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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear parents/caregivers,

Welcome to our last newsletter for the year. It has been a very busy and successful year for the school and our students. Over the last few weeks we have had the opportunity to celebrate these successes with our students and their families.

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.

On Thursday evening, November 14, we farewelled our Year 12 students at our Valedictory Ceremony. As a group and as individuals, they have been excellent and their growth through their years at Caboolture SHS has been commented on by many members of staff. On behalf of the school community, I wish all our departing Year 12 students the very best for the future.

Congratulations to our 2013 School Leaders, Victoria Kavanagh and Connor Wakeling, School Captains and Ashleigh Marriott and Izzac Alves, School Vice Captains. I would also like to acknowledge and thank all students who nominated for positions. I look forward to working with the student leadership team next year.

Our last Parents and Citizens meeting for the year is Wednesday, November 27 and I warmly invite all parents/carers of Year 8 students in 2014 to attend this meeting.

The end of the school year is fast approaching. The last day for Year 10 and 11 students is Friday, November 29 and their reports will be posted on Monday, December 9. Year 8 and 9 finish on Friday, December 13 and their reports will be posted on this date.

School resumes for 2014 on Tuesday, January 28 for Year 8 students only and on Wednesday, January 29 for students in all other year levels. Our Year 12 students begin their leadership camp on their first day back, Wednesday, January 29.

Thank you all for your support of the school this year and a special thank you to the families who are leaving us. I wish you all the best for the future.

I'd like to extend my best wishes to all over the coming Christmas season. Have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. I look forward to the return to school of students next year.

**Regards,
Jim Box**

TEXTBOOKS AND RESOURCES TO BE RETURNED

Just a reminder about the return of books and resources borrowed by students from the Book Room as part of the Student Resource Scheme (SRS).

All items must be returned before the end of this year – preferably as soon as the exam for that subject has been completed. Some students still have books outstanding from past years. Reminder letters are sent out at the end of each year. We ask that parents please ensure that students return these items.

The Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement form states:

Terms and Conditions of Participation in the Scheme

31. All textbooks and resources provided for temporary use by the scheme remain the property of the scheme and shall be returned at the end of the course or school year or when the student leaves the school, whichever is the earlier. Where an item is not returned, the parent/carer will be responsible for payment to the scheme of the replacement cost of the item. Failure to make payment may result in debt recovery action being undertaken including where warranted, referral to an external debt collection agency. This may result in extra costs being incurred by the parent/carer.

32. Textbooks and other resources provided for temporary student use by the scheme shall be kept in good condition by the student. The school Administration Office shall be notified immediately of the loss or negligent damage to any issued item. Where an issued item is lost or negligently damaged, parents/carers will be responsible for payment to the scheme of the replacement cost of the item. Failure to make payment may result in debt recovery action being undertaken including, where warranted, referral to an external debt collection agency. This may result in extra costs being incurred by the parent/carer.

Please be aware that refunds, for lost books and resources that have been paid for, will be organised as soon as the item is returned to the Book Room.

We would like to wish the Year 12 students all the very best for their futures and hope that they achieve everything that they wish for themselves.

Mrs Dianna Mellino and Mrs Tania John
Book Room

CONGRATULATIONS ABIGAIL JAMES!



Abigail recently applied to the QUT Future Leaders Program – an invitation only program that aims to foster leadership and industry links throughout Years 11 and 12 – and was accepted!

The program is completed entirely out of school time, after classes and during holidays, so Abigail must be commended for

her commitment to furthering her studies.

QUT Future Leaders promises to provide a broad selection of workshops and activities including enrichment in specific subjects, study skills and life skills such as networking, leadership, resilience, awareness of social justice and community engagement.

We look forward to hearing of Abigail's participation and learning as she attends each of the events starting with the Welcome Day on December 5. Congratulations Abigail and good luck!

Courtney Burton
Year 10 Co-ordinator

MIGHTY MORETON – CHAMPIONS THREE IN A ROW!

For the third consecutive year, Moreton has been declared overall champion house. I would like to thank the house leaders, students and staff who made this win possible.

