21 July 2014

### Date Claimers

**P & C MEETING**

This month’s meeting will be held on **Wednesday 23 July** in the Administration office common room starting at 7pm.

**REPORT CARDS**

Reports cards for Years 11-12 were emailed out on Tuesday 15 July and Years 8-10 went out on Friday 18 July. If you have not received your student’s report card by email, please contact the school office to provide an up-to-date email address or to collect a hard copy.

### Principal Perspective

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AGENDA**

As we move into Semester 2 I would like to highlight once again our school improvement agenda which underpins the improvement of student outcomes at Proserpine State High School. The improvement agenda has three main components that clearly articulate the teaching and learning focus within each classroom throughout the 2014 school year and beyond.

**Whole School Pedagogical Approach**

Teaching staff at Proserpine State High School are currently implementing a common pedagogical framework that delivers consistency in approach and language within the classroom. Underpinned by the Dimensions of Teaching and Learning and Explicit Teaching model we aim to deliver high quality teaching focused on the achievement of every student.

**Differentiation using Data**

Teaching staff at Proserpine State High School are utilising data to inform the teaching and learning process for all students. In applying the Quadrants of Learners model a range of data is analysed to allow the implementation of differentiated and scaffolded teaching, based on the identified needs of students.

**Literacy and Numeracy**

There continues to be an unrelenting focus on literacy and numeracy with a particular focus on reading in 2014. Whole school literacy and numeracy programs are being implemented throughout the year with specific application to each faculty area. Several reading initiatives have been implemented this year through whole school practices and targeted teaching programs.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Booking information was provided with report cards when they were distributed last week to all year levels. I encourage as many parents as possible to attend the Parent Teacher Interviews to build positive connections between parents and school. Education Queensland recently released the Parent and Community Engagement Framework which clearly outlines that strong relationships between the home and school lead to higher levels of student achievement. The Parent Teacher Interviews are being conducted on Tuesday 29 July between 3.30pm – 5.30pm in the school hall. I look forward to seeing you there.

**STATE HONOUR ENSEMBLE PROGRAMME**

The State Honours Ensemble Programme will continue in October with several of our students travelling to the Queensland Conservatorium’s South Bank campus in Brisbane to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and a showcase of the immense talent that we have at Proserpine...
State High School. Congratulations to Ashley Bels, Breana Chauntler, and Laura Robson who have been offered positions in the ensemble with Lara Mathews and Isabelle Silberling as reserves.

EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM SPONSORED BY HAMILTON ISLAND

Proserpine State High School is delighted to announce the new Hamilton Island Extraordinary Achievement Award which will be presented at our end of year awards evening to one of our hard working, deserving students. We look forward to adding this great initiative to our annual school program and recognising the dedication of our students within our local community. The program will reward one student who continuously strives to create the extraordinary either through academic achievements, sporting success, cultural pursuits or community involvement.

Proserpine State High School and Hamilton Island are delighted to be able to offer this extraordinary opportunity to our students. We encourage you to assist your children strive for excellence and create the extraordinary at home, at school, and within the local community. Criteria for the award and nomination forms will be distributed to students this term as we begin to prepare for our Annual Awards evening held on 29 November 2014.

Mr Don McDermid
Principal

Home Economics Department

YOUNG CHEFS COMPETITION

On Saturday 24 May, eight students went to Mackay to compete in the Port of Mackay Rotary Club Young Chefs Competition.

Junior Heats commenced at 9am where they had two hours to create a main meal and dessert under a $30 budget and clean up their kitchen. Students, Samantha Lade and Finbarr Barrett, Millie Schmidt and Georgia Summerfield did a fantastic job. They competed with seven other schools. Millie and Georgia received a High Recommendation for their effort.

