3 March 2014

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**Date Claimers**

YEAR 8 PARENT EVENING

Thursday 6 March 2014
Proserpine State High School Resource Centre
(Library) at 6:30pm.

Policies and procedures of Proserpine State High School will be outlined and also a good opportunity to meet some of the Year 8 teachers. Have a cuppa and a chat with your child’s teachers.

** Please bring along your child’s Student Diary and the Year 8 Assessment Schedule.

Please note: Students do not need to attend.

YEAR 8 CAMP

All Year 8 students are invited to attend the overnight Year 8 Camp at Camp Kanga on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 March. Cost $73. Permission forms have been handed out, so if your child did not receive a form please collect one from the school office. All Year 8 students MUST attend.

Principal Perspective

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE

The Great Results Guarantee is an agreement between state schools and the Department of Education, Training and Employment, to improve learning outcomes for Queensland students. The agreement targets the improvement of student performance in literacy and numeracy and encourages schools to engage with their communities to achieve the best results at a local level.

The guarantee is that every Queensland state school student will either:

• achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level;

or

• have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning needs.
The Great Guarantee funding we received will be utilised to engage specialist educators in quality professional development experiences for staff. Leading best practice in the area of reading, at an individual and whole school level. The employment of an additional teacher will also allow targeted teaching of reading with students who experience difficulty.

HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED AT HIGH SCHOOL

As we begin the academic year, it is timely to revisit a few key tips for parents that will ultimately assist their students with reaching their full learning potential during their time at Proserpine State High School. To begin, I would like to discuss the importance of you knowing your child’s study plan and helping them manage their study time.

The senior years of schooling are busy and challenging for all students. Success in the senior years requires students to develop successful organisational skills and study habits to manage the various demands of their academic and co-curricular program. Teachers closely monitor students during their school day and actively support the development of the essential skills for academic success. However, when students return home, we are not able to continue this monitoring and it is here that your involvement becomes critical to their success.

Be aware of your child’s study and assessment commitments. All students at Proserpine State High School have access to a semester study planner which details all their core learning and assessment requirements. These semester schedules are available for download from the side bar (to the left) of the newsletters or the school website. While study loads will vary for students depending on the subjects they have elected, students striving to attain their full potential can generally expect to be putting in around two hours per day (including weekends) into their home learning. Your child should have a clear study plan that details time allocations for homework, assignment work and regular review/revision work for each of their subjects. The study plan your child develops should also detail time for their co-curricular and extra-curricular commitments. Maintaining a balanced lifestyle is essential in maximising achievement.

The amount of time that students spend on each subject and on the split between set homework, revision and assignments will vary and your child’s semester schedule is crucial in identifying how their time must be organised. Typically, students will spend the early part of the term consolidating the previous term’s work, building new learning, completing homework and beginning assignment tasks. As students move to the middle of the term, they are likely to be focussed on completing assignments before the end of the term exam block commences with intensive revision being the focus. If you are unsure of what your child should be doing, or of what a good study plan consists of, I encourage you to contact your child’s Year Level Coordinator, Guidance Officer or a member of our student services team.

2014 PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The P&C Annual General meeting was conducted last week. I would like to recognise the continuing efforts of Kathy Reents (Vice-President), Tina Hamilton (Secretary) and Jeremy Cooper (Treasurer) that have all been voted to remain in their positions again this year and welcome Jeff Lade into the Presidents role for 2014. The P&C work extremely hard to improve the school and learning environment for students and I urge you to support them this year with their projects and through the monthly meetings.

A special mention to Norm Veal our previous P&C President for the past three years, we thank Norm for his exceptional contribution to the students of Proserpine State High School.

ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY COUNTS

A considerable number of students at our school are having their opportunities to perform to their potential adversely affected by parent-condoned absences. Data from last year identified a concerning decline in attendance across year levels and well below the targeted 92% attendance rate for the calendar year.

Once it was the case, that students only missed school when they were genuinely ill, but now that has changed. Students are being allowed to stay away from school for an ever increasing number of excuses including:

- a day off for their birthday
- a day off because relatives are visiting
- a day off to be with parents at home
- a day off to look after younger brothers and sisters
- a day off to go shopping.

