**LEADER INDUCTION**

Last week we celebrated the induction of our school leaders for 2015. School Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains, Senior Leaders, Seniors, Student Council Executive and Representatives were all presented their badges in front of staff, students, community members and their proud parents and family members. This year saw the introduction of new leader positions, Junior Secondary Leaders, who were chosen to represent students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

School Captains are Mallory Bartlem and Braden Mulholland, Vice Captains are Bronwyn Pike and John Cookson, House Captains are Teri Strugnell and Jared Doran (Leichhardt), Natalie Drescher and Brandon Twiner (Mitchell) and Georgia Hoolihan and Jaco du Plessis (Nixon).

Senior Leaders for 2015 are Hannah Anderson, Natalie Drescher, Jared Doran, Jaco du Plessis, Madison Espie, Georgia Hoolihan, Thomas McGee, Claire Noble, Kieren Parkes, Jarrod Peall, Samantha Speedy, Teri Strugnell, Harrison Thorn and Brandon Twiner.

The remaining Year 12 students consist of Andreas Andrews, Tea Bradley, Rhys Cameron, Jarod Duiker, Taneika Freeman, Ethan Gray, Rehanna Hill, Camden Lee, Siaosi Mahe, Steven McDougall, Andrew Miller, Hayden Monagle, Michael Ross, Tearna Smith, Bryce Staines, Ryan Sullivan, Whitney Weatherall, Emmett Wilkinson, Danielle Wilson and Tyler Young.

President for Student Council is Madison Espie, Vice is Mallory Bartlem, Secretary is Emily Killen and Treasurer, Harry Scriven. The Student Council Representatives are Braden Mulholland, Mallory Bartlem, Bronwyn Pike, John Cookson, Ethan Gray, Jessie Chapple, Emily Killen, Jesse Wilkinson, Harry Scriven, Taimeka Bradley, Jack Drescher, Brodie Wolff, Jessica Johnson, Jarica Lamprecht, Connor Clark, Tylah Fontaine and Ryley Petfield.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week saw our final student numbers submitted to the Department to confirm our allocation of teaching and non-teaching staff. As a result there will be some minor timetable changes, your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated. We have 231 students across the 2 sub-schools and we are committed to ensuring that each child and young person is given the opportunity to reach their potential with quality teaching and learning and diverse experiences, inside and outside the classroom. Many of our students have settled into St George State High really well and are gaining a deep understanding of what it means to be a part of our school community.

Helping Year 7 and 8 students settle into high school

A very warm welcome is extended to our history making Year 7 students. Their arrival at our school has been eagerly anticipated and we look forward to making their high school years a rewarding and enriching experience. This is an exciting time for our incoming students and we will continue to support them to make a smooth transition to high school.

To help both parents and students, a range of tips and resources are available online. There are useful tips such as getting to know your new school, getting organised, practical study and note-taking tips, how to make friends, staying safe online and keeping happy and healthy.


$1000 literary award now open

Senior secondary students have a chance to win a $1000 award for outstanding achievement in literary writing on a women’s health issue.

Presented by The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the award provides an exciting opportunity for students interested in a career in medicine, science, health, sociology, politics or law.

Applications close 5pm Wednesday 30 April.

Further information and entry guidelines can be found at RANZCOG’s Liam and Frankie Davison Award website, http://www.ranz cog.edu.au/womens-health/students-women-s-health-award.html

Have your say on the draft Education Accord

Public consultation continues on the draft Queensland Education Accord.

You are encouraged to have your say on the 30-year vision for education in Queensland by completing the online survey.

For more information visit the Queensland Education Accord website.


Mr Doug Watson
Principal

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

What a great start to the 2015 academic year!

It was wonderful to acknowledge our school leaders for 2015 at our Leaders Induction Ceremony last week. Congratulations to all our school leaders for 2015, I am sure this will be a wonderful year for you all. I also want to especially thank the families and guests who joined us for the Induction service on Wednesday. We appreciate your support for our students.

