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NEWSLETTER

“Together We Achieve”

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DIARY DATES

29 Mar STG SHS Cross Country
 29 Mar Last Day Term 1
 16 Apr Pupil Free Day
 17 Apr First Day Term 2
 17 Apr Report Cards Issued
 18 Apr Balonne Tennis Trials
 20 Apr SW Soccer/Touch (C'ville)
 23 Apr P&C Meeting 6.30pm Library
 23 Apr Balonne Softball Trials
 24 Apr Parent/Teacher Interviews

P & C
Meeting
Monday
23 April
6.30pm
in the SHS
Library

The Year 7 camp was an enormous success with thanks to teachers Miss Kym Weatherall, Mr Chris Rigney, Miss Bronwyn Knee and Chaplain Simon Teunis. The Year 7s headed off to Brisbane on Monday 19 March where they stayed at Kindilan at Redland Bay. The cohort participated in teamwork activities: raft building, canoeing, orienteering, giant swing and rock climbing. Overcast weather and lots of mosquitos were felt by all. Evening activities consisted of spotlight, minute to win it activities and a movie to finish it off. A great deal of fun was had by all and exhaustion was felt by most once they arrived home on Friday afternoon.

Mr Chris Smith
 HoD Junior Secondary



There are wonderful things happening at this school everyday.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our school is a community focusing on each and every student. Through academic achievement a student can have choice in where they go and what they do when they complete Year 12.

The Year 7, 8 and 9 students and their parents/guardians were invited to meet with us to discuss their student's Junior Education/Training Plan. We found these meetings a valuable positive conversation about attendance, goal setting, achievements and social and emotional wellbeing, ensuring that students are on track to having suitable options when they complete Year 12.

This term we have acknowledged our student leaders, celebrated sporting achievements and past student academic successes. Our staff are your student's first point of contact for their learning and social and emotional wellbeing. We acknowledge that the celebrations within our school are the result of staff's commitment to students and the community.

I invite you to join our conversations and promote the notion that students must have options when they complete Year 12.



Mr Rob Tuppack
A/Principal

FROM HoD JUNIOR SECONDARY

NAPLAN

Next term all Year 7 and 9 will be participating in NAPLAN assessments in Week 4. All students will participate in four tests over three days from Tuesday 15 – Thursday 18 May. Language conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy are the tests. It is important that students have the correct equipment. They require a calculator, an eraser, a sharpener and several 2B pencils to complete all tests.



Mr Chris Smith
HoD Junior Secondary

Yr 12 English students are being creative figuratively speaking

Students in Year 12 English have been studying creative writing and using figurative language to show not tell. In last week's lesson a cake was brought to class to celebrate the birthday of two students and to provide a delicious stimulus for the students to respond to as a warm up activity. Here are some excerpts from the students' work:

The sweet smell of the Oreos waltzed through the air and crawled its way into my nose; instantly filling my head with thoughts of cake.

Then I did it I took a bite. My main exploded as the sweet and creamy delight, tingled my tastebuds.

Crumbs scattered like a crowd of people in the midst of early morning traffic as the slimmer knife slid smoothly through the fluffy layers.



THE CREAMY ICING STUCK TO MY FINGERS AS I STUFFED ANOTHER BITE INTO MY MOUTH. THE MOIST, RICH CHOCOLATE DANCED ACROSS MY TASTEBUDS AS I ALREADY WISHED FOR A SECOND PIECE.

The Oreo stood to attention. Topping the creamy white icing, which covered the soft brown sponge.

The little pieces perched on top of the egg shell white icing like an owl in a big gum tree.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As the term draws to a close, I would like to remind all members of the school community that every day counts. This includes the final week of school for the term. The below article from the Australian discusses a study that demonstrates the power of attendance, particularly in the early years, as a contributor to future success at school.



<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/nation/attendance-during-year-7-is-a-key-predictor-of-future-success-study-finds/news-story/30457e05a6273b8ba2730e663101561f>

"Research by The Smith Family involving 30,000 students and spanning seven years has found that three-quarters of students with an attendance rate above 90 per cent in Year 7 went on to complete Year 12, compared to just 48 per cent of those who attended less than 69 per cent of the time." It is crucial to ensure that attendance at school is met with effective teaching and learning, which is why teachers continue to deliver high quality learning experiences and curriculum every single school day. Please help us to ensure the best possible future for all of our students, by sending your student every single school day.