It proves that to be the champion house you don't have to win every sporting carnival but you do have to participate in a wide variety of school activities. Moreton students were involved in a range of activities from debating and public speaking to math and science competitions, from cattle showing and agricultural pursuits to musicals and drama nights. It is this type of house spirit that made our win possible.

As your outgoing Moreton House Captain, I wish the 2014 leaders all the best and challenge them to make 2014 four in a row. GO MIGHTY MORETON!

Bailey Chandler
Moreton House Captain 2013



Moreton House Captains and Leaders

GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

For the eighth year, another batch of Geography students and a range of teachers have continued their World Vision sponsorship (<http://trans.worldvision.com.au/ChildSponsorship/how-sponsorship-works.aspx>).

Happily, after three years of sponsoring Amaya Anely Andrade, a young Chilean girl from a poor community near Santiago, conditions have improved dramatically. Through the students' and teachers' donations, Amaya and her community are far more self-sufficient, with educational and medical facilities, reliable food and fresh water now being far more widely available.

With this community on track to a better life, we now have the privilege of sponsoring a new child: Nadine St Louis from Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the world. Nadine and her family live in a barren, rural area located on an island about 155km from the capital. Most people are fishermen or farmers, but poor soils and environmental degradation make it hard for them to produce enough food. Poor diets, dirty water and limited health knowledge lead to the spread of diseases and health clinics lack trained staff and supplies. Children must travel far to reach schools where resources and trained teachers are in short supply. Not surprisingly, school drop-out rates are high. It is here, now, that we aim to make a difference.

This year, a total of \$1070 was raised by Year 12 and 11 Geography students (see below) and staff from around the school, with about half of this going towards child sponsorship. Special mention must be made of a number of exceptional contributors: Raileigh Maurer, Mrs Heath, Melaine-Lee Attridge, Catherine Whitchurch, Jayde-Elle Ford and Mrs Kerr.

The extra money raised this year (close to \$500) was donated to World Vision's Multiplying Gift Appeal (<http://www.worldvision.com.au/ourwork/Solutions/tentimes.aspx>). By supporting the Multiplying Gift Appeal, our donation was multiplied ten times through World Vision's partnership with the United Nations World Food Programme. This means that Caboolture High students provided around \$5,000 worth of life-saving food: enough to feed 100 families of six for one month. This is an extraordinary way to make a difference in the world. Well done!

Our aim is to continue this sponsorship indefinitely so that each year a new batch of Geography students will “Make a Difference” to a child who lives in poverty.



*Some of the Year 12 Geography students involved in World Vision sponsorship, 2013
(Yes we're a serious bunch!)*

Students missing: Bailey Chandler (Year 12), Jordan Maris (Year 12), Jaydeen Bubke (Year 11), Mikaela Wedley (Year 11)

END OF ONE ERA, BEGINNING OF ANOTHER

As the end of the year fast approaches, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of the graduating class of 2013 the best for the future.

For many of you it is now time to relax and take a short break from study or work until the next chapter in your life commences. Further congratulations to all Year 12s who have completed their traineeships or apprenticeships and have been given either full time or part time work. Best of luck for the years to come and I hope you all achieve your goals.

Since the Year 12s have left the school, it is now time for the current Year 11s to step into their 'school leaders' shoes. Huge congratulations must go to Victoria Kavanagh, Connor Wakeling, Ashleigh Marriott and Izzac Alves who, at our recent Valedictory ceremony, were announced as the 2014 School Captains and Vice Captains. Our House Captains/Leaders voting process will take place on Year 12 Camp 2014 and all new leaders of the school will be officially inducted in our Leader's Investiture Ceremony early in 2014. Just a reminder, Year 12 camp payments are due in full by Tuesday, 10 December.

All Year 10 students who have applied to do a TAFE course in 2014 should now know whether or not their application has been successful. Information and enrolment packs will be mailed directly to home addresses by the end of November.

'Aviation Australia' has recently sent us information on an Open Night on Wednesday, 27 November commencing at 6.00pm. The Open Night offers students and parents the opportunity to tour the training facilities based at Brisbane Airport and find out first-hand, how to become an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer or Flight Attendant. To register your interest email: aero.info@aviationaustralia.aero or contact the Sales team on 07 3860 0900.