The thought of an argument with children to get them to school often is too great to bear for some parents. Every day a student is away, they are losing a learning experience. Over time, this leaves gaping holes in their learning for individual subjects. After love and care the most important thing that we as parents can give our children is an education. Should you require support in saying NO to your son/daughter on their attendance or any other issues please contact the school.

Don McDermid
Principal

Sports Section

2014 SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Monday 24 February Proserpine High held its annual swimming carnival at the Proserpine Pool. The participation levels of all grades were exceedingly high, causing a close final score, particularly between second and third places. Oxley came in first on 1038 points, Kennedy second on 976 points, Flinders third on 966 points and Cook fourth on 764 points. The costumes were great this year with many students getting into their houses’ spirit and wore their house themes proudly. There were certainly some INTERESTING (!!!) and creative outfits to be seen.

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**Congratulations to all Age Champions!**

**Care Group widths winners**

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| 3 | O4/O6       |
| 5 | C1          |

The sun safety tent was busy all day too with many students taking advantage of the free sunscreen.

Well done to all students who participated on the day and scored points for their house group.

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### eLearning Update

#### CYBERSAFETY

This week Year 8s attended the presentation *Stand for the Silent*, an anti-bullying program which particularly focuses on supporting victims and not standing by silently when bullying occurs. One of the platforms for bullying which was mentioned at this presentation is cyber bullying. With our Year 8s having their student tablet devices issued in recent weeks, we thought it timely to provide some extra resources to families to assist them in supporting all students while online.

Firstly, 11 February was Cyber Safety Day and all school devices including student devices had the ‘Cybersafety Help Button’ uploaded. This allows students to learn more about cyber safety, talk to a professional online regarding any queries or problems and report an issue or problem. The following is a link to the site [http://www.cybersafetyhelp.gov.au/](http://www.cybersafetyhelp.gov.au/).

Additionally, all Year 8s will be participating in a device skilling lesson in the coming week and will receive handouts relating to cyber safety.

Here are a few other government sites which may assist.


An additional site that may assist parents of students who are Facebook users is [http://www.connectsafely.org/facebook-privacy-chart-for-teens/](http://www.connectsafely.org/facebook-privacy-chart-for-teens/)

Microsoft has also put out an online booklet *Own your own space*.

Leisa Brown

**Teacher Librarian**

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### An Update from the Coordinators

#### YEAR 8 COORDINATORS

Last Monday your son/daughter experienced their first Proserpine State High School Inter-House Swimming Carnival. It was a great day for the Year 8 students to experience the rivalry between care groups and the support provided by friends, family and staff. Year 8 students were numerous in numbers and participated with enthusiasm in their races.

Assessments will start increasing over the month of March. Last week your child completed their first exams at high school (Mathematics and Science). Some students find the actual exam and exam conditions quite different to that of primary school, especially the time limit to complete the task. At the last Year 8 Assembly the “Assessment Policy – Exams” Student Diary pages 16 and 17 was explained to the students as a

Sam Wilson

**Sports Master**
fair and consistent process. Students now need to prepare themselves by completing revision tasks and managing their time effectively.

The students have been using their electronic devices for numerous tasks in class including creating graphs in Microsoft Excel, word processing in Microsoft Word and accessing The Learning Place for curriculum resources. The majority of students demonstrated excellent organisational skills by charging their tablet at home however a small number of students are struggling with that task and we ask parents to remind your son or daughter to complete that task at home.

We look forward to meeting many parents at the Parent Information Evening being held in the Resource Centre (library) this Thursday, 6 March, commencing at 6.30pm. It is an opportunity to meet and greet some of the Year 8 core and elective teachers as well as discuss the assessment planner, assessment policy, homework, etc. Please bring any questions you may have to the evening. If you are unable to attend please contact the school administration with your questions or place a note in your son/daughter’s diary for the attention of the relevant teacher.

Thank you for supporting your child in being an organised and respectful learner.

BLACK BELTS

Year 8 Japanese Black Belt Awardees
L-R Georgia, Alicia, Mr Michael Doherty (Teacher) and Holly

Year 8 Japanese has been a bit competitive of late as students vie for the mantle of black belt. In order to hold this illustrious rank, students must get 100% in their Hiragana test. Congratulations to Georgia Muller, Alicia Adam and Holly Moore on receiving this position.

