WELCOME TO 2014
I would like to extend a warm welcome all new students, returning students and their families to the Thuringowa State High School community. I would also like to welcome the new and returning staff to our school. It has been a great start to the year.

We received the news that our senior students performed exceptionally well last year with 4 students receiving an OP 1-5 whilst numerous other students received university offers, apprenticeships, traineeships and most students achieving a Queensland Certificate of Education. Already this year our students are in class and learning.

This year is also the beginning of our new 2014-2017 School Plan which outlines the priorities for the next four years. A copy of this document is available on our school website.

Our 2014 School Improvement Agenda will focus on:
- Improving every student’s Reading and Writing (including Numeracy)
- Teaching using Explicit Instruction
- Promoting a Learning Culture with High Expectations

You will read more about these in upcoming newsletters. I look forward to meeting many new students and families throughout the year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Thuringowa State High School is a uniform school. Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform every day. All students must wear a school shirt and school shorts every day. Students may only wear short black or white socks and must have sturdy footwear.
Facial piercings are no longer accepted for Year 8 and 9 or new students at Thuringowa State High School. Any continuing student with a facial piercing must ensure they are flat and not protruding. These students may be requested to remove or cover their piercing whilst at school. Students who continue to not meet the required uniform expectations may be withdrawn from class to continue their study in the office.

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT IN 2014
We have high expectations in regards to school attendance. Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons.

At Thuringowa State High School it is expected that every student will have a 95% attendance rate or better. This includes being at school on time and ready to learn. Do not let your child miss one day. Every day missed is a lost chance at learning.

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE
Our school has received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and we are deciding how best to 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.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Thuringowa State High School Parents and Citizens Association will hold their 2014 Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 12 March starting slightly earlier at 5.30pm in the Administration Block. The P&C is once again looking forward to supporting our school throughout this year and welcomes any new members.

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

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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.
Defence Work Experience

Students 15 years and older are invited to participate in the following one day career days at the Army and RAAF facilities. The day is targeted at (but not limited to) Year 10 students and provides an overview of a range of Army career opportunities and insight into an Army lifestyle. Each visit can host 30 students maximum.

**Army Careers Visit - Lavarack Barracks, Townsville**
- Wednesday 5th March
- Wednesday 7th May
- Wednesday 20th August
- Wednesday 10th September
- Wednesday 12th November

The one day Air Force career days provides an overview of a range of Air Force career opportunities and insight into an Air Force lifestyle. Each visit can host 20 students.

**Air Force Careers Visit - RAAF Base Townsville**
- Wednesday 26th March
- Wednesday 28th May
- Wednesday 30th July
- Wednesday 17th September

Student wanting to attend are to see Mrs O’Keeffe for the necessary paperwork to ensure a placement. If your student is turning 15 later in the year they can apply for a placement after their 15th birthday.

Parents and guardian are invited to attend the next P&C meeting.

The P&C makes a vital contribution to the school community and newcomers are welcomed.

Meetings are held in the school common room, the second Wednesday of each month at 5.30pm.

**Our next meeting is on the 12th March, 2014**
Welcome to 2014, I am employed by Queensland Health as a School Based Youth Health Nurse. I work at Thuringowa State High School alternate Mondays, Thursday & Fridays.

Unlike the traditional role of a school nurse, School Based Youth Health Nurses are not responsible for first aid. Students or staff members that require first aid should present to the front office.

The role of a School Based Youth Health Nurse is to work collaboratively within the school community by:

- providing support for the school curriculum, teaching and learning activities;
- advocating on behalf of young people on issues affecting their health and wellbeing;
- providing individual health consultation for students, parents and members of the school community.

In 2013, I worked with the Year 8 HPE teachers on a health promotion “Let’s get the party started” which was aimed at alcohol and drug awareness. 2014 planning includes health and wellbeing lessons for Year 8, 9 & 10 students which will involve presentations by JCU Partnership Program, Headspace and a School Based Police Officer advising students about Cybersafety.

Students are encouraged to meet with me at break times. I am available to parents and the wider school community for consultations and advice on health matters that might be of concern.

Jacqui Dale
School Based Youth Health Nurse
4753 8882

THE SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE IS 47538866
PLEASE RING IF YOUR STUDENT IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL
Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV
http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

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How can I get my teenager to go to school

Many teenagers seek independence and may be reluctant or refuse to go to school.

