QCS AND SET PLANNING

I am very proud of how our students performed in some recent school events. Over thirty Year 12 students recently sat the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test. It is a two day state-wide exam for students who are gaining an Overall Position (OP), and wish to apply for University Entrance.

Our students were well prepared and performed to the best of their ability during the testing.

All Year 10 students and their parents were invited to discuss their Senior Education and Training (SET) plan during an interview with a senior staff member.

Students had already completed a study of possible career pathways and used this opportunity to discuss their options and select appropriate senior subjects.

2015 NAPLAN REPORTS

All Year 7 & 9 Student NAPLAN Reports have now been posted home. Each report also contains an information letter to support the details of the report. Any parent who did not receive a report should contact the School Office.

It is important that both parents and students review the details of the report, and look for opportunity to further improve student achievement.

Students who achieve success at school are more likely to continue with further study or gain employment than those who do not achieve well. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this report further.

END OF TERM REPORTS

Term 3 student reports will be available early next term. Please take the time to review this report with your child, and look for areas of possible improvement. Please also note the number of days absent as this has a direct impact on achievement. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the report please contact the relevant teacher.
IMPORTANT DATES

There are a number of important dates to note for Term 4.

- Tuesday 6 October Term 4 resumes for all students.
- Monday 19 October is a Student Free Day for staff development.
- Monday 2 November is the School Awards Evening.
- Friday 20 November is Final Day for Year 12 students.
- Friday 27 November is Final Day for Year 10 & 11 students.
- Friday 11 December is Final Day for Year 7, 8 & 9 students.

It is important to us that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving. We appreciate your support in this partnership.

Grant Dale
Principal
gdale8@eq.edu.au

Insurance Cover for Students

Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities.

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury.

Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students.

Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.
Vision for Thuringowa State High School

SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT
Great School  Great Opportunity

SCHOOL MOTTO
Promoting Achievement

SCHOOL VISION
Thuringowa State High School students will achieve personal success in their learning and contribute as responsible and productive citizens.

We do this by:
- Providing a personalised and student-centred approach to learning
- Creating a culture of learning, high expectations and continuous improvement
- Encouraging equity and social justice
- Supporting personal and community well-being
- Developing partnerships with our community
- Recognising diversity
- Celebrating achievement

Values
- Lifelong Learning – We believe that everyone has the right to learn and can learn
- Quality Achievement – We strive for high expectations and educational excellence
- Positive Relationships – We promote a safe environment, respectful interactions and responsible behaviours
- Connected Communities – We create networks and partnerships across our school community
- School Pride – We celebrate our school identity, achievements and traditions

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## Upcoming Events

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**The school absence line is 4753 8866**

**Please ring if your student is absent from school or email** 2172_Absences@eq.edu.au

Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV [http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland](http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland)

[https://thuringowashs.eq.edu.au](https://thuringowashs.eq.edu.au)
QParents is coming

Great news: Thuringowa State High School is proud to be one the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school.

Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

We will be sending out information packs starting with Year 7 parents to begin the registration process for QParents. Remaining year levels will follow in Term 4.

QParents won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#!/about

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9 tips to improve your wellbeing

Looking after your general wellbeing is important, but it's easy to overlook when you're busy or distracted.

Check out some easy tips on how to look after your mental health, that can make a big difference.

1. Exercise. It makes you motivated and releases endorphins which can improve your mood.

2. It's OK to not be OK.

3. Never let your pride prevent you from asking for help.

4. Hang out with positive people. Seeing and hearing positive often translates to thinking and feeling positive.

5. Appreciate the simple things. Ate a pie and didn't spill sauce on my white shirt - win!

6. Make time to have fun. Every day. Take a break from work and study.

7. Focus on the things you can change instead of the things you can't.

8. Stay connected –

   On-line and off. Call a buddy and ask how they're doing. Or let them know if you’re not feeling too crash hot.

9. Whether it's giving or receiving help – reach out. Start by having a chat with a close friend.

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Year 12 Early Round Scholarships

The University of Southern Queensland is offering 50 scholarships to Year 12 students while completing high school in 2015. The two scholarships have different benefits, for different types of students - and they are offered before you get your OP!

How great would it be to know you’ll have help with the costs of uni before you finish school? If you’re putting USQ as a preference for Semester 1, 2016, put in an application!

40 x $12,000 Vice-Chancellor's Principal's Recommendation Scholarships

Do you have a high level of academic achievement? Are you participating in academic extra-curricular activities? Do you hold any leadership positions at school? You should apply! As this scholarship is linked with the Principal's recommendation, you'll also receive the bonus of a guaranteed place at USQ!

10 x $6,000 Future Community Leader Scholarships

Are you an active member of your school community? Do you volunteer or contribute to projects within your local community? Maybe been involved with USQ events while in school? This scholarship is for you! At USQ we believe in supporting our communities as much as you do, this scholarship is for those who make their community a better place.

