FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear parents/caregivers,

With less than three weeks to go to conclude the school year it is a busy, but exciting time for our students. Our Year 12 students have finished their schooling and last Thursday evening we farewelled them at our Valedictory Ceremony. This was an evening of celebration for our departing Year 12 students. It was an emotional night for students, families and staff and a fitting farewell for these outstanding young men and women. On behalf of the school community, I wish all our departing Year 12 students the very best for the future.

Congratulations to our 2016 School Leaders, Rebecca Pickering and Alex Colvin, School Captains and Lilée Draper and Callum Jones, School Vice-Captains. I was fortunate to be on the panel for our school captains and have the time to interact with the eleven students who applied for the positions. The applicants did very well and are outstanding young adults. The school is fortunate to have such a talented and amazing group of students and I look forward to working with the student leadership team next year.

Our recent Awards Night was a wonderful celebration of the talents of our students and it was great to see so many families, friends and members of staff coming together to acknowledge the achievement of so many students. The night showcased the successes of the students and the school and was a fitting tribute to our high performing students. Congratulations to all students who received recognition on the night.

The end of the year is always a busy time and this year is no different. These last three weeks see our students preparing for and completing end of year assessment and I ask parents to ensure their children are well prepared and rested for these important exams.

A reminder that the last day for Year 10 and 11 students is Friday, November 25 and their reports will be posted on Monday, December 9 and their reports will be posted on this date.

Thank you to all parents, carers and staff who have kindly donated presents to support Mercy Community Services with their goal of providing the children in care in our local community with a present this Christmas. It is not too late to donate a gift to this great cause and we will be accepting presents right up until the last day of school, December 9.

Our final P and C Meeting for the year will be held this Wednesday, November 23 beginning at 7pm in the School Administration Block. I warmly invite all parents/carers of Year 7 students of 2017 to attend this meeting.

School begins next year on Monday, January 23 for our Year 7 students and Year 12 students. Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 students will begin on Tuesday, January 24.

I extend my best wishes to all our community over the coming Christmas season and a special thank you to the families who are leaving us this year, I wish you all the best for the future.

I look forward to the safe return to school of all students next year.

Jim Box
Principal
A SPECIAL REQUEST
Mercy Community Services delivers foster care and kinship care programs for children and young people who have either been harmed or have been at risk of harm or neglect.

We currently have a large number of foster care children in our program. Every year at Christmas time we love to provide a present for each child in care.

We realise it may seem too early to be thinking about Christmas, however to ensure we have reached our goal of giving each of our children in care a gift this Christmas we need to start reaching out now.

If you think you can help us kindly ask that you drop a present off at your high school’s office anytime between now and the end of Semester 2. The children in our care program are both female and male and range in the age anywhere from 1 year to 16 years old.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on the number below.

Gretel Gardner
Foster and Kinship Care Program Coordinator
Phone: (07)5490 8000

Contacting Students at School

Mobile phones have certainly streamlined communications, especially for families, however, they can also cause difficulties in our school environment. We have very clear rules around our classroom use of personal devices and in most cases they need to be switched off and away. We are seeing a rise in students who seem to be overly attached to their devices and a common excuse is they are expecting a contact from home. Can I ask all parents and carers who need to contact their students with an urgent message to call the school office and staff will ensure a message is passed onto students. Alternatively, if parents/carers can be aware of when break times are at school (morning tea 10.15 to 10.40, Lunch 1.05 to 1.40) and limit any calls or messages to their students to during these times, it will allow for less distraction for students in class.

Scooters and Skateboards

As a school, we discourage the use of skateboards and scooters as a means of transport, and we do not allow students to carry these around with them during the day. If a student does bring one of these to school it must be locked up in the bike racks, with the student providing an appropriate lock and chain to secure the device. If a student is unable to secure their scooter or skateboard then they must not bring them to school. It is not acceptable for students to ask for these to be left in staffrooms or the office – and from this point forward staff will refuse to do this. If a student is seen carrying a scooter or skateboard around during the day it will be confiscated, and only parents or carers will be able to collect it from the office.

Mr Rod Flood
Deputy Principal

Year 12 Happenings

I’m writing my last newsletter article for the 2016 Year 12 cohort. It has been a busy year and an especially busy final term with Leadership Induction, Anzac services, Ski Trip, QCS, Ski Trip, formal, Academic Awards Night and finally Valedictory.