Mrs McHugh & Ms Rasmussen
Year 8 Coordinators

YEAR 9 COORDINATOR

Year 9 students are hard at work this semester with Week 5 bringing the first of their tests for the year. From now on, Year 9 students will be focused and working hard for their tests and assignments, with the last of these due in Week 10. Students are encouraged to check the Assessment Schedule for details about assessments and to transfer this information into their diaries. All students have been issued with a diary and are regularly reminded to bring it to class and use it. Furthermore, students are also asked to bring their diary to the Year 9 Parade every Wednesday to record important messages or dates that are addressed. The use of a diary will benefit students in the development of organisational skills necessary for the wider world. In addition, the diary contains useful information about the school and school policies.

It is great to see Year 9 students consistently wearing correct uniform. The students have developed a strong sense of identity and pride in Proserpine State High School which has followed on from the introduction of the new uniform in 2013. At this point, it is timely to remind students that black shoes and white socks are stipulated as part of the formal and day uniform requirements. You can find information about the uniform on the school website or in the student diary.

Lastly, Year 9 students should be congratulated for their positive behaviour, organisation and punctuality throughout their daily school routine.

Mrs Jane Moran
Year 9 Coordinator

YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

The senior class of 2014 have definitely hit the ground running on their return to school. We have had a busy start back with the Pathways to Success Day and Set Plan Interviews kicking the year off. Overall the feedback on the Pathways to Success Day was very positive, with many students commenting on the benefits of instigating an immediate focus on their studies and their goals. This fed very well into the Set Plan Interviews the following day, as students understood the purpose of the interview and were well prepared for it. Opening the communication pathways between students, their parents and the school regarding student goals allows everyone to do everything they can to help set strategies for seniors to achieve. The Senior Leaders were also inducted into their roles at the 2014 Induction Ceremony and following this they have been involved in leadership workshops both at school and in Mackay. The students are becoming very aware of how busy year 12 can be. Please encourage your son/daughter to plan their time well to ensure that they are getting a healthy balance between their studies, work and relaxation.
Leadership Professional Development

Pathways to Success Day

Erin Hinschen
Year 12 Coordinator

health matters

SUN SMART CARE GROUP SHIELD POINTS
Remember the Sun Smart Care Group Shield is made up of points over the year with the Swimming, Care Group and the Athletics Carnival. Get on board and get SUN SMART…it might save your life!

Congratulations to all those students who came to the Swimming Carnival and the Sun Smart table. What a great day!!!

It was evident that the care groups who had the student numbers who attended both the Swimming Carnival and the Sun Smart table accrued the Sun Smart points. Well done to those students who are looking after their health and decreasing their chances of melanoma in their future by being Sun Smart!!!

The points so far…..
- 3rd – Oxley 7 with 88 points
- 2nd – Cook 1 with 89 points
- 1st – Kennedy 7 with 98 points

HEALTH CHECK TO CONSIDER

Please read the information below or visit www.scoliosis-australia.org. If you have any concerns, please contact me or your local GP.

ADOLESCENT SCOLIOSIS SPINAL CURVATURE
The National Self-Assessment Program

Information for school girls in Years 7 to 9 and their parents

What is scoliosis?
Scoliosis is a lateral or sideways curve of the spine. The spine also rotates on its long axis as it curves. It usually develops during early adolescence (age 10-13 years) when growth is most rapid.

What is the cause of scoliosis?
The cause is unknown, but 80-90% of cases occur in otherwise healthy adolescents. This is called idiopathic (cause unknown) scoliosis.

We know that scoliosis is NOT contagious and NOT caused by bad posture, a soft mattress, carrying a heavy school bag or junk food.

Why is early detection important?
While very small curves are common and of no significance, about 2% of girls have a curve which warrants medical observation during their growth period. Three girls per 1,000 will require treatment during the growth phase. If treatment is required, the earlier it is undertaken, the better the long-term result. This is the basis for screening since in the early stages scoliosis produces no symptoms. The way to detect scoliosis is to look for it!

