From the Principal

This week we have had our Year 12 students sit the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test over two days. They were well prepared, having been practising and completing sample testing over the past eight months and just a little nervous before starting their writing test on Tuesday morning. I wish all students who participated the very best in achieving excellent results on this test.

It is that time of year when the QCS test is underway that we start thinking and working towards the end of this academic year. Our Year 12 students have only nine weeks of formal secondary education to go. Exams and assessment are well underway for all students and the September holidays are ‘just around the corner’. As a school we start working on preparing for the next academic year, organising enrolments, timetables and staffing. If you know of any Year 6 student who is enrolling with us next year and is yet to hand in their enrolment form can you please remind them or their family to do so. We will be formulating classes for Year 7 over the next couple of weeks and we would like to ensure that all students are placed in a class that is well suited to their learning needs. Likewise, some students returning next year who are required to have completed subject selection forms need to ensure that they return these forms as quickly as possible so that space is available for them in subjects and that the school is staffed according to student’s study needs. Your assistance in ensuring that we cater for all students in this regard is essential so please return subject selections or enrolments as quickly as possible if you haven’t already done so.

I would like to thank all the families who have finalised or who are finalising their resource scheme invoices with the school. This is a vital service we offer to all families to ensure that all students have equal access to all learning needs. The scheme provides a wide range of resources, including but not limited to textbooks. This scheme only works however, when all families meet their financial commitments with the school. As a school we are focussed on providing the best learning resources to all students and to do this we require this revenue. We are happy to work with families to establish payment plans so please contact the administration office for advice and assistance.

Finally, the refurbishment of our Manual Arts facility is almost completed. Staff and students are moving back into the facility this week. There is still a few additions to be completed but these will be completed out of student hours. While the project has extended past the anticipated completion date, unfortunately, this was out of our control. No student results will be affected by the delay of its use. Once the tools are back in place I will post some photographs of the new classrooms and workrooms. New furniture is on its way and the ‘clean’ rooms will be equipped with some of the latest creative technology. Though it has been a little longer wait than we hoped, the end result will be another great facility and learning space for our students.

Ms Julie Learoyd
Senior Schooling Curriculum Changes

As you would be aware, when our current Year 9 students enter Year 11, they will be part of a new curriculum and tertiary entrance system. Our final group of students to receive an OP score will be our current Year 10 students when they graduate in 2018. Last week the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) released draft 2 of the 35 new subjects that will be offered to students across Queensland from 2018. Teachers from around the state as well as at Hervey Bay State High School are currently reviewing these syllabus documents and will provide feedback about course structure and content to the QCAA.

Senior Leadership 2017

School leadership positions for 2017 have been opened up to our students with application forms for Senior Leader and School Captains being given to students this week. Over the remainder of the term students will be seeking support from their teachers for their applications before being interviewed by administration prior to the announcement of positions at our Awards Evening in November.

Mr Rob Burke

From the Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary

2016 School Yearbook

Work is well underway on our school’s yearbook for this year – our first since our Golden Jubilee and we are looking forward to the return of an annual yearbook. Both staff and students are hard at work in designing pages and are excited to see the end result. Staff and students have been asked to submit contributions via hbshs-yearbook@herveybayshs.eq.edu.au.

Submitting contributions is a very easy process – all we need are the words and images, and the pages will be done for you.

Yearbooks will be available to any student who is up to date with payment of school fees, and will be available at the end of the year.

Year 7 Enrolments - 2017

We have received a number of enrolment requests for Year 7 enrolments for 2017. These will be entered onto our system and we will then post out the pre-filled in enrolment form, along with the enrolment agreement.

Our next enrolment afternoon for Year 7 parents and students will be Tuesday 25 October. Times will be available closer to the time.

If you have a student enrolling into Year 7 at Hervey Bay State High School and have not yet returned the enrolment request form, please complete the form and return to Hervey Bay State High School’s Administration Office as soon as possible.

Further enrolment information (including the enrolment request form) is available on our school’s website:

http://www.herveybayshs.eq.edu.au/enrolments

QPARENTS App Available Soon

From term four, the QParents App will be available for all parents to use. The app offers parents with access to online information such as attendance, report cards, invoices and payments, and enrolment information. Parents will also be able to use the app to update information such as explaining past absences, advising the school of future absences, address/contact updates, and payment of invoices.

Only QParent account holders and authorised delegates will be able to access the information. We will be rolling out our QParents app in stages and more information will be published throughout term four.


Miss Sarah Brierley

We Will Rock You Musical

We Will Rock You, the worldwide smash hit musical by Queen and Ben Elton was watched by 58 students and 4 members of staff at QPAC Brisbane on Wednesday 17 August. Hailed by The Australian as “deliriously, majestically, mad entertainment,” this is a musical spectacular not to be missed! Our students’ join the 16 million theatre goers in 28 countries that have been thrilled by this awe-inspiring production. We Will Rock You features stunning costumes, sets and lighting and 24 of Queen’s legendary hits; We are the Champions, Radio Ga Ga, Crazy Little Thing Called Love, Somebody to Love, Killer Queen, Under Pressure, Bohemian Rhapsody, Another One Bites The Dust, and of course, We Will Rock You.

The students were fantastic ambassadors for Hervey Bay State High School and enjoyed some free time exploring Brisbane’s South Bank Parklands before heading into the matinee performance. After the performance, we had the chance and privilege of meeting the director of the show, stage manager and the lead character in a post-show presentation and discussion afterwards. This was a great educational opportunity for students to ask questions and gain an insight into the hard work that goes into making such a successful show.

