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From the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Year 7 and 9 students for their efforts in the recent NAPLAN testing. These national tests are aimed at giving both students and their families feedback on their literacy and numeracy progress in comparison with students from all around Australia. It is an opportunity to gauge the level of literacy and numeracy of each individual, and for families to work with us, their teachers, to further develop these skills in each and every student. Students who sat the tests worked very well – excellent job and well done!

There were a lot of students who were absent from the testing, either through withdrawal, exemption or non-attendance at school over the three testing days. Even though they are involved in school-based academic assessments, it is important for students to see how they are performing in literacy and numeracy as this is a major factor of their Queensland Certificate in Education (QCE) in Year 11 and 12. Students who fail either or both literacy and numeracy are not eligible for a QCE at the end of Year 12. Specific testing of literacy and numeracy provides a measurement of a student's ability. Where a lack of skill is evident, the school can then assist with intervention or extension programs. Likewise, absence from these tests through withdrawal or school absence, whether for one or more of the tests, results in the student receiving a score below the national mean standard. I would encourage all students and families next year to take part in this testing to measure the student's literacy and numeracy progress since the previous Year 5 or Year 7 NAPLAN tests.

Last week I attended an information session on the changes to tertiary entrance for students who are currently in Year 9 and looking to take part in tertiary education. These students will

no longer sit the QCS test as we know it. In complying with the Queensland Government initiative we are moving toward internal school testing and external examinations for students. These external exams will be similar the QCS test in that all Queensland students in Year 11 or 12 will sit exactly the same exam at the same time. These exams will be 'unseen' by the school. Students who participate in whole-school testing under controlled examination conditions, like NAPLAN, have the advantage of developing resilience as well as the opportunity to practise completing important assessment under strict conditions - a further benefit of NAPLAN testing.

I often equate formal testing like NAPLAN and the current QCS test with going for an interview for your ultimate job. You need to be prepared, have practised, received feedback on your practice performance, and then used this feedback to improve. Job seekers do not get to take their parents or family members to a job interview and so they have to learn to control their nerves and anxiety – just like sitting a formal exam. As a school we will continue our literacy and numeracy work with all our students to give them as much preparation, practice and opportunities to improve their numeracy and literacy performance for their future QCE and employment pathway.

Ms Julie Learoyd

From the Deputy Principal – Senior Secondary

Senior Schooling Changes

Last week I attended a workshop conducted by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority about proposed changes to the Senior Assessment and Tertiary entrance processes that will be implemented for our current Year 9 students and beyond. This session focussed on ways students will be assessed (both internal and

Great state. Great opportunity.



externally-organised assessment instruments) and the revamp of syllabus documents that are currently being undertaken. Our current OP system will be phased out when our current Year 10s graduate in 2018. It will be replaced by the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) which will bring Queensland into line with what is happening in other areas of Australia. Over the next 6-12 months as more information is released, we will share this with you and invite parents along to information sessions so that all families have the best information pertaining to subject selections and career options.

QCE Completions for Year 12

Year 12 students who are at risk of not attaining a QCE at the end of Year 12 have recently been assigned a Case Manager who will monitor and work closely with both the student and teaching staff to maximise completion rates. In 2015, we were successful in achieving our target of 90% QCE and QCIA completion. It would be great to go even higher in 2016.

Semester 2 Timetables for Year 7 and 8

Year 7 and 8 students will start their new elective subjects in Semester 2. These timetables will be provided to students in the last week of Term 1 so that you have plenty of notice of what your student will be studying in Semester 2.

Formal Senior Uniform

It is great to see the ever-increasing number of Year 11 and 12 students wearing the school's formal uniform. While this uniform is not compulsory, it certainly does make a great impression both at school and in the community. I would encourage students to obtain a formal uniform if financially able, and wear this to school, particularly on 'Formal Friday'.

From the Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary

Last week saw over 350, Year 7 and 9 students complete the annual NAPLAN tests and it was a credit to our students that they worked to the best of their ability and used this time to their advantage. While students can be worried about these tests and their subsequent results it is important to remember that these results are an indication of your child's learning and progress to date on the day of the test. Our school also uses this data to inform us of our teaching practices so that we can make sure all students are given the best possible education for their needs – both now and into the future. The results from the NAPLAN tests will be made available to parents and school in late August, 2016.

As the colder weather approaches it is important that students wear the correct winter uniform: the black Hervey Bay State High School jumper and long, black pants or tracksuit pants. Jeans are not acceptable and students wearing multi-coloured jumpers or jeans will be issued a uniform detention as per school policy. On parades I have also been asking for students to bring their diary and pen and have noticed that a number of students have either left their diary at home or have lost it. Replacement diaries are available through the main office for \$10 and should be purchased to ensure your child is both organised and prepared for learning each day. As we approach

the midpoint of Term 2 students are busy completing assignments and exams in a variety of subjects. Please ensure that they are using their diary to record what is required and what is due.

Over the coming weeks every Friday a number of primary school students will be visiting the school as part of our enrichment programs. These specialist programs in Sport, Music, Creative Writing, Mathematics and Technology provide strong links and valuable experiences for our soon-to-be Year 7s. Please make them feel welcome and a part of our school community.

