Thank you to all the parents and carers who have attended our various parent information sessions over the last couple of weeks. It is heartening to see so many of you at these evenings and I am sure that the information you received will help in the important decisions students will make around subject selections for next year.

The remainder of this term is a very intense time for our Year 12 students. Many of them are preparing for and will sit the QCS tests and all students have very important assessment due in the next few weeks. I am sure that, as parents of Year 12 students, you are aware of the pressures associated with this time and the extra support needed. Please contact the school if you have any concerns or would like additional support.

Congratulations to Kaye Pedwell and our Agricultural Department for their success at the EKKA. Our dedicated teachers and students have, again this year, put in a great deal of effort representing the school at numerous shows and exhibitions and they thoroughly deserve all their successes.

Congratulations to our winter season inter-school sporting teams. Several of our teams are involved in finals but more important is the manner in which our students have committed to their teams.

We held our school athletics carnival Wednesday, August 15. Well done to all students who competed in and supported the day. The level of student involvement was outstanding, making it a very successful day.

There are a number of important events occurring between now and our next school newsletter. These include:

- August 27: Senior Education and Training Plan day for our Year 10 students
- September 4/5: QCS tests for our Year 12 students who are OP eligible
- September 17 to 21: Structured Workplace Learning for a group of Year 11 students
- October 22: Sports Awards night
- October 26: Senior Formal

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I take this opportunity to wish all families a safe and enjoyable break and remind you that next term starts on Monday, October 8.

Regards,
Jim Box
Our school has been chosen to represent Australia for the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) which is taking place 29 August 2012. A random sample of 15-year-old students will be part of a once in a lifetime opportunity to represent Australia in education!

PISA is an international assessment, occurring every three years, which measures skills in mathematics, science, reading, problem solving and financial literacy at a point when students have almost finished their compulsory schooling. PISA helps to inform policy makers, involved with education, on how well schools are succeeding in helping students to acquire the skills and knowledge they will need to meet challenges beyond school.

What will PISA mean for our school?

A group of students who are randomly selected from our school will be sampled to complete a two-hour paper-based assessment consisting of mathematics, science, financial literacy and reading questions. These students will also be asked to complete a questionnaire.

After the paper-based assessment and questionnaire, a sub-sample of 20 students who participated in the paper-based assessment will also participate in a computer-based assessment of problem solving, mathematical literacy and reading literacy.

Date of Assessment: 29 August 2012
PISA School Coordinator: Mrs Amy Thompson (Senior Schooling HOD)
PISA I.T. Coordinator: Mrs Courtney Burton (Acting Information Technology HOD)

ACER will provide the school and participating students with a certificate, recognising their contribution, and students will receive results from PISA. Each student will also receive a small gift in appreciation of their participation.

Amy Thompson - Senior Schooling HOD

ONE LAST QCS WORKSHOP THIS YEAR

Throughout this year, our Year 12 OP-eligible students have had the opportunity to take part in a number of Mighty Minds QCS workshops. As an additional opportunity for our students, Mighty Minds are holding one last QCS workshop this year. These workshops aim to increase student confidence, enhance skills and improve performance on the QCS test.

When: Sunday, 26 August 2012 – 9:00am-1:00pm
Where: University of the Sunshine Coast (Auditorium)
Cost: Free

Students are reminded to bring back their permission forms if they wish to be taken by bus to this workshop. Students are also reminded to bring the following with them:

- Pen/pencil
- Eraser
- Compass
- Colouring pencils
- Protractor
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator

Hope to see as many QCS students there as possible!

Amy Thompson - Senior Schooling HOD

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

We are now well into our second semester for 2012.

In week 5, our Excellent All-Rounder students were invited to attend an excursion to Dreamworld on the Gold Coast. The students were exceptionally well behaved and, along with the teachers, enjoyed the day exploring the rides. These students are a credit to our school with outstanding results across the board in Academic achievement, effort and behaviour. In Term 4, our A-Level students will be given another opportunity to attend an excursion to congratulate them on their outstanding results in effort and behaviour. I encourage all students to exercise diligence and keep trying their hardest at everything they do!

Our Year 8 report monitoring process is well underway with our Learning Contract interviews, to track student progress, being conducted by our Year 8 House Group Teachers. Can I please invite parents to engage with the school during this process, take some time to speak to your child about their report card results, looking at their academic, effort and behaviour achievements? If they are having some issues, talk to them

Amy Thompson - Senior Schooling HOD
about what they think they could do to improve. Having this conversation with your child helps support the school and helps your student to improve their learning outcomes.

