Introducing the 2017 School Captains Jesse Wilkinson and Harry Scriven and School Vice Captains, Isabel Anderson and Anna Strugnell.

Over the past month we have worked our way through a selection process to determine our Senior Leaders for 2017. This process involved written applications, staff and student voting and interviews as well as some challenging experiences on Leadership Camp.

The students selected have consistently displayed incredible maturity and commitment to their school, fellow students and studies throughout their years at St George State High School.

Brooke Smith and Coby Tzvetkoff are Leichhardt House Captains, Kingsleigh Anderson and Aimee Zohl are Mitchell House Captains and Macey Coveney and Bryce Chapman are House Captains for Nixon.

Anika Labuschewski and Kelsey Staines are the Senior Leaders.

Mr Watson and the staff look forward to working closely with the new Captains and Vice Captains in 2017 to ensure that the school is represented in as many local and community events as possible.

Congratulations to Jesse, Harry, Isabel and Anna, also Brooke, Coby, Kingsleigh, Aimee, Macey, Bryce, Anika and Kelsey! Bring on 2017!
FROM THE PRINCIPAL
The last newsletter for the year is a great way to recognise the successes of the students, staff and wider community. 2016 has been around expanding opportunities for students and increasing outcomes.

Some of our successes in action are:

- Every student in year 12 will obtain a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- No student in Year 12 has failed a subject on exit
- This year’s school musical ‘Annie’
- The schools participation in the Kokoda challenge for the first time
- Closing the gap indigenous outcomes for Year 12 students
- Expansion of the netball and rugby league programs
- Increased performance in this year’s NAPLAN tests
- Increased student attendance
- Behaviour management rates are down from 2014
- The increased engagement of the community with the school’s Facebook page

These successes are directly attributed to the hard work and passion of the staff, students and community members that volunteer their time to support our students.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr Doug Watson
Principal

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
I am very excited about 2017. We are adding Indigenous Language for Years 7, 8 and 9. The ARTs for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, Economics Business with Civics and Citizenship for Years 7, 8 and 9. Health and Wellbeing for all year levels and Links to Success for Years 11 and 12 non-OP Students.

These additions to our curriculum have come about from our curriculum review and restructuring of Year 11 and 12 curriculum lines to give students opportunities to undertake an Academic or Para Professional or a Vocational pathway. Building on our successes we will be focussing on student attendance, student learning and growth and student behaviour to improve student outcomes.

We are extending an invitation to our community to meet our new and existing staff on Tuesday 31 January 2017 in our library from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. There will be opportunities to find out about subjects and an afternoon tea will be provided.

Date Claimer - 23 January Term 1 starts
Date Claimer - 31 January 2017 - Meet and greet our new and existing staff 3.00pm to 4.30pm

I wish all of the community a safe and happy holiday and look forward to 2017.

Mr Robert Tuppack
Deputy Principal

SCHOOL WATCH 131788
While students celebrate a six-week break as the bell sounds on Friday afternoon, residents are being urged to look, listen and report any suspicious behaviour over the holidays.

The community is encouraged to report any suspicious behaviour to police or the School Watch hotline to ensure schools are protected from acts of vandalism.

The School Watch hotline is available 24 hours for people to call on 131 788.

The motto of School Watch is look, listen and report, which is designed to ensure that suspicious activities are reported to the appropriate authorities so members of the community are not placed at risk by intercepting an incident in progress.

Correspondence sent home
Next year this column will appear permanently in all newsletters so that parents are aware of information that has been sent home with students within the last fortnight.

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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.
Hi, my name is Charles Jenner and I have just graduated from the University of the Sunshine Coast. My speciality areas are English and History and I will be teaching at St George State High School for the entirety of 2017. I look forward to immersing myself in the St George community and working to maintain the safe and supporting learning environments enjoyed by the students at the school.

Last week I began at St George SHS as the School Based Youth Health Nurse (SBYHN). My name is Angie Gorry and I have been working in Roma Children's Service for the past 5 years as a SBYHN at Roma State College, Child Health Nurse, and Nurse Immuniser. My passion is children’s development particularly in the development of their personalities, resilience and mental well-being.

