Welcome everyone to the second edition of the newsletter for term 4.

**Year 12 Last Week of Formal Schooling**

The middle of term 4 is a hectic and busy time; especially for our Year 12s who are completing their final exams as this newsletter goes to print. I would like to wish all of our Year 12s the best of luck with their results. It has been very pleasing for me to see the amount of effort our Year 12s have put into their studies this year. I am hopeful that all Year 12s will enjoy their last two weeks at school and their formal and valedictory.

**Annual Awards Night Ceremony**

This annual highlight in the school calendar will be held next Tuesday, 18 November, from 7.20pm in the Great Hall. This wonderful ceremony will be an opportunity for us as a school community to honour our students for their academic, vocational, cultural and service achievements. Please make the time to come along and be a part of a truly special occasion.

**Renewed School Vision & Values**

The school staff, student council and the P & C Association have been working on a renewal of the schools’ vision and values. This is the latest draft of where we are at:

**Vision:** Creating the future; every student, every day
**Values:** Positive Relationships, Student Diversity, Multiple Pathways, Teacher Excellence

If you have any thoughts, feedback or comments regarding these draft vision and values, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. This process is drawing to a close and the time to have your say is now.

**Year 10 Attendance**

While we are talking about attendance... I am very worried about our Year 10 cohort at the moment, who have the lowest attendance rate in the school at 83.1%. This is FAR below what we are aiming for as a school. If you are a Year 10 student or a parent / carer of a Year 10 student, please consider what you can do to improve your attendance. I know I’ve said this before, but if you miss one day of school each fortnight, by the time you finish Year 12 you will have missed over a year of school!

**Exemptions from Schooling**

Students who are absent from school for more than ten days (because of illness or family holidays for example) require an exemption. Principals may approve exemptions of less than one year where there is an appropriate reason and / or it would be inappropriate for the child to attend. These reasons should be discussed with me in the first instance. Please contact the school office if your child requires an exemption from schooling.

**Until next edition...**

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment at the school office if I can be of assistance with any matter.

Dr Dean Russell
Principal
Instrumental Music News

We are nearly at the end of the year, with only two more weeks of rehearsals before we finish up for our break. There will be one final note coming out with details of Awards Night which Concert Band will be playing at. Woodwind Ensemble rehearsals are now finished for the year and both other groups will finish in week seven. There will be lessons on offer in both weeks 8 & 9 and all will be finished in week 10. Students who are using a school instrument will need to bring the instrument in to the school before they finish for me to check the instrument over and potentially send away for repairs.

Any students who would like to keep playing are welcome to come and play with Western Downs Winds on a Tuesday night in the Silver Band Hall in North Street at 7.00pm - there are several students who are already playing with this group and several others will be specifically asked to perform with us at the Mayor's carols.

Thank you so much to our two outgoing Year 12 students - you are both valued members of the program and we will miss you but wish you the best of luck next year in whatever you are doing.

Planning is well underway for the trip to New Zealand next year and I am still hoping to get an estimate of price and get information out to you before the end of the year so please keep an ear out for a parent meeting regarding this.

Do you have any musical instruments at home that are not being used or know of anyone who does? If you are interested in selling your instrument on to another family this is the time of the year that beginner students start to look for an instrument for next year. If you would be interested in selling your instrument, then please give me your name, contact details, type and brand of instrument and I will pass them on to any interested families.

Thank you very much to the parent body for your support this year - I hope you all have a fantastic break and I will see you next year if not before. 

Katie Commens
Instrumental Music Teacher

YEAR 12 FORMAL

As our Year 12's approach the end of their schooling so to approaches the Year 12 Formal. The school would like to remind everyone that although this is a time of celebration it is also a private event. The only people who will be allowed entry into the formal will be the Year 12's and their guests. All other members of the public who wish to spectate will need to remain outside the grounds of the venue.

