Semester Two – Learning is our Business

NAIDOC Friday 15th August was a very special day for Thuringowa State High School. It was the day that we celebrated the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme of NAIDOC this year was “Serving Country – centenary and beyond”. This year’s theme honoured all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who fought in defence of country.

Throughout the day students attended a series of workshops on: dance, hunting, bush tucker, cooking and weaving. Students had the opportunity to talk with: Elders about the Stolen Generation, the Defence Force about careers, and various motivational speakers.

Period 4 was a full school assembly which was well attended by parents and members of our local community. We were treated to a smoking ceremony and welcome, as well as a personal recount by a local digger. However, the highlight for me was the first public performance by our own Aboriginal Traditional Dancers.

I would like to thank Ada Boland, Ashleigh Saltner and Judy Pedro who were ably assisted by staff, students and members of our community.

2015 Enrolments

Bookings are now open for interviews for all new 2015 enrolments.

All new enrolments for 2015 are required to attend an enrolment interview with their parent/guardian during Semester 2, 2014. Interviews can be schedules for before school, during school (with permission from your primary school) and after school. Each interview will take approximately 30 minutes.

Details of how to book an appointment are included in this newsletter. If you do not want to book on-line, please contact the school office 4753 8888.

It is important that at least one parent/guardian and the student themselves attend the interview. Please bring with you completed copies of the documents listed over from the enrolment pack.
These forms will be discussed at the interview.
- Application for Enrolment
- Enrolment Agreement
- Participation Agreement – Student Resource Scheme
- Voluntary Student Participation in the Chaplaincy Program
- Mobile Phone Acceptable use Policy
- Computer Network and Internet Use Agreement
- State School Consent Form to use Image, Name or Personal Information
- iAchieve Program Application
- Student’s Birth Certificate
- Most recent School Reports (if from a non-Education Queensland School)
- Most recent NAPLAN Report (if from a non-Education Queensland School)
- Students who do not have an interview will not be allowed to begin Secondary School until the interview is conducted.

Enrolment forms are available on-line [www.thuringowashs.eq.edu.au](http://www.thuringowashs.eq.edu.au) or can be collected from the school office.

**Semester 2 Assessment Schedules** All students have access their Semester 2 Assessment Schedules through OneSchool. Please ask your student to share their schedules with you and assist them in their planning to meet assessment deadlines.

**REMINDER – HOMEWORK PROGRAM**
A reminder that our Homework, Assessment & Tuition (HAT) program is available for all students every Wednesday after school until 4pm. This is a great opportunity for students to obtain assistance with their work. I encourage all students to attend.

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

Joanna Wenck
Acting Principal
jwenc1@eq.edu.au
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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### GET STARTED

Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club. **Round 4 Get Started funding is now open**...

Voucher applications close on **Wednesday, 15 October 2014**, or earlier if all available vouchers are allocated.

Vouchers must be presented to a Get Started club by **Saturday, 15 November 2014**.

### Help us win a $20,000 staffroom makeover!

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Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover as part of their “Staffroom for Improvement” competition.

The prize is a complete makeover of our school’s main staffroom. The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students, so any school, small or large, has an equal chance to win. We need as much support from our local school community as possible. Even if we don’t take out top prize we have the chance to win a $10,000 as part of the People’s Choice award.

Simply visit www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today. The competition kicks off on 18 August so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for our school.

Great opportunity to support our local school chaplain

Father’s Day 5k Fun Run/Walk

A great, fun event for the whole family this Father’s day!

Proudly supporting
SU QLD
School Chaplains

Pancake breakfast available

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Dear Parents

Students enrolling in Thuringowa State High School in 2015 need to attend an enrolment interview with their parent/guardian.

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

BTNU

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don’t have access to the internet, please phone Mrs Judy Conn at the school on 4753 8888 to arrange an interview booking. Interviews should take approximately 30 minutes.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 4753 8888

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.

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Indigenous Printmakers

We had the excellent opportunity to attend the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair on the 24th and 25th July, 2014. Student’s exhibited artwork from their previous Indigenous Printmaking Workshop.

Local Councillor Gary Eddiehausen was in attendance supporting our students. It was a fabulous opportunity for the students to see their artwork exhibited for everyone to see. Some students had offers to sell their work. Students participated in various workshops, activities and lectures.