What are the outward signs of scoliosis?
How scoliosis is detected?
Apart from the outward signs with a teenager standing as illustrated, the reliable Forward Bend Test is used in the diagnosis of scoliosis. This simple visual examination requires the teenager to stand with the feet together and parallel and bending forward as far as she can go with the hands, palms facing each other, pointed between the two big toes. In scoliosis, one side of the upper chest (thoracic) region or the lower back (lumber) region will be more than 1 cm higher than the other. The prominence is most often on the right side in the thoracic region. If the difference between the two sides is less than 1 cm, it is highly unlikely that a significant curvature is present and the difference is simply due to asymmetrical growth of the two sides of the body. This is called asymmetry and is of no significance.

What about brothers and sisters?
Scoliosis tends to run in families. When a curve is detected in one member of the family, other children should also be examined by the family doctor. If there is a history of a blood relative, especially a female cousin, having been treated for scoliosis by brace wearing or surgery, then this strengthens the case for spinal examination as a regular health check between 10 and 13 years of age.

Scoliosis which requires treatment is far less common in boys than in girls. The ratio of boys to girls requiring treatment is about 1 to 10.

Is treatment successful?
Yes, modern methods produce excellent results when a curve is detected early. In most cases an inconspicuous spinal brace is worn. Surgery is needed in only 1 out of 3 cases which require treatment.

There is no scientific evidence that physical therapy (exercise programs) and spinal manipulation (chiropractic adjustment) will either correct a scoliosis or halt its progression.

What will happen if scoliosis is not treated?
The curve may increase unnoticed during the growing years. Moderate and severe curves may also increase in adult life. Some curves may increase with pregnancy. Severe pain, physical deformity and wear and tear arthritis may occur during middle life. Early detection is important for a healthy future.

How do you detect scoliosis?
Simply look for it! It only takes 30 seconds.

Cheers,

Karen Dachs,
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Monday, Tuesday and alternating Wednesday
on 4945 0112 from 8am to 4pm

Student Resource Scheme 2014

Have you paid your student’s resource scheme fees for 2014?

There are still a number of families who have not yet joined the Student Resource Scheme for 2014. This may be due to an oversight. Please check your records to ensure that payment has been made to enable your student to receive the many benefits of the scheme.

The aim of the scheme is to provide the best educational standards for all students at a minimal cost to families. The Student Resource Scheme funds are fully expended on student needs.

If there are special circumstances for the Student Resource Scheme fees remaining unpaid, the school needs to understand your situation. Please notify the Principal on 4945 0111 or Megan Drennan on 4945 0101. In order to be of assistance to families, good communication with the school is essential.

Seniors Out & About

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Last Monday, 17 February, our school captains and student council executives travelled to Mackay to take part in the GRIP Impact Leadership Conference. The day consisted of a variety of workshops that taught the students the foundations of quality leadership and how to implement these in their school. The workshops included “How to maximise student involvement”, “Creating unity at school”, “Creating House Spirit” and “How to maximise fun from fundraisers.”

The students were treated to a high energy seminar that gave them the opportunity to mix with leaders from other schools within the Mackay and Whitsunday Region. The captains and executives then returned to school where they conducted an adapted leadership program which all senior leaders attended.

This program has enabled our leaders to understand the responsibility of their role in the school. It has incited motivation and has encouraged our leaders to pursue their vision of igniting a stronger sense of school spirit across the whole school community in 2014. The conference instilled enthusiasm in all our leaders that is sure to shine through in all that they aim to achieve this year.
PROSERPINE LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

The Lions Youth of the Year Quest for 2014 attracted the participation of three of our senior leaders, Isabelle Silberling, Byron Thompson and Brent Matthews. Last week, they competed in the Proserpine Club Finals which involved the submission of an application, an interview with a panel of judges, two two-minute impromptu speeches on local, national or international affairs and a prepared five minute speech. All three students are a credit to themselves and the school. They spoke eloquently and demonstrated a high level of intelligence in both their interviews and speeches. Isabelle Silberling was awarded the winner of the Proserpine Club Final and Brent Matthews received the Public Speaking Award. Brent now goes on to compete in the Zone Finals next week. We wish him all the best.