Study Habits

With the school year in full swing now is the time that your child should establish positive studying habits. Establishing a study routine is a simple thing to do and can include practical things such as:

- Ensuring you are getting enough uninterrupted sleep (turn your phone off, or onto Airplane mode at night), that you are eating healthy foods and you are doing some sort of exercise. This is a very important foundation that you need to sort out first.
- Make sure you have the right equipment and have everything you need at arm’s reach. Every time you need to get up to get something you interrupt your studying.
- Close your Facebook app, or any other social media sites and turn your phone on Airplane mode. There is more and more research coming out that is highlighting how when students multitask while studying they retain less information.
- Designate a study area in your home that is suitable for study. Consider things such as lighting, traffic flow within the house, a place that motivates you, and Wi-Fi signal strength.
- Create a weekly study routine. Work out how much study you need to do in a week and block out suitable times that you can study in. Go old school and get a calendar and write on it the study sessions that you are committing to. Make sure you set challenging, but realistic study goals and then be disciplined about sitting down to study at those times.
- Participate in classroom discussions. Engaging in class activities and lessons will help your recall later at home.
- Learn from your buddies, or perhaps study in a group. Make sure if you come across something that you don’t understand that you get the help when you need it. Ask someone at home for help or you could even contact one of your class mates and ask them if they can help you.
- Finally let teachers know when you need help!!! They want to help you do your best and if we don’t know you are having trouble we won’t be able to help you. You have great teachers that are deeply committed to helping you do well. All you have to do is ask for help.

Now is the time to get set up and started with your study. I’m interested in what your study habits are, so when you see me around the school make sure you come and tell me about what you have put in place for your study habits.

Mr David Jeffs
Acting Deputy Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **THE BREAST SCREEN MOBILE VAN** Located at St George Hospital from 14 April to 1 May. Phone 13 20 50 for appointments.
- **It’s Story Time @ the St George Library** Every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Contact Rebecca Lomman during Library hours on 46253 375.

**UNIFORM - SHOES**

Reminder to all students & parents! Shoes worn to school must be lace up shoes to comply with Workplace Health & Safety standards.
FROM HOD SENIOR SCHOOL

Hi everybody, I would like to share with you some exciting things for the senior cohort this year.

- A partnership has been set up with Volunteering Queensland to deliver the Certificate II Active Volunteering to the Year 10 students. This means that students who successfully complete the qualification receive 4 points towards a QCE. It is good to see students actively working towards their QCE early in their senior phase of learning. I look forward to reporting a fantastic completion rate.

- Year 10s have two opportunities to participate in work experience this year. The first one is happening in Week 10 this term, over 4 days. This work experience aims to meet the Certificate II Active Volunteering course requirements. Students will have a further week of work experience at the end of Term 3.

- Good luck to Braden Mulholland, Mallory Bartlem, Teri Strugnell, Bronwyn Pike and Madison Espie who are vying for the title of St George Lions Youth of the Year. Speeches will take place at the RSL on 24 February. Tickets to the event can be purchased from Betta Electrical.

Planned excursions:

- Year 12 Careers/Tertiary/Cultural excursion 27 – 30 May. Permission forms will be handed out over the coming week. Deposits will be needed to secure your booking.

- Year 11 Leadership camp at Emu Gully 16 – 20 November.

Lastly, I would like to thank parents and carers for attending the Leadership Induction ceremony held last week. Your support means a lot to the students and the school. I am proud of how amazing our students looked and carried themselves on this special day.

Ms Jo McGrath
A/HOD Senior Schooling

FROM HOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

The last couple of weeks have seen our Junior Secondary Students off to a flying start. With classes well and truly underway, important functions like our Leaders Induction and visits from University of Queensland medical students, students in 7, 8 & 9 have had a great taste of what high school is all about. At this stage we would like to notify parents of some important upcoming dates:

- Year 7 Camp at Columboola: 17 -20 of March (Term 1, Week 8)
- Year 7 & 8 information night: 27 of March (Week 9)
  More information to follow
- Year 8 Camp at Kindilan: 27 April -1 May (Term 2, Week 2)
- Year 9 Camp at Burleigh: 23 – 27 June (Term 2, Week 10)

If you would like to organise a payment plan in anticipation of your child’s involvement in camp, please contact the office. As always, students need to have paid their textbook hire and resource scheme to attend school camps.

