On Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September, 16 students travelled to Chinchilla SHS to represent St George SHS/Balonne District in the South West Track and Field Trials for 2016. A high percentage of students improved their performance from the house carnival earlier this term making all of the hard work at training worthwhile. Thanks to Mr Leadbetter, Miss Taggart and Miss Wood for their assistance after school to provide training for students.

Congratulations to Paige Clark (10-12 yrs) and Courtney Bosher (13-19yrs) on their selection into the South West Track and Field team for 2016. We wish you luck at State Championships to be held in Brisbane during week 3 of next term.

Mrs Goddard
Sports Coordinator
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Staffing in 2017

The end of Term 3 is always an interesting time of year for secondary schools as we get ready for the staffing changes for 2017. Teacher transfers are still yet to be announced, however, this year we have gone direct to the market and recruited high performing graduates to complement our existing great teachers. Lois Batou has already started with us in the area of Science and Maths and she brings with her a Masters of Engineering as well as her teaching degrees. Brittany Bate and Charles Jenner will also be joining us next year to target English in the junior secondary, with Belinda Tolete supporting students’ literacy needs. Kelly Ott is also moving to Roma Secondary College to take up the role of Head of Department – Junior Secondary. Miss Ott has led a number of significant agenda items forward that have benefited and supported students with great outcomes.

Master Teacher Role

The Master Teacher role is currently being work place-reformed to a Head of Curriculum with the position to be advertised next term. With improving outcomes for students as our number one priority, these changes should significantly support us to achieve this.

Mr. Doug Watson
Principal

FROM HoD SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

As Term Three draws to a close, I would like to thank staff, students and parents/caregivers for your efforts during the term. Last week our OP eligible students completed the QCS test. I would like to thank Angela Garner and Anne Brimblecombe for organising breakfast for the students and Sarah Scriven for organising a treat to celebrate the end of the tests. Thank you to our community representatives Loretta Sting and Sue Mizen for your support before, during and after the tests.

QCE

Our school goal is 100% QCE attainment for all current Year 12s. That means everyone will graduate with a Queensland Certificate of Education. It is crucial students realise that the mark they end up with for each subject is of great importance. If a student studies a subject for two years and receives a Limited Achievement or Very Limited Achievement at the end of Year 12 they will receive zero QCE points. The message to all Year 12 students is to remain focused until the end.

Year 10 Set Plans

All Year 10 students have now completed their Set Planning in preparation for Set Plan interviews in early Term 4. Students thoroughly enjoyed thinking about their futures and exploring options available for careers and further education. All students have received a copy of the 2019 Tertiary Prerequisites Guide. This guide, produced by QTAC, outlines the University prerequisites for all tertiary courses offered in Queensland. The guide will assist students to select subjects in Years 11 and 12 to ensure they are meeting any course prerequisites.

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As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the academic progress or social and emotional health of your child please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr. Robert Tuppack
Deputy Principal

FROM HoD Junior Secondary Schooling

Mrs Kelly Kuhz
A/HOD Senior Schooling

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Science is on fire!

Have you ever wondered how the number of kilojoules of energy there is in different foods is worked out? If so then you should ask a Year 8 student because this week they have designed and carried out an experiment to do just that for 3 different foods that they have chosen to go into a Sports Snack Bar to provide a specific amount of energy for athletes. They have chosen the ingredients so that a balance of both protein and carbohydrates are provided in the bar.

So how did they do it? Basically, the food item was set alight and placed under a small can containing a known amount of water and a thermometer. This was enclosed in a large can to stop the heat from escaping and the change in the temperature of the water was observed and recorded. By using a special formula, the students calculate the amount of heat energy in Joules that the water absorbed using the temperature change and the mass of the water. After changing into kilojoules, this is divided by the number grams of food that burnt to give the energy in kilojoules per gram of food.

As well as generating heat, the burning food gave off some interesting odours. You might say that Science was Smokin’ this week . . . but in a good way.

Karen McKechnie
Science Teacher

QCS students celebrate with icecream surprise

On Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 August, eight of our Year 12 students sat one of their most important exams of their schooling life, the QCS (Queensland Core Skills Test). It is a credit to the students for making it to this point in their schooling life and committing to the last 12-13 years of study, a feat not everyone has been able to achieve and one that will reward them in their future prospects.

As a surprise for their efforts, Youth Support Coordinator, Sarah Scriven decided to surprise them all with an ice cream sundae station where they could build their own ice cream sundaes with a variety of toppings including strawberries, blueberries, bananas and other devilish goodies to satisfy their sweet tooth and to help blow off the steam from the past two days of exams.

Communities Notices

- **THRIVE YOUTH CAMP** 23-25 September. Beardmore Dam Youth Camp, StG. Ph Sam Fromm 0407644602
- **PROJECT ICE** - True Grit - Community Education Forum
  When - Tuesday, 11th October 2016, Time 8am - 10.30am
  For who - the WHOLE Community

  What is it - to educate and inform the Balonne Shire Community on the ICE (Methamphetamine)

- **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

Please phone the office on 4620 8222 to make an appointment if you wish to see a staff member.
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