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Guidance Officer: Annette Woodrow
Community Education Counsellor: Kym Weatherall
School Nurse: Karen Brown
Chaplain: Richard Teunis
BSM: Ben Lawson
Transition Officer: Melissa Scriven
Year Level TICs:
Year 7: Jodi Hyland
Year 8: Lauren Thorn
Year 9: Ashley Stuart
Year 10: Luke Everitt
Year 11: Anne Brimblecombe
Year 12: Angela Garner

DIARY
DATES
2 Apr Last Day Term 1
20 Apr Day 1 Term 2
23 Apr Report Cards Issued
27 Apr –1 May Yr8 Camp @ Kindilan
6 May Cross Country
6 May Parent Teacher Interviews
12-14 May NAPLAN TESTING Yr 7 & 9
13 May BEST Evening
19 May Youth Speaks Competition
27-30 May Yr12 Cultural/Careers Trip
22-26 June Yr 9 Camp @ Burleigh Heads
22-27 Nov Yr 11 Camp @ Mudjimba

On Friday 13 March, 11 students from St George State High School travelled to Inglewood to compete in the show as part of the first ever Sheep Show Team. The students proudly represented the school by competing in the Junior Judging with three students, Courtney Barr, Samantha Duffey and Brodie Wolff successfully making it through to the finals, where they were asked to comment on their placing.

Starting bright and early Saturday morning, they prepared the animals for the long show day ahead. The students showed five Poll Dorset animals throughout the day, with the judge awarding our animals first place in three of their classes as well as Champion Poll Dorset Ewe of the Show.

Overall, it was a fantastic effort by our students, who after only one show have made a name for themselves within the circuit. In addition to our sheep's successes, three students, Brodie Wolff, Anne Barr and Jacob Walters received special awards for their demonstration of effort, attitude and ability throughout the day. A special thank-you goes out to all the parents who participated in the day, and particularly to Danny and Ros Coaker for towing the animals for the journey. Congratulations to all who attended and participated! Looking forward to Goondiwindi Show!

The students who participated were Courtaney Barr, Anne Barr, Jaydan Coaker, Jayden Rayner, Taneika Freeman, Claire Noble, Samantha Duffey, Peter Brischetto, Brodie Wolff, Amber Priestley and Jacob Walters.

Matthew Franklin
Teacher

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TERM 2 begins Monday 20 April
FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Our first term is coming to a close and it is time to reflect on some of our achievements:

- St George SHS has again dominated the Balonne District sport teams, both in student and teacher/coach selection.
- The student support services team has been restructured to have a case management approach to tailor for individual needs.
- Mrs Brimblecombe will take up the position of Extension Program Co-ordinator at the start of Term 2, this role will target and develop programs to extend students.
- Mrs Scriven has worked hard with the community to offer an increased number of traineeships to students.
- Students are taking on board the challenge of ‘high expectations’ and this is visible in the pride they take in their academic, cultural and sporting achievements.
- The increased commitment by the school in supporting music, with over 30 students involved this year.
- The appointment of a Master Teacher to begin in Term 2. Mrs Moran’s role will be to specifically support teacher growth from being good to great.

Term 2 will see the continuing growth of the school and a focus on helping every student to achieve their potential.

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Last week I had the pleasure of taking 13 Year 9 SOSE students to Dirranbandi for a night time live theatrical representation of Gallipoli. The presentation gave students an insight into the interpersonal struggles faced by the diggers and also provided the students with the opportunity to really enter into scenes of this historic event.

The props, acting and sound effects all contributed to a high quality production that the students will remember for the years to come. Event organisers were so impressed that so many students from St George State High School were able to see the show and noted that all students needed to be commended on their exemplary behaviour.

Congratulations students for representing the school so well.

FROM HoD SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
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ICAS Competitions 2015
Each year students are encouraged to enter the National ICAS Competitions. These competitions give students the opportunity to challenge themselves and to compete against students from all around Australia. All competitions are open for students in Year 7 to Year 12.
Should you wish your child/ren to enter any of the following national competitions, please collect a form from the office (for each student) and return it with the required entry fee(s) by Thursday 2 April 2015.

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The students participated in various activities including orienteering, low ropes, archery, canoeing, GPS hunting, catapults, a visit to the historical village and high ropes. The highlight was the yabbying! We shared our tents with ants and our campground with snakes but luckily we all came home unharmed.

A big thank you to our parents and carers who made the trip possible.

Mrs Hyland