Last Wednesday evening, we celebrated our 39th Annual Awards Night. Family, friends and community representatives gathered at the Cultural Centre to share in the success of our many talented students. The evening was capably compered by our four school captains, Jessie Twidale, Ned Jones, Jessie Chapple and Kelepi Matapa.

As well as enjoying the students receive their awards in the academic, sporting and cultural arenas, the audience was treated to one of the acts from our successful musical, Annie which was held earlier in the year and performances by the School Band, lead by Mr Luke Todd.

We were grateful to have Mr Richard Marsh in attendance to assist, Principal Doug Watson in the presentation of awards. While Mr Marsh has been a regular at many of our school events, it was his first official engagement as Mayor at our school.

A sincere thankyou is extended to the numerous sponsors and donors of awards, the staff for their assistance and the school community for their support.

A complete list of all the award recipients and more photos are included in the newsletter or like us on facebook at www.fb.com/stgeorgeshs

Help Needed 2017 Swimming Carnival Monday 30 January
(Please phone the office)
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

New Senior Schooling system to commence in 2019

The Palaszczuk Government’s major reforms to senior assessment and tertiary entrance, will now begin with Year 11 students in 2019. Education Minister Kate Jones, has announced that current Year 8 students will be the first to experience the new system.

Ms Jones said she had received advice from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA), that they would require an extra 12 months to deliver the most significant changes to senior schooling in more than 40 years.

Key decisions to date

- Year 12 students will receive an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR), replacing the OP and bringing Queensland into line with other states and territories.
- Senior subject results will be based on a student’s achievement in four pieces of assessment—three school-based and one external assessment.
- For most senior subjects, external assessment will contribute 25% towards a student’s final result.
- Mathematics and science subjects will contribute 50%.
- 80 senior syllabuses will be reviewed in preparation for external assessment.
- An English subject will be compulsory for students to receive their Queensland Certificate of Education.
- A QCE will be based on either five board subjects or four board subjects and one Vocational Education and Training subject.

FROM HoD JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to all the award winners from our annual Awards Night ceremony held on Tuesday 1st November. All recipients were very worthy of their awards and I would like to acknowledge the hard work that they have put into their studies, their sport or their extra curricular projects throughout the year. Thank you also to the many parents who support and encourage their child to always achieve their best.

As the end of the school year quickly approaches for our senior school students, I remind them all of the need to stay focussed, particularly our Year 12s, as their end of Year 12 passes are critical to them gaining their QCE.

Good luck to all Year 11s who have applied for Senior Leader positions in 2017. Staff and student voting has been conducted and the applicants for the School Captain/Vice-Captain positions will attend an interview on Wednesday 3rd December.

Year 11 camp will take place in Week 8 as we head off to Camp Mudjimba on the Sunshine Coast. We have planned an action packed week – full of games, challenges and an afternoon break to Sunshine Plaza at Maroochydoe. Year 11 students will be fundraising for camp on Saturday 12th November at Caltex from 10am - 3pm. Please come along to have your car washed, grab a sausage sizzle and delve into a delicious cupcake!

Attendance:

As we are now in the peak of exams and assignments, it is as vital as ever for all senior students to attend every lesson, every day. Please avoid making medical, dental and other appointments for your children during school hours. Please do not allow you children to stay at home to complete assessment.

Currently the attendance rates in the Senior School for term four are -

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to our Academic, Sporting and Cultural award winners at our awards night. The night was compered with warmth, sincerity and excitement by Ned Jones, Jessie Twidale, Jessie Chapple and Kelepi Matapa. These four leaders honoured our school and themselves. A number of photos and stories have been posted on our facebook page. Remember to collect the full program with all the names of students and the awards they won from the office.

Emily Killen and Stephanie Schiller were invited to speak on “How to be successful”, at the Primary School on Monday. They shared their “what and how” of what they do to be successful. Thank you Emily and Stephanie for being great ambassadors for our school.

Thank you to Sophie Pike, Lockie Pollock and Tyrone Scriven for representing our school in the Remembrance Day Ceremonies on Friday. Sophie and Tyrone will lay a wreath on the school’s behalf. The Australian Defence Forces has provided and accommodated amazing opportunities and experiences for our students. The school has been coordinating events and opportunities with Captain James Roberts to take full advantage of the Australian Defence Forces visit. Students have been involved with work experience, career pathways talks, observing drills, speech night and our Remembrance Day ceremony. Our students have gained an understanding to what it is like to be in the Armed Forces and valued the opportunities they have been given.

Mr Robert Tuppack
Deputy Principal

FROM HoD JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

We have reached our halfway point for term 4, with exams and assignments about to commence for all students. However for students to succeed at school, research has shown that attendance at school is a crucial factor. Congratulations to Year 7 students who had the highest attendance across the school last week. Our attendance data for Term 4 to date is as follows:

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OptiMINDS success

On the weekend of 15 and 16 October, four students represented our school at the OptiMINDS State Final at the University of Queensland. Georgie Waters, Paige Houlaian, Aerol Plaza and Jarrod Grayson took part in the two day event and competed in an ideas market as well as a long term and spontaneous challenge. This was a weekend of creativity, quick thinking and unashamed excellence! Special thanks to Mr Rob Tuppack who accompanied students for the weekend ensuring that the school was able to provide this fantastic opportunity to our students and congratulations to the students who represented our school with pride.