ANZAC DAY

Early next term, an integral event on the Australian cultural calendar will occur. ANZAC Day is one of the most significant days of the year. We at St George State High School treat these events with the dignity and attention that they so richly deserve. This day is not a celebration, but rather, a commemoration of the sacrifices made by all members of the Armed Services so that we may enjoy the liberties and freedoms of Australia's democracy. I would appreciate all parents talking to their children about the historical and cultural significance of this event. On the first day of Term 2, letters will be sent home with permission forms inviting our students to participate in the community's ANZAC Day services. Please ensure that these forms are returned promptly. Students will be required to wear full formal school uniform to participate in the march, as a mark of respect for the solemnity and formality of the occasion. If your child would like to march, but does not have a formal uniform, please contact the school to discuss how we can assist.

Mrs Jade Wager
A/Deputy Principal

FROM HoD SENIOR SECONDARY

I would like to wish all parents, students and staff a wonderful break over Easter. I am sure that the senior students will be looking forward to some down time after studying for their many assessments tasks. Term Two will be equally busy for students in Years 10, 11 and 12, so please feel free to contact me at any time if the stress of school is having an impact on your child. I am happy to help or support each and every student.



I am looking forward to starting Term Two, as all of the students are aware of what the school's expectations are and the consequences that are in place for students. For Year 10 students, next term will mean the start of their learning about what senior school entails and what subjects they might need to study to access a particular pathway, whether that be the workforce, University, TAFE or other. This cohort of Year 10s will be the first in QLD to graduate with an ATAR. This means that the subject offerings may be slightly different and they have more opportunities to gain access to further education.

Enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to working with you and your children in Term Two. For any questions or concerns you may have regarding your Senior Secondary students please email me at daddi4@eq.edu.au or call 4620 8205.

Mrs Deborah Addison
HoD Senior Secondary

**PBL Focus
Week 9 & 10**

Be Responsible:

I use phones and other devices for curriculum purposes only and as directed by my teacher.

Year 10s volunteer at IWD luncheon

On Wednesday 7 March, some of the Year 10 students volunteered to serve at the International Women's Day Luncheon. They were respectful and did a great job helping in the kitchen and serving the two course meal. Well done to Holly, Rebecca, Paige, Sarah, Chelsea and Tylah. All of the students did a great job representing the school.



Lions Youth of Year

This year was the 40th anniversary of the Lions Youth of the Year competition. The Lions Youth of the Year competition is a prestigious event designed to encourage student leadership in the community. Students are 'assessed' on more than just their academic achievements but also their community involvement, leadership qualities, sportsmanship, current affairs knowledge and public speaking abilities.

This year William Fisher and James Claxton competed for the title of St George's Lions Youth of the Year. William and James went through the interview process, where they were assessed by a panel. The final event was the annual Lions Youth of the Year Dinner, this year held at The Merino Motor Inn, St George. The boys both had to present a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. Both Will and James handled the pressure well and performed commendably.

Overall, the winner of the Lions Youth of the Year competition was William Fisher. William has won a trip to New Zealand in December, where he will



gain valuable experience living with a host family before attending a two-week youth camp in Rotorua. Well done to both William and James for their participation in this event. The experience of the interview process and public speaking are both invaluable.

University Opportunities for Year 11 and 12 students

If you are considering University in 2019 or 2020, the following opportunities are available in 2018:

Australian Catholic University:

- ACUs Experience Day - free event allows students to take part in workshops showcasing degrees they may be interested in and participate in interactive activities. Held on Thursday 5 July at the Brisbane Campus for Year 10 to 12
- Open Day will be held on Saturday 28 July.
Visit: openday.acu.edu.au for more information
- ACU offer an early entry program called Community Achiever Program based on select criteria. To be eligible for the program, you must be regularly volunteering in your community. For more information visit acu.edu.au/community-achiever

Bond University:

- Open Day will be held on Saturday 28 July 2pm to 6pm.
Visit: bond.edu.au/experience for more information

If you would like more information, feel free to see Mrs Woodrow, Guidance Officer.

