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NEWSLETTER

Seek the Truth

6th February 2014

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to 2014

Hello everyone and welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for 2014. I hope that all members of our school community had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

2013 Year 12 Outcomes

I am very pleased to report that our 2013 Year 12 students produced an excellent academic performance, resulting in many high OP scores. 30% of our eligible students received an OP of 2-6. This is a wonderful result and all students should be very proud of their achievements. 97% of students who applied for a university place have been accepted. I am also pleased to report that 94% of our Year 12s graduated with a credential of some kind (an OP, a Queensland Certificate of Education, Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement or a Vocational Certificate). This is also a great outcome! On school assembly last week, I encouraged all students to use the success of last year's graduates as motivation and inspiration for their own achievements.

School Growth

The school has enjoyed another year of student growth. The official date of the school's census is Thursday, 6 February, but at the moment our total student population looks like being a little short of 900. This includes 50 students residing at the Bunya Campus. It is very nice to see the school experiencing growth.

2014 School Terms

- Term 1: 28 Jan – 4 April (10 weeks)
- Term 2: 22 Apr - 27 Jun (10 weeks)
- Term 3: 14 Jul - 19 Sep (11 weeks)
- Term 4: 7 Oct - 12 Dec (10 weeks)

National Secondary School Computer Fund (NSSCF) Laptops

A large number of Year 11 students have already completed the paperwork and financial requirements in order to have their laptop issued to them. There is still plenty of time for other year 11 students to complete this process.

There are two options for students:

1. **Complete the School Laptop Charter (available at the school office) and return it to the school with \$90. This will allow students to be allocated a laptop and take it home.**
2. **Complete the School Laptop Charter (available at the school office or on the school website) and return it to the school. This will allow students to be allocated a laptop and sign it in and out each day (and not take it home).**

Year 12 students who currently have a take home laptop are reminded that they need to pay their 2014 fee of \$90 to the school office as soon as possible.

Families experiencing financial hardship are invited to contact me regarding the \$90 take home fee.

Great Results Guarantee

Our school has received additional funding from the *Great Results Guarantee* and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy.

Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee.

If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or if you would like to take part in the discussion please contact me at the school or attend a P & C meeting.

Until Next Edition

I am really excited about the year ahead. As usual, there is a lot of work to do, but I am looking forward to what the year will bring.

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

Dr Dean Russell
Principal



Above: 2014 School Captains from left to right; Vice Captains - Alex Rasmussen and Amy Schreiber. School Captains - Holly Short and Guy Leggett.

Date Claimers

February	March
7 Swimming Carnival	4 P & C AGM and General Meeting
10 Badge Ceremony	11-13 Yr 9 NAPLAN Practice
13/14 World of Maths Workshop	25 Parent Teacher Interviews
17 Academic Improvement Awards	26/27 Yr 8/9/10 Immunisations
17 Gold & Silver Awards	31-2 Yr 8 Camp
18 Instrumental Parent Support Group Meeting 5pm Hall	
20 GRIP Leadership Conference	
24 School Photos	
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INSTRUMENTAL NEWS



Lessons commence Monday 10th February – look on noticeboard outside rehearsal room.

Concert Band rehearsal commences Tuesday 11th February after school until 5 pm in the Great Hall.

Stage Band rehearsal commences Thursday 13th February 7.45 am in the rehearsal room.

All continuing students should check that their uniforms still fit them. Band Uniform order notes coming home soon. With Mrs Fagg's retirement, measuring the new band members for their black band shirts may happen differently but we will let you know. Second Hand Market Day date will be decided at parent support meeting.

The first Instrumental Parent Support Group meeting will be held straight after rehearsal on Tuesday 18th February. All welcome. The Parent support group is vital to the success of our programme here at the school. It is a sub-committee of the P and C and members who complete their forms for the group automatically become members of our P and C.

*Katie Commens
Instrumental Music Teacher*

P&C NEWS

All students who have paid their Resource Scheme fees and have not collected their books from the Outlet need to do so.

There are still a large number of students who have not paid their Resource Scheme fees and are encouraged to do so as soon as possible so that they can fully take advantage of valuable resources provided for their education.

A reminder that the **P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th March at 5.30 pm** followed by a short General Meeting.

Please remember that all positions will be declared vacant. We are seeking parents to fill the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you think you can fill any of these roles please come and join us. If you have any questions you would like to know in relation to what is involved to fulfil these positions please contact any of the executive committee through the school office.