Enrichment Week – Week 10

This year Junior Secondary students will have the opportunity to participate in an enrichment week during the last week of school that has been designed to enhance and support students’ wellbeing. This year our theme for the week is ‘Anyone can be a hero’. A presentation from Motivational Media entitled ‘Everyday Heroes’ will commence the week with the theme for the week is ‘Anyone can be a hero’. A presentation from Motivational Media entitled ‘Everyday Heroes’ will commence the week. More information will be provided to parents as the program is finalised.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions about your child’s academic, social or emotional progress please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss Kelly Ott
HOD Junior Secondary Schooling
This week we have had approximately 50 members of the Royal Duntroon Military descend on St George State High School for an active drill. Students in Years 10, 11 & 12 were thrilled to be able to watch this unfold and found it to be both informative and very exciting. The exercise went for approximately 30 minutes and students saw firsthand how much work and effort goes into a “real life” drill exercise.

A question and answer session followed which allowed students to get one on one with the platoon members. All students found this to be very interesting and appreciated the opportunity to be able to ask about army life; sit in vehicles; discover what requirements are needed to become a soldier; and what other careers are available in the forces.

A huge thank you goes to Captain James Roberts for allowing this operation to be held at St George SHS and to Staff Cadet Sarah Coghlan who lead our students through the drill and career talks. Students could see up close what is involved in such important military exercises.

With the Royal Military College – Duntroon conducting their Officer Training within the St George Region there has been a once in a life time opportunity for students aged 15+ from St George State High School to participate in a modified work experience for a 24 hour period from 3 to 16 November.

Ten students from years 10 to 12 volunteered to take part in this work experience opportunity where they have observed the Staff Cadets participate in Battle Block One Delta and engage in some elements of this exercise. It is with great pleasure we thank Major Robert Barr and Captain James Roberts for liaising and coordinating with the school and making this opportunity available for our students. It is definitely an experience that would not normally be attainable for the youth of the St George Community and one they will cherish forever.

“IT was great being able to see first-hand what the Army does on patrol. We got to learn different things about life in the Army that you would not learn anywhere else. We also got to have one-on-one encounters with Cadets training to be Officers in the Army and hear their perspectives on their time in training...” Harry Scriven.

“I liked my time doing work experience very much; I got to experience the different roles and aspects that Army life can provide...” Jackson Strickfuss.

“Getting to ride in the Bush Masters and all of the other armoured vehicles was one of the highlights of my time. Getting first-hand experience on how the Army works and how they run their military practices was also a great experience...” William Fisher
SPECIAL AWARDS

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEE/APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR
Brycen Beardmore

HIGHLY COMMENDED SCHOOL BASED TRAINEE/APPRENTICE
Anika Labuschewski

ADF LONG TAN LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARDS
Stephanie Schiller, Lachlan Colley

RSL BURSARIES
Lily Brimblecombe, Harry Johnson, Aerol Plaza, Sophie Pike, Isabel Anderson

ST GEORGE BRANCH ICPA AWARD
Aerol Plaza

DL BROWN AWARD (Year 10)
Sophie Pike

UQ PRIZE
Jesse Wilkinson

LIONS SERVICE AWARD
Courtney Barr

JODIE FARRELL MEMORIAL GOOD AMBASSADOR AWARD
Jessie Twidale

TYLER GUNN MEMORIAL GOOD AMBASSADOR AWARD
Ryan Du Preez

CALTEX BEST ALL-Rounder
Keeley Neighbour

DR P M WARD TROPHY
Emily Killen

JUNIOR DUX
Sophie Schiller

SENIOR DUX
Emily Killen

ACADEMIC SPECIAL AWARDS

WEBSTER’S FOODWORKS HOME ECONOMICS AWARD
Jarica Lamprecht

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AWARD
Emily Killen

APEX CRAFTSMAN OF THE YEAR
Harry Scriven

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION AWARDS
William Fisher

MIZEN ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
Jaheedah Arendse, Chelsea Reid

BALONNE BEACON WRITER’S AWARD
Shari Woodbridge

JUNIOR SECONDARY CARE BALONNE ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS
Kelly Whitaker, Latai Matapa, Kate Southern
EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPECIAL AWARDS

APEX PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AWARDS
JILLIAN CUPPLES CULTURAL AWARD
ST GEORGE ARTS COUNCIL CULTURAL AWARD
ORDER OF AUSTRALIA CERTIFICATES
RSL CITIZENSHIP AWARD
PRINCIPAL’S RECOGNITION AWARDS

Jessie Chapple
Will Fisher, Jack Scriven
Molly Jones
Emily Killen
Casey Smith, Paul Whitaker
Casey Smith, Harry Scriven
Madison Spackman, Courtney Barr, Samuel Waters

SPORTING SPECIAL AWARDS

CROSS ENGINEERING SPORTS ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS
Female
Male

Jarica Lamprecht
Sam Killen

PIERRE DE COUBERTIN AWARD
SPORTSMAN & SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR
Junior Female
Junior Male
Senior Female
Senior Male

Madison Spackman
Paige Clark
Lockie Pollock
Madison Spackman
Paul Whitaker

HOUSE SHIELD

Champion House - Leichhardt