Anthony Royter
HOD Senior Schooling

JUNIOR SECONDARY NEWS

Only a few weeks to go until we will wrap up for another year! Wow, how time flies!

I hope our Junior Secondary students are taking advantage of the last opportunities, academic and otherwise, available to them at their current year level.

Congratulation letters have been posted out to all PRIDE students along with an invitation for those students to attend our final PRIDE excursion for 2013. A PRIDE student must receive all “Excellent” and/or “Very Good” in Effort and Behaviour on their report card. If your child has not received a letter and you believe they are eligible, please send them to see Mrs Brady in C-Block staffroom. The students will be off to Top Shots, Maroochydore on Monday, 9 December. A big congratulations to all those students who will be attending.

Caboolture State High School places emphasis on students being equipped with high standards of literacy skills. Support is provided to students, who are identified by our assessment processes, in order to equip them with the skills required to partake in the literacy elements of secondary schooling. Our current Year 8 students, who have been involved in the Learning Support Program, have just been re-tested to determine if they will continue in 2014. If a student scored results below year level expectations, then they have been placed in a Learning Studies class, instead of one of their chosen electives, in 2014. Letters have already been sent home to notify parents of students who will be encouraged to continue the program in the new year.

I encourage all students to continue trying their best right up until the last day of Term 4, bringing the right equipment, wearing the correct uniform, handing in assessment and studying hard for their final end of year exams.

I look forward to working with our Junior Secondary students, through to the end of Week 10, and continuing to work with them in the new year.

Sarah Brady
HOD Junior Secondary

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Roster as follows:

Nov: 25	Desley
26	Lauris
27	Deb
28	Adrienne
29	Desley



We wish all the Year 12s success and happiness. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and happy and safe New Year.

Diane Lee
Tuckshop Convenor

QUEENSLAND YOUTH STRATEGY – CONNECTING YOUNG QUEENSLANDERS

Every area of a young person's life is connected — their health and wellbeing is linked to how they achieve at school just as their education is linked to their future success at work and as active and contributing members of society.

The Queensland Youth Strategy aims to provide connections for young people and to guide the development and coordination of activities and services for young people aged 12 – 21 years. It's for all young Queenslanders - from every family, from every region of the state, and from every background. It's vision for Queensland's young people:

- Connected, taking hold of opportunities, and fulfilling their individual potential
- Confident, resilient, responsible and safe
- Good citizens who participate in their communities

We need the support of all Queenslanders to make this vision a reality for our young people. This strategy enables the framework for the Queensland Government's direction on engaging, supporting and working with young people, their families, with our communities, local governments and the youth sector as we know that we can be most effective when we work together.

To achieve our vision, the strategy focuses on these areas for connecting young people:

1. Family, friends and social networks
2. Education, training and employment
3. Health and wellbeing
4. Volunteering and participation
5. Supports and services
6. Arts and culture

Young people in Queensland – a snapshot

Queensland young people are learning, creating, working, caring, contributing and living life in diverse ways throughout our great state.

The latest census data shows more than 587,500 young people aged 12 to 21 live in Queensland and of these:

- 33 per cent live outside Queensland's major cities
- 2.1 per cent have a disability
- 13.5 per cent were born overseas
- 5.75 per cent are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- 9.1 per cent speak a language other than English at home.

A recent survey found that 84.4 per cent of 15 to 19 year old Queenslanders lived at home. As a group, they most valued friends, family, school, and physical and mental health. They were concerned about coping with stress, school/study and body image. The internet was their primary source of information, even ahead of parents and friends.

From the same census data, we also know that:

- tertiary attendance rose 25 per cent in the five years to 2011: the majority of the 98,121 students were full-time
- studying increased from 43.7 per cent in 2006 to 46.5 per cent in 2011
- almost all used the internet - most to access social networking sites
- 16.2 per cent did voluntary work, making up 14.8 per cent of all Queensland volunteers.