The four experiences our winning student will have the opportunity to choose from include:

Sport experience (choice of one from below)
- A personal training session with Ky Hurst, dual Olympian and seven-time Australian Ironman Champion.
- Entry in the Whitehaven Swim or Clash of the Paddles.
- A round of golf on the Hamilton Island Golf Course with a 1/2 hour lesson from a golf Professional.

Art experience
- Attend a number of island-based workshops which are held as part of our AWAY photography workshops which sees some of Australia’s best known photographers provide hands-on technical and aesthetic guidance for budding photographers.

Sailing experience (choice of one from below)
- A personal sailing lesson with Glenn Bourke, two time Olympian and 7 time World Sailing Champion.
- The winner and his/her family hosted on a spectator boat to watch half a day of racing at the Audi Hamilton Island Race Week.

Cooking experience
- A personal cooking lesson with the Executive Chef at our 5 star Qualia Resort or Coca Chu Restaurant (a modern South East Asian restaurant). Both chefs have a prestigious background, working in Michelin starred and ‘hatted’ restaurants in Australia and overseas.
Lily Muir and Tyler Huson and Lauren Teys and Kiana Murphy started at 1pm. They competed with six other schools in the Senior Section and the girls worked well together to create a beautiful main dish and dessert. Lily and Tyler came in second with only half a point between them and the winners.

Lauren and Kiana

Second place creations

Over all, the students did a fantastic job and were all deserving entrants in the competition. They are looking forward to next year to have another go at it.

Ms Sarah-Jane Teakle
Home Economics Teacher

An Update from the Coordinators

YEAR 8 COORDINATORS

As we commence Semester 2 of Year 8, it is obvious the changes that have occurred since Tuesday 28 January. Firstly, every student has grown that little bit taller and probably needing an increase in their food intake to support the growth. Secondly, their face has changed from the school photo taken early in Term one as well as hair styles may have also been modified. Another change has been the positive approach and increased responsibility towards their tablet. Students have been exposed to different software, especially the use of Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. You may have noticed some additional changes in behaviours, friends, etc. and these are part of adolescence. Our role as adults is to assist and support them through this period of time and wait with excitement to see the young men/women they become.

Semester 1 reports were issued last week. The goal is that your son/daughter will have worked to their potential and be proud of their achievements. There may be some disappointments and lessons to be learnt, including not leaving assignments to the last night, homework and study needs to be completed to revise concepts on a daily basis and being prepared for class with diary, pencil case, tablet and subject folder to assist learning. As we head into Semester 2, students need to implement any positive and constructive changes into their approach towards behaviour and effort in the classroom and playground.

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 29 July to enable parents, students and teachers to discuss student progress. If you are unable to attend please phone/email the school or your child’s teacher(s) as an alternate method of contact.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child/children so they can achieve to their potential.

Mrs McHugh & Ms Rasmussen
Year 8 Coordinators

GET INTO UNIVERSITY YEAR 10 RESIDENTIAL CAMP 2014

Each year, James Cook University runs an annual camp for Year 10 students, who may be following a pathway to university. This year five students, Malieka Boyd, Cherlika Gordon, Timothy Hines, Telisha Peck and Darcy Pepper attended JCU for four days during the semester break.

The students were introduced to university life by attending mock lectures, tours of facilities, scholarships and fee help, guest speakers and general life on a campus. They were escorted by university students who could answer all their questions and by the end of the camp all five were keen to attend a university.

This is a good time to remind Year 10 students and their parents that during Semester 2. The school will be conducting guest visits, talks and Set Plan Interviews around selecting subjects for Year 11 and choosing the correct pathways to achieving student goals. It is vital that students start to focus on these important decisions and seek help from the Guidance Officer, administration and teachers.

