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Hervey Bay
State High School

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From the Principal

Administration office closed on March 7, 8 and 9

Weather permitting the administration office will be getting a new roof. The school office will be closed to families and the public from Wednesday 7 March to Friday 9 March. While the roof is being replaced no staff will be allowed entry to the building. Office personnel will still be working with students out of the eHub, but due to reduced services no payments can be made during these dates. If families could undertake any business with the school prior to these dates or in the week following 12 March, it would be greatly appreciated. The school will also have reduced phone access, so unless urgent, please use the email service admin@herveybayshs.eq.edu.au for any questions or enquiries. The area around the administration building will be fenced off as a work site while the work is being undertaken. I apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

This week our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus is “switch off devices to switch on to learning”. This topic has been in the media lately and is one that is debated constantly. From a teaching perspective it is imperative that students are engaged with the learning at hand and not distracted by messages, phone calls or Apps. No student can learn and be fully engaged in a lesson while they have ear buds in their ears and are listening to music. While at school it our responsibility to ensure that students maximise their learning time and we do this by ensuring that there are no mobile phones and other distracting electronic devices are not being used when they are not part of the curriculum. While I understand that students may have a mobile phone for safety purposes on the way to and from school, they can hand their phone in to the office

during the day, or “we don’t hear it or see it” during school time. Outside the classroom we maintain the same policy as social media can be an issue with bullying, and devices must not be used to record other students or staff. School lunch times are an excellent time for learning to socialise with other students. The art of conversing with people (not through text), playing and building relationships with friendship groups is another vital part of children growing up into young adults. At lunchtimes, it is fantastic to see groups of students around the school engaged with their friends, participating in lunchtime activities and enjoying the company of others without electronic devices or social media hindering their interaction. It is great to see that old fashioned board games have replaced the high tech world of electronic gaming with many students heading to the air-conditioned eHub during their breaks to play with their friends. Who would have thought that Scrabble would make a come-back! “Switch off Devices to Switch on to learning” will continue to be our focus for the next two weeks, but this will remain one of our main PBL messages throughout the year to ensure students are fully engaged in learning.

Last Thursday night I had the pleasure of being at our first Zumba Disco for the year. What great work by our leadership group and teaching staff to make this night happen. Students who came had a great night, fully energised by Zumba, dance and competitions. Well done to all involved. All funds raised on the night goes back to students through the student leadership group. I would also like to thank Pialba State School for lending us their hall. Our Great Hall is closed for some repair at the moment.

I have just finished a recruitment process for our new Business Manager at the school. Kim Brigg will be joining our staff in the next couple of weeks. Kim has been working at Torquay State School and will finish her work there before taking up her duties here. Martin Carey has finished his time with us and I wish Martin all the best as he returns to his school near

Brisbane. Brandie Clucas has also joined our staff as acting Deputy Principal while Jody Clark is on leave. We welcome Brandie into her role of senior schooling and case management of years 8 and 12.

Finally, please be patient if coming to drop off and collect students from school. The roads around the school are always busy at these times, particularly so in the wet when more cars are transporting students. The safety of our students must come first, so I urge parents to collect students from a pre-determined pick up point and not have students running into traffic and 'jumping' into cars. Students can be unpredictable at times, so driving slowly and being aware will ensure that students get to school and make it home safely.

Ms Julie Learoyd

From the Deputy Principal

School Photos

School photos took place this year on Wednesday February 21 with our catch-up photos for absent students happening on Wednesday February 28. The feedback from the photographers was absolutely positive about the behaviour and the presentation of our students – congratulations to everyone. It is not too late to order photographs if required. Online orders for photographs can be made directly with the photographers in the link below and entering the code 3EH C2F BAX and then following the prompts. Student ID Cards will be issued to students as soon as they arrive at the school.

<http://www.advancedlife.com.au/>

Student Attendance

Ms Welton has thrown down the challenge to Year 9 students to get their attendance above 90% and has an interesting incentive – me!! I have agreed to partake in a three-course meal of Crickets, Meal Worms and Ant Salt if our students can get their attendance above this target. I am sure photos will be included in future newsletters if they can keep their attendance up.

