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## NEWSLETTER

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10th December 2015

### From the Principal's Desk

#### Welcome

Hello everyone and welcome to the final edition of the newsletter for 2015.

#### Farewell Year 12s

Our year 12s have finished their formal schooling since the last edition of the newsletter. The majority of our graduating 12s have a plan for 2016 and beyond. Some are going to university, others will do further training, some will engage in an apprenticeship / traineeship while others are going straight to the workforce, I wish you the best of luck and hope that your years at Dalby State High School were wonderful!

Many staff have worked tirelessly with our year 12s during their time here, but I would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Alicia Edwards for her efforts as year 12 coordinator. Your contribution is much appreciated Alicia.

In terms of outcomes for our graduating year 12s, I can tell you that our Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) attainment was 93% (highest in the history of the certificate for our school). The Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test results were the highest we have on record at the school. Two wonderful achievements that our graduating 12s should be very proud of. I am very much looking forward to seeing OP scores when they are released on 19 December.

#### Update on Key Positions at the School

Mrs Elise Blyton has made the decision to not continue as year 11 Coordinator in 2016. I would like to thank Elise for her work with our current year 10s (who are our largest group at 215 students). I would like to advise that Miss Tess Holcombe will be the new year 11 Coordinator in 2016. I am very happy to see Miss Holcombe take up this position.

The school has also created a new Head of Department position (Student Behaviour). This position is designed to manage all of the external partnerships the school has in place to enhance student behaviour and to take a lead role in the school's implementation of the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework. I am pleased to announce that Mr David Schreiber will be acting in the new position in 2016.

#### Great Results Guarantee (GRG) Report

The report outlining our progress in the areas of literacy, numeracy and Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) attainment is on the school website. We have made some great progress, but there is still work to do in other areas.

#### Start of 2016

Year 7 & 11 students will start school on Wednesday, 27 January. All students will be in attendance from Thursday, 28 January. The school office will be open the week starting 18 January.

#### Until next edition...

What an amazing year it has been! I would like to thank all members of the school community for your contribution. Please have a wonderful Christmas and I will see you back ready to go in 2016.

### Start dates for 2016

Years 7 and 11 students will commence  
Wednesday 27th January 2016.

All students will attend Thursday  
28th January.

Dr Dean Russell  
Principal

#### Date Claimers

##### **December**

11 Last Day of school

##### **January**

18 Uniform & Resource Outlet  
opens

18 School office opens

26 Australia Day Public Holiday

27 Year 7 & 11 Commence

28 Yrs 8, 9, 10 & 12 Commence

##### **February**

8 Senior Badge Ceremony

12 World of Maths workshop

12 World Science Festival

15 Junior Badge Ceremony

15 Gold & Silver and Academic  
Awards

16 Year 8 Vaccinations

22 School photos

24 - 26 Clontarf Camp (yrs 9 & 10)

24 Artslink performance

# 2015 DSHS Annual Awards Night Results

<b>Senior Secondary Dux</b> Sponsored by Friendly Society Pharmacy Dalby	Daniel Ash Declan Caruso
<b>Junior Secondary Dux</b> Sponsored by Western Downs Regional Council	Chloe Major
<b>Caltex Best "All Rounder"</b> Sponsored by Caltex Australia and Ostwald Bros	Daniel Ash
<b>School Spirit Award</b> Sponsored by DSHS P&C	Emma O'Mealley
<b>School Service Award</b> Sponsored by Lions Club of Dalby	Emma O'Mealley
<b>Gold Cultural Award</b> Sponsored by Dalby Regional Arts Council	Laura Anderson
<b>Kate Henry Memorial Arts Prize</b>	Jackie-Dee Wallis
<b>Pat Weier Member for Condamine Enthusiasm Award</b>	Emma O'Mealley
<i>Trade Futures Award</i> sponsored by White Industries - <b>Braden Morris</b>	
<i>Apprentice of the Year</i> sponsored by Dalby Chamber of Commerce - <b>Harrison Hope</b>	
<i>Trainee of the Year (Certificate III)</i> sponsored by Golden West Apprenticeships - <b>Lauren O'Toole</b>	
<i>Vocational Encouragement Award</i> sponsored by Busy@Work - <b>Jayne Finlay</b>	
<i>TAFE Award for Outstanding Vocational Education</i> sponsored by TAFE Qld South West - <b>Lacey Spindelove</b>	
<i>Sandalwood Feedlot Agricultural Training Award</i> - <b>Elsa Browning</b>	
<i>ASX Sharemarket Game</i> donated by CPA Australia - <b>Rhys Horn</b>	
<i>USQ Excellence in Accounting Awards</i> - (Year 12) <b>Daniel Ash</b> , (Year 11) <b>Laura Anderson</b> , (Year 10) <b>Kirralee Schelberg</b>	
<i>Legal Studies Highest Achiever Award</i> sponsored by Shine Lawyers - <b>Rachel Garvey</b>	
<i>Instrumental Music Bursaries</i> sponsored by BMO Financial Solutions - (Year 12) <b>Matthew Kucks</b> , (Year 10) <b>Seth Quinn</b> , (Year 9) <b>Tan McKie</b>	
<i>Kudu Australia Scholarship Awards (Year 12)</i> sponsored by Kudu Australia - <b>Daniel Ash and Tessa Ladd</b>	
<i>ADFA Leadership Awards</i> - (Year 10) <b>Erin Shannon-Dear</b> , (Year 12) <b>Emma O'Mealley</b>	
<i>Arrow Energy Junior Secondary Leadership &amp; Initiative Award</i> - <b>Sarah Pointon</b>	
<i>USQ Deadly Ways Our Ways Scholarship</i> - <b>Declan Duncan, Tyson Beezley, Dakota Carroll &amp; Isabella Lasserre</b>	