Investing in Queensland's young people

The State Government invests in wide-ranging services that assist young Queenslanders through education and training, employment, youth justice, health, transport, community safety, housing, community services, child safety, disability services, arts, sport and recreation, and the environment. We want to invest in services that deliver results for our young people.

While most young people grow up in happy, healthy families, some young people are doing it tougher than others. Exposure to risk factors like family conflict and parental stress, abuse or neglect, poverty, housing stress, unemployment, disengagement from school, teen pregnancy, and drug and alcohol misuse increases their vulnerability, and can dim their hopes.

The Queensland Government's investment direction is on people, programs and systems: offering the right services in the right location to the young people who need our help.

For young people, this means services that:

- make a positive difference in their lives, encourage smart choices, and enable connections and actions to make the most of opportunities
- respond to their needs and aspirations – and are readily accessible, particularly for those at-risk
- focus on building their skills and knowledge
- provide help earlier, before a problem gets too big and support responsibility, resilience and self-reliance

Sourced from:

<http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/communityservices/youth/queensland-youth-strategy-connecting-young-queenslanders>

For more useful youth information connect to:

- Web: www.qld.gov.au/youth
- Twitter: @qldyouth
- Email: youth@communities.qld.gov.au
- Phone: 13 QGOV (7468)

Stay Safe and Healthy
Marie Pritchard
School Based Youth Health Nurse

BUS PASSES 2014

Kangaroo Bus Lines would like to advise that students who currently have a bus pass will need to collect a new 2014 pass to be able to travel on our school services.

Passes can be collected from the Kangaroo Bus Lines office at 2 Motorway Drive, Burpengary, from **Monday, 6 January 2014**. Bus passes will not be available for collection from the bus drivers of our school services.

Should you require further information, please contact our office between the hours 8.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday on 1300 287 525.

DIABETES RESEARCH – PARTICIPANTS WANTED

Researchers from the University of Queensland are conducting research into parenting of children with type 1 diabetes. We are seeking parents of children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes to participate. Participation in this project will involve completing a survey, and attending a focus group, which takes approximately two hours.

The focus group includes questions on child behaviours, diabetes management tasks which parents of children with type 1 diabetes experience difficulty with, strategies parents use to manage child misbehaviour, how parents think and feel about parenting a child with type 1 diabetes, and their preferences for assessing services to assist in dealing with these behaviours and tasks.

If you are interested in participating in this research or would like further information please email clin.roslyn.pay@uq.edu.au

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A LITTLE RAY OF GIVING

Two well-known local organisations have joined forces to collect gifts for underprivileged children this coming Christmas season.

From the first of December, you can contribute to less fortunate families in our community by wrapping up a child's gift and popping the gift under the tree in your local Ray White office.

Ray White Wamuran, located at 7-9, 1061 D'Aguilar Highway, Wamuran, have a Christmas tree in their front window to collect gifts for children who will be doing it tough this festive season in the local area.

All you need to do is purchase a small gift, wrap it and drop it under the tree. Tell the Ray White Wamuran team if the gift is for a boy or girl and their age and your gift will be delivered, thanks to the Rotary Club of Caboolture, to a local family who will appreciate the lift to their festive season.

The gift drive for A Little Ray of Giving will start December 1. "It's a really simple way to make a difference to young children who might otherwise go without this Christmas," Ray White Wamuran's Principal Terry Ward said.

Ray White ran this initiative across Australia and New Zealand last December and had over 100 offices collecting gifts for disadvantaged children in their respective communities.

Contact:

- Terry Ward Principal Ray White Wamuran 0410 077 719

DIVE IN MOVIE



Moreton Bay Regional Council and Councillor Chippendale's annual Dive in Movie is on again in 2014! Scheduled for **Saturday, 18 January** at the Caboolture Community Pool (Cnr King Street & Beerburum Road), featuring the movie Monsters University!

The event kicks off at 6pm with the movie scheduled to start at 7:30pm. Entry to the pool is by gold coin donation with all proceeds going to the Apex Club of Caboolture. There will be a sausage sizzle, music from 101.5fm and lots of fun activities and games.