Mrs Sarah Brady - A/HOD Middle Schooling

INDIGENOUS SUPPORT NEWS

Semester 2 has been a busy time for Indigenous students at Caboolture State High. There has been a Murri Pathways Careers Day for Year 10-12 students, the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience Outreach Program at QUT Kelvin Grove for Year 9-11 students, as well as the continuation of the ARTIE Program.

The ARTIE Program assists with providing 28 UQ university students who work one-on-one with Indigenous students for in-class support on literacy and numeracy. They will work with an individual student, once a week, for the whole semester.

Our new ARTIE Mentor this semester is Alys Doneley. She is also a trained teacher. Mentoring will continue in Periods 3 & 4 on Tuesdays.

Global Challenge continues this semester. In Term 1, the Challenge was for students to get a C or better in Behaviour and Effort in English and Maths. Students who achieved this received an ARTIE Hoodie. In Term 2, the Challenge was for students to get a C or better in English and Maths. Students who achieved this could choose between a ticket and night at a Bronco’s game at Suncorp, or a Movie Ticket. In Term 3, the Challenge is for students to have 90% or better attendance (no more than 5 days unexplained absence). This is also supported through SMS messaging. Students who achieve this will attend the ARTIE Beetson Fun Day (Whitewater World) at the end of Term 4

You many have noticed the two new flagpoles recently installed outside the Hall. This was organised through support from Indigenous funding. On Thursday, 26 July 2012, we held the inaugural NAIROC Flag Raising Ceremony. The ceremony was a great success. This was the first time the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags were raised on these flagpoles. We now have student flag monitors who raise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags every day.

Don’t forget Breakfast Club on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8am. There is always a lot happening. If you have any queries, don’t hesitate to contact myself or Carmen Carter.

CSHS ATHLETES EXCEL IN THE SOUTH ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Caboolture SHS athletes represented the school recently at the South Zone Athletics carnival. The students competed in a range of field and track events with a number of students being selected to represent the Zone at the Regional Carnival later this month.
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IT'S FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Faculty is currently in ‘full swing’ as all classes and teachers are engaged in completing units and working towards up-coming assessment items and exams. In particular, we wish the Year 12 OP students well for their final written assessment of the year – a comparative review of novels they have read this year, under exam conditions.

Two important extra-curricular events have occurred over the last two weeks. Firstly, 60 students, across all year levels, sat for the ICAS English Competition. We look forward to acknowledging their efforts in a future newsletter and on year level assemblies.

On the afternoon of August 7, the majority of our Year 10 students were treated to a very entertaining performance from the Shake & Stir Theatre Company. This popular troupe is now a regular visitor to our school and, on this occasion, performed the show, Chop Logic. The summary on the company’s website outlines the nature and value of the show:

“Take a slab of Romeo & Juliet, a generous serving of The Merchant of Venice and a sprinkling of The Taming of the Shrew and what do you get? No other playwright has had his or her works interpreted and reworked as much as Shakespeare. Chop Logic kneads together traditional and modern character interpretations and uncovers fresh insight while daring to question the crucial decisions made by key characters. Chop Logic is an invaluable educational tool, highlighting the infinite possibilities when interpreting Shakespeare’s works.”

This event proved to be highly entertaining and educationally valuable, as students are studying Romeo and Juliet in class. Teachers loved it and students were in stitches, as evidenced by the following comments from the student body:

- “A performance even Shakespeare would enjoy.” (Dylan)
- “The people who did the Shakespeare play make it sound so easy and understandable.” (James)
- “The play was really awesome and funny. It showed lots of the language features of Shakespeare.” (Maddy)
- “The play was really funny. It was a great way to teach Shakespeare in a form that we’d all understand.” (Stephanie)
- “Shake N Stir were excellent. They kept everyone entertained with their hilarious interpretations of the different Shakespearean plays.” (Genevieve)
- “Only one word can describe it: Fantastic!” (Victoria R.)
- “Great setup, hilariously funny – loved it!” (Douglas)
- “I thought it was very funny and well thought out. Made
my day!” (Alice C.)

- “Brilliantly believable characters.” (Brianna)
- “I loved it! Laughed a lot and was surprised how they didn’t laugh! Great memory spans they have … good play.” (Tegan S.)
- “Solid performance.” (Izzac)
- “It was absolutely amazing! Great actors as well.” (Michaela W.)
- “Funny and entertaining. Couldn’t stop laughing!” (Isabella)
- “It put a good spin on the classics and the modern interpretation helps you understand the story.” (Kanysha)
- “It was hilarious and side-splitting, plus Lilly was hot!” (Connor)
- “Really great; it was engaging, helped me understand some scenes, and provided a break from the often stressful classroom.” (Emma-Jane)
- “It was a cracker!” (Jack)
- “The modern interpretations added an extra level of audience connectivity.” (Adam)

As you can see, we have some future reviewers in our midst! Enjoy the rest of August and Term 3.