L-R Brent, Byron, Isabelle and Mr David Hinschen, Proserpine Lions Club President

“Standup” Anti Bullying Program

On Friday morning during care group all students were presented with the following information. Parents/guardians please find the time to discuss this with them.

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Cyberbullying refers to bullying that is carried out through information and communication technologies.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE BEING BULLIED

You have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are being bullied here are some ideas about what you can do.

Talk to someone about it. Find a trusted friend, teacher or carer who will listen to how you feel, be supportive, and perhaps even help you work out what to do. Here at our school Mrs Farr or Mr Lane will investigate any incidents of bullying that are reported either to the office or directly to the teachers.

- Talk to your friends - they can help you tell a teacher or your parents or just to feel better.
- Talk to your parents - tell them all about what’s been happening.
- Talk to your teacher or another staff member - tell them all about what’s been happening. If you don’t want to do this in public, make an excuse to see the teacher about something else, for example your homework.
- If you can’t talk to someone face-to-face go online at Kids Helpline http://www.kidshelp.com.au/ or call a Kids Helpline counsellor on 1800 55 1800.

Try a few of the strategies that have worked for others. Only try these strategies if you are not in any immediate danger of being physically hurt and you feel confident you can do them.

- Ignore the bullying - turn your back and walk away.
- Act unimpressed or pretend you don’t care what they say or do to you. You could say ‘okay, whatever’ and walk away.
- Use strong, assertive statements, starting with the word ‘I’; tell the other person ‘I want you to stop that’ in a strong confident voice. Practice this with your friends.
- Use ‘fogging’ which means making a joking or funny comment that makes the other person think you don’t care about what they say.
- Ask your friends to speak up for you. And remember to do the same for them!

Try to stay positive. Focus on all the things that you do well, the people who like you and care about you. Write down your thoughts and feelings about the bullying to help you think clearly about what you can do.

Hang around with your friends and be with people who help you feel good about yourself. Good friends respect, encourage and support you. They care for your wellbeing and are fun to be around. You’ll make new friends by respecting, encouraging and supporting others.
Try to sort out the problem behind the bullying. If you feel safe to do so, talk with the other people involved and ask them how you might be able to sort out the problem together.

Mr Lane  
Behaviour Support Teacher

World’s Greatest Shave

The school is hosting its own World’s Greatest Shave event and Funky Hair Friday on Friday March 14. Last year we raised $3700 for the Leukaemia Foundation and would love to improve on that this year. Mr Cox will be leading the fundraising along with the student council. He will have his head shaved for the fifth year in a row in memory of his father and former students Peter Cook and Sam Faust who unfortunately lost their battles with leukaemia.

If every student in the school donates $4 we will equal last year’s tally. $5 would take us over the $4000 mark. We will be collecting in care group and during lunchtimes until Friday 14 March of our shave event. On that day for a $2 donation, students can go crazy with their hair however, normal school uniform applies. Don’t forget to tease, frizz, fro, colour or comb over for a good cause.

If students would like to join in, they can follow the link below and sign up or see Mr Cox for a permission form.

To sponsor on-line click the link: http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/proserpineshs

Team: Proserpine State High School.

Gravel and Youth Forum

The Gavel and public speaking scene has kicked off to another busy year. Already the Gavel Club, a public speaking, communication and leadership group, has had two open meetings for the year in the hope of helping students know how Gavel can benefit them as students to work together to better their communication skills. As of next week, fortnightly meetings will again resume on Wednesday afternoon in B2.

In addition, Proserpine State High School was proud to send a troupe of students down to Mackay on Friday 21 and Saturday 22 February to participate in the Mock United Nations Debate and Youth Forum. Here, students battled it out in pairs, arguing and negotiating on behalf of their designated nation to achieve an outcome to benefit their country. While delving into the politics, military tensions and economics of the world stage, it was a great opportunity to test students on how to think on their feet and create convincing arguments quickly. Proserpine was able to send down four teams, the highest number of participants from any single school in the Mackay Whitsunday region. All students acquitted themselves well with the partnership of Emily Jukes and Isabelle Silberling placing third on the day. All students are to be congratulated.

