Mitchell wins swimming carnival

What a day! The 2017 St George SHS annual Swimming Carnival started with excitement from the get-go. All of the students who attended the carnival were in high spirits with great music entertainment from Mr Jackson. In the water all of the effort put in by the competitors was a highlight of the day, whilst out of the pool the dance performances were certainly moments to remember. Although the races presented some healthy rivalry, the students are to be commended on their sporting spirit before, during and after the races.

Overall points for the carnival Mitchell 514, Nixon 443 and Leichhardt 347. Congratulations to Mitchell House members!

A big thank you must go to the staff for their assistance at the carnival, and in particular the HPE staff for their support in the lead up to the carnival. Additionally, a special thank you to the St George Swimming Club for supplying equipment and the swimming pool staff for your assistance throughout the day.

The 2017 Swimming Carnival was a great success, thanks to a high level of participation from our student cohort, and the tireless efforts of all staff at STGSHS.

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There are wonderful things happening at this school everyday. Like us on Facebook and see for yourself. St George State High School
www.fb.com/stgeorgeshs
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is with great pleasure that I am able to celebrate the success of 2016, with 34 students graduating we have set some new records for the school.

100% Queensland Certificate of education (QCE), second year in a row.
100% Overall Position (OP) 1 – 15
100% of students with a Vocational qualification
8 students finished with a Certificate III
3 students completed a Traineeship

As a school we have certainly ensured that every student who graduated last year is set up for future success! These types of outcomes are not achieved without a whole community coming together to support the school. Thank you to the parents, businesses and support services for their work in making a difference.

REMINDER - If your child requires medication during school hours, please request an Administration of medication record sheet from your school’s office. Also provide the prescription-labelled medication in the original packaging with clear directions for its use. For more information visit https://goo.gl/7odeEz

Mr Doug Watson
Principal

FROM HoD SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Welcome back everyone! 2017 is set to be a busy year with a lot of exciting things on the horizon for our senior students. At this point in time it is really important to start getting organised for the academic year ahead in the Senior School. Planning is a great tool for helping to reach our goals. Students will also need to reflect on whether the subjects they have chosen this year suit their interests, abilities and career paths/aspirations.

During the next two weeks our Year 12 students will be completing their QCE checks to monitor their progress towards the Queensland Certificate of Education. Students who have been identified as not on a track at this time will need to attend a review interview. OP estimation interviews will begin in Week 3.

It is imperative that all senior students are prepared for school each day. Preparation begins with wearing the correct uniform. It is important that senior students are modelling the importance of wearing the uniform correctly to our junior students. Formal uniform is be worn on Monday and Wednesdays and at the Principal’s request.

For students to achieve the best possible outcomes in the senior school, regular school attendance is imperative. Research consistently highlights the relationship between school attendance and academic achievement. Our attendance target in the senior school is 90%. Please help us by making sure your child is at school every day.

If any parents or students have concerns about school, my door is always open. If you would like to make an appointment to see me, please contact the front office as soon as possible.

FROM The DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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A/HOD Junior Secondary Schooling

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Miss Bate

Originally from a small country town, Mossman in Far North Queensland, I moved to Brisbane to study a Bachelor of Health, Sport and Physical Education (Hons) at the University of Queensland. After completing my studies in Brisbane I wanted to explore new parts of Queensland so I decided to move to St George to kick start my teaching career. Since arriving at St George State High School in mid-January this year I have met some very friendly locals, school staff and parents. I can already tell St George is a great community and I am excited to get to know all of the students in my HPE, Science and Math classes. As a HPE teacher I enjoy all sports! This year you may see me riding my bike or in the river trying to remember how to water ski.

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P & C News

Welcome to 2017! Once again the P & C is planning a busy year with lots of fund-raising and we are looking forward to welcoming lots of new and familiar faces.

The first major fund-raiser for the year will be our annual triathlon which will be held on Sunday 19 March. Please note this in your calendar and consider participating – either by competing or helping on the day. Our annual general meeting will be held on Monday 20 February at 7pm in the library. If you can’t make it to the meetings you can always join us through our teleconference facility, please contact the school office for details.

Mr Rigney

Over 95% attendance in 2017, well done!

Congratulations to the following students who attained 95% and above attendance in 2017. These students are to be congratulated for their commitment to their studies.


Mr Jackson

Advancing rural and remote education in Queensland

The Department of Education and Training is committed to ensuring that all state school students, regardless of where they live in Queensland, have access to high quality learning opportunities within their local communities and beyond.

As such, the department is currently developing a new rural and remote education strategy which will focus on valuing people, enhancing student potential and building positive partnerships.

As valued members of our school community, you are encouraged to have your say by taking part in an online survey (http://www.education.qld.gov.au/ruralandremote) or by attending one of the following community consultation sessions:

- 6 February — Weipa
- 8 February — Mount Isa
- 13 February — Roma
- 14 February — Gin Gin
- 20 February — Longreach

Email ruralandremote@det.qld.gov.au to register your interest in attending a session.

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Mr Rigney

Hi! My name is Chris Rigney and I am a 2016 graduate from the University of Queensland in Brisbane. I recently moved to St George, and will be primarily involved with the Learning Support faculty at St George High. I am very eager to immerse myself both in the school and the wider St George community. My aim as a teacher is to provide my students with a positive learning environment where they can build the confidence and necessary skills to become successful learners.
School and work for senior SBAT students

On Monday 23 January, Erin Hose from MRAEL travelled from Toowoomba to St George to sign up two Year 11 students for their school based apprenticeship and traineeship.

