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Year 10: Luke Evettt
Year 11: Anne Brimblecombe
Year 12: Angela Garner

DIARY DATES
11-16 Nov Yr 10-12 Exam Block
19 Nov Year 12 Formal
20 Nov Valedictory
23-27 Nov Yr 11 Leadership Camp

2015 SCHOOL MAGAZINE
Keep an eye on the Newsletter for release date and order forms.
ONLY $20.
Available also Magazines from previous years.
$20 each—Heaps of photos & memories.

2015 AWARDS NIGHT

St George SHS celebrated its 38th Speech Night on Tuesday 3 November. Congratulations to all students who participated and received awards on the evening and congratulations to the community on the support offered to all of these recipients. Some celebrations of success for 2015 are:-

- We are tracking towards 100% QCE, which will make us 1 of 4 schools in the Darling Downs South West that is able to achieve this fantastic outcome;
- Tracking at 100% OP 1 to 15;
- Year 9 NAPLAN data for students at the national minimum standard has increased by between 7.7 % and above in Reading, Spelling, Grammar-Punctuation and Numeracy. Numeracy by a staggering 26%;
- Increased commitment to closing the gap for Indigenous students through targeted support;
- Sheep Team – Grand Champion ribbon at the RNA show;
- Spirit of Optiminds award - Honours in the Science/Engineering challenge;
- 250 000 in additional funding for upgrading classrooms and facilities to enhance the experiences of students.

Senior Dux was presented to Teri Strugnell and Junior Dux to Jesse Wilkinson, congratulations to both girls.

We were grateful to have the mayor Mrs Donna Stewart in attendance and her continued support of the school. A sincere thank you is extended to the sponsors and donors of awards, the staff for their assistance and the school community for their support.

Doug Watson - Principal
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Moving from Good to Great

Every four years all state schools are involved in a review by the School Improvement Unit (SIU) and their written report is used to guide improvement activities for the future. The review is aligned to the school’s strategic plan and St George SHS is in the process of developing the 2016-2019 plan. As part of this process I would like to invite the community to an afternoon forum to provide a community perspective around the future strategic direction of the school. The forum will use a PMI process (pluses, minuses and interesting) in conjunction with the SIU report to evaluate the current programs at the school and provide strategic direction for the next four years.

Community forum – St George SHS Resource Centre
When: Tuesday 10 November
Time: 3:30-4:30 pm
RSVP: Please rsvp to Sally Kennedy on 4620 8222 or admin@stgeorgeshs.eq.edu.au

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Speech Night 2015, yet another occasion where I feel great pride in our school, as I am sure are the many parents and community members who attended. The students deserve to be so very proud of themselves and it was wonderful to be able to celebrate their many achievements for 2015. Sincere congratulations to all recipients of awards.

SPEECH NIGHT PROGRAMS - with the Special award winners names are available at the office.

Yr 11 /12 EXAM BLOCK – FRI 13 Nov to THURS 19 Nov

Information has been provided to all students and they can remain at home in non-scheduled exam times provided all other assessment is completed. If there is any outstanding assessment, students must work in the Library until this work is complete.

VALEDICTORY – 10.00am in Recreation Centre at the school on Friday 20 November. All welcome!!! This ceremony is our school farewell to the Yr 12s and will be followed by light refreshments for Yr 12s and their families.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

We are continuing to refine reporting to parents. As such end of Semester 2 report will now include:

- Distribution of the Achievement levels (in graph form) which gives an indication of the student’s placement in the cohort
- Achievement level
- Effort, Behaviour and homework grades
- No written comments

Yr 12 will not receive a school report as QCAA provide a Statement of Attainment for all students.

Mrs Lynne McCosker
Deputy Principal

FROM HoD SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

I love this time of the year! While we celebrate successes throughout the year, watching the students get up on stage to be formally recognised is a wonderful thing to see. I like to see students rewarded from goals they have set themselves through the year. One year 10 student had her eye on the prize, worked diligently, constantly sought feedback and now has been recognised with one of the most prestigious awards in the school. Congratulations to all who were recognised.