Aristotle and Chronos Students enjoy Urban Immersion 2

Our 21 Aristotle and Chronos students had their second 2014 Urban Immersion excursion to Brisbane on Friday 07/11. The aims of our twice yearly Brisbane trips are:

- To increase students’ awareness of education and career paths beyond Dalby
- To develop students’ maturity, independence and confidence in city environments
- To learn about the history, geography and sociology of our capital city

Our latest trip included:

- A visit to Griffith University Film School, hosted by Geordie Lillis, an ex-DSHS student who has just completed a very successful first year at GFS
- A visit to the Queensland Fire and Emergency in Roma Street with excellent presentations from fire and rescue personnel regarding recruitment, training, responsibilities, working conditions, psychological challenges and career paths in the Emergency Services
- Several km of walking through South Bank and the CBD
- Lunch in the CBD (independent time)
- A hosted ‘extreme trampolining’ session at Bounce Inc, Tingalpa
- A paddle in the waters of Moreton Bay at Wynnum
- Evening adventures at the very hipster Hamilton Eat Street markets (independent time)

As always, our Aristotle and Chronos students were respectful, responsible, engaged, courageous, sensible, enthusiastic, patient and inclusive.

Special thanks to Bruce Finlayson who worked from 4am Friday until the early hours of Saturday as driver and first lieutenant for this excursion.

Kate Cobb
Aristotle Teacher

P & C News

Congratulations to all of the award recipients at the recent Sports Award Dinner. It was again a very successful evening enjoyed by all.

Our thoughts are with the Year 12 cohort this week as they complete their final exams and prepare to move on from secondary schooling. We wish each and every one of you a happy and safe conclusion to your schooling year and all the best for the future.

The P&C association would encourage the school community to support the Annual Awards night on Tuesday 18th November celebrating the academic, cultural, service and spirit achievements of our students.

Assistance will be required in the Hall Canteen for the following dates Friday 28th November, Saturday 29th November, Friday 5th December and Saturday 6th December. If you are able to assist, please contact Shonna Fitzgerald on 0428 621104 or the school office.

All are welcome at our next P & C meeting to be held on Tuesday 2nd December at 5:30pm

Dalby State High School
P & C Resource Scheme Outlet

To ensure that your student has the books, classroom materials and sports activities for their study areas in 2015, join the Resource Scheme. The fees for 2015 are $230 for Years 7, 8 and 9 students and $250 for Years 10, 11 and 12.

Resource fees for 2015 can be paid by instalment now. A $20 discount will apply for fees paid in full before 1st December 2014. Layby of uniforms is also available.

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.

Pay cash, credit or cheque. Eftpos is available. Centrepay now available.

Lockers are also available for hire through the Resource Centre for $40 per annum (cash or cheque only). A Locker Agreement Form must be signed by student and parent prior to hire.

HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday to Friday – 8.30am to 2.30pm
**Year 11 Update**

The year is rounding off to a close. The Year 11s are on the home stretch and they have one more hurdle to jump over before they become the seniors of the school… exam block. Please ensure that all students are aware of their assessment due dates and the days and times of their upcoming exams next week. The assessment calendar and exam block timetable are accessible via the school website. Students received an email with the exam block timetable attached as well.

I am somewhat concerned as some teachers have been indicating that a few Year 11 students are acting as though they are already finished and are in ‘holiday-mode’. Please encourage all students to continue to work at 100% capacity right until the end of the year. Just because the Year 12s are finishing, does not mean the 11s can slack off. Teachers will be collating results as soon as they have completed their assessment/exam and these will be sent to panel. All students should be trying their hardest in all assessment— even if it is the last one of the year. Three more weeks and students can have a break; don’t give up now.

**Committees:** Next year, there will be lots of organising that needs to be done for our final year of schooling. Events such as formal, valedictory and socials will need to be organised by the student cohort. So, we are in the process of forming four committees made up of approximately 12 students each. These committees will be responsible for the preparation and organisation of the formal, valedictory, school socials and advertising and PR at the school. Three weeks ago, students’ received application forms to apply to be in these committees. Applicants will be chosen based on effort and behaviour and their current results. These application forms are due back to Miss Spanner by Wednesday 19th of November. I am looking forward to working with these students to organise their final year of schooling. It is very exciting.

**Sports Award Dinner:** Congratulations to all students who received awards at the sports award dinner. It was a wonderful night and it was so great to see so many Year 11s receiving awards. A huge congratulations must go to Kirstie Johnston who received the Andrew McCullough Aim for Excellence Award and the girls in the Senior SSI soccer team who received Team of the Year. It is wonderful to see so many dedicated and successful sportspeople at our school. Well done.

