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BSM: Ben Lawson
Transition Officer: Melissa Scriven
Year Level TICs:
Year 7: Jodi Hyland
Year 8: Lauren Thorn
Year 9: Ashley Stuart
Year 10: LukeEveritt
Year 11: Anne Brimblecombe
Year 12: Angela Garner

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**DIARY**
**DATES**

18 June Yr 8 & 10 Immunisations
19-26 June Yr 10, 11 & 12 Exam Block
22-26 June Yr 9 Camp @ Burleigh Heads
12-22 July Yr 10 Nudgee Exchange
13-17 July Yr 11/12 Ag & Hort TAFE Training Week
16 July Report Cards due out
24 July Track & Field Carnival
6 Aug NAIDOC Day
10 Aug Public Holiday
27-28 Aug SW Regional Athletics
22-27 Nov Yr 11 Camp @ Mudjimba

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**Student Council Fundraisers**
17, 18 & 19 June - Red Nose merchandise is being sold at school.
19 June - Non-uniform day. "Winter Woolies" is the theme. Gold coin donation going towards the school Sheep Team.

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**NEWSLETTER**
"Together We Achieve"

**Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo 2015**

On 27 May, 16 girls along with Ms Ratcliffe, Melissa Scriven and Mark Morris travelled to Brisbane for the 2015 Tertiary Tour. When we arrived, we checked in at the Brisbane Backpackers Resort and then headed for University of Queensland Saint Lucia campus. We were surprised how big the campus was and all the social events to get involved in.

On Thursday, we went to the Griffith University and QUT’s Kelvin Grove Campus. Both universities were very much enjoyed. The Red Room which is a completely sustainable and solar powered room at Griffith University. We then enjoyed shopping at the Queen Street Mall before an amazing night at the musical, Dirty Dancing, which became a highlight for the whole trip. We rubbed shoulders with the famous – Ryan Corr and James Stewart from Packed to the Rafters.

On our last day, we went to the very busy Careers Expo which was great to be able to see and learn about the different pathways we could take for our careers. After lunch at Southbank we went to the Southbank TAFE and we were able to see what the classes were like and the different variety of courses available. TAFE was very practical and is a very popular option for people in their further studies. We then went to the “Golden Pig” cooking school which was a beautiful way to finish off camp.

Overall, we all really enjoyed camp and learnt what it is like to study at all the different unis and TAFE and we would definitely recommend it for anyone that missed out this year. Thank you to Ms Ratcliffe and Melissa for taking time out of their week to take us, to Mark for driving the bus and to Ms McGrath for organising the whole camp – we had a fantastic time!

Students - Isabel Anderson & Brooke Smith
The scoop on technology.

I was fortunate to take a supervision last week for a science class and the students were learning about ‘Chemical Reactions’. For those out there who have limited or no science knowledge, I really must point you to YouTube. In fact my five year old is absolutely mesmerised by YouTube – she uses it to learn how to style hair, try new dance steps, and explore the world of shadow puppets. Now if you are like me and need some brushing up on science – or maybe your child is finding science difficult to understand, there are a number of excellent video resources available on Youtube. You can also find channels that relate to specific interests – which I recommend you subscribe to these, so you can receive updates whenever new videos are uploaded.

Top science channels you can subscribe to are:

- Veritasium
- Minute Physics
- Minute Earth
- Brusspup
- Bill NYE the Science Guy
- Periodic Videos
- AsapSCIENCE
- Scishow
- Vsauc
- Smarter Every Day
- Kurzgesagt
- Khan Academy
- Yale Courses
- Sick Science
- Numberphile
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With only a few weeks left until the end of term, it is important for us to reflect on the year so far. Our focus this year has been about setting the foundations of the school so that we can build a solid future as we move the school from good to great.

Staff have participated in an extensive amount of Professional Development targeting positive engagement of students, teaching practice, student behaviour, differentiation in the classroom as well as literacy and numeracy.

The student support services have been restructured to proactively target and support students through a case management structure. Building great communication and connections in the community is also a priority of the school and sharing our wonderful experiences through Facebook.

The next coming months we will be focusing on strategic planning for a health and wellbeing program 7 – 12, technology, resources, grounds and infrastructure that focuses on student outcomes.

We are working hard on the philosophy that everyday we have the ability to influence people positively through our interactions and the environment we create. This term and Semester 2 are shaping up to be an exciting time for students and teachers as we grow our school.

Mr Doug Watson
Principal

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)

St George State High School is a PBL school. This simply means that we use a certain approach towards a positive school environment. Perhaps your child has recently received a post card in the mail from the school, if so then you have come into contact with our PBL philosophy.

Being a PBL school ensures that all students have the social and emotional skills needed to succeed in school and beyond. PBL assists schools to teach students expected social behaviours. This is the most effective response for preventing school-based behaviour problems including school violence and bullying. Teaching and supporting social behavioural skills to students creates student behavioural health and also contributes to academic support systems. PBL applies data-based decision-making to discipline, academics and social and emotional learning. Teaching Expected Behaviour, Reinforcing Expected Behaviour, and Increasing Positive Interactions.

Recently we had regional staff come and spend a couple of days to work with our Heads of Departments as well as our PBL team to help us continue to shape St George State High School into an environment where learning is optimized through the recognition of positive behaviours.

Mr David Jeffs
A/Deputy Principal

FROM HoD SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

What can positive thinking do for me?

Have you ever had thoughts running through your head that you just weren’t good enough; something was too hard; or you were just going to fail anyway? The fact is - most of us are guilty of having these thoughts at some point in our lives. This is where positive thinking comes in. “A positive person anticipates happiness, health and success, and believes he or she can overcome any obstacle or difficulty” (Success Consciousness 2007).