Mr Brendan Krueger

Hervey Bay District Cross Country Trials

The Hervey Bay District Cross Country trials were held on Friday, 29 April, at St James Lutheran College. Hervey Bay State High School had a group of 20 students attending the trials. All students were well-behaved and represented the school admirably. Congratulations to all students who participated, and good luck to those who have made it through to the Wide Bay trials on Tuesday, 31 May, to be held at Maryborough Showgrounds.

A reminder for students competing in the Wide Bay trials that all money and forms need to be returned to Student Services by Wednesday, 25 May. Students must give at least two school days' notice if they cannot attend the trials or they will be charged for travel costs and the team/uniform levy. Students need to be at Urangan State High School by 7:30 a.m. for a 7:45 a.m. departure by bus. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming Wide Bay trials please contact Mr Mulligan for further information.

Mr Ben Mulligan
Cross Country Coordinator

Music Notes

Senior Music Night

On Wednesday, 11 May, the Senior Music class held a performance evening. This evening aimed to provide a more authentic context for this term's practical assessment item, which was part of the unit *Finding Your Voice*. Students from Years 11 and 12 performed for family and friends, who have provided some very positive feedback. All who were involved in this event should be extremely proud of themselves. It is definitely a challenge performing in front of a large audience, but all students did well and should be commended. A big thank you also goes to Mr Gornall who organised the event.

Creative Generation Progress

Rehearsals for Creative Generation: State Schools Onstage 2016 are well underway, with both music and dance rehearsals scheduled each week. Choir rehearsals are at morning tea on Wednesdays, and dance rehearsals are on Tuesday and Thursday. There may be an extra rehearsal for dance. Students are encouraged to listen to student notices each morning.

This week, the school was also sent the choreography for the massed choir showcase. Students will be learning simple dance movements for two songs at the end of the term.

We hope that students are enjoying their rehearsals, and are looking forward to show week. It will certainly be a very rewarding experience for all involved.

Perspectives

On Wednesday, 8 June, the Hervey Bay State High School Arts Department will be holding their first showcase of the year, entitled Perspectives. This evening will exhibit successes that students have achieved both in and out of the Music, Art, Dance and Drama classrooms.

Preparation is going well; we have had over 30 auditions from keen and talented students. This week, students will be notified of their acceptance to be part of this evening which celebrates the performing and visual arts. Tickets for this event can be pre-purchased at Student Services for \$2. We hope to see you there!

Miss Maree McAskill
Head of Department - The Arts

Food Allergy Awareness Week



According to Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia (2016), Australia has one of the highest reported incidences of food allergies in the world, with one in ten babies born developing a food allergy.

We need to become "allergy aware". Please visit following website for more information.

<http://www.allergyfacts.org.au/>

If your child is anaphylactic or has severe allergies and may require management at school, an Action Plan is required. Please download the appropriate form from the website below. After your doctor has completed the form, forward it to the school.

<http://www.allergy.org.au/>

Ms Debbie Tuche

School Based Youth Health Nurse

2016 Premier's Reading Challenge

I am delighted to invite all junior school students to join in the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge.



As well as being fun, the challenge aims to boost children's literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for

pleasure and learning, to develop their imagination, and to cultivate a passion for literature.

Last year, more than 138,000 students and 830 schools registered for the program. More than 89,000 students successfully completed the challenge reading 1.95 million books.

The reading period for the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge commences on Monday, 16 May, and closes Friday, 26 August.

Students wishing to take part in this year's challenge can register by talking to their English class teacher or to Helen Webb, our school's Premier's Reading Challenge coordinator.

Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier and all students receive a Certificate of Participation.

For more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge, please visit:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge>

You can play a big part in your children's future by encouraging them to be part of this positive initiative. I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible embrace the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Ms Helen Webb
PRC Coordinator

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 your 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. - 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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Chicken and Avocado Focaccia</i>	<i>Gourmet Beef Burger</i>	<i>Southern Chicken Burger</i>	<i>Beef Buritos</i>	<i>Pizza</i>
30/05/16	31/05/16	01/06/16	02/06/16	03/06/16
B. Anson S. Martin	B. Anson J. Pancari J. Quinn	D. Wilson J. Pancari	J. Pancari HELPER NEEDED	J. Pancari HELPER NEEDED
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<i>BLTC Focaccia</i>	<i>Greek Lamb Burger</i>	<i>Thai Chicken Burger</i>	<i>Thai Green Chicken Curry and Rice</i>	<i>Pizza</i>

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

Sippah Straws: \$1.00 each. Add them to a \$1.50 ml plain milk for a flavoured bargain!!

Lunchtime Toasties: We will now be offering toasties for \$2.50 at first and second break. Some varieties include: ham, cheese and tomato; chicken, cheese and tomato; chicken, cheese and avocado. If you have any suggestions for flavours, please let us know?

Roster

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23/05/16	24/05/16	25/05/16	26/05/16	27/05/16
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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 HBSHS Uniform Store

Ms Renei Lewis
Canteen Assistant