Parents and caregivers continue to have a legal obligation in the teen years to send their child to school every school day, all day.

Some strategies that can assist to improve attendance include:

- talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that there is an expectation. Regular attendance at school sets up good behaviours for regular attendance later at work

- help your teenager maintain daily routines such as finishing homework and getting a good night’s sleep. On average, teenagers need 8-9 hours sleep to be healthy and alert. You may also need to monitor their use of the Internet, mobile phone and TV at night to ensure they are not staying up too late or being disturbed while sleeping

- try not to schedule hair, dental or medical appointments during school hours. Arrange family holidays during scheduled school holidays so that they are not missing out on classes and, therefore, will not have to struggle to make up for lost time

- don't let your teenager stay home unless genuinely sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety

- if your teenager wants to stay home to finish an assignment, rather than letting them stay home, expect them to go to school - make attendance the number one priority. Later, you can discuss with them how they may improve their study habits or adjust their schedule to meet assignment deadlines.

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2014 promises to be a very exciting year for the Music Department. Our team this year consists of Ms Gillian Webster (Curriculum Coordinator), Ms Fiona Murakami (Brass, Woodwind, Percussion), and Ms Danielle Bijl (Strings).

Brass, Woodwind and Percussion lessons will be held on **Thursday’s** with band rehearsal from 2.30 to 3.30pm.

String lessons are on **Monday’s** with ensemble rehearsal this year from 1.00 to 1.30pm (second break).

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming new and existing students to Thuringowa High School. If you have any queries in regards to your child’s music career, please not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting parents at performances throughout the year.

Gillian Webster  
Music Curriculum Coordinator

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- Embroidered shorts $27

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Leaders Induction Ceremony held on 10\textsuperscript{th} February, 2014

\textbf{Seniors Oath}

We, the Seniors of Thuringowa State High School, accept this badge, and in doing so pledge to the school community, that we will represent our school with confidence and pride. We acknowledge the responsibilities of being school ambassadors, leaders and role models. We will be a positive influence and lead by example and encourage school spirit. We will dedicate ourselves to achieving our personal best in all aspects of our schooling. We promise to uphold the principles, values and beliefs so that \textit{together}, we can further enrich our school.

We will stay strong and believe in ourselves \textit{and} in each other.

\textbf{Student Representative Council Care Representatives}

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School Choir

Gold House Leaders

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School Captains

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders

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**WHAT ARE YOU DOING AFTER SCHOOL?**

**JOIN THE 'HOMEWORK ASSESSMENT TUITION' PROGRAM**

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- Safe, supportive, supervised
- Homework help
- Study time
- Assessment assistance and tutoring
- Teacher support
- Refreshments and snacks

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**Senior School Year 10-12**

Each month, important information for senior school students and their families will be addressed in the school newsletter. For further information on any of the topics, visit the related websites or contact Celia O'Keeffe, Head of Senior School cokee10@eq.edu.au or 47538829.

I would like to introduce the 2014 year level coordinators. Shelley DeRyuter will be looking after Year 12, Brooke Calahorra will be looking after Year 11 and Chris Lane will be managing Year 10. The senior year level coordinators will play a major role in organising school events for each year level, and liaising with students and parents on issues such as attendance, coping with school work, uniform compliance, etc. I wish them the best for 2014 and hope that they enjoy their time with their year level cohort.

**QCE Tracking – Is your Senior Student “On Track” to receiving a Queensland Certificate of Education?**

**What is the QCE?**

The QCE is Queensland's senior school qualification, which is awarded to eligible students, usually at the end of Year 12. The QCE offers flexibility in what is learnt, as well as where and when learning occurs. Students have a wide range of learning options; these can include senior school subjects, vocational education and training, workplace and community learning, as well as university subjects undertaken while at school.

To be awarded a QCE, students must have at least 20 credits in the required pattern. Courses of study are organised into 4 categories:

- **Core Eg** - school subjects (authority and authority registered), certificate 2,3, or 4 qualifications, school based traineeships / apprenticeships
- **Preparatory** - Eg Certificate 1 qualification
- **Enrichment** - Eg School based course, learning project
- **Advanced** - Eg university subject

A minimum of 12 credits must come from completed core courses of study. At least 1 credit must come from core studies completed while enrolled at a school. The remaining 8 credits can come from a combination of core, preparatory, enrichment or advanced courses, with preparatory studies contributing a maximum of 6 credits.

