On 22 June a group of excited Year 9 students along with Miss Ott, Miss Wood, Mr Morris and Richie made their way down the Moonie highway to CYC Burleigh Heads for a week of fun and adventure. The week was one designed to test limits - the weather was cold, the sand everywhere and the activities a personal challenge. But, with the help of their peers, and some amazing instructors at Burleigh, Year 9 students found themselves doing things they had never done before. We hiked, we surfed, we canoed, we paddle boarded, we swam and then we hiked some more. Overall it was a great opportunity for students to experience coastal activities and push the limits of what they thought they could achieve. Well done to everyone who attended, it was a pleasure supervising for the week.

Kelly Ott - HoD Middle School
FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Focusing on catering for all students is the core business of every school and it is extremely easy in the current educational climate of meeting minimum standards, to take our eye off our high performing students. In the modern era it is important that we prepare our students for the world of the future and to cater for this. The school has purchased 5 new robotic kits and 15 colour Texas Instrument graphics calculators, to bring our robotic kits up to 10 and allow all junior secondary students to develop their higher order thinking skills. Additionally, the Texas Instrument graphics calculators will link to Vernier probes allowing students in science and mathematics to quick test experiences, trial and change variables to maximize the levels of higher order thinking in a classroom setting. Please keep an eye out for these on Facebook as we start to have students engage in these high end learning experiences.

Mr Doug Watson
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Welcome to Term 3. It is wonderful to be back. In the last 6 months, I have been fortunate to have enjoyed travel – to Thailand and Myanmar (Burma) initially then a caravan holiday to the South West corner of Western Australia and parts of South Australia, time catching up on family (more travel) and playing golf (pleased to say I did improve) and being at home. I want to start by extending my very sincere thanks to David Jeffs for his hard work in my role during Semester 1. It is sad to have lost David and his wife, from our school and I know they will be missed; I wish them all the very best. This term we have welcomed a number of new staff. Mr Willem Houtman has joined us replacing Mr Durre. Miss Erin Leahy is here as a HPE /Science prac student for the first 3 weeks. We have 3 new teacher aides working temporarly – Ms Jahna Liston, Mr Chris Lamb and Ms Sarah Scriven. Mrs Joy Weatherall is acting-CEC replacing Ms Kym Weatherall while she completes her teaching prac and Mrs Kylie Whitaker and Mrs Melissa Scriven are working in the Library in Mrs Elaine Kann’s absence.

Reports, Parent Teacher Interviews & Semester 2 Assessment Calendar:
• Were handed out to students on Friday 17 July.
• Important to read these carefully and note if any interviews are required
• Information is included for the process in organising an interview – phone the Office on 46208222

Parent Teacher Interviews are on Tuesday 28 July from 3.30pm to 7.00pm – All parents are welcome to arrange interviews and I urge parents to make the most of this important opportunity to meet with your child’s teachers.

Uniform
• The outer layer must be maroon – so put long sleeved t-shirts etc under the school jumpers.

Mrs Lynne McCosker
Deputy Principal

FROM HoD JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
Welcome back to Term 3! I was happy to see many good results on student report cards. Students who have lifted their grades should be proud of their achievements. Parents and students, please take notice of the assessment calendar which was distributed with the school report card. This document helps students to plan what tasks they have to complete over this semester.

COMING UP THIS TERM:
• 29-30 August USQ Careers Day for Years 7 -10. The bus has filled very quickly. Please ensure all final balances are paid by 23 July.
• 13 August - Future Pathways. This event is for parents to come and see what is on offer in Years 11 and 12. It starts at 3.15pm where you have the chance to chat to each of the teachers. At 5.15pm I will present to you the various pathways students can take for them to reach their desired post school destinations.
• 13 August - QTAC Information session. This event starts immediately after the Future Pathways finishes, at 6.00pm. It is designed for students currently in Year 12, and their parents to learn about the QTAC process.
• 26 August – SET Plans. This is an all-day event for year 10 parents and students to select their pathways for years 11 and 12. Appointment times need to be made at the office. This is compulsory activity for all year 10 students and their parents.