Companion Card Program

The Companion Card Program promotes fair ticketing for people with disability who require significant attendant care and need support to attend venues and participate in community events and recreational activities. When buying a ticket for participating venues and public transport services, a Companion Card holder is issued with a second 'companion' ticket at no charge. The cost of the second ticket is met by the business. A companion is any person who accompanies a cardholder and provides attendant care support. The cardholder's companion may be a paid or unpaid assistant or carer, family member, partner or friend. To be eligible a person must:

- Be a lawful Australian resident living in Queensland; and
- Have a disability; and
- Because of the impact of the disability, be unable to participate at most community venues or activities without a care support; and
- Need or be likely to need, lifelong attendant care support.

Companion Cards can only be issued to a child where significant attendant care support is required due to a child's disability and not due to age alone. Things that the Companion Card can be used for: accessing public transport, regional shows, Brisbane Ekka, sporting venues, theatres, movies, theme parks, zoos and many more both in QLD and interstate. If you believe your child would benefit from having a companion card or wish to discuss an application, feel free to contact Mrs Woodrow, Guidance Officer for more information or visit the website: <https://www.qld.gov.au/disability/out-and-about/companion-card>

Yr 11/12 Business

On Monday 19 March, the Year 11/12 Senior Business students made and sold milkshakes as a way to learn about running a small business. Prior to selling the milkshakes the students had to work out the ingredients and budget the cost of a milkshake in order to make a profit. All profits will go back into the Math's budget. They tasted great!



Blue Day against bullying



Students wore blue ribbons and staff wore blue on Friday 16 March to support the National Day Against Bullying.

We take bullying seriously and support students who have been targeted as well as those who participate in bullying.



SCHOOL UNIFORM REVIEW

The St George SHS P&C are undertaking a review of the school's uniform and are needing enthusiastic people to form a committee to facilitate this. The committee will comprise of parents, staff and students. If you are interested in being on this committee please contact P&C President, Mrs Rochelle Ferguson on 0419 798 352 or nickelle@bigpond.com

P & C News

It's hard to believe Term 1 has come to an end. The P&C have been very busy fundraising and working together on improvements.

Last Sunday was a very successful morning of fundraising carried out by Bruce and Sue Anderson, Nick Ferguson and myself. Feeding 97 hungry participants in the Battle on the Balonne Tri event kept us (and the flies) very busy. We cooked bacon and egg burgers making a profit of \$500. Great effort by all.

Joy and I are talking and working together at bringing the school's front garden (along the fence) back to life. Nik's Nursery is quoting on some hardy, evergreen plants for us. We hope to get some enthusiastic students to come on board and help with this project.

The P&C are needing helpers for the upcoming musical to serve at the bar as one of our fundraisers. This is over 3 nights (Thursday 24, Friday 25 and Saturday 26 May) and if you can help (even if it's only for an hour) please email me on nickelle@bigpond.com.

We have almost formed our uniform committee which is very exciting. Stay tuned for regular updates.

Our next meeting will be Monday 23 April 6.30pm in the library. We welcome everyone and would love to see some new faces.

I wish you all a very happy Easter filled with loads of chocolate and your loved ones. Stay safe on the roads if you are heading away. Enjoy and relax over the school holidays. I hope the children recharge and are ready to face Term 2.

Thank you for your support.

Warm regards,
Rochelle Ferguson
P&C President

CORRESPONDENCE SENT HOME

DATE	NOTE	YR LEVEL	METHOD	DUE
13 Feb	Yr & Camp Note	Yr 7 Campers	Via students	Info
20 Mar	Which Way? This Way!	Selected males	Via student	ASAP
20 Mar	Delmar Shearing Camp	Selected Students	Via student	23/3
26 Mar	Musical Rehearsals	Participants	Via students	Info

2018 Next Step survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2017. The *Next Step* survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the *Next Step* survey in 2018.

Further information on *Next Step* is available online at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.