Year 11 camp is fast approaching. The Year 11 students did a fabulous job of fundraising. An impressive amount was raised and will go towards camp costs. I was filled with pride, seeing the students set a goal and work as a team to bring the car wash together. That’s what leadership is about – communicating with each other, developing positive relationships and working together to meet a common goal! Well done year 11s.

Year 12s the end is near. Remember to stay focused and aim for your best in all of your subjects. As this is your exit, you need to make sure you pass to bank your points from the past two years. Our goal is 100% QCE. If you achieve, we achieve with you.

Ms Jo McGrath
A/HOD Senior Schooling

FROM HoD JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Term 4 is on track to be a busy and rewarding term for Junior Secondary students. Speech night was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the many talented students we have in the Junior School and it was fantastic to see such a strong representation in the Year 7 dance, the instrumental band and the choir. Congratulations to all the award recipients, your hard work and commitment to your studies has certainly paid off.

A special congratulations to Year 8 student Georgie Waters who has been selected in the Wingara Mura-Bunga Barrabugu summer program. The program is being hosted by the University of Sydney and Georgie gets the opportunity to represent St George State High School for a week in January. Good luck Georgie!

Finally, it’s that time of year to consult the assessment calendar and start preparing students for end of term assignments. It is important for students to be at school everyday learning and preparing for assessment.

Important dates to remember for the rest of this term:

- Year 7 2016 Transition afternoon, 11 November
- Year 7 2016 Orientation day, 2 December
- Report cards issued, 8 December
- 7-9 Alternate Program, Week 10

Miss Kelly Ott
HoD Junior Secondary Schooling
CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
Thomas Desgrand, Dennielle Dohle, Tylah Fontaine, Rebecca Hoolihan, Harry Johnson, Lauren Fraser, Molli Miller, Lily Codrington, Jessica Johnson, Sophie Schiller, Isabel Anderson, Harry Scriven, Jesse Wilkinson, Bronwyn Pike, Teri Strugnell.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

SILVER SPORTING MEDALLIONS

GOLD SPORTING MEDALLION - Jessica Johnson.

RSL SPORTS ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS
Dennielle Dohle & Jack Drescher

SPORTMAN & SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR
Snr: Ned Jones
Snr: Madison Spackman
Jnr: Harry Johnson
Jnr: Jessica Johnson

ACADEMIC SPECIAL AWARDS
Webster’s Foodworks Home Economics Award - Isabel Anderson
Agricultural Science Award - Bronwyn Pike
Information & Communication Awards - Siaosi Mahe & Isobelle Griegg
ACADEMIC SPECIAL AWARDS

Apex Craftsman of the Year - Brandon Twiner
Mizen Encouragement Award - Dillon Weribone & Kelly Whitaker
Balonne Beacon Writer’s Award - Teri Strugnell

Junior Secondary Care Balonne Encouragement Awards - Samuel Killen, Courtney Bosher, Lily Codrington

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPECIAL AWARDS

Apex Public Speaking Awards - Bronwyn Pike & Lauren Fraser
Instrumental Music Awards - Declan Scriven & Charlotte Hayward
Jillian Cupples Cultural Award - Lauren Fraser
St George Arts Council Cultural Award - Madison Espie
RSL Citizenship Award - Kelepi Matapa & Kanahe Matapa

SPECIAL AWARDS

School Based Trainee/Apprentice of the Year - Jaco du Plessis
Highly Commended School Based Trainee/Apprentice - Jarrod Peall
ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Awards - Harry Scriven & Bronwyn Pike
RSL Bursaries - Dennielle Dohle, Jarica Lamprecht, Sophie Schiller, Jesse Wilkinson & Emily Killen
St George Branch ICPA Award - Jessica Johnson
DL Brown - Harry Scriven
UQ Prize - Jessie Twidale
Lions Service Award - Hannah Anderson
Jodie Farrell Memorial Good Ambassador Award - Bronwyn Pike
Tyler Gunn Memorial Good Ambassador Award - Brandon Twiner