Mr Ian Bell
Year 10 Coordinator

Industry News

WORK EXPERIENCE

Fifty-two students participated in work experience last term with forty of those students being placed in the school holidays.
A group of fourteen students went to Proserpine District Hospital and spent two days being involved in many and varied areas of the hospital and allied health fields, including: pharmacy, simulator room, CT and x-ray, theatre and infection control, mental health, occupational therapy, dental, medical students, ultrasound, physio, plaster practice, maternity, nursing students and more. The students had a great time with highlights including plaster practice and a session with medical students. Apart from a few students finding needle practice on the simulated dummies a little hard to keep standing for, a terrific experience was had by all and many thanks goes to Debbie, Davina and team at Proserpine District Hospital who made this valuable experience for the third year possible.

Once again Wilmar Sugar Mill opened their doors to our Year 12 students for work experience. Six fortunate students were placed for five days in the areas of electrical, fitting & turning and boilermaking. This was a great experience and a wonderful insight into the mill for the students wanting to apply for 2015 apprenticeships. Thank you to Jim and Jo-Anne for their effort and support.

Feedback from all employers has been excellent and congratulations to students on their effort and behaviour during their placements. Please ensure all logbooks are returned to B4 so certificates can be issued.

For information on School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships or work experience, please see me in B4, or phone 4945 0121.

Mrs Nicole Jolley
Industry Liaison Officer & Senior Schooling

From the Guidance Officer

ATTENTION YEAR 12 STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Term 3 is a very important and busy time of the year for Year 12 students. If you haven’t already decided what you are going to do in 2015, this is the time to access information about the options available. The following is a selection of events and activities that will be held in Term 3 to help you with your decision-making.

PROSERPINE CAREERS EXPO

Careers Expo is held on Tuesday 12 August from 12-2:30pm at the Proserpine State High School Multi-Purpose Hall. Over 50 exhibitors will be attending. The expo provides a great opportunity to explore employment opportunities and further education and training options.

QTAC EVENING SESSION

The first evening is a session explaining Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre (QTAC) procedures and is very important for ALL Year 12 students and parents/guardians of students who are considering entering university (including those who may defer).

Who:

Parents/guardians of Year 12 students contemplating entering (or deferring) university in 2015; Year 12 students

When:

Wednesday, August 13
7:00pm – 8:30pm (approximately)

Where:

Proserpine State High School library

Why:

This session is designed to provide an understanding of the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre procedures thereby enabling parents/guardians to have informed discussions with/to assist their student to make appropriate choices regarding university courses.

Information about the cost of study will also be provided.

AVAILABLE APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS

- Full time retail traineeship in Cannonvale/Airlie Beach
- School based traineeship in hospitality
- School based apprenticeship in commercial cookery
Year 12s will be undertaking QTAC preparation in Senior Studies.

Their attendance at the parent session is most welcome and would be beneficial in “kick starting” conversations about the process of applying.

**“LEAVING SCHOOL: I’M OUTTA HERE!” - A SURVIVAL WORKSHOP**

The second evening is for ALL Year 12s and their parents/guardians. It is designed to assist students to make a smooth transition from school to the “real” world. It is not a career evening. It is not just for students who wish to attend university. This transition evening has been a resounding success since its inception in 2006 with approximately 150 people in attendance each year. We urge you all to join us.

**Who:**
Year 12 students and their parents/guardians

**When:**
Wednesday, August 20
6:30 - 9:00pm

**Where:**
Proserpine State High School Multi-Purpose Hall

**Of special interest…**
- Both parents, guardians, significant adults and other family members welcome
- Past students and parents of past students will share highs and lows …
- Drama students will act out life-like scenarios
- Come and prepare for 2015
- An opportunity to discuss “leaving school” issues in an enjoyable interactive environment
- Evening supported by teachers, senior leaders and drama students
- Parent and student resources available on the night

Parents should receive invitations by the end of this week. Please return your acceptance slip as soon as possible.

For further information contact the school on 4945 0111.

**APPRENTICESHIPS**

Apprenticeships are advertised in July and August. Students who are intending to apply for an apprenticeship should be checking the newspapers and relevant websites.