Partial completion of a core course of study may also contribute some credit. Students must also meet the QCE literacy and numeracy requirement which is a minimum of a one semester pass (sound result) in both English and Mathematics.

How can we keep track of our Senior Student’s QCE eligibility? Use the QCE Planner! The QCE Planner is able to be accessed by students and guests on the [Student Connect](https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au/) website. [https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au/](https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au/)

It enables students to plan their pathway to a QCE and check their eligibility. Students access their “learning account” on this site, where all eligible learning is recorded in the account, as well as where and when the learning took place, and the results they achieved. Students should check their learning account regularly to make sure their personal details are correct and advise the school or other learning provider as soon as possible contact details have changed.

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Students can also access the QCE planner in their learning account to find out how changes to their enrolments will affect their QCE eligibility. They will be able to see how many credits selected courses/subjects are worth and whether or not the combination of courses and subjects they have chosen meet QCE eligibility requirements (including numeracy and literacy requirements).

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SATs)
School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SATs) allow high school students to work for an employer and train towards a recognised qualification, while completing their secondary schooling and studying for their Queensland Certificate of Education and/or Overall Position (OP) score.

How do students get a school based traineeship/apprenticeship?
There are a number of ways this can happen:
1. The school is informed of SAT vacancies via employers and apprenticeship centres. These are advertised in the school notices and students must apply to the employer directly or the apprenticeship centre usually by sending through a resume and attending an interview. The school will help students with this process by sending through resumes, letters via email or post.

2. When SAT vacancies are not advertised, students can approach employers directly, usually by making contact with the employer and dropping off a cover letter and resume for consideration. Establishing relationships and networking with different employers often assists.

3. Sometimes students and parents “know” a friend or an employer who may be able to offer a SAT position. Employers receive financial incentives to employ SATs, so it’s a win-win situation for all involved. In this situation, the employer can contact the school directly and discuss the SAT opportunity.

For more information, visit [http://apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au](http://apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au)
Year 11 and 12 Work Experience
Please be advised that the Work Experience block for Years 11 and 12 will be in week 10 Term 1 from 31 March – 4th April.

Who must attend Work Experience? All Year 11 and 12 students enrolled in Certificate 2 in Work Place Practices MUST complete work experience as it is a mandatory component of the course. The completion of 80 hours of Structured Work Place Learning must take place over the two year course.

Year 12 students who participated in work experience last year as part of the Certificate 2 in Work Place Practices course, need to check with their teacher, how many hours they must complete in 2014 to meet the mandatory 80 hour requirement.

In addition, there must be sufficient evidence to support all work experience completed including the work experience logbook which must be signed by the employer to verify completed hours. In cases where students did attend work experience last year, but there is no evidence, they will need to see me to determine what must be done in 2014 to meet course requirements.

Year 11 students in 2014 must not complete 80 hours in their first work experience block this year. There is a second block later in the year in term 3 and again next year. It is expected however, that a minimum of approximately 35 hours be completed in this first block.

Parents can you help? Finding work experience placements for over 100 students is difficult. If you have a registered business, and are able to help the school by offering a student work experience at your workplace or work site, please contact Terry Bergman on tberg8@eq.edu.au.

All stakeholders in the work experience program are covered by insurance. By participating you might find your next great employee!

Procedures for organising work experience this year: Students have been given access to our employer database, a sample letter of introduction and a resume. In work place practices classes, students are required to identify an employer/industry area that they would like to experience, and complete a letter of introduction requesting a placement. Resumes are to be attached as well. We are hoping that our employers, on receipt of a request, will support Thuringowa students by contacting the school indicating their willingness to participate. After employer acceptance, contracts will be sent out to parents and student requiring signatures and immediate return to the school.

To consider: Before choosing a work experience placement, students have been asked to consider whether or not they can travel to and from their work experience host, and whether or not they require special clothing or qualifications (eg Construction Induction card).