Extra-Curricular Expenses for 2014

We understand that the schooling years can be financially difficult for some of our families. To help with financial planning we have collated a list of possible expenses for each cohort. These include, but are not exhaustive of, the activities that maybe offered to our students in 2014. **All these activities are non-compulsory.** These are approximate costs and are subject to change. This list does not include curriculum based excursions or camps .

Year Level	Activity	Time of Year	Approximate Cost
Year 8	Orientation Camp	Early Term 2	\$250
	End of Year Activity	Last week Term 4	\$20
Year 9	End of Year Trip	Last week Term 4	\$90
	USQ Trip		\$10
	Leadership Day		\$10
Year 10	End of Year Dinner		\$30
	USQ Trip		\$10
Year 11	Senior Jersey	Term 3	\$100
	Full access to laptops for home use	Early Term 1	\$90
	Leadership Camp	Early Term 2	\$170
	Ryda Driving Program	Semester 1	\$20
	Debutante Ball	Term 2	Expenses related to dresses, suit hire, tickets
Year 12	Formal	End of Term 3	\$70
Whole School	Graduation Memento	Early Term 4	\$30
	Yr 12 Camp	Early Term 1	\$240
	Full access to laptops for home use	Early Term 1	\$90
	Sports Award Dinner	Term 3	\$30
	School Magazine	Term 4	\$25

Breakfast Bar

Where: Support Space (under B Block).
When: Open to all students each morning from 8:00 am.
What: A place to get some breakfast and to get extra help with school work or assessments. If you need assistance with the following subjects then the teachers from these departments will be supervising on these morning:

SOSE – Monday
 Maths- Tuesday
 Science- Thursday

Bring your homework, revision sheets, assignments or just yourself! All year levels and ability levels are welcome.

Students can book the room to hold after school tutorials by seeing Miss Stephenson.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free Mobile Women's Health Service
18th February, 6th & 18th March, 4th & 15th April
Dalby Health Services (Dalby Hospital)
8.15 am—2.30 pm Appointments 4669 0517

Dalby Little Athletics
6 Weeks Left until end of Season
Fri 7 Feb 5:30 – 8pm (Bring a friend for Free Day)
Sat 15 Feb 8 – 10am (Bring a Friend for Free Day)
Fri 21 Feb 5:30 – 8pm
Sat 1 Mar 8 – 10am
Fri 7 Mar 5:30 – 8pm
Sat 15 Mar 8am Break up – followed by our AGM at 9am.

(All parents and new comers are urged to attend this Meeting as we need parental support to keep Little Athletics running for future seasons

Dalby Rugby Union
Celebrating 50 years. We welcome all new and existing players to join us for this season.
Teenagers training Wed 5:30pm
Seniors training Tues/Thurs 6:30pm and Sign On Saturday 22nd February.
Juniors Sign on Wed 26th March at 3:30pm, training starts Wed 2nd April.
www.dalbyrugbyunion.com.au

Dalby Swans AFC sign on day
Friday 14/2/14 4pm-6pm Swans Oval Owen St Dalby
Contact Scott on 0403312468

Dalby Aus-kick
Friday 14/2/14 3.30-4.30pm Swans Oval Owen St Dalby
Contact Scott on 0403312468

Fluoro Pool Party
Jandowae Swimming Pool 17th Feb
Dalby Swimming Poole 22nd Feb
Free entry 3pm—8pm ages 12 to 18. (Children U10 with an adult at Jandowae only) Pool inflatables, giant games, video clips on the big screen, bbq and canteen open.

2014 Mercantile Relay
Tuesday 11th February at Dalby Swimming Pool.
Registration 5:30pm. First race 6:15pm. BBQ.
Phone Alecia Lockhart on 0408 114717

Empire Youth Arts Workshops
Term One starts 7th Feb and will run for 8 weeks with two classes—Dalby Junior for Grades 4—7 and Dalby Senior for Grades 8—12.
To enrol please contact Empire Theatre on 1300 655299 or www.empiretheatre.com.au

Calendar Girls
Tuesday 11th March at Dalby Civic Theatre 7:30pm.
Presented by Regional Arts Council Dalby.
Internationally acclaimed comedy based on the true story of 11 Women's Institute members who posed nude for a calendar to raise money for the Leukaemia Research Fund. Tickets \$30 members/concession and \$35 non-members. Refreshments at Interval. (Running time 130mins, 20 min interval).
Visit FSD Pharmacy Dalby for tickets.