Students meet the cast of Chop Logic

Dana Barrett, Acting HOD English

SCIENCE – STUDENTS STRIVING TO ACHIEVE

Science in the classroom?

In my role as Head of Department, I’m often in a variety of science classrooms for a variety of reasons. In many of the classrooms I visit, I find students who are interested in what is happening, even though they might say they don’t enjoy science. When I talk to students who have this attitude, I often find that they understand the material that is being covered in the curriculum, but don’t see how it relates to them directly. My standard answer is that science is happening all around them all of the time and what we teach is trying to show students how these things occur. My challenge to all students and their parents/carers in Science Week 2012 (11-19 August), is to think about not how science relates to the classroom, but how it relates to the real world.

QUT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR I.T. DEPARTMENT

We’ve had a busy time in Information Technology recently, between programming workshops and success in the Young ICT Explorers Competition. Jeremy Wooldridge and Elizabeth Clifford, of Year 12, were successful in being selected to take part in the judging of this prestigious competition on Saturday, August 11 and, at the time of writing, were busily compiling their materials to show off their Q-Book – a Queensland Schools eBook Library – phone application and website. A big thank you must go to Mrs Jayne Hooper and Mr Shane Keehn for their attendance on the day in support of our students.

Our I.T. students were given the opportunity on Friday, August 3, to participate in programming workshops offered by QUT. The students delved into the intricate business of designing characters and animating them using coding. Everyone involved had a wonderful time including their supervising teachers for the day, Mrs Janette Rutherford and Mr Ian Hutchinson. A huge thank you goes to them and to QUT for this excellent opportunity for our students.

Watch this space for more amazing opportunities and news coming your way in the world of information technology…

Mrs Courtney Burton - A/HOD ICT Services
Science Week

As I’ve said above, this week is annual Science Week, a time when we celebrate and emphasise our subject. Unfortunately, this week coincides with a couple of other events, leading to a short week where available time makes it a little difficult to run some of the activities I would like to hold. What I’m going to do is carry Science Week over into week 7 here at Caboolture SHS. Interested students should listen to notices carefully to ensure they don’t miss any opportunities.

Science competition success!

With incredible timing, last week I received the results of the ICAS Science competition held earlier this year. Whilst we only had 52 of our students complete the test this year, it is clear from the results that our students here at Caboolture are able to compete at a high level when using this test as a guide. Our average test score is above the State average for all year levels. Twelve of our students earned a distinction grade for the test, whilst fifteen earned a credit rating. Congratulations go to all students who took the opportunity to take place in this competition and all will receive their certificates in the near future.

Wayne Hooper - HOD Science

REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES IN SOCIAL SCIENCE & BUSINESS

In Social Science & Business, students have many opportunities to participate in real life experiences outside the classroom. In Term 2, the senior Legal Studies students organised a Law Breakfast where they were addressed by a number of representatives from the legal community in Caboolture.

Last week, the Year 11 Geography students visited Paradise Beach near Noosa to undertake Field Studies in coastal planning and management. The Year 11 Ancient History students are about to undertake their Greek Excursion to the University of Queensland Antiquities Museum, experience Greek food and customs at the Greek Club, and have a tour of the magnificent Greek Orthodox Church.

Earlier this year, 13 Year 8 Geography students participated in the 2012 National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition. The results included 2 Credits and 1 Distinction. Well done!

To help celebrate State Education Week, 40 of our high-flying Year 8 to 10 I.T. students were invited to undertake the Australian Computer Skills Competition. The results included 12 Credits and 3 Distinctions. Students who received a Distinction were in the top 15% of those who sat the exam throughout Australasia. Well done!

The next few weeks will see students undergoing subject selection for 2013. Remember that a good understanding of social science makes for a well-rounded citizen and someone who can actively engage with the world around them.

“Legal Studies students enjoy their Law Breakfast”

Dr Glenn Davies – HOD Social Science & Business

GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS REACH GREAT HEIGHTS

It was beautiful and sunny when 19 excited Year 10 Geography students set out for a day trekking up Mt Ngungun in the Glasshouse Mountains, followed by a guided tour of the Mary Cairncross Reserve, Maleny.

After an enjoyable bus ride, we arrived at Mt Ngungun and climbed the long path up to the summit where we all agreed, it was definitely worth the effort! What an amazing view of the Glasshouse Mountains and surrounding area! After a brief rest at the top, where we took some spectacular photos of the scenery for our Photo Montage assignment, it was time to move on to the next part of the day – Mary Cairncross. It was difficult to leave the views, but the promise of lunch and a rest encouraged everybody back down to our awaiting bus.