VET
The school offers senior students at Thuringowa a wide variety of nationally recognised certificate 2 and 3 level qualifications through our VET program, in partnership with other service providers. Certificate 3 courses in Business, Fitness and Children’s Services are
able to be provided through a partnership agreement with Binnacle and My Other Mom respectively. **These courses are fee based.** Could parents/guardians of students enrolled in these courses, which are delivered at the school, please ensure that fees for 2014 have been paid to the school by 28\textsuperscript{th} February, 2014

**TAFE VET in Schools Program**

This year a number of our students continue their training in nationally recognised qualifications in the VET in schools program delivered at Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE at Pimlico or Bohle campus. These include Certificate 2 in hairdressing, Certificate 3 in Hospitality, and Certificate 3 in Health Services. There are a number of students new to the program in 2014 as well.

Completed VET certificates will attract the following credit towards their QCE:

- VET Certificate I: 2 Points
- VET Certificate II: 4 Points
- VET Certificate III or IV: 8 Points

The VET in Schools Program can lead students into traineeships, apprenticeships and enhance student's employment opportunities. The options are flexible and meant to increase student skills, and opportunities to gain a rewarding career path. For further information please visit the following web site [http://www.barrierreef.tafe.qld.gov.au/schools_and_uni/vocational_education.html](http://www.barrierreef.tafe.qld.gov.au/schools_and_uni/vocational_education.html)

The GenR8 project is targeted at Year 12 students who would like to learn more about and experience firsthand, the world of work. This opportunity for students includes a 20 week structured work placement program in Semester 2 within a transport, logistics and supply chain business.

Students will gain a nationally recognised qualification in Certificate 2 in Transport and Logistics and potential employment opportunity in the industry area.

To start the program, GenR8 is organising a site visit to several transport and logistics businesses around Townsville on the 6\textsuperscript{th} March. Students will get to see that transport and logistics involves everything from business administration to warehousing, to workshop practices.

Year 12 students at Thuringowa State High School have been invited to attend this program. Students who would like to attend must register interest with Mrs O’Keeffe and return a completed permission form by 28\textsuperscript{th} February, 2014.

![Celia O'Keeffe](https://thuringowashs.eq.edu.au)

Celia O'Keeffe
Head of Senior School, VET

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Senior Leaders Induction Ceremony

I would like to CONGRATULATE all of our Year 12 students in their acknowledgement and acceptance of the responsibilities that come with being school ambassadors, leaders and role models for 2014.

We would like to ‘Thank’ all of our parents, extended family and friends who were able to attend the Senior Leaders’ Induction ceremony this year.  This is one of the very important highlights for these students in their senior year of high school and it is wonderful to see the support and recognition for their achievement.

Year 12’s have a big year ahead of them.  I would like to wish them all of the best in their studies, leadership development and personal growth for 2014.

Remember- to stay strong, believe in yourselves and in each other!

Shelley DeRuyter
Year 12 Coordinator

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Club Red Youth Ambassador Program

Did you know one in three Australians will require blood at some time in their life, yet only one in three donate.

Four of our senior students will be attending this leadership program in February, from Year 11 we have Tayla Silver, Nikka Radcliffe and from Year 12 Ben Kurmass and Cara Doogan.

These students have embraced the opportunity and will learn invaluable planning, organisational and management skills and will gain a greater understanding of the Blood service and develop leadership skills.

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Year 11 Leadership Camp – Echo Creek, Tully

The school has arranged for a 3 day Year 11 camp at Echo Creek Adventure Cultural Camp in Tully. The camp is scheduled for Monday 13th October to Wednesday 15th October, 2014.

The purpose of the camp will be to:

a) Engage in leadership and team skill development to support the students’ final year of high school.

b) Develop a greater sense of identity as a cohort.

c) Support the development of greater student self-esteem and self-confidence as they approach their final senior year.

The total cost for each participating student will be $205. This cost includes all catered meals, equipment hire for leadership and team development activities, cost for camping and transport from Thuringowa State High School to Echo Creek Cultural Camp.

The activities that students will be involved in are an obstacle course, damper and fire making, abseiling, team raft building, a bush survival hike as well as many other team building and leadership projects.

Year 11 students wishing to continue through to Year 12 are encouraged to attend this fantastic camp.