**My Year 11 English Class:** Thanks to my Year 11 English class who agreed to be filmed for a promotional DVD I am going to be involved in for a professional development activity. I would specifically like to thank Ben Harwood who agreed to be interviewed. The film crew were so impressed with the conduct of all students. When the DVD is finished, I will show the class. Thanks again 11 English!

**DIP Leaders:** Thank you to all DIP leaders who have been doing school visits over the past 3 weeks. These students have organised their own activities and have run these activities with the Year 7s over a whole session. It is great to see students using their leadership skills to ensure the Year 7 students are comfortable when they come to us as Year 8s next year. I am very proud of the DIP leaders’ conduct and effort and I know that the Year 7s really appreciate your efforts.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I hope the Year 11s have a great holiday and I look forward to when they return in 2015 for our final year! Thanks.

Alicia Spanner
Year 11 Coordinator

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**Residential Campus Formal**

Last Wednesday night, we held the Residential Campus Formal to celebrate our year twelve’s final year of schooling and also to acknowledge the achievements and contribution of many of our students to residential life through the award ceremony. On the evening we also acknowledged many students for their contribution to Bunya Campus Life. The awardees were:

- **Continuous Improvement Award - Tyson Thomas**
- **Boarder’s Boarder - Jackie-Dee Wallis**
- **Citizenship Award - Jack Mylett**
- **Resident of the Year - Sarah Pointon**

### Agricultural News

This term we have seen the Year 12 students actively involved in completing their studies to finalise their Certificate II in Agriculture. Both certificate classes have been actively involved in the Horticulture Block, the Horse Yards and ongoing monitoring of our livestock. The students have been engaged in a comprehensive program this year that involves demonstrating their skills practically in the field, and also in an online environment through Rural Skills Online. To compliment this, the students have also been gaining skills by being involved in work experience. Next year, will see the introduction of the Agricultural Practices Subject Area Specification to the programme. The focus of this programme will be on the idea of ‘paddock to plate’. This subject will compliment their studies in English, Maths, Engineering and Certificate II in Agriculture.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Free Mobile Women's Health Service**
Dalby Health Services (Dalby Hospital)
25th November
8.15 am—2.30 pm
Appointments 4669 0517

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**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

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**Best of the West Car & Bike Show**
Snap meet 8am $10 per site. Moonshine Run
Saturday 15th November at Dalby State School
8am car show, 12:30 trophies, 1pm Outback pub cruise, food & drinks, jumping castle. Contact 0438625158 or dalyregionalauto@hotmail.com

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**English Classes at Myall Youth & Community Network**
Every Tuesday 6:00—7:30pm. All levels welcome.
For anyone with English as their second language. Volunteers are needed. Contact Kaym Dorries on 4662 0152 or lyn.mytcn@bigpond.com

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**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 8am-12pm at Stonestreets Dalby Depot 6 Commodity Court Dalby. If you have any queries please call Jo at the depot on Ph. 4692 4898

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**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

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**POSITION VACANT: GROUNDS PERSON**
DALBY STATE HIGH SCHOOL BUNYA CAMPUS
Temporary Full Time
(38 hours/week)
Classification: OO2

Applications are invited for the position of Grounds Person at the Dalby State High School Bunya Campus. This is a Temporary Full Time Position commencing as soon as possible until 03 February 2015, with the possibility of extension.

Hours of duty will be negotiated with the successful applicant. Pro Rata Salary Range is between $1631.00 and $1762.90, depending on previous experience and qualifications.

Interested applicants should return a copy of their Resume, listing at least two current referees, along with a brief one page letter outlining their experience and qualifications.

The successful applicant must have, or be able to obtain, a Working with Children Suitability Card which attracts a fee payable by the applicant. The successful applicant will also be required to undergo a Criminal History Check. Appointment will be conditional upon a positive outcome of both these requirements. In the event of subsequent vacancies, applications will remain current for 12 months.

For further information or to obtain a Position Description, please contact the Wendi on 07 46000333. Applications close on Wednesday, 26 November 2014 at 4:00pm and should be addressed to:

Wendi Lindsay
Business Services Manager
Dalby State High School Bunya Campus
463 Bunya Highway
 Dalby 4405
Or via email to: wlin67@eq.edu.au

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**WICKED**

*The Untold Story of the Witches of Oz*

Tickets have been secured to attend the musical “Wicked” at QPAC Brisbane on Friday 27th March 2015 leaving the DSHS Bus Interchange at approximately 3.30pm. A Reserve ticket is $160.00 and B Reserve are $120 which includes the bus and show. This excursion is open to the DSHS Community— family and friends of students and staff are welcome to attend. Tickets are available at the Resource Outlet and payment can be made by cash or cheque by Wednesday 19th November. Tickets are available on a ‘first in, first served’ basis.