**QTAC APPLICATIONS OPEN**

QTAC applications open on 5 August 2014. The application is online and costs $34. Students are strongly encouraged to apply by 30 September 2014 for tertiary courses commencing in Semester One 2015. A late fee of $130 is imposed from 1 October 2014. Students have received their 2014/2015 QTAC Guide already.

**INSTITUTION OPEN DAYS**

Most of the institution open days occur in Term 3. Open days provide an opportunity to learn more about the institutions and courses in which you are interested. Make the most of open days by developing a list of questions to be answered at the event. See open day dates on the QTAC website at http://www.qtac.edu.au/Schools/OpenDays.htm.

**UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION**

Applications open in July and August. We have organised for some past students to visit the school at lunch times to provide information about their residential college and life living on campus.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Most university scholarship applications open in Term 3 and close in October/November. An exception is Bond University, which has its scholarship closing date on 31 July 2014. Every university has a section on its website about scholarships. Find out the application process and due date early to avoid missing out on a scholarship. If in doubt about your chances, apply.

Appointments to help with career decisions can be made through the school office to see me.

**Health Matters**

**HOW TO MAKE YOURSELF MISERABLE**

*An article from the clinical psychologist, Andrew Fuller*

Being miserable is an art form. There are many ways of achieving it. A few sure-fire ways are below:

1. **Wait for the situation to be right before having a good time.** One of my favourite Chinese proverbs is “People who wait for roast duck to fly into mouth, will wait long time”. Put off having a great life until you have the right job/house/partner/friend is a great way of putting off life all together.
2. **Compare yourself to others.** Spend hours thinking about how much more beautiful, happy, intelligent, creative, insightful and wonderful everybody else is compared to you. Think that glossy people who are featured in glossy magazines have glossy lives despite lots of evidence to the contrary.

3. **Give others the power to control your life.** Don’t do the things you want to do. Let other people choose your life directions and priorities for you. This allows you to avoid responsibility. When you end up miserable (and believe me you will!) blame the people you let make the decisions.

4. **Try to make other people happy.** Try to fix other people or spend your life trying to please them. Base your life decisions on what other people will think of you rather than what you want to do.

5. **Feel it is better to avoid rejection than to love.** Play safe. If you don’t try to love people you can’t be let down or hurt. Resign yourself to a life of perpetual disappointment.

6. **Talk yourself out of stuff you really would like to do.** Spend time telling yourself you can’t do things because you are not smart enough or talented enough and you can really begin to believe that if you don’t try, you can’t fail.

7. **Believe you don’t deserve to be happy.**

8. **Say yes when you mean no.** It’s nice to be helpful and agreeable but if you say yes to things you don’t want to do, you can end up feeling really bad about yourself or resentful of people. Long-term resentment turns into bitterness.

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

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**BREASTSCREEN QUEENSLAND**

**Are you female, over 40 and due for a mammogram or, have never had a mammogram?**

BreastScreen’s screening program is specifically designed to target women 50 to 74 years as this is the age group most at risk of developing breast cancer. However, we also accept women in their 40s.

For women over the age of 40, a BreastScreen is the best method available for detecting breast cancer early. The benefit of breast cancer screening is greatest for women aged 50–74 years old.

There are good reasons to make an appointment with us today:

- You will receive a personal invitation.
- Your appointment is one-on-one with a female health professional.
- Your breastscreen is free.
- You will receive the latest digital mammography technology.
- You will be in and out in about 10 minutes.
- We have fantastic staff who have received 276 compliments in the past 12 months.
- All staff are appropriately trained and qualified.
- Staff are our greatest advocates for providing BreastScreening, and
- It’s easy to book – call us now by phoning 132 500 or 4945 8813.

If you are over 40 and are due for a mammogram or have never had a mammogram, please give us a ring and make an appointment.