Year 11 students who have fallen well below this target have been meeting with me lately in either an informal conversation about how to improve or a far more official Risk of Cancellation conversation. I often use the mantra that "Year 11 and 12 is for those students who want to be here, need to be here and deserve to be here" – if you can't tick all three items off the list, then you may not be here. This involves completing tasks and being in attendance as much as is physically possible.

Excursions

Each year we offer many excursions, both curriculum-focussed and extracurricular. Please ensure that payments are made as soon as possible and definitely prior to the payment deadline for these excursions so that we can ascertain whether they will go ahead or not.

Mr Rob Burke

From the Deputy Principal

Year 7 and 10 Vaccinations

On Tuesday this week our Year 7 and 10 students received their vaccinations. Year 7 receives two rounds this year, with the second round occurring in Term 4 on Thursday 18 October. Year 10 has only the one round (completed this week), however if your student was absent from school on Tuesday then they will be able to receive their immunisations in a catch up session when the Year 7 cohort has their second round. For further information about the School Immunisation Program please call 12 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or visit the link below.

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation>

Literacy and Numeracy News

Hervey Bay State High School has a strong commitment to literacy and numeracy, and we are always working towards improving student learning outcomes in these key areas. This fortnight in particular has seen our staff develop their knowledge further.

In 2018 we will continue to be part of the North Coast Region Numeracy Alliance. This cluster professional learning group has proven to be very successful, with student learning outcomes improving significantly. Next week our teachers will engage with our Regional Numeracy expert, Mr Rob Proffitt-White, in another learning session. Administration will be meeting with him as well to ensure that we are offering the latest and best practice for numeracy in our school.

Last week our Learning Support Aides met with Toni Case, Regional Literacy Support Officer, to further develop their skills in delivering the Reading Links program. We are excited to extend our Xtreme Reading program this year with additional learning tools to ensure that students are receiving maximum benefit from their Teacher Aide time.

Attendance

Our focus on increasing student attendance remains of high importance for 2018. Already our attendance officer and case managers are tracking students who have shown lower than expected attendance in the first half of the term. Our expectation is at least 90% attendance, meaning no more than five days away from school per term. If your student is struggling attendance wise, please contact the school so we can put some support strategies in place. As my two year levels for 2018 are Year 7 and Year 10, I will be making phone calls this week to any low attendees from these year levels to follow up.

Ms Sharyn Thomas

TEMPORARY POSITION AVAILABLE

A position for a finance officer is temporarily available in the administration office.

The position is for 35 hours. The successful applicant must have a finance background and be willing to upskill and train in OneSchool.

If you have finance and/or administration skills and experience, please email your resume to jlear13@eq.edu.au.

Resumes will not be accepted after Monday 5 March.

Administration of Medications at School

Administering medication at school

If your child requires staff to administer medication, please contact the school office in the first instance to discuss your child's requirements.

Please note: school staff will only administer medication that:

- has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist), and
- is in its original container,
- has an attached pharmacy label.

Office staff will ask you to complete and sign an *Administration of Medication at School* record sheet.

Requirements of students at risk of anaphylaxis

If your child is at risk of anaphylaxis, it is important for you to provide the school with your child's emergency medication and their ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan, completed by your doctor.

Requirements of students at risk of asthma

If your child has asthma and requires assistance to administer their medication, it is important for you to provide the school with your child's emergency medication and their Asthma Action Plan, completed by your doctor. An Asthma Action Plan provides specific instructions for the school to administer your child's medication.

Providing medication to the school

Before you provide the school with your child's medication, check the expiry date to ensure it is in-date and there is enough for the agreed time period.

Please note: school staff will not administer medication that you can buy over the counter at chemists and supermarkets (e.g. paracetamol, eye drops, cough syrup) unless it has been prescribed by your child's qualified health practitioner.

School staff are bound by these regulations and we hope that all parents will acknowledge and cooperate with these guidelines.

Ms Debbie Tuche
School Based Youth Health Nurse

Teaching and Innovation

Looking for a BYO Device for your Student?

We have a growing number of students now with their BYO device at school, connected to the network.

Full details are available on our website.

BYO devices can be purchased via the purchase portals on our website, or by any of the local retailers.

Information on recommended specifications are also available from our website.

The only devices permitted to be used at school are those that fall within the BYOx program. No other devices are permitted. Mobile phones and game devices are not part of the program.