This is the second year running the Arts Faculty has taken students to see a spectacular musical after last year’s successful trip to see Baz Luhrmann’s Strictly Ballroom and the students are already asking what next year’s musical adventure will be!

Mr Speirs
Teacher – Music and Drama
2016 Yearbook

A big thank you to all the students who responded to the yearbook survey, the response was overwhelming.

Hervey Bay State High School 2016 yearbook is all about showcasing the awesomeness of every student in every grade. Yearbook submissions are now open. We want to showcase your talent!

Write an article/blurb with photos and submit to hbshs-yearbook@herveybayshs.eq.edu.au . Submission close Friday 2 September 2016 and will be featured in the 2016 yearbook.

Ms. Shiel
Teacher – Business

Year 11 Community Activities Camp

On the 24-26 August, Year 11 students from the Certificate II Community Activities class participated in a recreational camping trip on the Sunshine Coast. This camp was designed so students could experience and demonstrate skills in outdoor logistics but it turned out to be much more. Students were required to camp at Dicky Beach and cook their own meals for each day as well as develop cohesion and teamwork skills in order to participate in some adventure and adrenaline activities at the Currimundi Recreational Centre. These activities included an Alpine Rescue course, Caving and Rock Climbing, Canoeing, and a High Ropes course.

Despite some drizzly weather on the first day and some students discovering that they had left behind some important pieces of equipment, students adapted and showed some ingenuity to overcome these problems while the skies cleared overnight. The rest of the trip was an absolute delight with all students overcoming personal fears and barriers to engage and attempt each activity, led by some enthusiastic and fun instructors.

A big thank you goes to those instructors from the Recreation Centre as well as Ms Thornton and Mr Boswell for their assistance on the trip. Students are commended for their behaviour on the trip, conducting themselves in an appropriate manner at all times and always up for a laugh. It was a pleasure to share this experience with all of them and get to know them outside of the classroom setting.

Mr. Lavender
Teacher – Health and Physical Education

Science Week

Students have been involved in a range of activities promoting National Science Week.

A variety of activities occurred throughout the week that amazed, amused and informed many students. There were visits to the Biology laboratory to inspect some of the weird and wonderful creatures (living and not so alive) on display there. The week also included sessions on programming robots and how robots move. Also, year level parades were exposed to one of life’s truly worrying questions, what IS the difference between a Drone, a Droid and a Robot?

The exciting news is the announcement of the Science Trivia Quiz winners. The competition was open to middle school (Years 7 to 9) and was won by Lydia Shakell of Year 8 and Senior school (Years 10 to 12) was won by Flynn Griell of Year 10. Congratulations to Lydia and Flynn and enjoy learning to fly your new drones.

A big thank you to all staff involved

Mr Garty
Head of Department – Science

China Trip

China Trip 2017

Last chance for the 2017 China Trip. Deposits are due Thursday 1 September 2016.

This trip will go ahead as planned, so if you wish for your student to attend please pay the $1000 deposit to the office by 1 September 2016. This trip is available to all students at Hervey Bay State High School on level 1-3, you do not have to be studying Chinese.

Quick details about the trip include:

Where we go: Shanghai, Beijing and Xian
Places we visit: Great Wall, Temple of Heaven, Terracotta Warriors, Forbidden City, Disneyland Shanghai, Yu yuan Gardens, Pearl Tower, Olympic Park, Shanghai WildLife Park to see Pandas, Silk Markets and many more places.
When: September School holidays (roughly 12 days)
2017

Cost: Approximate Cost is $4500 (depending on numbers) which can be paid in instalments. Includes all flights, accommodation, most meals, and entry to all attractions, visa’s, travel insurance, train travel and gratuities.

Who is invited: Any student at Hervey Bay State High School, you do not have to be studying Chinese to go.

For more information or a payment plan please email Miss Josh on sjosh1@eq.edu.au or call on 41943777.

Miss Stacey Josh
China Trip Coordinator

Indigenous News

Mad Feed Mondays!!!

Indigenous Students Breakfast
Food: Pancakes, fruit and cereal
Who is invited: All year levels welcome!!
When: Monday mornings
Time: 7:30am - 8:30am
Where: CS room (C Block) Home Economics Room.

DEADLYCATION

Indigenous Homework Group
When: Every TUESDAY afternoon
Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Afternoon tea provided.
Where: UNIVERSITY LIBRARY - opposite Hervey Bay Public Library.
Who is invited: All year levels welcome.

If needing transport home please contact Lesa Stagg - 0458011902

Ms Kiam Beezley
Indigenous Support Officer

Payments using bpoint
If you would like to pay school invoices using bpoint but are unsure of the process, please read the information on the link below.

Student Resource Scheme

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. Students can collect the textbooks from the eHub 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 the canteen 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 ONLY 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.

**Roster**

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**We need your assistance!**

On occasions we have had some ladies volunteering up to four days a week to help us fill the vacancies in our roster!

With volunteers to help us we do not have to increase our prices. 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 and staff and reduce their waiting time. If you could lend a hand, please contact Kylie Atkinson on 4194 3790.

**Winter is here!**

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. Jumpers or jackets with hoods are not permitted. 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 Hervey Bay State High School Uniform Store

**SHOE SALE - $10 OFF!!**

The uniform shop is having a sale on all shoes in stock!! Get $10.00 off every pair of shoes. Hunter styles were $50 now $40 and Chase styles were $40 now $30. Be quick to grab a bargain.

**P and C Meeting**

- **When:** Thursday 8 September
- **Time:** 6pm
- **Where:** Main Administration Building

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