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**Where:** Proserpine Hospital Grounds, Whitsunday Health Services, Herbert Street, Proserpine

**When:** 27th June – 22nd July 2014
1st September – 4th September 2014

**BOOK NOW FOR FREE**

A breast screen every two years is recommended for all women aged 50-69 years.
Women aged 40-49 years and women over 70 are also eligible to attend.

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**Student Resource Scheme**

Term 3 resource scheme instalment ($55) is due for payment by Friday, 25 July.

Have you paid your Term 3 Resource Scheme fees? Thanks to the families who are prompt with term instalments and keep their resource payments up to date. The school really appreciates your efforts. The vast majority of families keep up to date with their contributions to the Student Resource Scheme where all students benefit from the availability of the extra learning resources – consumables, textbooks and class sets, photocopies, computer software and printing etc.

Please contact Megan Drennan on 4945 0101, if there are special circumstances needing consideration.

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SOUTHERN CROSS SOLOISTS WINTER MUSIC SCHOOL

During the June-July holidays, Ashley Bels, Ashlee Chauntler, Breana Chauntler, Isabelle Silberling and Laura Robson travelled down to Rockhampton to attend the Southern Cross Soloists Winter Music School. For a week, we took part in intensive rehearsals and master classes with industry professionals in preparation for a chamber concert on Thursday night and a final concert on Friday night, both of which were successful. It was an inspirational week and a great experience for all students involved.

Breana Chauntler and Isabelle Silberling
Year 12 Students

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Last week, thirty Year 12 students travelled to James Cook University in Townsville to attend the University Experience for two days. The students had the opportunity to attend a variety of academic sessions exploring chosen courses of study, along with university information sessions and spending a night experiencing on campus living at John Flynn College. Below are some of the comments that students made on the journey home.

“The trip to JCU helped me decide on what path I should take in the future and gave me an insight into university life. By attending the lectures provided, I have been able to confirm my selections for university and also cross other options off my list.”

Isabelle Silberling

The JCU experience was incredibly beneficial in that it gave an insight into university life as well as reaffirming the choice to live on campus for the first year of uni. Every course that I attended was exceedingly helpful and thorough in explaining specific courses and degrees that could be achieved.

Paige Dougherty

“I was pretty sure of which uni I wanted to go to before I went to JCU; I’d have to say I’m still sure I’ll go to UQ in Brisbane. What I learnt at JCU however was how uni works, what accommodation could be like, what uni life is like and much more. I was really worried about how uni works but now I think my nerves are calm. It’s made uni more of a realisable goal to me as well, before it was just too big a leap to comprehend.”

Brent Matthews

The trip to James Cook University in Townsville was a really eye opening experience. Before I attended this trip I was thinking about pursuing several different career options but since I attended the different lessons available over the two days I have decided that I would like to pursue a career in Electrical Engineering. This trip has also given me an insight to university and college life at JCU which helps me to compare it to UQ, QUT and other universities and their colleges around the state.

Logan Dachs

Attending the school excursion to James Cook University was a very beneficial experience for me. I found it extremely valuable living in one of the colleges on campus, as I am hoping to stay on campus myself next year. It was great seeing a few of the different colleges and rooms and experiencing college life for a day. I also enjoyed the sessions I chose to attend. All the lecturers provided us with useful information for the course, but also let us experience the more practical and hands on aspect of the courses, which I found to be fun and interesting. It also helped to strengthen my course preferences and widened my perspective for potential universities. The only downside to the trip was the short amount of time we had to explore and learn about the campus. I thoroughly enjoyed it and encourage more people to attend next year, regardless of where you think you want to apply to university.

Ashley Muller

I had no idea where I wanted to go after I finished school. This trip really helped me decide on some pathways for me for the future, in subjects that I didn’t expect to be as interested in. In our area we don’t normally have much opportunity to discover all the details and variety of options available in courses such as engineering and pharmacy. Open days are not as easy to attend, so the JCU experience was really special in this way. It also opened my eyes to the prospect of attending a smaller university and the benefits of that as opposed to attending a much larger one, such as UQ.