Apply to the following link:

Breakfast Club

A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE AN AMAZING BREAKFAST PROGRAM RUNNING 5 DAYS A WEEK.

THIS OPERATES FROM THE BREKKY ROOM NEAR THE TUCKSHOP FROM 8AM TILL THE FIRST BELL.

IT'S FREE, THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF BRUMBIES UPPER ROSS, MILKSHAKE SALES FROM OUR MILKSHAKE DAY ON THURSDAYS, AND GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM MANY OF OUR STAFF.

DONATIONS OF MARGARINE, JAM, PEANUT PASTE AND NUTELLA ARE APPRECIATED AND CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.
Certificate III in Fitness

Our students enrolled in Certificate III in Fitness are required to deliver community fitness programs as a competency of their course. Staff at Thuringowa State High School volunteers to participate in the very successful program after school.

Another component is fitness training one on one, which is supported by staff to assist students in receiving their competencies and successful completion of their course.

**Book 27 October on your calendar for our Talent Quest**

We are holding a Talent Quest on the 27th October here at the school

3.30pm - 5.30pm in the Theatre.

You will be entertained with the artistic talents of our students involved in the ART, DRAMA and MUSIC Departments.

Gold coin donation

BBQ & drinks available

The invitation is extended to all parents, carers, grandparents and the Thuringowa State High School community.

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Riverway Cup - Science

An annual event at Thuringowa State High School is the Riverway Cup. Students from our cluster schools are invited to participate in the Riverway Cup. The competition involves five of the most talented Year 5 students from Kelso, Rasmussen and Weir State Schools coming along to Thuringowa State High School to compete against each other.

In Term 1 it was English and Humanities, Term 2 – Mathematics, Term 3 – Science and Term 4 will be Sport. The program allows students to experience the subjects in a high school, and to be challenged by activities that involve higher order thinking. Our senior students work alongside the teams to support their efforts in each of the challenges.

The winner was Rasmussen State School in the Science challenge. The students worked together in groups to investigate the chemical and physical changes in an experiment and they created a poster of their results.

Congratulations to all students who have participated in Riverway Cup 2015

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Open Mixed Netball WINNERS
Thuringowa 34 – St Anthony’s 6
Week 7

THINK PREPARE PLAN - FREE TOWNSVILLE WORKSHOP
The My Future: My Life team are pleased to be holding a free THINK PREPARE PLAN workshop in Townsville on Tuesday 13 October, 2015.

Where - Townsville RSL Club, 139 Charters Towers Road, Hyde Park
When - Tuesday, 13 October 2015
From - 9:30am – 2:30pm

How to register - Visit the Events page at www.myfuturemylife.com.au or by phone 1300 697 526

These workshops are for parents, educators and disability professionals supporting secondary school students with disability. While there is no cost to attend, registration is essential. Morning tea and lunch provided.

If you have any questions, please email or phone using the contact details below.

Tina Patel 07 3255 7749 or tina.patel@bne.centacare.net.au

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Try Time! is an educational program run in secondary schools in North Queensland targeting Year 8 and 9 students.

It has a key focus on influencing this student demographic on making the right individual choices based on age-appropriate information and practical sessions.

Try Time! Uses the theme “only dead fish go with the flow” as a reminder that making informed choices sometimes means going against the flow. The program is a collaborative partnership between South32 Cannington Mine, The North Queensland Cowboys and Youth with a Mission (YWAM).
INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2015

Gold House - WINNERS

AGE CHAMPIONS

Held at Red Track at the Sports Reserve

Thank you to the HPE staff for organising a great day

All staff attended and had a task

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STEP UP! FOR DOWN SYNDROME IS A CELEBRATION OF ACCEPTANCE, AWARENESS AND INCLUSION

9AM STEP UP! FOR DOWN SYNDROME WALK
Registration from 8am.
Walk commencing at 9am.

9:30AM - 11:30AM
COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
(includes unlimited access to all rides and attractions. This fee will be waived for 2015 DSAQ members and their immediate family)

Registration
$2 per person

Entertainment pass
$5 per person

JUMPING CASTLE & SLIDE | CHAIR-O-PLANE
ANIMAL FARM AND PONY RIDES | RAFFLE | FACE PAINTING

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PERFORMANCES BY HAPPY FEAT AND TINY TAPPERS
FOOD AND DRINK STALLS - BBQ, ICE CREAMS, COFFEE, FRESH FRUIT STALL, COLD DRINKS

BYO picnic rug and chairs

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Interested in Roller Derby?

Towns Villains Roller Derby invites you to come along to our Sunday training sessions.

Where: Sk8way - 72/88 Hervey Range Road, Condon
When: Any Sunday @ 5pm (Juniors @ 4pm)
Bring: Comfortable clothes, socks and water bottle

Don't want to play but want to be involved? Why not be a ref or NSO (non skating official)?

Tiny Tempers Junior Roller Derby
Boys & Girls
Ages 6-17

www.facebook.com/TVRDL

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Every parent wants the best for their child

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