Any students or parents interested in learning more about what Gavel is and how it can help students, please contact Mr Fowler in SLC Staffroom. Listen to notices for future public speaking opportunities.

Uniform Store Update

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Remember you can advertise any surplus new style uniforms for sale each fortnight in the school’s newsletter. You need to provide the description of garment/s, condition, price and your contact details to the school office or Mrs Carol Davis cdav163@eq.edu.au who will ensure it appears in the next newsletter. ALTERNATELY the school will gratefully accept the donation of any unwanted new style uniforms for emergency loan out, etc.

Lynn Larkin  
Uniform Convenor

Competitions

WHITSUNDAY VOICES

Do you take yourself to be the next Jane Austen or Suzanne Collins?

Well, get writing, as The Whitsunday Voices Short Story Competition is on again! The theme this year is “Eat My Words”. There are some great prizes on offer for all year levels. Entry forms are available from Mrs Raiteri in D Block staffroom. Entries close 19 May.

THE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS’ GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Parents, carers! Encourage your child to be challenged by entering the competition to be held on Monday 31 March. Have them sign up with your Humanities/Social Sciences teacher, or Mrs Nicolson in A staffroom to sit the competition. Check out the website for more details - www.geographycompetition.org.au

ATTEND ANZAC COVE CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS

Queensland students now have a better chance to be involved in historic Anzac Day centenary commemorations in Gallipoli after the Queensland Government announced 30 extra places for the 2015 Premier’s Anzac Prize.

Seventy students will be selected to take up a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in 2015 to travel to Gallipoli and the Western Front and attend the Anzac Centenary commemorations at Anzac Cove.

The 2015 competition opens this Anzac Day and Year 8-11 students will be required to submit an original 2-5 minute multimedia presentation about the Anzac tradition.

For ideas, students can view tour reports and footage from previous Premier’s Anzac Prize tour groups by visiting: http://education.qld.gov.au/students/grants/scholarships/ anzac/2013-tour.html.

Queensland’s centenary activities are documented on the Anzac Centenary website at: www.qld.gov.au/Anzac100.
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## Community News

### AGM SCHOOL BUS 11 CONVEYANCE COMMITTEE

**Wednesday 12 March 7pm**

at Mark and Susan Blair's, 13737 Bruce Highway (top house).

Parents are needed for a quorum as students have completed their education. School bus services must have a conveyance committee.

### FOR SALE

- **1 Yamaha Alto Saxophone**
  - Locally bought and owned.
  - 5 years old, VGC
  - Comes in sturdy hard case with cleaning materials and includes a music stand.
  - $1100
  - Ph: 0439 678 597

### CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE FOR YOUR CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 2-17 YEARS

- $1000 worth of dental treatment for eligible kids every 2 years.
  - Helvig Dental Surgery
  - WILL BE BULK BILLING
  - That means NO COST to you!

Give us a call on 4945 1361 to make an appointment once you receive your eligibility letter from Medicare.

### BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY

**Make Your Place Their Second Home**

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

### Arriving in July:

- **Sixtine (16) from France** is full of excitement about discovering a new school system, a new culture and becoming a member of an Australian family. Sixtine has a wide range of interests, including horse-riding, reading, painting/drawing, spending time with friends, watching movies and playing board games.

- **Kalle (17) from Finland** is an accomplished cellist and pianist. He enjoys school and hopes to become a lawyer. Also a keen sportsman, Kalle loves running, golf and skiing. Both of his sisters have been exchange students and Kalle can’t wait to have his own exchange experience in Australia.

### Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

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Open your home and hearts to an international exchange student!

It’s easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Abraham Lincoln said “The best way to predict the future is to create it”

Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2014 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Help determine the future resilience, diversity and global awareness of your children and family.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July 2014 for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

ROTARY COMMUNITY RAFFLE

Tickets are available at the school office.
Mini Brochure Design Competition
Open to Ages 10-16

Win a Tablet!
Enter by 13th April

Design a mini brochure on the ‘Services’ available to youth in the Whitsundays

Template & entry forms available from Council’s Facebook page,
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For further queries, please contact Council’s Youth Services Officers on
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