Harriet Faith-Hope Appeal Fun Run
Sunday 16th February, Thomas Jack Park, Dalby
Registration and warm up at 8am with 9am start.
All runners receive a free sausage sizzle and a bottle of water on completion of their run. Registration—single runners \$10, Family (3—5 people) \$15. Non participants \$2 for sausage sizzle. Remember to wear a white T-Shirt. It'll be a colourful finish at the finish line!
Register early by texting participant names to 0477 507 051 or register on the day!

Sports News

Swimming Carnival

The inter-house swimming carnival will be held on Friday 7th February from 9.45 am until 2.30pm at the Dalby Aquatic Centre. It is a compulsory school day and students are required to attend school and roll check in the morning before being dispersed into their house groups to move to the pool. Students are allowed to wear appropriate house coloured clothes for the day. Please remember that no coloured zinc, hair dye or crepe paper is permitted on the day. The carnival will commence at 9.50am and parents are welcome to attend. Programs will be available at the school office.

Inner Downs Cluster 1

The Inner Downs Cluster 1 trials will be held in Pittsworth on Thursday 13th February. Sports involved will be Boys Under 19 Cricket, Girls and Boys Under 15 Touch, Girls and Boys Open Touch as well as Girls and Boys Open Tennis. From these trials teams will be selected to attend the Darling Downs Trials in Toowoomba on Tuesday 18th February. Students wishing to trial should have nominated on the sheets outside the PE staffroom (E Block) and permission forms will be available soon.

Darling Downs Cluster 1

The Darling Downs Cluster 1 trials will be held in Toowoomba on Tuesday 18th February. Students wishing to trial for Open Girls Softball, Girls and Boys Under 15 Volleyball, Girls and Boys Open Volleyball or Boys Under 14 and Open Baseball are to nominate on the noticeboard outside the PE staffroom by Monday 10th February. All other teams will be decided from the Inner Downs Trials. Permission forms will be available soon.

Darling Downs Swimming

Trials for the Darling Downs Swimming team will be held in Toowoomba on Thursday 20 February. Students wishing to nominate for these trials must see Ms Henschell before Monday 10th February to collect further information.

Laura Geitz

The school will send a Year 8/9 girls Netball team to the Laura Geitz Shield to be played in Toowoomba on Sunday 23rd February. Trials occurred last Friday and the girls are busy training under the guidance of Miss Wright. We wish them all the best in this competition.

Inner Downs Cluster 2

The Inner Downs Cluster 2 trials will be held in Dalby on Tuesday 4th March. Sports involved will be Girls and Boys Under 15 and Open Football (Soccer), Boys Under 15 and Open Rugby League, Girls Under 15 and Open Netball and Girls and Boys Open Squash. Nominations and permission forms will be available closer to the date.

School Based Youth Health Nurse

Hello my name is Deb Maunder and I am the School Based Youth Health Nurse for Dalby State High School. The SBYHN works with students, school staff and parents to :

- Address concerns or problems about health and well-being
- Create a more supportive, healthy school environment
- Connect people to other support services inside and outside the School
- SBYHNs are not employed to administer medications, deliver health procedures or provide routine first aid. Queensland state schools offer these services via other staff members
- Provide a confidential health service

Please take the time to introduce yourself to me and for further details on how the service may be able to assist you, please feel free to ask me. I am at the school every Monday, Friday and every second Wednesday (odd weeks). Appointments for confidential consultations for students, parents and staff by directly contacting me on the days I am at the school by phone or in person. I look forward to working closely with students, staff and parents in 2014 developing a healthier school environment for all of us.

Deb Maunder SBYHN

Year 11 News

Welcome to Year 11. It is great to be back for another year at Dalby State High School. Your student's life will be a little bit different this year. Grade 11 is difficult. Students will find that they are feeling more stress than they have ever felt before in regards to workload, assessment, study and extra-curricular activities. I want to make sure that they are all prepared for the next two years because their attitude and work ethic will determine their ability to achieve their long term goals. Making a good start at the beginning of Year 11 sets them up for success for the rest the year and into Year 12. Term one will let students know if they have chosen the right subject, if they are where they are supposed to be and will help them understand just how much more work they should be doing in Year 11 and 12. I have no doubt that most of the Year 11s have already increased their study hours every night. If they get into good habits now, they will find it easier to manage when exam and assessment time comes around. There are many different suggestions as to how much study a student should be doing every night- but I think it is difficult to put a number on it. If students are going over the work they have done in class, they are completing their set homework and they are completing any assessment/study, then I think they are doing more than enough. Reading books is also a really good way to study for those students who say- 'But I've got nothing to do!' Trust me; there is ALWAYS something to do. Let them know that you are supportive of their social life, work and extra-curricular activities, but also suggest that school is very important and should always be a priority.

