fun in the process. Congratulations to all students who competed. The pictures show most of the team involved in one of their challenge activities.

Mr Paul Addison
Teacher - Science
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. Pro rate fees apply for late enrolments.

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.

Casual Positions Vacant

Hervey Bay State High School is advertising for employment of casual teacher aides to work in the Inclusive Education Centre at the school. These positions will be on a needs basis in the absence of permanent teacher aides and may include short-term temporary contracts.

Applicants are required to submit a brief résumé, contact details for two referees and are required to have a current Positive Notice Blue Card for Child Related Employment (Blue Card).

The IEC is a specialised area and experience working with young people, students with special needs or learning support in classrooms will be of benefit.

Applications close:

3:00 p.m.
Friday, 13 May 2016

Applications will remain current for 12 months.

Submit application to:
Business Services Manager
Hervey Bay State High School

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.

Canteen News

We are excited to bring you all a variety of healthy meals for breakfast and lunch daily. Please remember that all students need their manners and full school uniform to be served. EFTPOS is available for senior students (Yrs. 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

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.

New Items

New 500ml Breaka flavour - Rocky Road, $3.00 each

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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.

**Winter is coming!**

Cooler days are just around the corner, and this means pulling those jumper and jackets out of the back of the wardrobe.

Please remember our school uniform policy before purchasing something warmer for your students.

Students may choose to wear a monogrammed school jacket or jumper, long black pants or plain black track pants during cooler days. Female students may choose to wear tights; however, these MUST be worn under school shorts or skirts. Tights are not acceptable as a ‘wear-alone’ option as this is a co-educational school.

Jumpers - $20.00
Jackets - $35.00
Available from the HBHS Uniform Store

*Ms Renei Lewis*
*Canteen Assistant*