27 October 2016

From the Principal

It gives me great pleasure to commend the outstanding student talent we witnessed on stage at the Arts spectacular last week. What a great evening of visual art, singing, dancing, music and comedy! For the large number of students involved, both on-stage and back-stage, it was a great opportunity for them to shine in front of family and friends. The sit-down dinner for more than 220 audience members was a feast of culinary delight with both catering and service managed by our hospitality students. They provided excellent and efficient service as well as cooking a mouth-watering menu which was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the many students who were involved in this most successful evening of Arts exhibition. Another triumph for students and staff of the Arts Faculty!

Recently, the school received this year’s School Opinion Survey where parents/carers, students and staff have an opportunity to inform our teaching and non-teaching practices. The survey discloses the level of satisfaction among stakeholders with how we operate as a school and perform in the classroom, as well as provide for and support students. I always go directly to the student survey to read their feedback first as they are the primary receivers of our teaching practice and our work both within and outside the classroom. Their report card for the school was excellent. Randomly selected students in Years 8 and 11 completed the survey, responding to 33 questions. All students from around Queensland receive the same survey. This year students responded with improvement in 32 out of the 33 criteria with some exceeding like schools and state benchmarks. The 33rd response was the same as 2015. Some of the highlights with which students were satisfied or very satisfied with were:

• 91.3% agreed that this is a great school
• 93.0% agreed they were getting a good education at this school
• 93.8% agreed that schoolwork challenged them to think
• 93.8% agreed that teachers encouraged them to do their best
• 94.5 agreed that the school gave them opportunities to do interesting things, and
• the highest scoring feedback from 99.2% of students was that they had access to computers and other technologies for learning.

This was a great result. Now it is our job to further improve and ensure that students remain happy with the service and support they are receiving both in our classrooms and at this school.

Ms Julie Learoyd

From the Deputy Principal – Senior Secondary

Senior Curriculum and University Entrance Changes

Earlier in the year, I provided information about changes to our current senior schooling system that would come into effect for our current Year 9 students in 2018. Last week the Minister, in conjunction with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority, released a statement delaying this change until 2019. Effectively, this means the change will now be brought in with our current Year 8 students who will graduate in 2020. The change of date provides the opportunity for schools to be better prepared and to arrange professional development for staff in areas of new curriculum and assessment processes. Staff from our school will nominate to be members of scrutiny panels who
will review and advise on assessment processes and items. As more information about these changes becomes available, I will update parents via our school newsletter.

Awards Evening

Wednesday 2 November is the date for our Annual Awards Evening. Award recipients have been notified by mail and will participate in a rehearsal during school on Wednesday to ensure that this evening is as successful as it has been for the last few years. As always, as well as the prestigious academic, cultural and sporting awards, this evening provides the opportunity to thank our outgoing School Captains and announce those who were successful in their bid for the positions in 2017.

Year 12 Graduation

This year’s Graduation Ceremony will take place on Thursday 19 November, commencing at 9:30 a.m. Next week letters will go home to Year 12 students inviting parents and family members along to this important event. Tickets will be required for the event, so please return the request for tickets as soon as possible to secure your seat. Attached to the letter you will find a parent survey asking you to provide some feedback as to how we have performed during the past five years of your student’s education. I hope to see you all there.

Mr Rob Burke

From the Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary

Year 7 Orientation for 2017 Enrolments

Thursday, 1 December 2016

Please note, the date for the Year 7 Orientation Day has changed. This day will now take place on Thursday 1 December.

All future Year 7 students who have completed an enrolment interview, are invited to attend our orientation day, with parents arranging their own transport for their child. The day’s program will start in The Great Hall at 9:30 a.m. and will finish at 2:15 p.m.

The orientation program is considered to be the first day of high school for these students. Students will have the opportunity to meet key staff members, participate in orientation activities and meet most of their teachers for next year.

If you have queries or require further information, please contact:

Sarah Brierley
Deputy Principal
Hervey Bay State High School
4194 3777
sbrie11@eq.edu.au

Ms Sarah Brierley

Showcase Success!

On Wednesday, the 19 October, the Hervey Bay State High School Arts Department, in collaboration with the hospitality students and staff, held their annual Arts Showcase. Family, friends and the wider community were wowed with sensational solos, crowd-pleasing class items, a daring drama performance, an awesome art display and dazzling dances. They were also treated to a three-course meal, prepared by Year 11 Hospitality students and teachers Mr Dale and Mrs Goldman.