Ashley Bels

“The JCU Experience Trip has helped me to make further decisions towards my uni choices; it has helped eliminate subjects and has completely changed my point of view on the whole university experience. It has gone from being a completely scary, different world to a more manageable and enjoyable part of life.”

Lara Mathews

Miss Erin Hinschen
Year 12 Coordinator

Sammi Warren
Monday was the start of our school Naidoc Week with announcements on parade of activities that would be on show for Naidoc. Unfortunately our Indigenous Student Leader, Caitlin Wharton was away leaving it up to Nelson Byers and myself to announce the weekly events.

The first lunch time event was the coconut peeling which saw the Year 9 and 10 boys interested in the challenge. The task was to peel the husk off the coconut down to the nut as quickly as possible without cracking it. Many challengers had good times but the person who won was Thalianna McAvoy showing that girls can do it, sometimes even better than boys. Well done Thalianna!

Peeling times of students:
- Byron Ward 4m 23sec
- John Turner 5m
- Isaiah Jarvis 5m
- Caleb Connen 2m 50sec
- Ty Jackson 5m
- Thalianna McAvoy 2m 05sec
- Nelson Byers forfeited
- Lockey Craig 3m 52sec

The basketball game was played with great enthusiasm using both courts in the hall. It also gave us an indication of what numbers we needed for Tuesday’s real game.

On Tuesday, nominated students were invited to Proserpine Public Kindergarten to help celebrate Naidoc Week with the children. Some of the activities included hand prints, collage animals, Indigenous flag colouring and storytelling.

Basketball was restricted to only one court with two teams of seven playing with continual subs. The unstoppable one man show, Ty Jackson was the big standout shooter with great speed on the court. Charlie-Anne Sabo also showed touches of brilliance when she actually got the ball. Everyone played with spirit, enjoyment and just had fun.

On Wednesday, I was impressed by some of the boy’s and girl’s techniques in the cast net throwing. It took a while for some of the students to warm up to cast a perfect throw unlike Mr Matthews who threw a perfect cast on his first attempt. Nobody likes a show off! Once again, Thalianna McAvoy really tested her skills and again was the first to represent the girls in the cast net throwing. Some of the students upped the tempo and started throwing the cast net one handed which definitely separated the bunch. It’s good to see that we still have young hunters and gathers with cast net skills.

Indigenous Community Groups once again provided a tasty feast for the students which disappeared quickly. I started to wonder if any of the students actually had something to eat that day. The Sop Sop which is a Torres Strait Islander vegetable dish was all eaten proving that children do like their vegetables. A big thank you to Pauline and Brain Youse, Kaila Parter and David Gabey for cooking up food, Shannie Yassier for her information stall on healthier cooking and assisting Nakeeta Miller, Sarah and Thalianna for their art work display.

On Thursday it was interesting to see that handline casting was not as easy as it looks. Some students only casting a few meters away because of their authentic style and technique of casting a line. Isaiah Jarvis was the winner with Thalianna McAvoy in second place and Cade Chapman in third place. From the feedback of the students, I might try rods as well for next year’s event.

I would like to thank the students who participated in touch football at lunch time and Isaiah Jarvis for refereeing the game. It was good to have a mix of year levels playing together.

Friday’s boomerang throwing was definitely a risky business, unlike last year where the boomerangs were like sticks and didn’t come back. The ones I had this year were actually thrown perfectly by the students and came back to be caught by the thrower. Best throw was from Isaiah Jarvis converting a goal through the football post, with a near miss from Jackson Somerfield who could have had a boomerang impaled in his foot.

Oz tag had a good turn out with students joining in as the games continued during the break. It was a low scoring game with team Red defeating team Blue 3 to 2 tries. Once again it was good to see some of the girls, Zayiesha and Courtney, mix it with the boys and defended really well. The game itself didn’t really need a referee because of the spirit and mateship displayed by all students conveying a sense of respect and acknowledgement towards the game and each other.

