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State High School

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From the Principal

Over the next few weeks work will start on deconstructing and reconstructing B Block. This block of classrooms is our oldest building. When the school opened in 1964 this block housed 4 general classrooms, 1 commercial room, 1 science laboratory and 1 general science demonstration room, 1 library reading room, office, staffroom and accommodation for storage. This was stage 1 of construction for Hervey Bay State High School and cost approximately 61 000 pounds. More than 50 years later this building is getting a well-earned face-lift. For the next 6-9 months classrooms, IT labs, staffrooms and offices will be relocated in the school while this work is undertaken. Temporary classrooms will be 'trucked' into the school and placed in the Agriculture and Environmental Centre grounds near the oval. Marine Studies and Agriculture classes will be moved to these rooms. The IT labs will be moved to the eHub and F block, and staff will be reallocated to existing staffrooms around the school. The senior female and male toilets will be closed while this construction takes place. Senior students will be able to access the toilets in the Sports Centre. While we have yet another construction site in the school it will not disrupt the excellent teaching and learning that is happening in our classrooms. Any asbestos removal will be undertaken out of school time under strict work safety and hygiene conditions ensuring that students and staff are safe at all times. The school community will still have full access to the eHub, Administration Building and all other facilities during this work. A construction site will operate from the vacant grass area in front of B block which will be fenced off throughout the work. While we may have to contend with a little disruption to normal school routine for the remainder of the year, on completion we will have essentially a new building to which our classes can return. The

price tag is a little more than the original pounds spent in 1963. If you have questions or concerns about this project please contact me on 41943777 during school hours. This will be another excellent refurbishment of our facilities for students and the community.

Last week I had the good fortune to be invited to two events acknowledging International Women's Day at school. The morning breakfast which was organised by our leaders acknowledged the progress made to date in gender parity and our school Captain, Brooke Keig, delivered a respectful speech outlining this progress and what we hope to achieve for all women in the future. A very welcome touch to the event was the inclusion of our male leaders who came to assist with the breakfast and stayed to enjoy some of the 'spoils'. The Girls' Academy delivered a welcome to country and lunch to the female students who are enrolled, delivering the same message of continuing to make progress for equality for women. Well done to the ladies and gentlemen who were involved in this day of awareness.

Finally, our proactive Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus for the remainder of the weeks in this term is 'treat people with dignity, consideration and respect'. This focus aligns with 'National Stop Bullying' day on Friday. We work very hard to ensure that students are safe and given any support they need while at school, and ask that parents and families be involved in delivering this message. Your assistance out of school time is essential, particularly with social media use at night and on weekends. It is not 'alright' for students to be mean, to bully or harass others. Please join with us and encourage students to be supportive, friendly and respectful during our "Random Acts of Kindness" month at Hervey Bay State High School.

Ms Julie Learoyd

From the Deputy Principal

International Women’s Day



It was a great opportunity for our male leaders to be able to serve and assist at our International Women’s Day breakfast last week. Our School Captain Daniel did a great job in organising the leaders and keeping the process running tight so that our female teachers and students received the service that they deserve. Congratulations to all of our female members of staff and school leaders for the positive contribution that you make to our school each and every day.

Professional Photography

Last week Bren from Pixel-Bug photography visited the school to take some photographs that we will be able to use in future publications and marketing opportunities. Many students were involved and I can’t wait to see the outcome when the photos arrive.

School Representation

Last week was level change week where students who have fallen in behaviour levels at some stage had the opportunity to move back up to areas where school representation may be possible. This is a great opportunity to remind students and parents that students need to be at Level 4 behaviour or better to represent the school in sporting, cultural or extracurricular activities.

Mr Rob Burke

From the Deputy Principal

Random Acts of Kindness

To recognise the National Day of Action against Bullying, Hervey Bay State High School is choosing to focus on the type of community we want our school to be by encouraging students to have care, concern and respect for each other and staff. We have launched our Random Acts of Kindness Month for March.

The program involves students recognising the opportunity to perform a random act of kindness for another student or staff member, and then being rewarded for their efforts with bonus Vivo points. The class with the highest number of random acts of kindness from both Year 7 and Year 8 will also be rewarded for their initiatives in making our school community a better place to be. In class we have been having discussions with students about making our Hervey Bay State High School community one which cares for and treats others with respect.

The first week of our Random Acts of Kindness Month for Years 7 and 8 has seen many students rewarded for the RAKs, and also generate points for their form class competition. We have

even had parents phone in RAKs that they know their students have performed so it can count towards their class tally. Events this week in which students can be involved included our Shave for A Cure which happened on Monday, and rotating One Punch Can Kill talks with their Case Manager Heads of Department for all Year 8 and 9 students. Next week we will have Cyber Safety Talks with the regional Cyber Safety Facilitator (Thursday 22 March), and our celebrations for the National Day of Action against Bullying (on Monday 19 March, due to Leadership Camp falling on Friday 16 March). Year 7 and 8 students keep your Random Acts of Kindness going! Updates will be posted this week on Facebook for which classes are leading the points tally.