To take part in the program, students need to return the required agreement form (signed by parents/carers), along with the payment of the yearly access fee (\$25) which will allow a maximum of three devices per user.

For further information:

- BYOx Device Specifications
- BYOx Student Charter
- BYOx Agreement Form

Free Microsoft Office for Students

All Queensland state school students can now download multiple free copies of Microsoft Office for their personal home computers and mobile devices, including BYO devices.

Students need to use their school email address to sign in and their subscription lasts for as long as they are a student of a Queensland state school.

Details on how to download Microsoft Office can be found here.

Ms Sarah Brierley (sbrie11@eq.edu.au)
Head of Department – Teaching and Innovation

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Each fortnight, we have a focus for positive behaviour for learning.

Our current fortnight's PBL focus is:

Switch off distractions to switch on



Ms Sarah Brierley (sbrie11@eq.edu.au)
Head of Department – Teaching and Innovation

Practice QCS Test

On Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 March, a Practice QCS Test will be conducted for Year 12 students. Students have commenced QCS Test preparations during their SIP lessons.

All OP eligible students are required to attend the four sessions as outlined below.

The QCS Test Practice will mirror the ‘real’ QCS Test that is scheduled for late August.

Information regarding the QCS Practice Test has been emailed to students and a copy included in this newsletter.

Students are reminded that they need to wear uniform. The canteen will be available during lunch breaks.

Once the practice QCS Test papers are marked, each student will receive feedback, identifying their strengths and also where to focus their attention in preparation for the QCS Test.

Ms Tracey Gist
Head of Department - Senior Schooling

Hervey Bay Swimming District Trials

Monday 19 February was the day of the Hervey Bay Swimming District Trials. 10 students represented Hervey Bay State High School in a range of events. Congratulations to all students who swam on the day; they all showed tremendous effort. Big thanks to Kerri Bayliss for giving up her time to help time-keep in the hot sun. Also thanks to Mr Hinks for dropping us off in the bus.



Jarred Glover, Luke Hughes, Sophie Hughes, Joziah Mason, Rebecca Anderson, Lucia Andersen, Hayley Holmes, Skye Girard, Katelyn Penrose, Jessica Harrold.

Michelle Thornton
Teacher – Health and Physical Education

QParents App Available



The QParents is available for your student at Hervey Bay State High School.

Parents / carers of newly enrolled students will shortly receive their email invitation for QParents.

Initial registration, and addition of students to your account must be done on a desktop or laptop computer using the unique invitation code included in your email. If you have changed your email address, or don't have an email address please contact the Administration Office for further assistance in registering for a QParents account. Hard copies of the QParents invitation letter are available for parents/carers who do not have an email address registered with the school.

Once registered, you will then be able to access QParents using your mobile device (via web browser or by downloading the app compatible to your phone).

<https://qparents.qld.edu.au/>

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Sarah Brierley
Head of Department – Teaching and Innovation
Business, Digital Technologies

China Trip 2020

Planning is well underway for a trip to China in 2020. This special and unique opportunity is available to all students and parents of Hervey Bay State High School. Please click on the link below to access more information.

Stacey Josh
Head of Department - Transition and LOTE

Shave for a Cure

These brave girls are shaving for a great cause next month! On Monday 12 March Hervey Bay State High School will be hosting our Shave for a Cure. On the day hair colouring will be happening for a gold coin donation and then come along to the main event to watch not only these brave girls shave their heads but lots of keen boys as well. Well done to Emma, Jenna, Emily Keira and Blair for already raising over \$1000. If any students would like to join our team or make a donation the link is below.

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/herveybaystatehighschool>

Stacey Josh
Head of Department - Transition and LOTE

ZUMBA Fluro Disco



Last Thursday night 150 students danced their way through the rain for 2 hours and enjoyed a workout that they won't forget in a hurry.

Thanks to regular Zumba sessions throughout the week with Mr King and his faithful crew, everyone looked great and kept in time on the night! Even Mr Vallance and Mr Addison learnt some of the routines.

Well done to all the leaders who assisted on the night and during the lead-up selling tickets and advertising the event. Everyone was on their best behaviour and it was great to see so many of you there. Our next one will be held in winter!

