Welcome
Hello everyone and welcome to the final edition of the newsletter for 2014. Please examine the contents of your envelope carefully (if you are receiving the newsletter by post) as some extremely important information (including a report card) has been included.

Farewell Year 12s
Our Year 12s have finished school since the last edition of the newsletter. Our graduates all have a plan for 2015 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 trust that your years at Dalby State High School were memorable.

Many staff have worked tirelessly with our Year 12s during their time here, but I feel it would be remiss of me not to mention the work of Mr Brad Pharaoh for his efforts as Year 12 coordinator. Your contribution is much appreciated Brad.

National Secondary Schools Computer Fund (NSSCF)
This is an important message that is being included again (again) in this edition of the newsletter. For three years now, the school has operated a scheme where Year 11 and 12 students have had the option of being allocated a laptop to take home with them each day. Regrettably, this will not be an option after 2014. Our current Year 11 students are able to ‘roll over’ their laptop to 2015 (students who wish to take their laptop home in 2015 are still required to pay the $90 annual fee) but incoming year 11 students will not be allocated a lap top. This decision has not come easy for the school. With growing enrolments and changes to the way computers are funded at the school, new options need to be found to ensure that we can continue to provide computer access to the students at a ratio that is effective. Based on that, the laptops that would normally have been allocated to the year 11 students will be reallocated to rooms and buildings within the school. I understand that this decision will impact on some students who had been planning on accessing a take home laptop next year. I regret the frustration this may cause but assure you that this decision has been made in the interests of the whole school.

School Opinion Survey
All state schools in Queensland are involved in this very extensive survey each year. It measures the satisfaction level of parents & carers, students and staff over a wide range of areas. I am very pleased to report that the 2014 results are extremely strong. Some highlights (satisfaction level in brackets):

Parents:
• I can talk to my child’s teachers about my concerns (100%)
• This school looks for ways to improve (100%)
• This school gives my child opportunities to do interesting things (100%)
• Staff at this school are approachable (100%)
• Staff at this school are responsive to my enquiries (100%)
• This school celebrates student achievements (100%)
• This is a good school (100%)

Students
• My teachers expect me to do my best (95.1%)
• I am getting a good education at this school (94.4%)
• I can access computers and other technologies at my school for learning (94.4%)
• I use computers and other technologies at my school for learning (94.4%)

Great Results Guarantee (GRG) Report
The report outlining our progress in the areas of literacy and numeracy is on the school website. We have made some progress, but there is still work to do in some areas.

Start of 2015
All Year 7, 8 & 11 students will start school on Tuesday, 27 January. All students will be in attendance from Wednesday, 28 January.

Until next edition...
What an incredible year 2015 has been! Please have a wonderful Christmas and I will see you all in 2015.

Dr Dean Russell
Principal

Date Claimers

December
12  Sem 2 Report Cards posted
12  Final day Years 8 & 9

January 2015
19  Uniform & Resources Outlet opens
26  Australia Day Public Holiday
27  Yrs 7, 8 & 11 commence
28  Yrs 9, 10 & 12 commence
Congratulations to all of the award recipients at the recent Annual Awards Night. It was again a very successful evening enjoyed by all.

The P&C would like to develop a fundraising plan to provide improved facilities and resources for our students and school community. Our next goal will be to purchase new seating for the Great Hall. However, to reach this goal we need a fundraising coordinator. The coordinator position can be shared and the coordinator will steer a fundraising committee. If you can provide valuable assistance in this area, please let us know.

All are welcome at our next P & C meeting to be held on Tuesday 10th February at 5:30pm in the Library.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, 3rd March 2015. The P&C always welcomes new members.

Trade Futures Award sponsored by White Industries - Adam Herron
Apprentice of the Year sponsored by Dalby Chamber of Commerce - Christoffer Guyatt
Trainee of the Year (Certificate II) sponsored by Golden West Apprenticeships - Tiffany Schelberg

Vocational Encouragement Award sponsored by Busy@Work - Lasharne Walkinshaw
TAFE Award for Outstanding Vocational Education sponsored by TAFE Qld South West - Chloe Biltoft
Sandalwood Feedlot Agricultural Training Award - Sophie Carter
ASX Sharemarket Game donated by CPA Australia - Alex Beetson
Legal Studies Highest Achiever Award sponsored by Shine Lawyers - Elle Bolam

Instrumental Music Bursaries sponsored by BMO Financial Solutions - (Year 12) Alex Rasmussen and (Year 10) Laura Anderson
Kudu Australia Scholarship Awards (Year 12) sponsored by Kudu Australia - Alex Beetson and Nicola Pearce
ADFA Leadership Awards - (Year 10) Lachlan Berlin, (Year 12) Guy Leggett
Arrow Energy Junior Secondary Leadership & Initiative Award - Daniel Scott
USQ DARE Academic Excellence Award - Brodie Fing and Laylah Phillips
UQ Award for Academic Excellence & Leadership - Amy Schreiber

