Students from our school achieved outstanding results when they participated in ICAS competitions this year. Congratulations to all students who have participated in these competitions over the year and in particular special mention needs to be made of Bronwyn Pike who achieved a High Distinction and Teri Strugnell who received a Distinction in the ICAS English competition.

These two Year 12 students have been regular participants in the ICAS competitions over their high school years and are to be commended for continually challenging themselves in the various subjects covered by ICAS. They have achieved outstanding results in many areas. Well done!

A thank you must go to the parents of the students sitting these competitions as well for supporting these valuable assessments.

Anne Brimblecombe
Extension co-ordinator

QParents is coming to St George SHS
Did you know that the QParents portal is coming soon to St George State High School? The QParents portal will provide secure online access for parents to their child’s information anywhere, anytime, through a smartphone, tablet or computer. To find out more, go to https://qparents.qld.edu.au

SPEECH NIGHT - NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR RECOGNITION
Please ask for a nomination form at the school office to nominate students who have achieved at a high level, by doing something outside school. There are many students who achieve amazing things that we often don’t get to hear about.

Last year, the school recognised achievements by our students for selection in Australian teams for Polocrosse—but nominations are not restricted to sporting endeavours. All nominations will be assessed by our awards committee for possible recognition at Awards Night. Nominations close Friday 23 October.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Moving from Good to Great
As our seniors start on the home stretch and think about next year, the emotions of nervous tension and excitement will start to build. At this time of the year it is important that we reassess our students that this is a normal part of life and that there will be many more times in the future when they will transition life and/or careers.
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FROM HoD SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
Welcome to Week 2. I am conscious of all the things that need to be done this term to ensure all students finish on a high. I would like to communicate the following messages to our senior cohort:

- All students should have a goal of achieving 90% attendance.
- Our school goal is 100% QCE attainment for all current year 12s. That means everyone will graduate with a Queensland Certificate of Education. Parents please get behind this important focus.
- Year 12s please log onto Student Connect https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au to check your learning account.
- From 9am on Wednesday 18 November 2015 students will be able to log onto Student Connect to view their QCS Test grade (from A to E)
- From 9am on Saturday 19 December, all results contributing to the QCE & OPs will be available in student learning accounts.
- From Monday 21 December, students will begin receiving their Senior Education Profiles. Their profile will consist of one or more of the following documents – QCE, Tertiary Entrance Statement, Senior Statement, Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement.
- Year 11s who are going to camp between 22 November and 27 November need to pay their deposit to secure their place. Outstanding school fees must be paid before they can go on camp. Payment plans are available to help parents and students. Please see the office to start a payment plan.
- Year 12 Leadership applications (for 2016) are out. If you are keen on becoming a leader, please ensure you complete the necessary forms and return them by the due dates.

Mr Doug Watson
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Welcome to Term 4; I hope all have returned to school refreshed and eager to tackle the next 7-10 weeks depending on the year level! This term is extremely important for all students especially Year 12s as some of the most important activities and occasions in our annual school calendar occur – Speech Night, Senior Formal, Valedictory, Year 11 Leadership camp and Transition afternoon and Orientation day for the incoming Year 7 students; deciding student leaders for 2016, and not to forget the final assessments for 2015. So it will be busy!

REPORTS
Every Year 7 to 12 student was issued with their interim reports last week on Friday. If your child was absent and did not receive their report, they should check with their care teacher who can give the report to the student (if this has not already occurred). Please take the time to sit with your child and discuss the report together. It is a good time to set goals for the term ahead.

SPEECH NIGHT – 3 Nov at 6.30 pm at Cultural Centre
Our annual Speech Night on the 3 November is our showcase night for the talented students of our school – to recognise those who excel, whether academic, sporting, cultural or in serving the community. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Prize winning students must wear complete formal uniform as this is a formal occasion.

UNIFORM
Students are reminded that it is essential to wear full formal uniform each Wednesday during Term 4.