This is a big semester for all Year 12 students. We ask that all students continue to lift the bar on their effort to ensure they are successful in all of their subjects.

Ms Jo McGrath
A/HOD Senior Schooling

FROM HoD SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
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An analysis of student attendance and performance data by the Auditor-General of Queensland in the 2012 report entitled ‘Improving Student Attendance’, found that students with less than 90 per cent attendance rates are 1.5 times more likely to be suspended or excluded that is, those who miss an average of one day or more a fortnight – can have lower scores on national tests compared to students with higher attendance rates. Additionally, it was found that students with attendance rates of 85 per cent or less, due to unexplained reasons, are often:
• 3.5 times more likely to not obtain an Overall Position (OP) 1-15.
• 1.5 times more likely to not finish Year 10
• 4 times more likely to be suspended or excluded

Similarly, there is a direct correlation between higher levels of attendance and better academic performance. Our goal for every student at St George State High school is to maintain attendance rates of 90% or higher and make every day at school count. We look forward to seeing your child at school every day and making every day count – the future is in their hands.

Miss Kelly Ott
HOD Junior Secondary Schooling

COMMUNITY NOTICES
• St George SPS - P & C Fundraiser Movie night 31 July @ 5pm. “Paddington Bear”
During Week One of Term 3, Agricultural Science and Agriculture and Horticulture students have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to complete training across the areas of Machinery, Maintenance and Environmentally safe work practices. This has given our students the ability to gain vital assessments that count towards their Certificate II in Rural Operations or their Certificate II in Agriculture.

We are very pleased to report an increase in the percentage of students now accessing Certificate II courses in either Rural Operations or Agriculture from 73% to 98% in the past 2 years. This is a huge improvement by our students and all staff who are involved in allowing students to access this training. Thank you for your support!

Many thanks must go to Fred McPhie from Rural Training Queensland for running the course and our local Case Machinery Centre for supplying an extra tractor for students to demonstrate practical skills. If you would like more information about the Ag Program at St George State High School, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school.

Ashley Stuart — Teacher
**SANDWICHES/ ROLLS/ WRAPS**
Multigrain unless white is requested
Toasted upon request

- Chicken/Ham & Salad $5.00
- Chicken, mayo & lettuce $4.50
- Ham, cheese & tomato $4.50
- Egg & lettuce $4.00
- Chicken & Cheese $4.00

**SALADS**
- Boxed salads (Chicken, Ham) $5.00

**TOASTED WRAPS**
- Flame grilled Breast and Salad $5.50
- 2 Sweet Chilli Tenders & salad $5.50
- Pork Riblet, Cheese & BBQ Sauce $4.00
- Country Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo $4.00

**HOT FOOD**
- Chicken Burger - chicken breast fillet with salad $5.50
- Beef Burger - Rissole with salad $5.00
- Beef lasagne $4.00
- Chicken Breast and veg $4.00
- Curried Sausages & rice $4.00
- Fried rice $4.00
- Hot chicken & gravy roll $4.00
- Macaroni & cheese $4.00
- Pork ribs potato and veg $4.00
- Rissoles and veg $4.00
- Spaghetti Bolognaise $4.00
- Beef bites, potato & gravy $2.50
- GE 120g pie $2.50
- Sausage roll $2.50

**CHIPS**
- Red Rock chips (28g) $1.20
- Red Rock chips (45g) $2.00

**FRESH FRUIT**
- Seasonal fruit Price Varies

**DRINKS**
**MILK**
- Big M Poppers (250ml) $2.00
- (Strawberry/Chocolate)
- Flavoured milk (500ml) $4.00
- 1 Litre Milk $2.50

**JUICE**
- Daily Juice (500ml) $4.00
- Daily Juice (250ml) $2.50

**WATER**
- Water $2.50
- Pump Water Plain $3.50
- Pump Water Flavoured $3.50

**OTHER**
- LOL Flavoured $2.50

**ICECREAMS**
- Various ice-creams $1.00 - $2.00

**YOGHURT**
- Frozen Yoghurt $2.00

*Healthy Choice Items

*Prices are subject to change
Prices as of 13th July 2015