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free Mobile Women’s Health Service
Dalby Health Services (Dalby Hospital)
8.15 am—2.30 pm Appointments 4669 0517

Toowoomba Supercamp—Basketball or Football
January 11th—15th 2015 at Harristown State High for ages 6—18 yrs and all skill levels. go to www.supercamp.com.au or 4637 9244

Stonestreets Buses
If you wish to register your child on Stonestreets Buses for 2015, please come to our sign up days on Friday 21st of November from 8.30am - 4.30 pm or Saturday 22nd November between 9am-12pm at Stonestreets Dalby Depot 6 Commodity Court Dalby. If you have any queries please call Jo at the depot on Ph. 4662 4898

Annual Bell Races
Saturday 3rd January 2015 at Bell Recreation Grounds. Gates Open 10am. Seven race program. Kids activities, markets, marquee, bar & bbq, band, fashions on the field. Contact Cassie 4634 0069 or bellraces@gmail.com or check facebook page

5000 Poppies Anzac Day 2015
Poppy making workshops on the Western Downs in January and February 2015. All materials supplied. Some workshops require bookings. Full details of workshops and displays at www.library.wdrc.qld.gov.au or 1300 COUNCIL

Myall Youth & community Network Centre 2014 AGM
Cnr drayton Street & Nicholson St
Monday 15th December at 5:30PM
BBQ Dinner afterwards. RVP by 10th Dec

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The agricultural department has been winding down this last month, with the senior students leaving us and student numbers decreasing as the school year gets closer to the end.

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YEAR 9 UPDATE
We’ve made it! Well done to the Year 9s for completing their junior secondary schooling. It’s been a busy but successful year and students should be very proud of their achievements, both in and outside the classroom. Next year they will officially be senior students!

The Year 10’s will start the year on Wednesday 28th January, 2015. The day will start in the hall with an assembly and students will receive their timetables. During Term 1 and 3 in Year 10, the Year 10s will again be involved in the CSC study.

If there are any questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to contact me at the school or by email ewrig89@eq.edu.au. I wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday and I will see you back on board in 2015.

Elise Blyton
Year 9 Coordinator

Right: Caltex Best All Rounder—Guy Leggett

Below: Year 10 Dux—Tayla Hosking

Receive the Newsletter by email
Sign up to receive our electronic newsletters. The eNewsletter is rich, high quality, fully interactive incorporating school news, photos, etc. To help us reduce our environmental footprint, register your email address, your students name, contact person for email and relationship to student to newsletter@dalbyshs.eq.edu.au

Above: Junior Secondary Dux—Daniel Scott (Year 9)
As the year draws to end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at the Bunya Campus, students and families for such a great year. Next year, we will see a significant growth in student numbers, and preparations are well underway with a new Recreation room for the years 7 and 8s, and adjusted Recreation calendar being a couple of the changes that you will see around the campus. With the introduction of year 7 into secondary schooling, not only have our numbers increased but our approach to the organisation of students and staff will also change. The staff will undergo a range of Professional Development experiences in the week prior to students returning to prepare for this.

Next year, Mrs Anne Rathmell will commence as Head of Campus from the 13th of February, 2015, as I will be going on maternity leave. We will also be appointing an additional Senior Student Support worker to work along Sue Burrowes, and Hayden Todd will continue in his role as Livestock Manager.

Due to the structure of the first day back on campus, there will be no parent forum meeting at the commencement of term one. We will be holding information sessions with parents/guardians on this day, and parents/guardians are welcome to make contact with either Sue Burrowes or I if they have questions/ideas. We will recommence the parent forums at the beginning of term 2.

Last week, all families were sent a letter outlining the commencement of year procedures and Horse Riding and Cattle Showing handbooks. These three pieces of information are vital for all families to ensure that they are ready for the 2015 school year. If you did not receive these please contact Wendi Lindsay on 07) 4660 0333 in the office. If you are a student from the Nicholson campus and wish to access the extracurricula programmes please give us a call. If you have any questions re the running of the programmes please contact Hayden Todd on htodd0@eq.edu.au.

The staff of Bunya Campus wish all our students and their families a Merry Christmas and happy and safe holiday, and look forward to seeing all next year.

Mrs Kate Masson
A/Head of Campus

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**Residential Recreation**

The finish point of the year has finally arrived and students have worked persistently at night to ensure the completion of all final assessment pieces. Report cards will be mailed home in the coming weeks and this is a great opportunity for students to reflect on the past year. I encourage parents to discuss ways to implement the feedback given by teachers to help students improve results across their subjects next year. I personally would like to thank both parents and students for their efforts this year. Particularly all the parents and carers who always made themselves available to discuss any matters relating to their child. Our students benefitted greatly from the support received on campus and their respective homes. It has been a pleasure to engage and build positive relationships with all our residents and their families. I look forward to continuing this in 2015.

Jordan Roache
Residential Support Teacher