Transition to High School for Year 7, 2019

Hervey Bay State High School’s Transition Head of Department, Miss Stacey Josh, has been busy making arrangements for both of us to visit our Primary schools before the end of Term 1. It hasn’t been that long since our fantastic, current Year 7s joined us, and now it’s time to start preparing for 2019. Next week and the week after we will be out and about, answering student questions about their transition to high school. We look forward to seeing students again early next term for our Open Days. More details will be added to the newsletter next fortnight.

Attendance

Student attendance remains a high priority. Many students have already slipped below 70% (and some below 60%) attendance, meaning that they are having at least 1 – 2 days off per week. No student can reach their potential if they have low attendance. It is essential that parents work with the school to give their child the best possible start to life. Should you have concerns about attendance or school in general, please contact us to that we can assist with strategies to support your child.

Away from School? - What is Your Child Missing Out On?

Every day away from school counts – no more than 10 days away per year is our goal!

My child is missing just...	This equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling is...
5 days per semester	½ week per term	2 weeks per year	½ year
5 days per term	1 week per term	4 weeks per year	1 year
10 days per term	2 weeks per term	8 weeks per year	2 years
15 days per term	3 weeks per term	12 weeks per year	3 years

At the end of year 12, if your child is competing for a job with another student with regular attendance, it may be the difference between a 13-year-educated student vs a student with the equivalent of only 10 years of schooling. At the end of

their schooling, it might not only be days off that they miss out on, it might be the difference of being employable or not. **Every day, every minute in school counts!**

Ms Sharyn Thomas

Year 8 Excursion

Are we losing sand on the Pialba foreshore? In Week 5, our Year 8 Geography classes set off to find out. We went on an adventure down to the beach to conduct fieldwork into the coastal landscapes of our city of Hervey Bay. On the way down to the beach we came across a memorial wall in honour of Boyle Martin, who was the first European settler in the Hervey Bay area. Then we continued on to examine examples of depositional and erosional landforms on the beach itself. We also observed the concrete groyne on the beach, which is a way to stop the sand from getting washed away by wave action, so we don't turn Australia into the size of Tassie. We observed the vegetation on the sand dunes (which you can't eat, by the way!) and learnt about how this vegetation protects the dunes from erosion. We are lucky to live on the coastline to learn about protecting coastal landscapes in our own backyards. After a quick bite to eat and a break from the sun in a nice shady spot, it was back to school again. It was a great way to start the week!

Taylor Fitzgerald and Eloise Stokes

Teaching and Innovation

QParents App

Hervey Bay State High School encourages all parents and carers to utilise the QParents app.

Through the QParents app, parents/carers have secure, online access to their child's student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer. QParents allows parents and carers to connect instantly with the school to access and manage their student's information, including:

- attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- academic report cards
- downloading exam timetables and assessment planners
- viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- enrolment details
- upcoming events list showing school events, exam and assessment dates, and excursions
- class timetables.

If you have used QParents at a previous school:

If you have accessed the QParents app at a previous school you should be able to access your child's information in the app

already. You may find that you need to add your student to the app again.

If you have not yet used QParents:

We have recently sent out email invitations inviting parents/carers to become a QParents Account Owner (QPAO) for their student, based on information provided upon your student's enrolment. If you need the email re-sent, or did not receive it, please email via our school website email address, the.manager@herveybayshs.eq.edu.au.

BYOx Devices

Congratulations to those students who have brought their BYO device to school and now have it connect to the school network!

A reminder to all students, 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.

Full details are available on our website.

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.

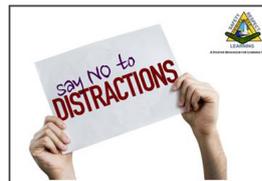
Students need to use their school email address to sign in and their subscription lasts for as long as they are a student of a Queensland state school.

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:

Treat people with dignity, consideration and respect



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

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:

- FTPOS 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.

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 9.00am. 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
19/03/2018	20/03/2018	21/03/2018	22/03/2018	23/03/2018
S. Martin N. Parry	J. Quinn	J. Quinn B. Ewens	S. Petersen D. Wilson	HELPERS NEEDED
<i>Turkey, Swiss Cheese and Cranberry Sauce Turkish Bread</i>	<i>Tacos</i>	<i>Chicken Schnitzel Burger</i>	<i>Honey Soy Chicken Wrap</i>	<i>Homestyle Pizzas</i>
26/03/2018	27/03/2018	28/03/2018	29/03/2018	30/03/2018
S. Martin N. Parry	J. Quinn	J. Quinn B. Ewens	HELPER NEEDED	Good Friday
<i>Chick and Avocado Turkish Bread</i>	<i>End of Term Mashup</i>	<i>End of Term Mashup</i>		

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 10 May.

Ms Renei Lewis
Canteen Assistant