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Annika Werny represented Queensland in Eventing (Dressage, Cross-Country and Show Jumping) at Interschool Equestrian during the September / October school holidays in Melbourne with two horses.

She did extremely well, both individually and in the teams section. On her grey horse BJ Conac, she placed 6th in the Pre-novice section. On her chestnut horse Blaze, she placed 8th in the One Star section. The team (Qld) came 3rd.

Well done Annika.

Some info about X Country
This phase consists of approximately 12–20 fences placed on a long outdoor circuit. These fences consist of very solidly built natural objects (telephone poles, stone walls, etc.) as well as various obstacles such as water obstacles, ditches, drops and banks and combinations including several jumping efforts based on objects that would commonly occur in the countryside. Speed is also a factor, with the rider required to cross the finish line within a certain time frame (optimum time).

Pre Novice: XC: fences maximum height 1.05 m, ditch 2.40 m, drops 1.4, speed 500 m/min; show jumping: 1.05 m
1 Star: XC: fences maximum height 1.10 m, ditch 2.80 m, drops 1.6 m, speed 520 m/min; Show jumping: 1.15 m

Visual Art Department
Combined School Art Exhibition - Gallery 107@Dalby has invited all high school students to submit works of art to exhibit in the upcoming Combined School’s Art Exhibition. This can be in the form of drawing, mixed media, sculpture or photography. Entry is free and the exhibition will run from 29 November 2014 until 23 January 2015. There are prizes for place getters. The exhibition will be officially opened at 2pm Saturday 29 November with doughnuts and slushies available.

Please see your art teacher if you are interested in participating. This is a great opportunity. Remember, ‘art is made to be shown’.

Artist in Residence - Twenty Year 10 students were lucky enough to complete a workshop with local artist Ian McCallum. This was an invaluable experience and we would like to thank Ian for the work he did with these students.

2014 DSHS Debutantes

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POSITION VACANT: ADMINISTRATION OFFICER
DALBY STATE HIGH SCHOOL BUNYA CAMPUS
Temporary Part-Time
(25 hours/week + ADO) Classification: AO2
Applications are invited for the position of Administration Officer at the Dalby State High School Bunya Campus. This is a Temporary Part-Time Position commencing 19 January 2015 until 17 January 2016, with the possibility of extension.

Hours of duty will be negotiated with the successful applicant. Pro Rate Salary Range is between $1617.00 and $1910.80, depending on previous experience and qualifications. Interested applicants should return a copy of their Resume, listing at least two current referees, along with a brief one page letter outlining their experience and qualifications.

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Maths Tutoring
Maths tutoring is on every Tuesday morning from 8 am until 9 am in the Support Space. Bring your homework, revision sheets, assignments or just yourself! All year levels and ability levels are welcome.

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 student name, contact person for email and relationship to student to newsletter@dalsbyshs.eq.edu.au

Back row—Brooke Ralph, Rebecca Christensen, Sophie Carter, Emily Karlish, Lauren Henry
Front row—Monique Valler, Lauren Cortes, Teagan Cutts, Georgia Saxelby
Thanks to the Western Downs Regional Council for their ‘In Kind assistance’ when hiring the Show Grounds Pavilion for our ball. We very much appreciate your generosity.
Sports News

State Athletics – Earlier this term Dalby SHS was well represented at the State Track and Field championships in Brisbane. Results are as follows:

John Flegler – Gold and Silver in 100m and 200m AWD. Shot put 18m 8cm
Jayden Reilly-Combamango – 100m, 200m and Long Jump AWD
Travis Bayles – Shot put AWD
Megan Guyatt – 200m and Long Jump AWD
Jessi Henning – 12th in 15 years girls Steepfetch 8.08.72 minutes
Mitchell Bazley – 9th in heat of 16 years boys 400m 57.72 seconds
Sean Melbin – 8th in heat of 16 years boys 100m 11.60 seconds
-5th in heat of 16 years boys 200m 23.89 seconds
Flora Scarffe – 6th in heat of 16 years girls 100m 13.08 seconds
-6th in heat of 16 years girls 200m 26.47 seconds
-10th girls 16 years Triple Jump 10.74m
-4th girls 16 years Long Jump 5.44m
Daniel Scott – 7th in heat of 14 boys 100m 12.10 seconds
-5th in heat of 14 boys 200m 24.38 seconds

Congratulations to John Flegler who medalled in both the 100m and 200m for AWD and has been rewarded with selection in the Queensland team to travel to Adelaide for the Nationals.

