diary dates

23-27 Nov  Yr 11 Leadership Camp
27 Nov     Last day for Year 10
9,10,11 Dec NO TUCKSHOP
11 Dec     Last day of School
27 Jan     School Resumes
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Moving from Good to Great

As our Year 12s finish it is exciting to think about the wonderful opportunities that await them. Most have already been pre-accepted into universities, apprenticeships and employment and with all calculated to get a QCE, I know they are on the road to great success.

School Spirit

School spirit and culture are built and represented through many mediums in schools, the school uniform is one of the most important and powerful mediums in communicating this. As of 2016 students will be required to wear their formal uniform on a Monday and Wednesday in Terms 1 and 4. Our formal school uniform is extremely ‘sharp’ and communicates pride, integrity and commitment, all of which sets a purpose for learning. The change to include Mondays will set students up with a great attitude for learning.

Great Opportunities

Additional scopes of work are about to commence at the high school with new cabinetry, paint and furniture replacing three tired rooms, the art room is being completely overhauled and the Skill Centre is being brought on line as classrooms, learning areas and offices; over a quarter of a million dollars in refurbishment, will occur between now and the start of school next year.

Mr Doug Watson
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Good bye and good luck to our Year 12s! The formal held at the Golf Club certainly an amazing evening, thanks to the hard work of Heidi Hayward and her team of helpers. The young women all looked so stunning and young men so handsome – hard to believe it was our students looking all so grown up! Our traditional farewell to the Yr 12 – the Valedictory ceremony was held Friday morning with student representatives from all year levels presenting a short but sincere farewell. There was a large number of parents, friends and families who joined us to say a ‘very warm’ and teary farewell to the students’ school days – it was special to be able to share this occasion with so many school community members. Special thanks to Yr 11 students and the staff who prepared and provided the light refreshments for the morning tea.

Reports

Yr 10,11 – reports available for collection from Office from 4 Dec

Yr 7, 8, 9 – reports handed out on 10 Dec

All reports not collected by 10 Dec will be mailed to the most recent recorded mailing address.

As advised in the previous newsletter, each report will show an achievement level, effort, behaviour and homework grades and a Distribution of the Achievement level graph (which gives an indication of the child’s placement in the cohort) for each subject. There will be no written comments on the reports. Year 12 will not receive a school report as QCAA provides a Statement of Attainment for all students.

Yr 8/9 Subject selections

Students in Year 8 and 9 have been given subject selection forms, in which they select their 2 electives for 2016. These electives are grouped into 2 lines and they are to choose one elective on each line.

Mr Lynne McCosker
Deputy Principal

FROM HoD JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

With the end of year fast approaching there are only a few more weeks for students to study and prepare for assessment. Junior secondary students do not finish exams until the end of week 9 so it is really important students continue to maintain high attendance. Please refer to the assessment calendar for year level specific timelines.

Several weeks ago Year 7 students had the honour of hosting Year 6 students who are in the process of transitioning to High School. Students had the opportunity to participate in a mixture of lessons including Art, Drama, HPE and Science. Well done to the Year 7 students who were excellent role models for our new students and for helping them to become acquainted with high school life. We are looking forward to Year 6 students visiting again for a full orientation day where students will get to experience a Year 7 classroom taught by Miss Taggart and Miss Weatherall.

Lastly, if students missed the opportunity to pre-order their copy of the school magazine, they will have a final chance to purchase any left-over copies for $20 through the office when they arrive. I encourage all students to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and purchase this incredible memento of 2015.

Important dates to remember for the rest of this term:

- Year 7 2016 Orientation day, 30 November
- Report cards issued, 10 December
- Years 7-9 Alternate Program, Week 10

FROM HoD SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

After a frantic year, I can say that the Senior students should be proud of what they have accomplished, and take their next steps into the following year with gumption.

Something that is important for all students to do at this stage, is to reflect on what you have done this year, and acknowledge what you have done well. Equally important is to acknowledge the efforts of your peers, work colleagues and family members and tell them what they have done well. I hope next year students set themselves goals to achieve….. on their grades, their attendance or their contributions to the school and wider community. Richard Sherman, an American Football corner back has talked about the idea of getting back what you put in. He says that “you get out what you put in…because that’s how football is, that’s what you learn at a young age. If you put in the work, you put in the hours, you’re gonna get great results, you’re gonna get your accolades. You don’t put anything in…you don’t put no work in, you can’t expect anything. You can’t expect to be a great player, to be a star, to win. You can expect to lose…..to be disappointed a lot. Talent can only take you so far, but if you don’t put in the work, talent will fail you.” This perspective goes beyond football. It is a perspective on life. I hope all of our students set realistic and achievable goals for 2016, and stay focused on accomplishing those goals.