My family and I moved to St George a month ago. My children have settled into school and my husband is employed at Balonne Shire Council. We are enjoying St George and especially the beautiful Balonne River. I will be working at the school every Tuesday and Thursday and will be based in Daymar in 2017.

Hi! I'm Lois Batoon, a new Maths and Science teacher. I moved from Brisbane to St George two months ago, and so far I love it here, very quiet and no traffic. I completed high school and went straight to university to study Civil Engineering then Education. I look forward to teaching at St George State High School in the coming years.

P & C News

Term 4 has been an extremely busy term. On 22 October, with the coordination of Annette Woodrow, community members were treated to a “Day to Create.” It was a lovely day, and we truly appreciate the support of everyone involved – whether it be from donations of goods, helping out before and on the day, or simply by coming along and supporting us!

On Sunday 13 November we held our annual tryathlon. Around 50 participants enjoyed the pleasant conditions on the morning. See the winners and their times below. Congratulations all!

A huge thank you to all participants who continue to support this event each year, in particular the local Triathlon Club and Luke Todd for his expertise and assistance. Special thanks to Sarah McGee for coordinating this massive event and Sue and Bruce Anderson for the delicious breakfast. Thank you also to the Royal Military College of Duntroon for supplying troops to man our drink stations. Unfortunately, helpers were few and far between, however we genuinely appreciate the assistance of our student and parent helpers, some of whom were up at 4am to help set up!

The P & C also catered for the Year 12 Formal on Thursday 17 November with support from the Year 11 students and lots of parents and some younger students. Thank you all – it was a wonderful night. Congratulations to all the graduating Year 12 students – you all looked stunning! We wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

At our November meeting we discussed the events happening around the school, including the leadership process, school camps, the installation and connection of fibre to the skill centre (thanks to a contribution from your P and C) and the school grounds. There was a request that more seating/shade be installed around the school for students. The school management team is currently examining this and would welcome suggestions on the best shade trees to plant.

Finally, we sadly farewelled Jenny Blokland. Jenny has been a fantastic supporter of the P and C for many years and she will be missed. Thank you Jenny!

Try-athlon action

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St George State High School Uniform Shop

will be open in the Tuckshop

11am - 2pm

Wednesday 18 to Friday 20 January 2017
Year 11 Leadership Camp had challenging moments

On Sunday 20 November, twelve Year 11 students along with Mrs Kuhz, Ms Rakich, Ms Hayward and Mr Franklin left St George and set out for their Year 11 Leadership Camp at Mudjimba, Sunshine Coast. Over the course of the next 5 days, the students and teachers would have a fabulous time and create memorable experiences with many laughs, giggles, challenging and successful moments. Day 1 started bright and early with everyone waking at 4:30am for a sunrise walk along the beach, followed by an exciting morning of abseiling and rock climbing, with the afternoon spent taking surfing lessons down at the beach. Day 2 everybody went canoeing - with poor Mrs Kuhz and Ms Rakich to be the only ones to capsize and take a dunk in the water. The afternoon was spent doing the incredibly challenging but absolutely rewarding tough mudder obstacle course which forced everyone to run, jump, swing, climb, crawl, hop, duck, drop and roll, but most importantly work as a team. Day 3 was spent on the 20m high rope course where everybody challenged themselves to different extents, with the afternoon spent at the beach playing beach games facilitated by Mrs Kuhz. Thursday was 'free-time' day and everybody went bowling, putt putt and several hours fun shopping and movies at Sunshine Plaza. Everybody on camp agreed that Year 11 Leadership camp was an incredible experience that not only allowed them to have a fantastic time, but also taught them important leadership qualities such as initiative, teamwork, responsibility and helping others in challenging moments. Thank you to our wonderful students for being so amazing - you will make fine leaders in Year 12 next year - and to our teachers for organising and being there every step of the way. Great job team!