I am very excited to see so many students interested in leadership positions in the school. Well done to all of the students who nominated for House Vice Captain and Student Council. It is so great to see so many of you interested in working harder to make a positive contribution to our school. Your speeches were impressive and I am very proud.

Camp! I am so excited about camp. Our five day leadership camp to Maroon Dam, Boonah will take place on the 5th to the 9th May - Week 3, term two. Students should have received their Expression of Interest forms. These need to be returned by Wednesday 5th March so we can finalise numbers and price. The camp will cost approximately \$160-\$180. If you want to see how much fun your student will have at Maroon Outdoor Education Camp, visit their website at <http://www.maroonoec.eq.edu.au/>. This is one of those camps that your student will remember forever, so don't forget to sign their EOI.

Also coming up towards the end of term 2 is RYDA. RYDA is a locally coordinated road safety course that equips young people with the knowledge they need to stay safe on Australian roads. Year 11 is the time when most students will be getting their Learners Permit. This useful one day course will cover topics such as stopping distances, hazards, distractions and risks, Drink Driving and a powerful speech from a crash survivor. It only costs \$16.50 (largely subsidised by Rotary) and will take place on Tuesday 17th June. Keep an eye out for EOI letters and permission forms towards the end of this term.

Lastly, make-up, piercings and jewellery continue to be a concern for the ladies in Year 11. They will be given warnings, detentions and if they fail to comply with the school rules, they will be suspended. They CANNOT afford to miss any class time this year. Encourage them to wipe off the make-up, take out/cover the piercing and lose the jewellery - education is more important. As always, please feel free to contact me at any time on the phone 46690900 or via email aspan14@eq.edu.au with any concerns you may have.

Alicia Spanner
Year 11 Coordinator, 2014



Year 8 News

I think it is fair enough to say that the Year 8s of 2014 have made a fantastic start to their years at Dalby State High. As we all know, the change from Primary to High School can be a difficult one, however, this cohort of students have embraced the challenge with positivity and enthusiasm. I have had the privilege of hearing a great deal of fantastic feedback regarding their respectful behaviour and excellent attitude. Congratulations Year 8.

As always though, there is room for improvement. We take a great deal of pride in the way we present ourselves at our school. Nail polish and/or heavy make-up is not permitted under any circumstances. If you have any other questions about uniform feel free to contact me or look at the school website for further information. Students are aware of the uniform regulations and there is to be no excuse for failing to follow these requirements.

This week the students will be receiving information about our Year 8 Camp which will take place on the 31st March through to the 2nd April at Lake Perserverence. This camp has proved to be a rewarding experience in the past and I'm looking forward to embarking on this adventure with as many year 8 students as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's school life, feel free to contact me either by e-mail dmart223@eq.edu.au or phone.

Dirk Martil
Year 8 Coordinator

IXL Maths Online

This year the Maths department will be signing up to IXL Maths Online. This is a great interactive website where students can practice the skills they have learnt in class. They will be able to access this resource from the school computers, home computers or even the public library but student resource scheme fees must be paid before they can be given a login. Look out for more information about this in future newsletters. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Kelly Moody (HOD Mathematics).

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 2014, join the Resource Scheme. The fees for 2014 are \$220 for Years 8 and 9 students while Year 10, 11 and 12 will be \$240.

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.

Scheme membership is voluntary.

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

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

YEAR 10 NEWS

Welcome to Year 10. It's been a great start to the term and it is wonderful to see so many of our 10's sporting their stylish senior shirts. This year will bring many opportunities to the Year 10 cohort in the way of determining their pathways for the future. Students finally have access to apprenticeships, traineeships and later in the year, work experience. While we don't expect any student to definitively know the career they want to pursue, this year is an excellent time to start 'floating' some ideas and having some discussions with your students about their future options.

At our school we love to reward student's achievements and positive behaviour. If your student has achieved something wonderful (i.e. made some sort of super awesome team) please drop me an email so I can reward them at school. As always, if you have any issues, concerns or questions feel free to email me at jcorc25@eq.edu.au or call the school 4669 0900.