Caltex Best All Rounder - Mallory Bartlem
Dr Pam Ward Trophy - Teri Strugnell
Junior Dux - Jesse Wilkinson
Senior Dux - Teri Strugnell
St George State High School, in conjunction with AgForce, were fortunate enough to host this year’s AgConnect Day. Throughout the day, students were given an opportunity to experience the diversity of the agricultural industry with a number of guest speakers from various agricultural backgrounds giving hands-on presentations. Students viewed demonstrations from the Pork, Cotton, Hay and Grain Industries, Sheep Dog Trials, as well as presentations from Livestock Biosecurity, St George Veterinary Clinic, Case Machinery and Vanderfield.

A special thank you goes out to all presenters for volunteering their time and knowledge to our students and to Ashley Stuart, Lynne McCosker and Angela Garner for organising the day.

Mathew Franklin - Agricultural & Biological Sciences Teacher
Thursday 22 October, the Year 12 students went to the Balonne Skills Centre where they were involved in the “Think the Drink” program. The program consisted of education on the dangers of drugs and alcohol. We were joined by representatives from the St George Police Station, St George Fire Brigade and St George Ambulance informed the students about responsible drinking and explained the effects that the irresponsible use of drugs and alcohol can cause.

We were also fortunate enough to be joined by a representative of the Red Frogs Foundation who gave the students some advice on how to stay safe and responsible during after school celebrations. The students also participated in a mock scenario of a car accident involving a drink-driver and two passengers. The students witnessed first-hand the effects that drink-driving can have on not only the victims, but the families and emergency services that were involved. The day was full of education and fun, and the year 12s were certainly pointed in the right direction as they come towards their end of school celebrations.

P&C REQUIRE YOUR HELP!

Thursday 19 November Year 12 Formal Catering at the St George Golf Club

We are looking for helpers through the day from 9am to 12pm for food preparation and kitchen helpers from 4pm to 10pm. Night helpers are to wear black pants and white shirts please. If you can give an hour or two, please contact Sue Shay or Annette Woodrow on 0746208222. We are also looking for donations of the following items: blocks of cheddar or tasty cheese, traditional kabana, jars of white cocktail onions and boxes of Jatz biscuits. These can be dropped to the tuckshop by Monday 16 November.

Year 11 students are expected to assist on the night as waiters and kitchen staff. Year 11 students should be at the Golf Club at 4.00pm, dressed in black pants or black skirt & stockings with a white shirt and black closed in shoes.

Sue is also in need of some slices for this week and next week please for some catering jobs within the School. If you are able to drop something off to the school tomorrow or Wednesday she would be very grateful!!!!

Michelle Strugnell - Secretary

Year 12 Formal Information

This year the families of Year 12 Students have the opportunity to have a professional photographer present at the formal and access of a photo booth for fun photos to be snapped throughout the evening. At present the school has a tentative booking and needs 20 confirmed bookings by 10 November.

All family members have access and a chance to partake in the fun of the photo booth.

This is a wonderful opportunity for families to capture a wonderful occasion with Cory Rossiter Photography.

See details of packages on offer below and ensure your booking by making a payment and securing a time slot for beautiful shots on the golf course green.

Envelopes for payment have been handed to students.

Parents please note that as this is an official school event with an official professional photographer contracted by the school. No other professional photographers will be permitted access to the Golf Club venue, personal photography is still permitted.

Heidi Hayward Formal Co-ordinator

P&C Help Required

The P&C are holding their annual Tryathon and require your help!

Sunday 15 November Tryathon

Helpers are required to assist with set up of the event, man the checkpoints, assist with the BBQ, registrations and help pack up at the end of the Tryathon. The day is an early start however is finished by lunchtime. If you are able to help in any way, contact Sarah McGee on 0427220338.