Miss Kelly Ott
HOD Junior Secondary Schooling

SW Tennis Trials

On Friday 6 February five eager tennis playing students headed to Chinchilla for the South West trials. Paul Whitaker, Brodie Wolff and Trai Draper tried out for the boys and Emily Killen and Lashaun Miller for the girls. Though no students were selected for the South West team, all students played well and were good representatives for our school. Congratulations to the students involved and better luck next year. A big thank you must go to Dave Campbell for driving the bus to the trials.

Mrs. Anne Brimblecombe

SW Softball Trials

The Under 19 Girls South West Softball Trials were held in Chinchilla on Friday 6 February. Thank you to Alana Schurmann, Reeghyn Beardmore, Kelly Whitaker and Madison Spackman for attending and playing so well on the day. Thank you also to the parents who came along to support the girls. The girls played 3 games (winning 2) against Miles, Chinchilla and Charleville. I am extremely proud of all the students and the way they conducted themselves throughout the day. The students wore our school jerseys with pride and I would like to congratulate them on their efforts.

Congratulations to Madison Spackman and Kelly Whitaker who made it into the South West Team. They played in Toowoomba on Monday 16 February for selection into the Darling Downs Team, with Kelly making the Possible and Probable Team.

Miss Stephanie Wood
The St George Town Pool played host to the 1st inter house sporting event of 2015. It was a pleasant afternoon/evening with enough cloud cover to provide some shade but not enough to make it too cold in the water.

This year’s swimming carnival saw the introduction of our Year 7s for the first time which meant some lucky individuals got to set records for their efforts. Aside from a small time delay due to a paper jam in the timing system, the night ran seamlessly finishing just before the “bugs” outnumbered the people.

Congratulations go to Mitchell house, narrowly getting over the line in front of Nixon, with Leichhardt taking out third. All 3 houses will be back at it again when the School Cross Country jogs around at the beginning of Term 2.

Finally, thanks goes to all the students, parents and community members who supported the night and also to the staff who gave up their evening to make the event happen.

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St George State High School P & C Association Inc
Tuckshop Relief Convenor - Casual Hours

Applicants must possess:
- Strong Communication Skills
- Must be a good organiser and time manager.
- Applicant must hold a valid Blue Card or be in a position to apply for one.
- Two Referees to be provided with resume and letter of application.
- Food Supervisor Certificate or ability to acquire qualifications.

Remuneration is paid at award rates and for further information please contact: Scott Scriven on 0458 253 898.

Applications are to be forwarded to:
The President, St George State High School P & C Association Inc
Po Box 361, St George Qld 4487

INTRODUCTION OF SMS MESSAGING FROM THE SCHOOL

Last week saw the introduction of SMS messaging for unexplained absences at the point of roll marking. It is planned that the SMS messages will be sent between 11:00am and 11:30am each day, please let us know before this if your child is absent from school.

Are your contact details up to date? Having correct contact details is crucial in the event of emergency, illness and for general contact. If you have recently changed phone numbers or moved home, you can call the school office on 4620 8222 or email our office staff on admin@stgeorgeshs.eq.edu.au with your correct contact details.
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**Notes:**
- A—ASSIGNMENT; O—ORAL; J—JOURNAL
- P—PRACTICAL; T—TEST
- Draft indicates a draft version of the course.

**Assessment Calendar—Term 1 2015**

**Week 4:**
- Mon: Yr 10 ART (A)
- Tue: Year 7 Orange; Year 8 Red; Year 9 Blue; Year 10 Purple; Yr 11 Green; Year 12 Pink
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