QPARENTS
If you have been following our Facebook page or you may have seen in the previous newsletter that QParents will be available soon. It will enable parents to access their child’s student details, download timetables, and report cards, see the attendance record, report absences, access invoices and payment details. When QParents becomes available to us, we will organise a parent information night – details of this will be provided in the future newsletters.

Mrs Lynne McCosker
Deputy Principal

FROM HoD JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL
Welcome back to Term 4! The start of the term is always a great time to reflect on last term’s progress and set goals with your student for the coming term. Report cards were issued last week indicating academic achievement from last term as well as providing a report on behaviour and effort. It is important to take the time to review report cards with your child and identify areas for students to focus on for the coming term. In addition to report cards, please also review your child’s attendance rate. 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. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if your child needs any support to achieve their goals for Term 4.

Important dates to remember:
- AgConnect Experience, Friday 16 October
- Year 7, 2016 Enrolment interviews, Tuesday 20 October
- Speech Night, Tuesday 3 November
- Report Cards issued, Tuesday 8 December

Ms Jo McGrath
A/HOD Senior Schooling

Miss Kelly Ott
HOD Junior Secondary Schooling
Work Experience for all Year 10 students was held 14-18 September 2015. This involved many hours of hard work by all students investigating Career Paths, Work Place Health & Safety, appropriate dress, Personal Protection Equipment, confidentiality, an online Safety Sense certificate, and several discussions regarding placements.

The students started with a Preference List which indicated their chosen industry placements. This lead to many phone calls and visits to businesses to place students. Students were also able to participate in Work Experience outside of St George. Some students participated in more than one Work Experience, demonstrating an enthusiasm to access this program.

At this time I would like to thank all of the businesses who hosted students, with some businesses taking more than one student into the work place. It is always encouraging to see Employers investing time in local students as they are the future local work force and potential employees of the future. The information and experience gained by being placed in the work force will benefit students far into their future.

Students were placed at the following:

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<td>Blake Beardmore-“Rosehill”</td>
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<td>Steven Bennett-St George Radiator &amp; Exhaust</td>
<td>Thalia Brown-St George State Primary School</td>
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<td>Haylee Cochrane-St George Community Early Childhood Centre</td>
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<td>Clayton Harrison-Shirben Building</td>
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<td>Daniel Ikiua-S &amp; S Timmer Constructions</td>
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<td>Brody McGuire-JCM’s Auto &amp; Fuel</td>
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All students have found this to be a very worthwhile program and have gained many new skills and information to help them on their chosen Career Pathways. If you have any questions regarding Work Experience you can contact the school on 46208 222.

Melissa Scriven - Transition Officer
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Our behaviour focus to begin Term 4 is ‘Be Respectful – Follow instructions promptly and be an active listener.’ At St George State High School we believe every student has the right to an education. As a member of a class, no student has the right to disrupt the learning of others by ignoring teacher instructions. Active listening includes careful listening and a considered response.

PBL Team

SCHOOL PLAY FOR 2016 - ANNIE JR

The St George State High School is excited to announce that in May 2016 they will be showing off their acting skills in a highly entertaining rendition of Annie Jr. The play about a rambunctious orphan, a wealthy entrepreneur and their unlikely friendship has been entertaining families for years. It has been 5 long years since the high school has given its students an opportunity like this. Auditions will be held in Week 3, Term 1 2016 so watch this space for audition pieces and further information.

Natalie Taggart

COME AND TRY A TRI

The St George Triathlon Club is now affiliated with Triathlon Queensland and is looking for new members to join the ranks for the 2015/16 season. If you like to swim, ride and run why not put them all together in a Triathlon. The first Mini Tri of the season will commence at 7am for adults and 8am for kids on Saturday, 10th of October, meeting at the Pool. The club is open to all ages from 5 years (with some swimming ability). No need to own a road bike, you can join in on any bike. For more information please contact Luke on 0433 417 619 or Susie on 0427 820 974.