24 November 2016

From the Principal

Firstly I would like to congratulate all the Year 12 students who graduated last week. Not only did they enjoy a final week of activities with their mates before heading off in their different directions, they had a great send off at Thursday’s ceremony, receiving their graduation certificates in front many family and friends. This was a fitting farewell to this great group of students. Later that evening, 96 young adults dressed up beautifully for the formal dinner. They all looked stunning. These students in their final year of senior schooling performed well academically and achieved great results but more importantly represented their family and this school with great regard. Well done to you all and I wish you all the very best for your future.

It is with sad news that I inform the community that the first Deputy Principal of this school, Mr Ted Killer, passed away last week. Ted arrived at the school in 1969 and retired in 1988. Throughout his 20 year career at this school he worked with and met many students, their families and staff members. On my arrival at the school Ted was a frequent visitor to the school and often told stories of the ‘old’ days of Hervey Bay State High. He had a passion for teaching, for education and for this school. Ted frequently came to our musicals, school events and never missed an Awards Evening, until, unfortunately, this year due to his health. Ted was a huge supporter and advocate of this school. At last year’s Awards Evening we recognised and acknowledged this by presenting him with the inaugural “Fellowship Award”. Ted will be sadly missed from our school community and I send our condolences to his many family and friends for their loss.

With only two weeks remaining to the end of this school year, I wish our Year 10 and 11 students a relaxing holiday as they finalise their studies and assessment this week. The final two weeks for year 7, 8 and 9 will include classwork, assessment and alternate activities to end their school year. Attendance remains important until the last day. It is a little disappointing to end a great school year in which we have celebrated the achievement and success of many of students with an average attendance rate of 84.9%. This is something we will continue to work on both within the school and in the community.

Happy holidays to our Year 10 and 11 families!

Ms Julie Learoyd

From the Deputy Principal – Senior Secondary

Farewell Class of 2016

Last week saw the end of 12 years of schooling for 119 of our students. It was a fantastic week and a fitting way to celebrate the successes of this group. In a week packed with activities that included a trip to Fraser Island, a Graduation Ceremony and, the highlight for most, the Year 12 Formal at Waterfront Restaurant, all students had the opportunity to leave our school in style.

This group of Year 12 students have set the bar higher than any group before and have certainly thrown down a challenge to future Senior cohorts. They are responsible for our best ever academic results which will hopefully translate to our best OP results. Some of the highlights include:

- 100% VET completion rate for all Certificates offered at the school,
- over 94% QCE completion,
- 18.5% of students awarded an *A* on the QCS test - an amazing result.
Congratulations to all graduates on the way that you conducted yourself during the last week as a student at Hervey Bay State High School and I wish you all the very best for your future.

2017 Timetables

Timetables for 2017 will be available on OneSchool for students to access after the New Year. Over the next two weeks I will be finalising all subject selections for 2017. It is imperative that all forms are returned as soon as possible if they have not been already.

Supply teachers

If you know of anyone who may be new to the Fraser Coast or will be moving here over the Christmas vacation period and who has a teaching qualification, please encourage them to drop their resume in to me.

Mr Rob Burke

Para Athlete Success in Brisbane

After competing with great success in the WB Athletics Trials we had six Para Athletes gaining selection in the Wide Bay team. Our Para Athletes, Soraya Royer, Bianca Fairfull, Selena Bentley, Felicity Shaw, Nicholas Randell and Brady Rose, were selected to compete in the Queensland All Schools’ Athletics Championships at Brisbane QSAC last October. Unfortunately Bianca was unable to attend this year.

Soraya was very busy and competed in 4 events. She placed 6th in 100 m and 200 m, 5th in Long Jump and was part of the 4 x 100 m relay team which won a gold medal. Great effort Soraya!

Selena Bentley competed in 100 m placing 7th and the 200 m placing 8th. Selena ran close to her personal best times in both events in a hot field of Athletes.

Felicity Shaw competed in 100 m and 200 m, placing 4th in both events, narrowly missing a medal in the 100 m. This was achieved with very little practice, so with more effort and training next year will see a great chance for a medal.

Nicholas Randell competed in 100 m placing 6th and the 200 m placing 4th, also not far off a medal. These were great improvements on last year, showing his dedication to training was paying off.

Brady Rose had a busy schedule with four events. He placed 6th in 100 m, 5th in 200 m, 2nd (silver) in Shot Put and won a gold medal in his Discus event. A great effort from Brady who was rewarded after a tough year of training.

All our Para Athletes had a great time and represented themselves, families, region and school with great spirit and sportsmanship. They were a credit to Hervey Bay State High - well done to all.

Jim Barlogie and Kerry Bayliss
Coordinators - Para Athletes

ConocoPhilips Science Experience

Here is an awesome opportunity to take part in the ConocoPhilips Science Experience happening in January 2017 in Brisbane at two venues.
Over four days, 17 – 20 Jan 2017, treble your science experience by attending three of the largest universities in Queensland during the four days. Visit QUT, UQ and Griffith-Nathan. You will tour scientific facilities, hear from some of Queensland’s leading scientists, participate in hands-on workshops and explore science-based careers. Areas covered include forensic and biological science, physics, mathematics, astronomy, environmental sciences and engineering.