I would just like to give a big thank you to all the students, staff and community members who made this year’s Naidoc Week an enjoyable and fun event. Don’t forget that the Naidoc Quiz is still going on the Resource Centre as well as our display and with the Naidoc Big Math Competition starting this week. So keep participating by being proactively deadly at school.

SUMMER CAMPS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Murrap Burrak Science Camp

We had one of our Indigenous students attend a two day Science Experience Camp at Melbourne University during the holiday break. Year 11 student, Kayla Polley and other Indigenous students from respective schools participated in an all paid trip to learn and experience what Melbourne University has to offer and sight see some of the attractions in Melbourne. Kayla said, She really enjoyed the experience at Melbourne University and met some great students and lecturers there and would encourage other students at our school to attend next year’s event.

I was really glad she went so that she can be a mentor to other Indigenous students wanting to go to a prestigious university.
InspieU Health Science

Two of our Indigenous students attended a five day Health Science Residential Camp at St Lucia, University of Queensland in Brisbane. Natasha Miller and Kira Allan who are both interested in health, took part in a range of interactive workshop activities designed to provide a practical insight into health science with many opportunities for study and career in this industry. Both commented that they really enjoyed the camp and covered a range of areas in health (pharmacist, sports science, physiotherapy and medicine) in Brisbane and Ipswich. They would also like to encourage other Indigenous students to attend the camp.

See yah when I’m looking at yah.

Mr Arthur Gabey
Community Education Councillor

Canteen

Congratulations to Sue Dair who was our Lucky Volunteer for Term 2. All volunteers put their name in the draw each time they come in and have the opportunity to win a $50 gift card at the end of the term.

We are in need of help on Monday 11th August (and monthly there afterwards). Please call 4945 0119 if you are able to volunteer a few hours.

We have lots of homemade winter warmers on offer this term and lunch orders by 9am are most welcome.

We open at 8:30am for hot chocolates, breakfast and we also have Soy milk available on request.

Keep warm!

Cheers from the canteen ladies...

Gravel Club

The Gavel Club met for the last time last term with Mr John Fowler as their Chairman. New faces and old were there to farewell their mentor, and wish him well in his future endeavours. There were a few tears, a few unconvincing denials that he would be missed, and many lovely reflections of the impact of Mr Fowler as the club’s guiding teacher.

Questions from the Table Topics Master, Jade Davis included “Are women equal to men?”, “Is that lipstick on your collar?”, “Which is more important, hope, faith or love?” and “What would you choose? To have surprises in life, and not get everything you want? Or to get everything you want immediately, but to have no more surprises in life?”

The Gavelerians performed well, and the atmosphere was warm and collegial. I’ve been in service organisations for 16 years, and this was one of the best meetings I have ever had the pleasure of attending.

If you aren’t a confident public speaker when it comes to oral presentations, or have trouble ‘thinking on your feet’, come along to Gavel’s beginner speaker program as it can assist you. The first two lessons are free, and there is a light afternoon tea provided.

If you’re interested in coming, you or your parent/s are welcome to contact me on javer29@eq.edu.au. Everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings resume on Wednesday 23 July. Meetings begin at 3:15pm, and end at 5:15pm in the High School Resource Centre (Library). Bus passes are available for those students living in Cannonvale or Airlie Beach to catch service buses after the meeting has finished.

Ms Jacqueline Avery
Gravel Club Chairperson

General Information

NEWSLETTER SIDE PANEL

Previous Newsletters

By clicking on the Newsletter Archive tab on the side panel of the newsletter, you can view previous school newsletters.

School Calendar

You can check what is happening at the school by clicking on School Calendar. To view more details of an event, just click on the item in the box or move your mouse over it to find out more information. If you move further down the page and if your student is in Year 12 you can click on the purple ‘Year 12’ box and only Year 12 items will show for you.

