This Saturday students from St George State High School attended a number of the community ANZAC Day ceremonies and commemorations.

Our school captains and vice captains represented the school at the Dawn service as well as leading the St George State High School community in the march as a part of the 11am service. Approximately 80 students and a number of staff members participated in the march with many more students participating through community groups such as Cadets and combined State Schools Band. It was impressive to see so many students represent the High School at this significant community event. Our students looked fantastic in their formal uniforms and their behaviour was once again exemplary. Thanks to everyone who came down and supported this important event.

David Jeffs - Acting Deputy Principal

St George SHS
Expressions of Interest
Schools Officer – Facilities
36 hours per week
20/07/15 through 14/08/15
Contact the school for further information or visit our website www.stgeorgeshs.eq.edu.au
Applications close 4pm on 8 May
Phone: 0746 208 222
Email: bsm@stgeorgeshs.eq.edu.au
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Raising students is one of the most important responsibilities that parents and teachers are intrusted with and this journey is filled with many highs and lows. In all cases, from the time of birth, ‘parents are the first teacher’ and this role of teacher and mentor continues for many years into their adult life. Building resilience in children and adults is a key to building successful individuals and having them understand that failure and disappointment is sometimes part of the learning process. Successes and achievements have all the more value when we have to work hard for them and parents are critical in supporting this growth. Below is a link for parent that has 10 tips for building resilience.


Mr Doug Watson
Principal

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Partnerships

As another busy term begins to roll on, I want to highlight once again the important relationship between home and the school. We now have access to over four decades of reliable research that demonstrates that parent/family involvement significantly contributes in a variety of ways to improving student outcomes and success at school. This research highlights the essential partnership between the home and the school. This term, to ensure that your child receives the very best education, in addition to the support you offer your child at home, there are a number of ways that parents and carers can be involved in the school:

• helping in classrooms;
• coming to events held by the school;
• being part of the parents and citizens association;
• volunteering at the tuckshop;
• just coming up to meet with teachers, Heads of Departments, Deputy Principal or Principal.

Please feel free to access one of the many avenues available to you. We welcome your valuable contribution to your child’s education, both at home and here at the High School.

Mr David Jeffs
A/Deputy Principal

FROM HoD SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Welcome to the start of a new term. One important thing to remember this term is attendance - as every day really counts. Missing one day each week equates to two weeks absence from school each term. For some, it is often impossible to catch up. When students feel lost at school because they don’t understand what is happening, they are more likely to disengage – which will ultimately impact their effort, behaviour and assessment results. Let’s all make a pledge towards 100% attendance – all day, every day.

Coming up this term is:

• The Tertiary, Cultural and Careers tour – taking off to Brisbane on 27 May and returning 30 May. Seats may still be available for Year 10 – 12 students. Please direct all enquiries to myself.

• Youthspeaks is on again 19 May starting at 5.30pm. We have many keen students ready to show our community their public speaking talents. It is hoped as many community members as possible can come along to support this event. Cost is $6.00 per person, with light refreshments being served throughout the night. Please RSVP to the office by 15 May 2015.

• Bill & Chris Gilmore from Gilmore Education will be here on 14 May to give our students professional development on the QCS Practice Test. We are looking forward to this event with great anticipation.

Ms Jo McGrath
A/HOD Senior Schooling

FROM HoD JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to Term 2! This term is another busy and exciting term for our Junior Secondary students. At this stage I would like to notify parents of some important upcoming dates:

• NAPLAN: Students in Year 7 & 9 will be sitting NAPLAN tests on the 12, 13 & 14 May.

• Year 9 Camp at Burleigh Heads: 23 – 27 June (Week 10). Permission notes for this camp went home last week. Cost of the camp is $460 and a deposit is due by Friday 8 May to confirm your child’s involvement.

Please direct all enquiries to myself.

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.

Ms Kelly Ott
HOD Junior Secondary Schooling

Ringworms have been detected in the school. Ringworms are caused by a fungal infection of the skin. The parents/carers of all students are being notified via this notice.