Sports Awards Dinner – The school held its annual Sports Awards Dinner of Tuesday 28th October. Guests were entertained by Dea Wharton, lecturer of Exercise Science at QUT and past Dalby SHS student (1986) and his recollections of his sporting career as a Dalby SHS student. A huge thank you to the Dalby League’s Club for providing a fantastic venue and meal as well as sponsoring the evening. Thank you also to Dalby Office Choice, Active Physiotherapy, Dalby SHS P&C Association, Carmichael Builders, Henschell Cricket, Anderson’s Carpet and Len Patti Mitsubishi for their assistance with the evening.

Major prize recipients were:

Andrew McCullough “Aim for Excellence” – Kirstie Johnston
Sportsperson of the Year – Jessi Henning
Under 15 Team of the Year – Ballymore Cup Rugby Union Quarterfinalists
Open Team of the Year – Girls SSL Soccer Cup Runner’s Up
Coach of the Year – Mr Jim Sankey

OLSSC Exchange – On Monday 1st of December the year 8 & 9 students have the opportunity to participate in the annual sports Exchange against Our Lady of the Southern Cross College. Twelve activities are on offer – Art, Robotics, Theatre Sports at DSHS, Strongman Competition at DSHS, Yoga & Personal Training at PCYC, Netball at PCYC outdoor courts, Basketball at PCYC, Badminton at PCYC, Cricket at DSHS, Golf at Dalby Golf Course, Futsal at OLSSC, Lawn Bowls at North Dalby Bowls Club and Squash at Dalby Squash Courts. The day will not cost students anything apart from their lunch. Students who nominate to take part in the exchange will need to go to roll check before moving to their chosen activity under the instruction of teachers. Students will be able to purchase food from the canteens of both schools and there will be limited food available at other venues. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottles, hats and sunscreen if allergic as well as any necessary sporting equipment. There will be some golf clubs available for use on the day. Students who are participating in the exchange are permitted to wear their full sports uniform for the day. Normal classes will run for those students not involved in the exchange and for all students in session 3 and 4.

Aquathlon – Last Friday the school house captains and vice captains ran the annual State Schools Aquathlon. The event was held out at Bunya Campus and students from Dalby SHS, Dalby State School and Dalby South State School attended. Michael Sheehan and Kayla Lawrie were the first individuals home from the high school supported by a number of teams. Congratulations to all competitors and well done to the house captains and vice captains for running a great event.

Year 10 Mathematics in 2015
Year 10 students have three options for mathematics at Dalby SHS. We run the standard Australian Curriculum Maths which we call ‘Core’, an extension program running the Australian Curriculum 10A course which we call ‘Extension’ and a program which uses the Queensland ‘Short Course in Numeracy’ syllabus which we call ‘Numeracy’.

- Core – For students who try hard but still struggle in maths and feel that they will be unable to pass maths at a year 10 level. This provides pathways towards the workforce, traineeships or trades.
- Numeracy – For students who try hard but still struggle in maths and feel that they will be unable to pass maths at a year 10 level. This provides pathways towards the workforce, traineeships or trades.
- Extension – This subject is for students who are good at and enjoy maths, it provides a pathway towards university courses in Science, Medicine, Engineering and Mathematics.

If you would like any more information about these subjects please contact Mrs Kelly Moody (HOD Mathematics).

Events

DHS 2014 AESCHYLUS CLASS presents
“Living with Lady Macbeth”
A One Act play for teens by Rob John.
SYNOPSIS: Lily Morgan never gets cast in the school play, but she is determined to audition for the role of Lady Macbeth in her school’s production of “Macbeth”. Unfortunately, she has competition, and the other girls have experience and attitude. What’s more, her mother and brother, and even her boyfriend, aren’t exactly supportive! Follow Lily on her desperate (and sometimes hilarious) journey to be recognised.
DALBY STATE HIGH SCHOOL GREAT HALL
7PM WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
ALL WELCOME
GOLD COIN DONATION AT THE DOOR

Titans for Tomorrow

A big “Hi and how you going to everyone” from the Titans 4 Tomorrow Team.