St George State High School

Office Hours

8am - 4pm Monday to Friday

Please phone during these hours or leave a message on 4620 8222

Please advise the school office of all student absences ASAP

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **ST GEORGE & DISTRICT LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE** - Our first day of centre activities and sign on for 2018 will be Sunday 22 April, 9:30am - 11:00am at St George High School oval. We will run a 3 activity program each week (9:30am – 11am). Fees for 2018 - Tiny Tots (3 and 4 yrs) \$38 and 5-16 yrs \$70. - Day fees \$2 per child per week. Two week free trial for new athletes.
- **ST GEORGE RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB** are looking for U16 and U18 players for this season 2018. If you are eligible and willing to commit to playing please come to training on Tuesday night and Thursday night at Rowden Park from 6.30pm.
- **PARK RUN ST GEORGE - FREE** every Saturday, 7am at ski ramp, Hutt Street. 5km walk, run, push pram, walk your dog on leash. Register at parkrun.com.au/register or contact Angie 0400 147 347.
- **TOUCH FOOTBALL COMPETITION** Ages 8-14 years, FREE sausage sizzle every week. Contact Andrew Sampson 4620 3033
- **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

Parent / Teacher Meetings

Students will receive their Term 1 reports on Tuesday 17 April and Parent/Teacher meetings will be held at the high school from 3.30pm until 7pm on Tuesday 24 April. The SOBs online booking system is in place to make your own appointment times. Please use the link to access the booking system.

Parent Teacher bookings will be available through SOBS <https://sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=1099> from Tuesday 17 April for meetings on Tuesday 24 April.



sobs
online booking system

Online newsletter in Term 2

Parent's primary email has been subscribed to the new mailing list for newsletters. If you'd like to add an additional email, subscribe at:

<https://stgeorghshs.schoolzineplus.com/subscribe>

Newsletters from Term 2, 2018 will be available at

<https://stgeorghshs.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/archive>

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2018 TASTE PROGRAM

Explore a career in agriculture and rural industries – come and RIDE IT, DRIVE IT, GROW IT, TASTE IT!

The unique TASTE experience is designed to help secondary school students explore the wide range of career opportunities available in agriculture and rural industries.

Open to students aged 15 years and over. The Agricultural Skills & Technology Experience (TASTE) program is held during school holidays at:

- Emerald Agricultural College, and
- Longreach Pastoral College.

Why attend TASTE?

- Get hands on experience on working in rural industry settings.
- Meet experienced industry specialists.
- Explore the working range of existing and career opportunities in agriculture and related rural industries.
- Connect with others who are interested in agriculture as you and!

A fun and interactive experience

Develop an appreciation of the practical skills relating to the innovative technology that will help forge a career in agriculture – all in a fun and interactive environment!

- Learn how to operate agricultural machinery and equipment.
- Explore the science and technology behind agriculture.
- Feeding and managing livestock.
- Tilling, mowing, and quad bikes and homes.

Emerald Agricultural College & Longreach Pastoral College
Check out both Colleges during a 5 day TASTE experience

02 – 02 JULY
21 – 28 SEPTEMBER
03 – 07 DECEMBER
CODE: 1550

Proudly supported by Rotary

Contact your local Rotary Club to discuss Rotary's support for you to attend a TASTE program.

Supporters - 2017 TASTE Participants

I'm interested in the livestock industry, and the TASTE program provided me with valuable insight of potential career pathways. TASTE was an unforgettable experience!

Supporters - 2017 TASTE Participants

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Digital Newsletter coming in Term 2

**The St George State High School
newsletter is going digital from the
beginning of Term 2.**

Parents primary email addresses have been subscribed to the new mailing list for newsletters. If you'd like to add an additional email, subscribe at

<https://stgeorgeshs.schoolzineplus.com/subscribe>

Newsletters from Term 2, 2018 will be available at

<https://stgeorgeshs.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/archive>

Clear photos, videos and current Diary Dates will be available in the newsletters so you don't want to miss out on being part of the action.

Newsletters will only be delivered via email from this point on. To ensure that you are kept up to date with all the happenings at the high school, please ensure that we have your current email address on file.

Parent/guardian and community member contact details can be updated by phone or email. Phone Sally or Di on 07 4620 8222 or email

admin@stgeorgeshs.eq.edu.au

Update now - don't miss out