In a final note, I would also like to recognise ALL of the staff at St George State High School for their fantastic efforts and strong commitment to the students and the school community. A special note of thanks to the teachers who have worked extremely hard this year, and juggled many responsibilities. They have been role models for students and surrogate parents who students lean on for support, advice or to share their good news. They are assessors - looking to see how each student has grown and mastered their knowledge and understanding of lesson objectives, travel agents - organising trips away, doctors - to know when children are sick and news reporters - to inform students of what is happening in the world around us. A big thanks to the support staff, administration and ancillary staff. No school can run well without your commitment and efforts.

Have a happy and safe holidays to all. You have earned it.

Ms Jo McGrath
A/HOD Senior Schooling
On Saturday 31 October some of our committed and enthusiastic Year 11 students held a car wash, home bake sale and sausage sizzle to raise money for their leadership camp. The students worked hard to organise and advertise the car wash, and brought their “A” game on the day, with most students washing cars for four hours straight. The day was a huge success – we even had to shut the gates and turn people away at the end! The students raised a total of $1,255.00 which will contribute significantly to the individual cost per student of the camp. Some of the highlights included Ryan’s impressive advertising skills, washing the windscreen of a huge bus and Miss McKenna being dwarfed by an F truck. Special thanks to Tony Griegg from Caltex for his support, Emily Killen and Stephanie Schiller for their initiative and preparation for this event, and all of the students who helped out. Also, thanks to staff Sarah Scriven, Mrs Brimblecombe, Miss Taggart, Miss Ott and Mr Everitt for volunteering their time on the day. The local community were very impressed with the Year 11s, with many comments about their work ethic, cheerful attitudes and polite, respectful dispositions. Well done.

Amy McKenna - Teacher

I had the pleasure of inspecting the passing out parade, assisting in the presentation of trophies and attending the end of year dinner for the cadets on Saturday 14 Nov. They were joined by many family members and friends for their parade held in the High School REC Centre.

I was impressed with the maturity and good manners shown by the cadets at dinner that night and by the friendship and enjoyment that they so obviously gain from being a member of the cadet unit. Awards were presented to the following:-

Best Presented Cadet - CDT CPL Harry Scriven
Leadership Skill - CDT SGT Lachlan Colley
Most Well Mannered - CDT Bryce Sewell
Most Supportive - CDT SGT Lachlan Colley
Most Improved - CDT Bryce Sewell

Farewell gifts were presented to CDT Emily Davies and CDT SGT Ethan Gray.

Lynne McCosker

Mr Everitt has played a huge part within our school and wider community over the past 6 years that he has been at St George State High. Not only has Mr Everitt been such an influence within the school, teaching, organising and helping at events, but he has also volunteered his time in the community on numerous occasions with youth events and blue light discos. Mr Everitt has been an asset to our school and we are sad to see him go. On behalf of St George State High School we would like to wish Luke all the best for the future.

On the school’s last official assembly the school presented Luke with a didgeridoo, painted by local Kamilaroi man, Gordon Long, and the students who attended the school’s 2014 NAIDOC day.

Kym Weatherall - CEC
Year 12 Formal 2015
Congratulations to the students below who have consistently displayed one or more of the four school expectations, well done!

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Tuckshop Vouchers:
- Amy O’Neil, Marcus Brimblecombe, Harry Scriven, Jacob Watters, Deanna Oliver
- $20 Golders Voucher - Marcus Brimblecombe
- $20 iTunes Voucher - Aerol Plaza & Connor Clark
- $20 Tuckshop Voucher - Harry Johnson & Tylah Fontaine

GOLD ZINNER WINNER:
- iPod - RHYLEY PETFIELD

TUCKSHOP OPENING HOURS
CLOSED 9, 10 & 11 December 2015
OPEN 20, 21 & 22 January 2016
8.00am to 2.00pm
CLOSED 25 & 25 January 2016

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