Well we are rapidly approaching the pointy end of the year with so much in store for the last few weeks with T4T, but first our sincere well wishes and congratulations go out to our inspirational seniors, Ebony, Hannah and Josh who have put it all in the hard yards for the last 12 years and come through and graduated. Good on you guys! And to all of the T4T students who have their final exams and assignments due soon, just a reminder that I’m here to help out where I can.

Breakfast club Monday mornings 8am in the HPC, lunch times and after school homework club, come and see me in Aunty Jo’s office to work out the best time.

Now to the fun stuff. The final T4T camp for the year is the Cultural Reconnection camp being held at the Bunya Mountains on the 14th - 16th Nov There are some awesome activities planned for example a bora ring site tour, traditional art workshop and traditional cooking with Murri chef Dale, and Mandandanji dance display and lessons. Wow this is the best one yet. Good on the 20 plus students who have their forms in and are set to go. We also have the last Titans visit and breakup for the year on Monday the 17th of Nov at the PCYC from 9:30 until 12 noon. All family and community are invited along for our award presentations and bbq lunch. If you would like to come along please contact me on 0432743540 so we can get a rough idea on numbers for the catering. See you there. Thanks everybody.
Term Four is always a special one for the seniors of any school as they finish their schooling and make the step into the next phase of their life. Last Wednesday night, we held the Residential Campus Formal to celebrate our year twelve’s final year of schooling and also to acknowledge the achievements and contribution of many of our students to residential life through the award ceremony. The night was absolutely breathtaking with the twinkle of fairy lights and candles all around the courtyard, pink and purple lanterns suspended from the trees, and all the students dressed in their finest. I would like to thank and congratulate all that had an involvement in the evening but especially acknowledge Letisha Haldane, Sophie Carter, Zoe Flowers and Sue Burrowes for organising the event. The Bunya staff would also like to take this opportunity to wish Brandon, Jack, Letisha and Sophie all the best for their final exams and celebrations, and wish them well in the future.

On the evening we also acknowledged many students for their contribution to Campus Life. The awardees were:

- **Continuous Improvement Award** - Tyson Thomas
- **Booster’s Boarder** - Jackie-Dee Wallis
- **Citizenship Award** - Jack Mylet
- **Resident of the Year** - Sarah Pointon

The campus staff would like to congratulate the awardees and all residents for their contribution to life at the Bunya Campus.

As the year draws to an end, I would like to remind all students and parents that students are to remain at school all the end of their schooling year. If you require your student to finish school earlier please contact the campus so that a formal application can be submitted to Dr Russell for his approval.

**Residential News**

All students have been under pressure this term to get their final pieces of assessment completed and by all reports have been working hard to do so. If parents/guardians would like an update on how their student is progressing please contact Mr Roache.

This term has seen the reopening of the campus pool for afternoon activities. This has been particularly welcomed with all the warm weather that has come early this year. The students have also been involved in a shopping trip to Toowoomba and a shopping and Ice Skating day in Brisbane.

We have been trialling the use of the school canteen for Wednesday lunches and the introduction of snacks in the dorm. Both initiatives have received positive feedback from students as they have increased the variety and accessibility of food for students.

Next year, we will be introducing an additional Recreational area for our junior students in B Block. In order to allow students to have the space and appropriate environments, years 7 and 8 students will be in the B Block Rec room, years 9 and 10 in the western side of the Rec room and years 11 and 12 in the eastern side of the Rec room.

**Agricultural News**

This term we have seen the Year 12 students actively involved in completing their studies to finalise their Certificate II in Agriculture. Both certificate classes have been actively involved in the Horticulture Block, the Horse Yards and ongoing monitoring of our livestock. The students have been engaged in a comprehensive program this year that involves them demonstrating their skills practically in the field, and also in an online environment through Rural Skills Online. To compliment this, the students have also been gaining skills by being involved in work experience. Next year, will see the introduction of the Agricultural Practices Subject Area Specification to the programme. The focus of this programme will be on the idea of ‘paddock to plate’. This subject will compliment their studies in English, Maths, Engineering and Certificate II in Agriculture.