Jane Hultgren
Year 10 Coordinator



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The CSC Study

Beginning in Term 1 of this year, our school will take part in an exciting research study being led by a team of researchers at UNSW, QUT and Curtin University. The research study aims to evaluate an online prevention program for mental health and substance use education. Substance use, depression and anxiety disorders affect nearly half the Australian population and it is critical that our young people are equipped with the tools to cope with and prevent the development of these problems. The trial will begin with Year 9 students and will run until 2016. Parent consent forms will be distributed early in Term 1 2014 and will contain more information about the study. We thank Year 9 parents in advance for the prompt return of these consent forms to the school office as soon as possible. T

To aid in the prompt return of these forms, we are giving you a number of options. These options include:

- Read the information sheet your child brings home, sign the consent form attached and return this form to the school with your son/daughter;
- Read the information sheet the school emails to you, print the consent form and return this form to the school with your son/daughter;
- Log into the following site to be directed to the information sheet and gives an option to tick a box and submit your consent.

The web address is: <http://cscstudy.org.au/parents/9UCFoQPW0K/>

If you wish to find out a little more about the study, a short video link can be found on the homepage of www.cscstudy.org.au

Maths Brain Bender

The first 10 students (any year level) to find Mrs Moody and give her the correct answer to the question below will win a prize. Good Luck

Shannon's three children have ages that add to 21 and multiply to 75, how old are the children?

2014 Badge Ceremony

Our badge ceremony will be held on Monday the 10th of February. This ceremony will officially acknowledge our 2014 badge recipients, which include:

- Senior Badges (All Year 12)
- DIP Leaders (Year 12)
- Sports and Vice Captains (Year 11-12)
- Student Counsellors (Year 8-12)
- Junior Leaders (Year 9)

Nominations, speeches and voting is being finalised for these important leadership roles this week. All badge recipients will receive notification and invites when positions are announced. Good luck to all nominees and it has been encouraging to see so many students try out for these leadership roles.

Year 8 & 10 Immunisation Dates

Immunisations will take place at school for those students who have returned consent forms. Students will be sent home with consent forms and further information this week.

Round One: 26th and 27th of March
Round Two: 28th and 29th of May
Round Three: 8th and 9th of October

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Dear Parents,
We will be photographing your school on the following days:

Monday 24 February (Main Day)
Thursday 27 February (Catch Up Only)

You will receive a flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available. Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope, even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

Students are to bring their envelopes on Photo Day.
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For your convenience, we have an automated system for credit card payments, through our secure website. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which **MUST** be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Please don't hesitate to contact Advanced Life Photography if you have any queries.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The school magazine for 2013 is available for sale from the office for \$22. This full colour magazine is a lasting memento of the school year.

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Bunya Campus

The Bunya Campus staff would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new and continuing residential students and families, and our Agricultural students who have taken advantage of such a unique opportunity on offer here. This year has seen a distinct growth in residential and agricultural students.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to the wonderful team at the Bunya Campus, and their areas of responsibility. These are our permanent staff, we also have many casual staff that are intrinsic in making this such a special place for our students.

Student Support Workers

Sue Burrowes - Senior Student Support Worker

Angie Cambers

Alison Harris

Keith Pedler

Sue Stocks

Residential Support Teacher

Jordan Roache – Residential Support Teacher

Farm Management

Dave Gherashe – Farm Manager

Nathan Pretorius

Facilities Management

Ken Hartman – Facilities Manager

Craig Strachan

Maree Hunt

Helen Ratz

Agricultural Educational Programmes

Steven Zell – Agricultural Teacher

Catering Management

Ray Turner – Chief Cook

Therese Chapman

Brenda Goldie

Joyce Hughes

Agricultural Transport

William Callaghan - Agricultural Transport Assistant

Admin Team

Wendi Lindsay – Admin and BSM

Kate Masson – Acting Head of Campus

Extra Curricula Programmes

Felicity Bartlett – Horseriding Instructor/SSW

Travis Luscombe – Cattle Showing Assistant/SSW

Residential Facility

The year has started well with all students settling in and transitioning to life at the Bunya Campus. The students have had a busy first week with an Australia Day BBQ and activities, a meet and greet with the Broncos, a campfire and various other sporting activities. As the term progresses, students will be involved in Horseriding, Cattle Showing and care of the livestock on our campus. If you wish for your student to partake in these activities please contact the office for permission slips.

All students are settling into their nightly study programme with Mr Roache. Parents/guardians will receive regular updates of their progress in these sessions to ensure the lines of communication between home and school are strong.

Agricultural Programmes

The Certificate II in Agriculture and Certificate I in Food Ops are well under way. Mr Zell will be teaching these courses this year. The students have been busy working on their first module and are eager to apply their newly acquired knowledge. We would request that all permission slips are returned as soon as possible to allow the next phase of the programme to commence.

Kate Masson

Acting Head of Campus

