On Wednesday 6 May, tracksuits were shed and running shoes laced tight as many of our eager students participated in the annual Cross Country carnival. This year it was held on school grounds, with students having to navigate a brand new course. It was an extremely successful afternoon with Leichhardt taking out the champion house on 120 points, followed closely by Mitchell on 114 points and Nixon on 73 points. Thanks to all students who participated and staff who made the carnival possible.

Well done Leichhardt! Bring on the Athletics carnival in Term 3!

Natalie Taggart– Cross Country Co-ordinator

**AGE CHAMPIONS**

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Leichhardt 1st (120 points)  Mitchell 2nd (114 points)  Nixon 3rd (73 points)
FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Building a culture of learning in a school and the home are critical to setting up students as lifelong learners. A key to this is modelling appropriate behaviour and challenging inappropriate behaviour. When changing behaviours, it is important that we remember we have to replace an inappropriate behaviour with the correct behaviour, we can’t just expect someone to change because they have been told to. So schools and parents must model, teach and re-inforce the new correct behaviour if we are to ‘grow’ the whole individual. This is not an easy journey some days, however working together as a learner community will build an easier pathway for students. A focus for us over this term will be to understand the function of behaviour, what is the trigger and what is the best replacement behaviour?

Mr Doug Watson
Principal

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the Parent-Teacher interviews last week. There was such a great response to the interviews and it was great to see so many of you here on campus. I hope the time spent with teachers, and the feedback gained about your child’s progress was valuable. If you were unable to attend a Parent-Teacher interview session, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting if you wish to speak to one of the teachers.

The partnership between home and school is such an important one and we want to make sure that all our families have an opportunity to receive this valuable feedback. Our next round reporting will occur at the end of Semester One and will also include personalised comments for each subject.

Mr David Jeffs
A/Deputy Principal

FROM HoD SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
We have been busy once again in the senior cohort. Five year 12 students travelled to Roma on Tuesday to participate in the Mighty Minds Masterclass. This involved workshop sessions aimed at further developing higher order thinking skills.

Our OP eligible students also participated in a workshop with Bill Gilmore and his wife Chris on ‘QCS Success’. We appreciate the opportunity to work closely with Bill and Chris, and hope that our students have found the experience helpful in their preparation for the QCS test.

A reminder to the students going to the Tertiary, Cultural and Careers tour that final balances must be paid by 25 May. This will be a really great trip and experience for all those who participate. The show ‘Dirty Dancing’ (remember the movie with Patrick Swayze in 1987) will surely be one of the highlights of the trip.

And finally, thank you to the parents who attended our first Parent Teacher Interviews for 2015. I enjoyed meeting with you to talk one to one about your child. For any parents who couldn’t make it but would like to talk to me about their child's progress towards their QCE, please call the office to arrange a suitable time.

Ms Jo McGrath
A/HOD Senior Schooling

FROM HoD JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
Week 4 sees us nearly halfway through Term 2! Already this term we have had Year 8 students attending camp and NAPLAN testing this week. Please note also:

- Year 9 Camp at Burleigh Heads: 23 – 27 June (Week 10). A reminder that if you would like your child to participate in this camp, deposits and permission notes were due last week. If you have not returned the permission note expressing your interest, or paid the deposit you need to do so ASAP to confirm your child’s involvement.

Mr David Jeffs
A/Deputy Principal

Head lice have been detected in the school. The parents/carers of all students are being notified via this notice. It is extremely important for you to check your child’s head for head lice. If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading.

FROM HoD SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
Year 10 Home Economics students have done a great job completing their aprons from Term 1, ready to use for international cookery this term. Parents should have received a letter and outline of the term’s cooking in the mail – please contact the school office if this has not arrived.

The Home Economics department would appreciate any icecream containers, 1kg yoghurt or similar containers that you no longer need so students can use them for storage. Please drop them into the school office or ring & leave details if you need them collected.