## Sports News

**National Athletics** : Congratulations to Sam Rasmussen who won the Gold Medal for the Multi Event at the nationals in Canberra last week. Sam pulled off PB s in his 100m, 800m, Long jump and Shotput. Apart from the multi Event he was also in the individual Shotput as a stand alone event and came 7th in it. He withdrew him from the 100m individual sprint so he would be able to put his best into the multi event.

**Swimming Carnival** : The 2016 inter-house Swimming Carnival will be held in week 2 on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Students are to nominate for competitive events at the PE staffroom.

### Upcoming Dates for 2016

3<sup>rd</sup> February – Inter-house swimming carnival  
9<sup>th</sup> February – Inner Downs Cluster 1 (DSHS): Tennis, Touch, U19 Cricket  
16<sup>th</sup> February – Darling Downs Cluster 1: Baseball, U19 Cricket, Softball, Volleyball, Tennis, Touch  
17<sup>th</sup> February – Bunya District U12 swimming carnival  
21<sup>st</sup> February – Laura Geitz Netball Shield  
22<sup>nd</sup> February – Inner Downs Cluster 2 (OSHS): Football, Netball, Basketball, Squash, Rugby League  
23<sup>rd</sup> February – Darling Downs 13-19 years swimming carnival  
23<sup>rd</sup> February – Bunya District U12 Basketball trial 3.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> February – Bunya District U12 AFL Trials 3.30pm  
29<sup>th</sup> February – 13-19 years Gala Rugby League trials  
2<sup>nd</sup> March – Darling Downs U12 swimming carnival  
3<sup>rd</sup> March – Bunya District U12 Tennis trials 3.00pm  
6<sup>th</sup> March – Darling Downs U12 Softball  
7<sup>th</sup> March – Darling Downs U12 Basketball and Softball trials  
8<sup>th</sup> March – Darling Downs Cluster 2: U15 boys AFL, U16 girls AFL, U19 Football, Netball, Rugby League, Squash  
13<sup>th</sup> March – Darling Downs U12 Tennis trials  
14<sup>th</sup> March – Darling Downs U12 AFL and Tennis trials  
15<sup>th</sup> March – Darling Downs Cluster 3: Golf, Orienteering, U15 Football, Basketball, Rugby Union  
15<sup>th</sup> March – Bunya District U12 Rugby League trials 2:00pm  
15<sup>th</sup> March – Bunya District U12 Netball trials 3.30pm  
17<sup>th</sup> March – Bunya District U12 Cricket trials 3.30pm

## P & C News

Congratulations to our 2015 Year 12 cohort as they successfully complete their formal schooling and embark on the next stage of their lives. We wish you every success in the future and thank you for your contribution to school life at Dalby State High School.

The recent Annual Awards Night was once again an opportunity to showcase the efforts of our hard working students in cultural, service, spirit and academic areas throughout the year. Congratulations to all award winners.

A letter from the P&C was recently posted home regarding sponsorship of the new seating in the Hall which will be in use from 2016. This is a long overdue, but valuable resource that comes with considerable cost so please consider sponsoring to benefit the school community.

As the year draws to a close, the DSHS P&C would like to take this opportunity to thank our tireless volunteers for all of their hard work and efforts throughout the year. Without you, we wouldn't be able to function or provide the support and services that we do to the school community. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and the P&C is always grateful for all of the assistance provided by our volunteers.

The first P&C meeting for 2016 will be held on **Tuesday 2nd February at 5:30pm** in the Common Room. Everyone is always welcome.