It is extremely important for you to check your child.

TREATMENT - Infections respond well to a broad spectrum Anti-fungal cream that can be purchased over the counter at the pharmacy. Students with fungal infections should be excluded from school until day after appropriate treatment has commenced. This will help prevent infections from spreading. Infected people should follow medical advice regarding treatment.

Karen Brown - School Nurse
Monday 30 March saw students participate in the South West regional touch trials at the Roma Touch Fields. Our school was fortunate enough to have students participate in the U15 boys and U15 girls. The U19 girls were combined with the Charleville district to provide a team for the round robin. We had several selections on the day and a huge congratulations goes out to the following students: Madison Spackman (Shadow U19), Sophie Cooke (U15 girls), Reeghyn Beardmore (U15 girls), Jessica Johnson (U15 girls) and Olivia Hoolihan (U15 girls Shadow). We wish them all the very best at the next level and hope that they are talented enough to make it through!

A special mention to the wonderful parents who were a phenomenal help to me on the day in terms of getting kids organised and coaching from the sidelines – it wouldn’t happen without you! Finally, thank you to the students, you were an absolute pleasure to take away and your sportsmanship was second to none – well done!

Ashley Stuart - Touch Manager

Art students from Year 8 to Year 12 created art works inspired by WWI images from Gallipoli and the Battle of Bita Paka. Year 11 and 12 students created stunning sepia toned water colour paintings while Year 8 created bold portraits of soldiers inspired by the work of Sidney Nolan. Year 9 and 10 students created small drawings which were used to make the large collage works. Thank you to Mr Luke Everitt and Mrs Jane Moran for their help.

Annette Brimblecombe – Art Teacher
Year 7 HOMEWORK

GROUP

Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am to 8.30am
with Miss Taggart in the Year 7 classroom

Gold zingers
Congratulations to the students below who have consistently displayed one or more of the four school expectations, well done!
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Deanna Oliver, Claire Noble, Laura Rigney, Connor Clark

TUCKSHOP VOUCHER:
Courtney Bosher, Madison Rayner, Amber Priestley, Lashaun Miller, Jarrod Grayson, Hayley Nolan, Courtney Spackman, Georgie Speedy

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 Lomann during Library hours on 46253 375.

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Regional Winner - Lions Youth of the Year

In March Bronwyn Pike won the St George Lions Youth of the Year competition. Bronwyn then went on to become the Regional Winner after competing in Goondiwindi. She then went on to represent Region Six in the Queensland State titles in Ipswich. Bronwyn delivered a speech on “Women in History” and was also asked to deliver an impromptu two minute talks on subjects she had no prior knowledge of - “Anzac Centenary” and “If you had 10 minutes with the Prime Minister.” Congratulations Bronwyn.

Family and Child Connect
Every family needs a little help now & then. When friends and family are unavailable, it can be hard to know who to call for support. That’s where Family & Child Connect can help.
Funded by the Queensland Government, Family and Child Connect is a brand new community-based service designed specifically to listen to you and help you to connect with the right supports at the right time. In South West Queensland the service is provided jointly by Mercy Community Services & Lifeline Darling Downs & SW Queensland Ltd at three different sites; in Roma, Charleville and Toowoomba.
Whether you are a parent, a young person, a concerned friend, neighbour or professional, if you are looking for information and advice on how you can best help yourself or someone else, you can call or drop into Family & Child Connect and speak to a real person about how to get the right assistance.
Family & Child Connects friendly, professional staff know all about the people and services in your area and how they can help with any challenge a family might be facing. They can provide you with information about these supports and in some cases can even introduce you to them. If you are worried about a family other than your own they can help you with ideas of how you might be able to reach out and provide some personal support to them.
At the moment this service is available throughout South West Queensland. If you would like to speak with us it is as simple as picking up the phone and calling 13FAMILY (13 32 64). All enquiries are most welcome.

Year 8 MATHS
Mondays
3.15pm - 4.00pm
Mrs Lauren Thorn.
Covering concepts delivered in class and extension work.

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