Julie Worboys – Home Economics Teacher

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Julie Worboys – Home Economics Teacher
Callum makes Australian Team

During the Easter holidays, Callum Lancaster played with the Queensland Polocrosse team at the Australian Junior Classics held in Albury. The Queensland team won every game until they got to the final. They put up a good fight against NSW but went down by 3 goals. The level of Polocrosse was extraordinary as these children were the best of the best from around Australia, New Zealand, UK and USA. Callum was awarded the Best No.1 player of the Australian Junior Classics and named in the Australian Squad.

Congratulations Callum!

Library Happenings

‘Hi!’ from the library. It is wonderful to see students enjoying this space. Drawing, reading, craft groups and board games are some of the things that make the library the place to be. If you are thinking of clearing out your board game and jigsaw puzzle cupboard, we would appreciate any donations, thank you.

Belinda Jeffs - Relieving Librarian

Sheep Team at Goondiwindi Show

On Friday 1 May and Saturday 2 May, the St George SHS Sheep Team represented the school at the Goondiwindi Show. After a cold wet Friday night unloading our sheep were ready for a full day of judging. Members of the team we were in for a big day ahead with approximately 40 sheep in attendance at the show between the different competitors. Despite the strong competition, our team were highly successful, winning the Supreme Interbreed Ram of Show as well as the Champion Short-wool interbreed champion ram with our Ram Lamb “Runaway”.

In addition to our successes in the show ring, our students dominated in the Judging Competition, where participants were required to place a group of animals and justify their decisions to the Overjudge. Courtaney Barr, Bree Tattam and Samantha Duffey came first, second and third respectively, an outstanding achievement for our school. Because of her win, Courtaney has now qualified for the State Finals of Meat Sheep Judging next year in Toowoomba. A special thank you goes out to Mr and Mrs Jeffs who assisted throughout the weekend and made the show a very memorable experience. The students who attended were: Courtaney Barr, Anne Barr, Claire Noble, Taneika Freeman, Samantha Duffey and Bree Tattam.

Congratulations to the entire Team!

Matthew Franklin - Agricultural and Biological Sciences Teacher

Be Prepared, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe
Students in Year 8 attended camp at Kindilan Outdoor Education Centre for Week 2 of Term 2. The camp targeted teamwork and leadership, as well as focusing on our own school expectations – safety, responsibility, respect and preparation. Congratulations to all students for having a go at every single activity. Many of them conquered their fears on activities including sugar gliding, abseiling, high ropes and kayaking. A special thank you to Miss Ott for organising the camp and Mr Durre for driving the bus and giving up their time for the students. We all had a great week together and students should be commended on their efforts.

Stephanie Wood - Teacher
This year St George SHS is participating in the Queensland Premier’s Reading Challenge. All students in Years 7 to 9 will be invited to participate in reading 15 books between the 19 May and 28 August.

As well as being fun, the challenge aims to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, to develop their imagination and to cultivate a passion for literature.

Students will receive a reading form in their English classes this week. To participate in the challenge they will simply need to record the author and title of the books read and then have a parent sign the form before returning it back to school.

For more information about the Premier’s Reading Challenge, please visit:

Parents can play a big part in your children’s future by encouraging them to be part of this positive initiative. I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible embrace the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Miss Angela Garner - Reading Challenge Co-ordinator
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!

SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, PREPARED

Term 1 Gold Zinger Winner - Joseph

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

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Knitting for Charity
Do you have any old wool at home not being used? Would you like to donate some 8 ply acrylic to help a worthy cause? Would you like to come along and share your skills to teach students how to knit?
A lunchtime activity being offered this term to students is knitting for charity. Students who wish to learn knitting can join in to knit squares which will be used to create a blanket and donate to a worthy cause. Students can also knit scarfs or beanies if they are enthusiastic knitters.
This will be happening in the Library in 2nd break this term. Donations can be left at the office.
If you have any questions or can help out please phone Melissa at the school on 4620 222.

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 Connect’s 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.