Special mention must go to the wonderful (volunteer) guides who gave us such an informative walk around the Mary Cairncross Rainforest Reserve. We all learned such a lot of valuable, interesting information – particularly about the giant...
worms and trap door spiders!

It was a much quieter, more peaceful bus ride home after such an exhausting but fun day. Most agreed they would be returning soon to make the climb again up Mt Ngungun with family and friends.

A big thank you goes to Erin, our Teacher Aide, for her wonderful help on the day and we would especially like to thank the class for being such a fantastic, well-behaved group – you represented the school beautifully and ensured the excursion was highly enjoyable for all involved.

Mrs Karla Levings-Levitt

STUDENTS EXPERIENCE ‘PARADISE’ AT BUNYA MOUNTAINS

In May this year, 19 eager Year 12 Geography students packed overflowing eskies and shopping bags, suitcases and pillows onto a bus and jostled one another to grab the ‘best seat’ for the 3 hour journey north-west to the Bunya Mountains. The morning was cool and students, much to their teachers’ delight, were dressed in an amusing array of mittens, slippers and beanies with pom poms. These layers had to be shed at Yarraman as the students industriously toured the town’s Heritage Centre which was filled with amazing artefacts dating back to the 1800’s.

Money was spent at the local bakery on much needed mid-morning snacks and some students bought last minute supplies at the IGA. Many feared the 3 day camp in the mountains would mean ‘roughing it’, but most were pleasantly surprised to discover their accommodation included 2 self-contained Swiss-style chalets, each with a lovely fire place in which Mr Boxall kindly kept a homely fire burning on both nights we were there.

The Bunya Mountains National Park (BMNP) is a truly beautiful paradise. The students loved seeing wallabies grazing on the lawns and were completely smitten with the wild parrots that amassed near the Kiosk for a free feed of seed every day. They relished the opportunity to walk through the lush, green rainforest and a group jumped at the chance to go on a night walk with Mr Boxall despite the biting cold, spooky dark surroundings and threat of leaches.

A lot of valuable information and data was gathered by students whilst on this camp that was compiled into a field report 4 weeks later. The overriding impression that this field experience had on the students was that the BMNP is a unique environment, valued for its biological, cultural and aesthetic qualities. When we left the National Park, we were treated to stunning views of hills covered with the significant Bunya Pine Tree, reminding students that it is vitally important that rare environments such as this are properly managed, so that future generations can enjoy the natural beauty of this amazing planet.

A big thank you goes to Mr Boxall for his wonderful help prior to the trip and for his guidance and continual assistance every day of the camp. I would also like to thank the class for ensuring the camp was unforgettable.

Mrs Karla Levings-Levitt

THE ‘MUMMY’ EXHIBITION INTRIGUES…

On 25 May, 65 students of Years 10, 11 and 12 Ancient History and six teachers ventured to Brisbane City in the late afternoon for the ‘Mummy – Secrets of the Tomb’ exhibition at the Queensland Museum.

The extraordinary exhibition featured the story of Nesperennub, an Egyptian priest whose mummy has remained untouched for almost 3000 years. At the exhibition, the students first experienced a fantastic 3D film using the latest scientific and medical technologies to examine the mummy. From the British Museum, the exhibition itself then showed human mummies, coffins and funerary objects to feature life and death in Ancient Egypt. It was an amazing first-hand viewing of precious Egyptian artefacts.

The students agreed it was a wonderful exhibition and well worth an after-school excursion. They were a keen and excited bunch of Ancient History students on the night and many left
Many thanks must go to Mrs Burton, Mrs Creffield, Dr Davies, Ms Hurrey and Mrs Lepper, for their help and supervision on the night.

“Students take advantage of the other offerings at the Queensland Museum”

Ms. C. Harman - Ancient History Co-ordinator

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Congratulations to Desley & Adrienne who are the August prize winners and happy birthday to Peta (2nd), Pat (22nd), Tania (19th) and, of course, me (15th September).

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ANCIENT HISTORY STUDENTS IMPRESS AT THE CABOOLTURE SHOW

Congratulations go to the following Caboolture State High School students who were winners for the Ancient History department at this years’ Caboolture Show!
Asthma?

Join us for a **FREE** workshop and learn all about:
- Asthma symptoms, triggers and medications
- The importance of an asthma action plan
- What to do when someone has an asthma attack

**If you have asthma, or care for someone with asthma – this workshop could change your life.**

**North Lakes Library**
5 Discovery Dr
**Tue 4 Sept 2012**
1:00pm – 2:00pm

Bookings essential.
**Freecall 1800 645 130 today!**