Ms Calahorra
Year 11 Coordinator

FUNDRAISING FOR YEAR 11 CAMP

Year 11 Students attended a meeting regarding fundraising ideas for our up and coming leadership camp, and came up with many fantastic ideas ranging from discos, carwashes, raffles and sausage sizzles.

We have planned many great fundraising activities which we encourage staff, students, parents and guardians to attend and support.

Our first fundraiser will be a sausage sizzle held at Bunning’s North Shore on the 21st June, 2014. So come along, lend a hand, buy a sausage and drink and support our students in their fundraising.

All funds raised will be going towards lowering the overall cost of the camp and to add more adventure activities additional to those offered by Echo Creek Adventure Camp.

Ms Calahorra
Year 11 Coordinator

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Fundraising Calendar for Year 11 Leadership Camp

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2014 is looking to be a very exciting year for Business Education. We have introduced Certificate III in Business to the Year 11s which is organised through RTO Binnacle Training; Mr Memedovski is putting his Year 11 IDMT class through a Certificate II IDMT – Gaming; and we have Year 8 and 9 Business Studies back on the timetable.

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The Certificate II in Business classes is honing their business administration skills by offering administration services to the school staff. The Year 11 class have established their own business called “Gowa’s Business Needs” and have been busy creating business cards, logos, letterheads and flyers to promote this venture.

The Year 8, 9 & 10 Business Studies classes are learning about all things business. The Year 9s are learning all about how businesses in Australia are run and organised. Year 10s are completing business plans for their simulated business opening – including budgets, marketing, location, size and meeting all regulations. The knowledge and skills gained in this unit go towards demonstrating competency for a Certificate I IDMT (giving them the opportunity to gain 2 credit points towards their QCE). This is giving them a “taste” of what is on offer in Year 11 and 12 in the Business Education department. Later in the year they will complete an Introduction to Accounting and BCT.

If you feel you can contribute by providing information or being a guest speaker on any of the above topics please feel free to contact the relevant teacher. Also, if you have any questions or concerns, the same applies. Looking forward to a great year.

“A business has to be involving, it has to be fun, and it has to exercise your creative instincts” Sir Richard Branson
GREENHEART: ECO-news
‘Working for our school, our community, our future’

The green team is at it again and in full force for 2014! Congratulations to our 2014 Eco-warrior Student Enviro-Council:

- Kerline
- Jayden
- Gemma
- Liam
- Elliot
- Jake
- Sarah
- Caleb
- Blair
- Tricia
- Kiren

These dedicated students will give up their time to ensure that our school community is informed and using best practices to reduce waste, recycle, maintain healthy waterways and provide healthy habitats for our local native wildlife.

Our worm farms are already up and running. Gemma led us in a team effort to build the farms and teach others about what to feed the worms. The worm farms help us to reduce our waste by recycling our food scraps. Food scraps such as fruit and vegetable (with the exception of onion and citrus) are ideal. The worms digest these food scraps to produce an organic fertiliser which we refer to as ‘worm tea’. This worm tea is used in our nursery and our gardens across the school. Well done team!

The Bushtucker Garden has had a few amazing upgrades thanks to Mr Brown and the efforts of Jayden, Alex and the Year 12 Building and Construction class of 2013. We now have a fence around the garden and climbing structure to support the growth of our vines such as grapes, passionfruit and Asian greens.

The garden was first established in 2010 by a group of committed Eco-warriors and Indigenous students in consultation with the Elders of the Bindle and Wulgurukaba people.
Greenheart Program – Recycling

Thuringowa State High School’s Greenheart program is continuing and expanding upon its recycling initiatives this year. An enthusiastic group of students will be working on the following recycling projects:

1. Every classroom has a special recycling bin for students and teachers to use. They can recycle paper and cardboard in these bins.

2. Every staffroom has a special recycling wheelee bin for teachers to use to recycle paper and cardboard.

3. Outside the science staffroom, there is a recycling bin from Battery World where you can recycle batteries of any size and shape (except car batteries).

4. Just inside the Science staffroom, there is a recycling box from Planet Ark for you to recycle phones and ipads/tablets. The school will receive $3 for every phone recycled and $25 for every ipad/tablet recycled (there must be a minimum of 30 phones for this offer, so please bring them in).