I am especially conscious of our senior students and the stress that comes with managing time effectively. Positive thinking is linked to success. When you feel bogged down by the tasks, think about the reason why you are doing this. Is it to pass year 12 successfully? Go to TAFE or University? Get a good job? Thinking positively and having a positive attitude are the key ingredients needed for a person to change their life and achieve their goals. Why not change your mind set now, and reap the benefits of personal success in your life?


Just quickly, I would like to thank Susanna Ratcliffe and Mark Morris for taking the students to Brisbane for the Tertiary, Careers & Cultural excursion. I want to thank the students also for showing excellent behaviour and I believe the best part of the excursion (from the students perspective) was the stage show and the cooking ‘masterclass’. I hope all students enjoyed seeing the universities and TAFE in action.

Ms Jo McGrath
A/HOD Senior Schooling

FROM HoD JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

As the end of the term approaches, a reminder to Year 9 students going on camp that final payments need to occur by the end of Week 9 (Friday, 19 June). Also, it is important that the medical and dietary forms that were sent home last week be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions regarding camp please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Congratulations to Year 8 student Georgina Waters who has been selected in the Solid Pathways Program which is aimed at supporting and encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to continue their academic success. Well done Georgina!

Lastly, a reminder that student attendance is required until the last day of school (Friday 26 June). Assessment will be occurring during this week and it is important that students are at school to maximise learning and assessment. Please contact the office if your student has any planned absences during this time.

Miss Kelly Ott
HOD Junior Secondary Schooling
On 29 May, five St George State High School students travelled to Mitchell to compete in the 10-19 years South West Cross Country trials. All students gave impressive performances on the day, with all placing in their respective races. Reeghyn Beardmore was Age Champion for 14 year girls and Lochie Pollock the Age Champion for 14 year boys. Four students ran their respective qualifying times to compete at the State Titles in July. These were Harry Johnson, Daniel Moran, Lochie Pollock and Brad Schurmann. Congratulations to all students who were outstanding representatives of our school in both performance and attitude.

Amy McKenna—Teacher

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

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.


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

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**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.

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**SW Cross Country Trials**

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**Community Notices**

- **It’s Story Time @ the St George Library**
  Every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Contact Rebecca Lomann during Library hours on 46253 375.

- **Guitar Lessons** Acoustic or electric, bass & vocal. Small group & private lessons.
  Styles—Blues, Jazz, Rock & Pop. Alan Espie Ph. 0497700711.

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**Year 8 Maths**

**Mondays**

3.15pm - 4.00pm

Mrs Lauren Thorn.
Covering concepts delivered in class and extension work.

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**Year 7 Homework Group**

**Tuesday & Thursday**

8.00am to 8.30am

with Miss Taggart in the Year 7 classroom
Congratulations to the students below who have consistently displayed one or more of the four school expectations, well done!

SAFE, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, PREPARED

TUCKSHOP VOUCHERS WINNERS - Gabrielle Bakon, Jarrod Peall, Jacob Walters, Brodie McGuire, William Fisher, Samuel Killen, Kelly Whitaker, Levi Codrington

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**Star Awards**

Bill McGee, Adam Parkes

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

At St George State High School we reward positive behaviour in a number of ways. We have Zingers which are used as a ‘then and there’ reward when students are displaying expected behaviour. These Zingers are then placed in a weekly tuckshop voucher draw. Once students start collecting a number of Zingers they may be eligible for a Gold Zinger which is awarded when students receive 20 Zingers. The Gold Zinger enables that student to be in the draw for the major prize, an ipod, which is drawn once per term.

The PBL team is determined to get more senior students involved in the Zinger draws as a way to recognise their appropriate behaviour and have been tossing around ideas of how we can get them to put their Zingers in the box. Stay tuned!

PBL Team

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**A Reminder for Home Economics – Yr 9 & 10**

Student responsibilities:

- homework
- choose a recipe, organise ingredients, do a work plan
- supply a container to cook with OR a container to take food home

No home economics equipment SHOULD be going home – some students need to return containers of any sort that have been generously lent out and get themselves better organised in future. Thank you to those students who are always organised with the correct things.

Any donations of usable storage containers or ice cream containers with lids would be welcomed.

Thank you.

Julie Worboys—Home Ec Teacher

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**Squaring the Wheel**

A Thingamabobish Theatre-Circus Comedy

St George Cultural Centre, Friday, 17th July 2015. Doors open at 5:30pm for 6pm show.

Tickets - $15 each (kids for the same price as kids) or $30 for a family of four, available from Harry & Co at the door.

Presented by St George Life School

The present is supported by The Theatre Development Fund and the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, and the Department of Education, Training andmultilineages.

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**Blue Light Disco**

Friday 12th June 2015
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: The Centre “Victoria Street”
Cost: $5.00 (includes free hotdog)
Ages: Prep to 13 years
Strictly No Pass Outs
Strictly No Bus Transport

Bike to be won & other prizes

**ST GEORGE BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

www.bluelightqld.org
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**ST GEORGE STATE HIGH SCHOOL - ASSESSMENT CALENDAR - TERM 2 2015**

**A** - ASSIGNMENT; **P** - PRACTICAL; **J** - JOURNAL

**MON**
- Week 8 June

**TUE**
- Year 7 Brown: Year 8 Red: Year 9 Purple: Year 10 Pink

**WED**
- Yr 7 LOTE (A-Draft); Yr 8 HPE (P) (Draft); Yr 8 SOSE (A) (Draft); Yr 9 ICT (A) (Draft)

**THUR**
- Yr 9 Geography (A-Draft); Yr 10 SPS (T)

**FRI**
- Yr 9 ICT (A) (T); Yr 11/12 ECD (A)