The tired students (over 100 of them!) and staff then mustered up the energy to present an abridged version of the show to Year 4 Pialba State School students and our Year 7s the next day. The show went off extremely well; the Year 4 students were exceptionally keen to view the talent that Hervey Bay State High School has, and they weren’t disappointed!

Well done to all students and staff involved - you should be extremely proud of the showcase you all worked so hard to present. Thank you to all who attended the sold-out show. We can’t wait for next year’s!

Miss Maree McAskill
Head of Department - The Arts

Bring French culture to life!

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local culture, experience our schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All students speak excellent English and have their own spending money. All school expenses will be covered and we arrange all aspects of their program. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like know more, please email your interest to rl@scce.com.au

Digitech Chat Group

On the first Monday of the month, starting 5 December, Digitech will be conducting a chat group in the Hervey Bay Library. These afternoons are for students, staff or parents interested in creating in the digital space, whether it be photography, Minecraft, websites, apps, games, etc.

More information is available in the flyer accessible through the link below.

Ms Sarah Brierley
Deputy Principal - Junior Secondary
Position Vacant

Permanent Part-time Canteen Assistant

Due to the ever growing nature of our school, Hervey Bay State High School is advertising for employment of a permanent part-time canteen assistant.

Position:

Part-time Canteen Assistant (Generic)
Permanent

Salary:

As per Parents’ and Citizens’ Retail Award 2012
Classification - Assistant

Key Duties:

Position description can be collected from Student Services at Hervey Bay State High School.

Submit application with current résumé to:

Hervey Bay State High School
Attn: Canteen Manager
PO Box 493
PIALBA QLD 4655
Or submit to Student Services at Hervey Bay State High School

Applications close:

10 November 2016

Primary Objectives

- Prepare high quality meals, snacks, food and beverages for the school’s students and staff.
- Maintain and assist in developing the Canteen menu in accordance with the Smart Choices Strategy.
- Liaise with staff, students, parents and visitors to the School with a courteous and discrete manner.

Knowledge and Skill Requirements

- Demonstrated ability and desire to work in a team environment with the capability to adapt to a changing work environment.
- Ability to carry out duties with a minimum of supervision and to set realistic work priorities and meet deadlines.
- Proven communication and interpersonal skills with both adults and students.
- Knowledge and experience of hygiene standards, especially as they relate to food preparation.
- Basic culinary skills and knowledge of stock control and rotation.

Indigenous News

Mad Feed Mondays!!!

Indigenous Students’ Breakfast

Food: Pancakes, fruit and cereal
Who is invited: All year levels welcome!!
When: Monday mornings
Time: 7:30 am - 8:30 am
Where: C5 room (C Block) Home Economics Room

Deadlycation

Indigenous Homework Group

When: Every TUESDAY afternoon
Time: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
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 - 0458 011 902
Ms Kiam Beezley
Indigenous Support Officer

Textbooks and Library Books

Just a reminder that all textbooks and library books are required to be handed in by 11 November for Year 12, 24 November for Years 10 and 11, and 1 December for Years 7, 8 and 9.
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 rata 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 SmithJLR. 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.

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.

Ice Cream Sundaes are back!!

2nd Recess every Friday from the cafeteria near the canteen.

$3.00 each - two scoops of ice-cream with your choice of chocolate, caramel or strawberry flavouring. Also includes two different candy toppings and a wafer.

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.

Roster

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Halloween

Roasted Pumpkin, Chicken and Baby Spinach
Meatball Sub
Summer Chicken Burger
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap
Pizza

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HELPER NEEDED
Help Needed

On occasions we have had some ladies volunteering up to 4 days a week to help us fill the vacancies in our roster. Having volunteers means that 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.

Parents’ and Citizens’ Association Meeting

Thursday 10 November, 6:00 p.m., main administration building.

SWAP MEET – Saturday 5 November 2016

Calling all Mum’s, Dad’s, Grandparent’s, Students, etc....

Each year the P&C holds its Annual Swap Meet fundraiser on the first Saturday in November. If you are able to assist us on the day, for even just an hour or so, it would help us run this event. Each year we have volunteers on the gates collecting entrance money, or helping us out on the BBQ. The more hands we have, the easier it is for everyone. This is our major fundraiser for the year, and is an enjoyable way in which you can contribute to your student’s school.

We are a VERY SMALL committee who desperately needs your help. Be quick to call Kylie or Renei on 4194 3790 to add your name to the roster.

Ms Renei Lewis
Canteen Assistant