You may prefer the three-day event at University of Queensland at St Lucia, 18 - 20 January 2017, where you would be involved in invention workshops; disciplines including maths, physics, genetics, marine science, neuroscience, health and safety science, agriculture, nanotechnology.

Information and applications are available from the website below. On the right hand side of page under “Downloads”, select Queensland Brochure. There are no interview requirements, simply apply online. Rotary clubs have also often supported students financially.

http://www.scienceexperience.com.au

If you require more information please go online and check it out or see Mr Garty in L block.

Mr Andrew Garty
Head of Department - Science

Student Absentee Line - 4194 3760

Reminder to parents of the availability of the Student Absentee Line. The telephone number, 4194 3760, can be called at any time (24/7) to report the absence of a student. Please provide the student’s full name, the date of absence and the reason for that absence.

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

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

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.

If your student has books at home and they are no longer using these books, please encourage them to bring them back as soon as possible and others, still in use, by the above dates.

Student Resource Scheme

Whilst the cost of providing instruction, administration and facilities for the education of a student at a state school is met by the State, parents/carers are directly responsible for providing day-to-day educational resources such as textbooks,
practical materials, IT and other resources for their children while attending school. In recognition that these costs can be high, the school operates a Student Resource Scheme (SRS), annually supported by the P&C Association for Years 7 to 12.

**Benefits of the SRS**

The purpose of the Student Resource Scheme is to:

- provide parents/carers with a cost effective alternative to purchasing textbooks and/or resources elsewhere, through reduced prices gained from the school’s bulk purchasing practices
- ensure students have consistent personal resources for their education, and saves parents/carers time and money in sourcing the prescribed materials elsewhere

**Participation in the SRS**

The SRS is voluntary and participation fees are only used for purchasing student resources. All items provided by the scheme remain the property of Hervey Bay State High School and must be returned at the end of the education program, school year or when the student leaves the school, whichever is the earlier. Items provided for temporary student use shall be kept in good condition by the student. Where an item is lost, negligently damaged or not returned, the parent may be invoiced and required to pay the replacement cost.

**What does the SRS include?**

The Student Resource Scheme includes but is not limited to:

- access to all prescribed textbooks, and reproduced class materials which complement and/or substitute textbooks
- student reference material (e.g. books, curriculum software, website subscriptions)
- access to sports equipment (e.g. in sports studies, interschool sports and recreational activities)
- subject materials where the instruction is extended through providing practical learning experiences in excess of materials provided by school grants
- printing solution ($10 per semester)
- other items as agreed by the school community.

**What does the SRS not include?**

The Student Resource Scheme does not include:

- voluntary financial contributions to supplement the instruction, administration and facilities for the education of the student at school
- resources funded by the state through grant funding to provide a core educational service
- optional school activities such as excursions, camps, sporting events, work experience, performances, and formals
- student personal consumables – writing materials, stationery, pens, biros, folders, rulers, excess personal photocopying/printing, calculators
- outsourced licences and course fees
- individual subject fees covering cost of materials used to complete class activities and projects

**Payment of Participation Fee**

Payment of the participation fee by the parent is a requirement for continued participation in the scheme. An unpaid fee will be subject to the school’s debt recovery processes. Should a family choose not to participate in the SRS, a list of resources is available upon request and the parent is responsible for purchasing and providing those resources to their child whilst they are a student at Hervey Bay State High School, to enable the student to engage with the curriculum.

**SRS and Optional Activities**

Before a student can be considered for participation in an optional school activity a parent is expected to have:

- fully paid all outstanding fees, or
- paid the Student Resource Scheme and other outstanding fees, or
- made regular on-going payments towards these fees, as previously arranged with the Principal or Business Services Manager, or
- been exempted by the Principal from paying all or part of these fees.

**NOTE:** Detailed information on the Student Resource Scheme is provided on the reverse side of the Participation Agreement Form. A hard copy can be obtained upon request.

**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.
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.

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.

**EFTPOS**

EFTPOS is available **ONLY** for Senior Students, i.e. Years 10 to 12. Due to an increase in the bank’s EFTPOS transaction fee from 40.17 to $0.23 per transaction, all EFTPOS transactions will now incur a 40.20 surcharge.

**Price Rise**

Due to a number of suppliers’ price rises, payroll costs, and lack of volunteer help, we have had to increase the price of some of our items.

The majority of our menu has remained the same price over the past five years. We have been able to absorb most of these increases, but unfortunately we are no longer in a position do so. These price rises will gradually be brought into effect over the remainder of this year and the beginning of 2017.

**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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**BLTC Turkish Bread**

- Bacon Double Cheese Beef Burger
- Chicken Parmi Burger
- Chilli Con Carne and wedges
- Pizza

**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 1 December, 6:00 p.m., main administration building.

*Ms Renei Lewis*
*Canteen Assistant*