Last September Thomas Anderson participated in five days of work experience with Vanderfield Machinery in St George as part of his Year 10 curriculum. From this work experience Thomas was offered a School Based Apprenticeship; Certificate III in Agricultural Mechanical Technology (AUR30416) that commenced on Monday 30 January 2017. Thomas will do his on the job training at Vanderfield Machinery St George every Monday and Tuesday of the school week, whilst continuing to complete his senior schooling where he will be studying English Communication, Industrial Technology Skills, Prevocational Mathematics and Recreation Studies. A school based apprenticeship enables Thomas to gain valuable skills in the workplace and will also give him a point of difference and a definite head start in his trade once he successfully completes his senior schooling, all the while still having the opportunity to obtain his Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at the end of Year 12. Throughout his school based apprenticeship Thomas will do his theoretical training through TAFE QLD Warwick.

Clare Uys was also successful in her bid for a school based traineeship at Cornetts Supa IGA, St George where she was previously a casual employee. Clare was also signed up on Monday to participate in a school based traineeship; Cert III in Retail Operations (SIR30212), that commenced on Monday 30 January and will do her on the job training each Monday and Tuesday of the school week then will complete her theoretical training through Cornzal Pty Ltd, Northlakes QLD. A school based traineeship will enable Clare to extend upon her current skills within the workplace but also enable her to graduate Year 12 with her Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Whilst Clare is at school she will be completing the subjects of English, Mathematics A, Health and Well Being, Legal Studies and Links to Success.

Left: Erin Hose (MRAEL), Trevor Uys, Clare Uys, Tom Lodge (Cornetts Supa IGA St George), Sarah Scriven (YSC, STG SHS)

Right: Tony Grinke (Vanderfields), Thomas Anderson, Bruce Anderson, Erin Hose (MRAEL), Sarah Scriven (YSC, STG SHS)

2017 Student Resource Scheme

All outstanding school fees are now overdue.

Please note that prior to being accepted into the 2017 Student Resource Scheme or being eligible to participate in optional school activities all overdue accounts must be paid.

If you would like to enter a payment plan to bring your account into order, please contact Ben Lawson, Business Services Manager on 07 4620 8222.

HEBEL P&C SEAFOOD NIGHT
SATURDAY MARCH 4TH
6.30PM QLD TIME HEBEL HALL

Adults $60en 16+ yrs
Children $2 per year of age

BAR
RAFFLES
LUCKY DOOR PRIZE
BOOKINGS
Contact Jodie 0428 345 244
ar.jodie87@gmail.com
http://www.hbelpubandlodge.com

QUEENSLAND CRICKET
COMMUNITY COACHING COURSE
All coaches & parents throughout the South West are welcome.
Date Sunday 12th February 2017
Time: 9am - 4pm
Cost: $120
Females Free
Venue: St George State School

Register at: www.community.cricket.com.au/coach/courses/
Congratulations to Madison Spackman, Year 12 student in 2016, who was awarded with the Australia Day Junior Sports Achievement Medallion for the Balonne Shire at the Australia Day ceremony held at Bollon. Casey Smith was also nominated for the Australia Day Junior Citizen of the Year Award. Well done and a deserved recognition. Thank you to the 142 ACU cadets who participated in the opening of the Awards Ceremony and a special thank you to Dayna Colley who played the national anthem on the clarinet.

**Year 7 Vaccination Information**

In 2017, South West HHS is providing free vaccinations for all Year 7 students, on 1 March, 3 May and 6 September, as part of Queensland Health's annual School Immunisation Program.

All Year 7 students are being offered free vaccinations as recommended on the National Immunisation Program to protect against human papillomavirus (HPV) and diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough).

The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of authorised registered nurses. A consent pack will be given to your child to bring home. Please read the information booklet carefully, sign the consent card and return the consent card to the school by 15th February, 2017.

Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have breakfast on the morning of vaccination.

For more information about diseases, vaccines or School Immunisation Program, visit www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation or call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

- **ST GEORGE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE AGM** Thursday 6pm at the JRL shed. All welcome
- **ST GEORGE NETBALL ASSOC - SIGN ON DAY** Saturday 4 February 9am - 11am at the netball courts. Enquiries to Brooke 0400 255 941.
- **SQUASH** - Grade competition begins Monday 6 Feb at 6.30pm at The Centre. Enquiries phone John Mulholland 0428 735 944.
- **TAI CHI BEGINNER CLASSES** at Care Balonne every Tuesday 5pm-6pm. Come along, de-stress, learn a new technique and meet new people
- **STORY TIME @ THE LIBRARY** (2nd Friday of every month). Whilst the stories and activities are aimed at two to five year olds, all children are welcome to come along.
- **BALONNE BALLET ASSN** - classical, jazz and tap classes. 2.5yrs to adult, males and females. Ph 0428 106 041

**UP-DATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

It is important for all parent and guardian contact details for students at St George State High School to be kept up to date at all times. Please take the time to complete this slip and return it to the office ASAP. Please phone the school on 4620 8222 if you require further information.

NAME: ____________________________________________________________________________________________
ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________________________________
HOME PHONE: __________________________ MOBILE: __________________________
EMAIL: ____________________________________________________________________________________________