5. In the library, there is a recycling bin for printer cartridges. This bin is only for particular printers so please see Mrs Bode for more details.
6. In the nursery, two worm farms have been set up again to recycle food waste from the canteen and staffrooms.

Whilst we are doing our part for the environment at school, you can be helping out at home too. Below is an outline of items that you can include in your yellow-lid bin and some items that you should not include in the bin.

**DO include:**
- Paper - newspaper, magazines, brochures and phone books.
- Cardboard, egg cartons and pizza boxes
- Cartons – milk and juice
- Plastic – bottles and containers
- Glass – bottles and jars
- Aluminium – cans and pie trays
- Steel – food cans and container lids

**DON’T include:**
- Ceramics and ovenware
- Syringes
- Food scraps
- Nappies
- Light bulbs, window glass and mirrors
- Gas cylinders
- Plastic bags
- Garden waste
- Batteries and automotive parts
- Foam or polystyrene
- Mobile phones, computers and printer

**Recycling checklist:**
- Remove lids from plastic bottles and glass items
- Rinse juice and milk cartons, food tins and glass jars
- Check for a triangle symbol on items to ensure they are recyclable.

When it comes to waste, always:
Rethink, Reuse, Reduce and Recycle.

Mrs Bode
and the Greenheart Recycling Team
On Friday, February 14, some of my classmates and I had the opportunity to attend a writing workshop at James Cook University.

At first author Nike Sulway was nervous about speaking, saying jokingly that she was scared of high school students, but she went on to give advice in a way that was fun, quirky and easy to follow, giving us ideas and inspirations along the way. This was despite saying, when she started speaking, that ‘the best advice I can give you is to not take advice’.

Nike was funny and told us stories about how she found her love of writing, opening up to us as she spoke. She had many writing jobs, including writing advice pamphlets, children’s books, ghost writing for others and working on scripts for Neighbours. She used the Samuel Beckett quote: ‘Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again.'
Fail again. Fail better.’ to explain that failure was inevitable but also temporary.

All in all, I believe Nike gave us all great advice to take away from the experience. She’s influenced me to continue a writing path I’d given up on and gave me fantastic ideas for storylines.

It was also exciting to be asked to write an article about the event for JCNN@school, which is now online at www.GetIntoUni.info alongside more coverage of the day!

Students who enjoy writing, photography, artwork and video production are encouraged to submit their work to kylie.davis@jcu.edu.au for publication at GetIntoUni.info.

Written by Kirsty (pictured with author Nike Sulway)
Based at Heatley Secondary College is now enrolling new recruits for 2014. Open to boys and girls who turn 13yrs or older this year. Enrolment and Information sessions will be held at Heatley Secondary College on the following Wednesday afternoons; 5, 12, 19 & 26 February and 5 March. Session times: 4pm-4:30pm, 5pm-5:30pm and 5:30pm to 6pm. To arrange enrolment or to get more information contact; Major (AAC) Chris Cummings on 0428 276 294 or email 130acu@cadetnet.gov.au

2014 Welcome to Townsville
DCO welcomes those new to Townsville and those already here and hope to see you at the Expo
Saturday 22nd March from 10am - 1pm
Townsville RSL Stadium
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For further information call DCO Townsville on 4753 6539 | dco.townsville@defence.gov.au

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Lowes at Willows is offering 20% discount off the regular price of Thuringowa High School shorts until the end of February (While stock lasts and no rain checks)

Get Started Funding Available

Round 3 of Get Started opened for online voucher applications on Monday 10 February 2014. A maximum of $150 per voucher is available to help pay the cost of sport or recreation membership and/or participation fees. Vouchers are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Applications close on Wednesday 30 April 2014 or earlier, if the allocation is fully subscribed. Vouchers must be presented to a Get Started club (eg: Upper Ross PCYC) by Thursday 15 May 2014.

Individuals eligible to apply for a voucher are children and young people from the age of five and under the age of 18 who are residents of Queensland and:
- hold or whose parent, carer or guardian holds a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- other children or young people identified by two referral agents.

Note: Limit of one voucher per child/young person per calendar year.

For more information or to apply for a voucher, head to http://www.rprsr.eld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/getstarted.html

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Contact Nikki Storey, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(07) 4728 6786 / 0418 201 533
or nikki.storey@thesmithfamily.com.au

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