To Print out the Newsletter

Click on PDF Print Version and then click on print so you do not waste heaps of paper.

Up-Date Your Contact Records

- Parents, have you changed your address, phone number, email address, etc.?
- Parents, have you changed jobs recently?
- Parents, has your son/daughter’s medical details changed?

Return to the beginning of the newsletter and in the left side bar under ‘FORMS AND DOCUMENTS’, print out the appropriate
form/forms (PARENT DETAIL CHANGES RECORDS or MEDICAL INFORMATION CHANGES), fill in the form/s and then return it/them to the office. You are welcome to call into the office to have the changes made on the spot so you can be contacted when your student becomes unwell or in case of an emergency.

Just some of the features our eNewsletter offers.

**Medication at School**

Any ‘prescription medication’ should be left at the office in the original container provided by the pharmacy (clearly indicating dosage), along with a note from the student’s parents giving permission for the medication to be taken during school hours.

Parents please note that non-script items such as Panadol can be stored in the student’s own school bag and taken as required. Non-script items are not kept at the office.

**DO YOU HAVE A TAX FILE NUMBER??**

Secondary school students over 13 years of age, have the opportunity to obtain a tax file number through the school. Students complete a one-page application, which includes their name, address and date of birth. The school then certifies this information. Once the Taxation Office receives the application form, it will be processed within four weeks and the number will be mailed to the student’s postal address.

By applying through the school, original proof of identity documents do not need to be sent to the Taxation Office. You may wish to consider this service if your child does not have a tax file number and is interested in applying for a job in the near future.

For further information please contact the school or phone the Tax Office on 132 861. Students can obtain an application form from Mrs Brown in C Central staffroom.

**WANTED**

Special Education Program (SEP) need Lego blocks. Do you have any sitting around at home? If so, please deliver to the school office for these children to use.

**NEW & USED New Style School Uniforms for Sale**

**Boy’s uniforms**

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**Competitions**

THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA ASSOCIATION, QUEENSLAND BRANCH
SECONDARY SCHOOLS CITIZENSHIP AWARDS - 2014

The Association seeks to recognise Queensland Secondary School students who have made significant contributions to society, through service to their school and their community. The awards are not intended for sporting or academic prowess, for which there are already many rewards, but for students who have displayed great leadership in promoting good citizenship and worthy community service.

The Secondary Schools Citizenship Awards are only open to Year 12 and 11 students and is the most prestigious awards that students can aspire to and there are usually 12 to 14 recipients state-wide. This is the 16th continuous year that the Queensland Branch of the Association has been conducting these Awards.

If you are a Year 12 or 11 student who wishes to be put forward for the award and have these following commitments to his/her school and to the community, see Mr McDermid.

- participation in social service activities at the school
- engagement with the community outside the school
- involvement in the school’s co-curricular life such as music, sports, societies and clubs
- examples of leadership shown by the student in school life (formal and/or informal)

Nominations must reach the SSCA Coordinator no later than Friday 1 August 2014.

**Important Dates Term 3**

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Entries must close on Monday 28 July to enable event preparations. Entry forms and further information is available from the event organizer, Pam Pole on 4946 1271/0448 870 482 or by email on pampole@hotmail.com.

Wearable artists will have a fun filled day on 2 August, with judging and studio photos at the PCYC in the morning, the Wearable Art event on stage at the foreshore at 1:30pm and also a chance to parade their stunning creations to a wider audience in the street parade at 4pm.

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**CANNONVALE STATE SCHOOL FETE**

Saturday 26 July 2014
10am-2pm

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Proserpine Entertainment Centre
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**Olivia (16) in France** – France is amazing in summer time. Honestly, indescribable. I’m extremely close with my current host family and it will be sad to leave. My host sister is my best friend and sister, and I can’t imagine a life in France without her around. But we’ve already made plans to see each other after I leave.