Thursday, November 17 saw the final roll call for the graduating class of 2016. It has been a pleasure to celebrate the achievements of 173 graduates of 2016. Photos for the evening will be made available to students who would like photos of their final evening wearing bottle green, white and grey.

Congratulations to the students in Year 12 who were awarded Academic Distinction Awards, Subject Awards, Spirit Awards and Special Awards. Achieving this level of success at this point in your schooling is a credit to you and the hard work you have put in. As you say goodbye to formal schooling, uniforms and bell times and move towards full time employment, further study and adulthood, on behalf of the teaching staff of Caboolture State High School I’d like to take the opportunity to say congratulations and good luck.

I’d like to tell each and every one of you not to just dream of success - create a plan and act upon it! It is your momentum that creates the doors that open when opportunity knocks.

QTAC and QCAA news for Year 12, School Leavers-

For those students who have made QTAC applications, and have seen either Mr Palmer or Ms Field, final QTAC applications are due for most courses by 8 December 2016. Late application fees now apply, the payment fee is $138. All students have had the opportunity to book with the Guidance Officer to discuss their QTAC application.

https://www.qtac.edu.au/

The Educational Access Scheme can help if any Year 12 student has had their most recent studies negatively affected by circumstances beyond their control. There are 5 EAS categories:-

- Financial Hardship
- Personal Illness or Disability
- Home Environment and Responsibilities
- Educational Disruption
If you think you may be eligible then look at the QTAC website for more information.

Early Offers - make sure you check the QTAC course offer dates information on the website. Offers can start as early as 18 November 2016 for some courses. Check regularly remember if you don’t respond you could lose all important offers.

https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/

Students can access the QCAA website at any time. Year 12 students can access their Student Connect account to get their OP on 17 December.


Kristy Paskin
Year 12 Coordinator

Junior Secondary News

Only a few more school weeks to go until 2016 is over and we will be preparing to welcome a new cohort of Year 7 students on to our campus in 2017!

FUTURE STUDENTS

In Week 9 we will be welcoming the future Year 7 students to experience a day at high school during Orientation Week. Letters have been posted out to our feeder primary schools and other students to invite them to attend on an allocated day.

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Our current Year 7 Students have nominated to help out as buddies during this week. Their role will be to help show the new students around the school, taking them to various activities, and demonstrating our school PRIDE values.

For more information on Junior secondary school at Caboolture SHS please visit our website.

CURRENT STUDENTS

The school year will stay busy for our Junior Secondary student’s right up until their last day in 2016.

| Tuesday 6th Dec | Year 7, 8 & 9 PRIDE Students invited to attend an excursion to Laserzone at Warana, Sunshine Coast. Followed by picnic and games in the park at Lake Kawana. 9am – 3pm PRIDE = Students who received all Excellent and/or Very Good in BOTH effort and behaviour on their Term 3 report card. |
| Wednesday 7th Dec | Year 7 Students invited to attend Chermside Water Park. 9am – 3pm $15.50 includes entry and bus Smart casual gear, CLOSED IN SHOES must be worn for bus travel, sunscreen, hat and towel are essential. |
| Thursday 8th Dec | Year 7 & 9 Students invited to attend Chermside Water Park. 9am – 3pm $15.50 includes entry and bus Smart casual gear, CLOSED IN SHOES must be worn for bus travel, sunscreen, hat and towel are essential. |

Students will only be permitted to attend based upon the following:

- Your child being a responsible member of the school community adhering to the CSHS Responsible Behaviour Plan throughout the duration of Term 4
- All school fees (SERS) being paid up to date by 02/12/16 or arrangements with the school regarding a payment plan.
- All textbooks and borrowed uniform items returned by 02/12/16

Sarah Brady
HOD Junior Secondary
Year 9 Update

Wow, what a year it has been! 2016 has gone by so quickly yet so much has happened. Throughout the year I have had the pleasure of witnessing the growth of this remarkable group of students. They have demonstrated maturity and been excellent role models for Caboolture State High School’s junior students. They have participated in leadership activities and been the driving force in action projects that assist people in the local community. More recently, a large number of students have nominated to be BEACON Ambassadors in Year 10 and I know they will approach their new roles with PRIDE and enthusiasm.