The P&C 2016 AGM will be held on Tuesday, 1st March at 5:30pm followed by a general meeting. All positions will be declared vacant. If you would like to make a valuable contribution to our school community by becoming involved with the

## Instrumental News 2016

This is a heads up for the DDSW Secondary Schools Instrumental Music Camp. It will be held from the 15-17<sup>th</sup> March at the Rangeville Community Church. The cost of the camp is \$70. It is an additional \$150 for students to be accommodated. Paperwork for this camp will be received in Week 1 2016.

## Year 8 Update

Year 8 – done and dusted! Through the trials and tribulations, the tears and tantrums, the handball wins and losses, the subject likes and dislikes.....and that was me, not the kids! We didn't just make it – we nailed it! We ended the year the same as we began – full of enthusiasm and keen for the next step.

I am so proud of all that we as a cohort have achieved this year – academic excellence, sporting prowess and cultural acclaim. But it is more than that, more than those things that get recognised publicly – it is the friendships formed, the helping hand given, the concentrated effort to improve, the goals set, the maturity gained, the pettiness lost, the willingness to accept difference, the lessons learned from failure.....it is all these things that the Year 8s have experienced this year that have made them better people.

It is hard to believe that one fifth of our high school journey together is already over. To the students – thanks for making my job so easy. To the parents and guardians – thanks for your support and for giving your child the best education possible by sending them to Dalby SHS.

Year 8s – enjoy your holidays, relax and make the most of your time off but help out with jobs around home, too. I can't wait to see how much you all grow over the holidays so come back safe.

PS Don't forget to leave beer and fruitcake (or milk and bikkies) out for Santa!

*Karen Marini*

## Year 7 Update

I'm not sure if the students feel the same as I do, but this year has certainly flown by. It is hard to believe that our first year of high school is over. I am so proud of the Year 7 cohort and everything they have accomplished this year. It was never going to be easy to the first group of Year Sevens to attend high school, but we made it! The year has been full of challenges and new experiences, and all of the students are to be commended for their hard work and perseverance throughout this time.

Earlier this week, I had the pleasure of spending the day with the students who have consistently demonstrated positive behaviours throughout the second semester. We travelled to the Bunya Campus where students and teachers spent the day playing dodge ball, cricket, swimming in the pool and watching a movie. It was a great day filled with lots of fun and laughter. Thank you to all of the students who attended and helped make the day so awesome.

As we head into the holiday break, I would like to take this opportunity thank you all for making this year so good. Being a teacher certainly has its challenges, but I am very lucky to say that I am able to work with a terrific group of students. Stay safe over the holidays and I will see you all when school resumes in January, 2016.

*Sarah Hemmings*  
Year 7 Coordinator

## A Brush With Youth Art Show

Thank you to everyone who came out on Friday night to see our annual art exhibition. We are very fortunate to have the quality of artistic talent in our school. We were also lucky to have some amazing musicians and singers who entertained the crowd before we announced our winners and opened the exhibition. Thank you again on what was an awesome evening.

The following is a list of students who were awarded with prizes on the night -

Junior Drawing – Brooke Hardy  
Junior Printmaking – Joshua Heeman  
Junior Sculpture – Chelsey Wolfe  
Junior Curator's Award – Brayden Tate  
Senior Drawing – Gabby Williams  
Senior Painting – Meliesha Duncan and Claudia Hampton  
Senior Sculpture – Chelsea Clark  
Senior Installation – Cloe Monaghan  
Senior Mixed Media – Hannah Darr  
Senior Curator's Award – Gabby Williams

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Free Mobile Women's Health Service**  
Dalby Health Services (Dalby Hospital)  
8.15 am—2.30 pm Appointments 4669 0517  
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**Faultless Tennis Academy 2015 Summer School**  
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A Security Bond of \$50 is required for each student and rolls over each year. Any queries please phone 4669 0953 or email [dalbyhighpandc@bigpond.com](mailto:dalbyhighpandc@bigpond.com).

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**DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016**  
**OPENING TIMES**

The Resource Centre will close at 2.30pm on Friday 11th December 2015 and reopen Monday 18th January at 8.30am

**TEXTBOOK COLLECTION JANUARY 2016**

For those parents/caregivers that have paid the 2016 Student Resource Fees in 2015, textbook packs will be ready for collection from Monday 18th January from the Tuckshop.

The P&C recommends payment of Student Resource Fees this year to avoid lengthy delays at the Resource Centre the week commencing 18th January.

**ALL TEXTBOOKS MUST BE RETURNED BY 11TH DECEMBER 2015.**

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