Stacey Josh

Head of Department - Transition and LOTE

Thursday Afternoon Homework Club

Together everyone achieves more!!!



Homework Club will take place every week on a Thursday afternoon from 3:15 until 4:15 in the eHub. Staff will be available to help students complete homework and/or assignments. Students will also be able to access school laptops to complete their work.

This opportunity is open to all students. School rules will apply during the homework club and all students must bring necessary equipment and work to complete. Students will sign a register each time they attend to agree to follow school rules during the session. Parents are responsible for making arrangements for transportation to ensure that students are able to get home safely get after homework club. Afternoon tea will be provided for students in attendance. Please contact Mr Speirs if you require any further information.

Brian Speirs

Head of Department - The Arts

Procedures for Absenteeism, Late Arrivals and Leaving Early

Collecting your child early . . .

If you are planning to collect your child during the day, please provide a note to Student Services at the beginning of the day. Your student will then be issued a pass to leave class. This assists your student to be in the Student Services office ready to sign out when you arrive.

Please be aware that there are no telephones in classrooms nor is the public address system allowed to be used during class time. Therefore, to communicate a message to a student during class requires a school officer to physically go to that room and deliver the message in person.

If your child is absent . . .

Please provide a note to Student Services the next day or phone the Student Absence Line on 4194 3760. Alternatively, respond to the text message requesting an explanation. All absences need to be explained.

Late arrivals . . .

Please send a note with your student, to be given to Student Services on arrival, explaining their lateness.

For more information regarding these processes, please refer to the information in your student's diary.

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.

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

Students who have paid their LRS2018 fees or are on a contract will be issued textbooks during their English class at the beginning of 2018.

If your student is absent during this English class, please inform them that they must collect their textbooks from the eHub **before school** or **during recesses**. This will also apply to students who start at the school or pay their fees after this day.

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 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

Welcome to a new year. 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 \$0.20 surcharge.

<https://herveybayshs.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Tuckshop/Pages/Tuckshop.aspx>

Ordering

If you would like to order any items, please do so before 9.00am. Pre-ordering, particularly our daily specials, avoids disappointment of missing out. Every day we have a selection of fresh sandwiches, rolls, wraps and salad's. We also have a 'special' each day. Please read the notices for the weeks specials.

New Items

- 350 mL flavoured Focus Water - \$2.00 each
- 600 mL Lime Coconut Pump Water - \$3.00 each
- Sweet Chilli Chicken Wraps now available every day in the hot box - \$4.50 each

Roster

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
05/03/2018	06/03/2018	07/03/2018	08/03/2018	09/03/2018
S. Martin N. Parry L. Marshall	J. Quinn	J. Quinn B. Ewens	S. Petersen D. Wilson	HELPERS NEEDED
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BLTC Turkish Bread	Mexican Beef Burger	Summer Chicken Burger	Chicken Souvlaki Wrap	Homestyle Pizzas

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12/03/2018	13/03/2018	14/03/2018	15/03/2018	16/03/2018
S. Martin N. Parr	J. Quinn	J. Quinn B. Ewens	N. Griffin HELPER NEEDED	HELPERS NEEDED
*	*	*	*	*
Basil Pesto, Sundried Tomato and Feta Turkish Bread	Americano Beef Burger	Deville Chicken Burger	Fully-loaded Hotdogs	Homestyle Pizzas

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.



If you are unable to help in the Canteen, please read the P & C Volunteer Request below to learn other ways in which you can support the school.

Parents' and Citizens' Association

The Parents' and Citizens' Association meets on the second Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm and works with the school and wider community to guide the decision-making and direction of the school. We are here to support all students and their families, the administration, staff and school community and we would like to encourage more parents to attend our P & C meetings. It is also a wonderful place to learn about the school, how it is run and what's going on etc. We're a friendly bunch so if you would like to have a say in your child's education, come along to the Admin building at 5:00 pm on Thursday 8 March.

HBSHS P&C ASSOCIATION 2018 AGM

THURSDAY 8 MARCH, 5PM
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
HERVEY BAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

All positions and memberships are declared vacant during the AGM, and nominations will be called for the positions of executive. Anyone wishing for more information about the P&C or any executive positions please email rlew98@eq.edu.au Following the AGM, the

Ms Renei Lewis
Canteen Assistant