Jade Pinney
Year 9 Co-ordinator

High Resolves: Global Citizens and Leaders Program

The Year 8 students recently attended their final High Resolves workshop for 2016. In this workshop they got to practice using ‘Integrative Thinking’ as a way to act in the collective interest both in the school community and in the wider world.

A highlight of this workshop was the ‘Guess What’ activity where students had to use communication, teamwork and critical thinking skills to discover a mystery object in competition with other teams.

The High Resolves Program Manager, Carrie, was particularly impressed during an activity using integrative thinking to examine the refugee crisis in Europe. Carrie reported that the students’ ability to question perspectives from multiple sources was excellent.

When asked how they will use Integrative Thinking after the workshop, one student wrote that they resolve to, ‘Get good information to make good decisions for the world.’

At the end of the day, more than 85% of the students evaluated indicated that they now have a better sense of how looking for different perspectives will help them to make more informed choices.

Junior Secondary Leadership

We had an impressive number of students nominate for leadership positions next year. Those that proceeded to the applicant stage underwent interviews with a selection panel and delivered speeches to staff and students separately.

This process was an excellent experience for the Year 8s as it gave them the chance to develop their communication skills and confidence. All applicants expressed that it hadn’t been as daunting as they thought it would be.

It was rewarding guiding them all through this exciting time. Successful applicants will be notified in early 2017 as this will align with the senior leadership process.

Fantastic work from our Year 8 students!

Have a safe and restful holiday as you’ll return next year as junior secondary leaders.

Imran Sirdar
Year 8 Coordinator

Minecraft Champions 2016

In Terms 2 and 3 this year over 40 students signed up to the school’s inaugural Minecraft Challenge. Their task was to design a fully functioning Minecraft theme park and resort (based around science-fiction, fantasy, extreme adventure or the ancient world) and then sell their ideas to a team of judges, both staff and students. The challenge was not an easy one for restrictions were many and ongoing checks were mandatory!
In the end, it came down to three teams battling for prizes and the happy winners can be seen below. Thanks to the many teachers involved in this event and to Adam Varney and Rachel Neal for being student judges.

**Mr Boxall**  
*Competition Coordinator*

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**Year 11 and 12 Geography World Vision Child Sponsorship and 10B1 Haiti Appeal**

For the 11th year another batch of Year 12 and Year 11 Geography students (as well as many staff members), have continued their World Vision sponsorship. Our sponsored child, Nadine St Louis, comes from one of the poorest countries in the world: Haiti. Tragically, Haiti was hit by Hurricane Matthew in October this year so our support is more valuable than ever.

https://www.theguardian.com/world/gallery/2016/oct/12/hurricane-devastation-haiti-in-pictures

In total we raised around $800 and this meant that not only were we able to sponsor Nadine, we had $224 to donate to World Vision’s Multiplying Gift Appeal. As can be seen to the right, the impact of such a donation cannot be overstated.


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Special mention must be made of a number of exceptional contributions: Steele Ford, Mr and Mrs Heath, Mrs Stanger and Mrs Kerr.

Also supporting the Haitian people this year were 10B1 who ran a pizza day to raise money. Their $209 was donated to Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) who are also providing much needed medical support to the Haitian people at this most difficult time.

http://www.msf.org/en/where-we-work/haiti

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**ICT**

Don’t forget that students have a number of options for bringing their own laptop to school in 2017. We strongly encourage as many as possible to do this as we move from our ICT model of school-provided laptops to one where laptops are student-provided.

BYOD supports 21st Century learners. Your child will benefit by participating.

https://caboolutureshs.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Computerandinternet/Pages/Computerandinternet.aspx

Students who have already bought their laptop should follow the steps for participation which can also be found on our website.

Congratulations to Year 10 student Jackson Lanyon for winning the BOYD@CSHS logo design competition.

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**Imagine IT**

QUT hosted a number of our Year 9 students recently for the annual Imagine IT day - a day of digital technology fun. The students participated in a range of hands-on workshops including LEGO and Arduino programming, Alice animation, HTML web page development, coding and informatics.

What some of them had to say about the day:

- Kodu was heaps of fun and I learnt so much. Coding is awesome!! ? (Emily)
- Imagine IT was informational and inspirational. The activities were extraordinary and fun. Now it is definitely on my list of subjects for senior. (Lauren)
- Gavin and Corey were legends with coding. (Declan)
Imagine IT brings together schools and friends that haven’t been seen for years. (Everyone)

Carolyn Bradley  
HOD Information Technology