Miss Calahorra
Art Teacher

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I had the pleasure of attending this wonderful forum with three of our Year 11 student leaders. The students listened to dynamic female leaders both in the defence sector and Townsville community who spoke about their work and inspiration. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the talks and most importantly the High Tea.

Miss Calahorra
Year 11 Coordinator

Save the Date: Year 12 Fundraiser! Join us in the Dance Party being held at the Launch Zone on Friday night September 12th. Two sessions will be held. Primary school students (Year 3-7) are invited to attend session 1 from 5pm – 8pm, while high school students (Year 8-12) are invited to attend session 2 from 8:30pm – 11:30pm. Tickets are $30 each and can be purchased from the Thuringowa State High School office or at Launch zone. See www.launchzone.com.au or contact Shelley DeRuyter at sderu3@eq.edu.au for more information. Jump 2 It!
We can certainly celebrate knowing that many challenges have been met by students in the junior secondary school so far this semester, with improvements in social, cultural and academic achievement. Higher academic results for Semester 1, active participation and presentations in NAIDOC Day celebrations, community service and engagement at the Orpheus Island Field Camp, participation and growth at the Year 8 camp, record breaking results at the Athletics Day and increased BT ticks, just to name a few.

‘Achievement’ can be defined as something accomplished through special effort, great courage and perseverance. Support and encouragement from families, friends and school community give students the strength and incentive to push on with the effort necessary for them to achieve success.

In an effort to continue building on our achievements, for the next fortnight we will be focusing on ‘Maximising Learning Time’.

Please take the time to talk to your student about the following classroom behaviours and how they can be achieved.
  1. Be prepared to learn with all equipment
  2. Follow instructions and classroom rules first time every time
  3. Be in class on task
  4. Give 100% to classroom activities – but seek help when they need it
  5. Assist others to remain focused
  6. Work to the bell

Students will continue to earn BT ticks for these behaviours – remind them that they should be aiming for 5-BT ticks/day.

**Congratulations** to those students who have been named and recognised as the student of the week.

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**Junior Secondary Showcase**

Please don’t miss the second Junior Secondary Showcase featuring the works and achievement of your students. The Showcase will be held on the 17th September in the school’s theatre.

If you should have any concerns or questions about the progress of your student, please do not hesitate to be in contact with your students’ class teacher or Junior Secondary Head of Department.

Shelley DeRuyter
Acting Junior Secondary Head of Department

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Thank you to Ms Schulz, Mrs Nelson, Ms Macey, Mrs Adams, Chappy Dan, Ashley Finlayson, Ashley Paulsen, Emily Hogben & Nicco Paul for making the Year 8 camp to Mungalli Falls Outdoor Education Centre a lifetime memory for our Year 8 students.
Year 8 CAMP

What a great camp. Students who attended had a fantastic time flying down the landslide, going over, under and through the obstacle course, shooting teachers with the bow and arrow and learning lots about themselves.

They saw glow worms, a full double rainbow, a beautiful night sky and platypus. They got muddy, sore, sick and bruised but they kept on going. They had to live with and be considerate of others for four full days. They coped with being away from loved ones.

They challenged themselves in many ways - finding new friends and pushing the comfort zone. They built resilience and most of all, they had fun. Students also identified superhero strengths and gave themselves superhero names. It was a great experience for all who attended. They all helped to MAKE GREAT HAPPEN.

Camp Quotes

“Camp was fun. I had a couple of scrapes, but I got up and kept going” Kat.
“Was such a great experience, I will never forget!” Gemma
“Camp was a great fitness experience and fun time”. Alanna
“Camp was awesome. It was the best camp I ever had”. Jye
“Camp was pretty good because I learnt new strengths. My favourite part was the obstacle course”. Harrison

A big thanks goes to Vermillion Nemesis, Bin Boy, Crack Tradey, Giant Riot and the Sensemaker for helping to Make the Great

Student of the Week

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<td>For being a responsible class member who willingly assists others with their class work</td>
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<td>Lachlan</td>
<td>Consistently showing a cooperative attitude and a responsible approach to his class work</td>
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<td>8C</td>
<td>Tamia-Rose</td>
<td>Well done for applying yourself to each lesson and arriving on time. Great work</td>
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<td>8D</td>
<td>Taleah</td>
<td>For being respectful and always trying</td>
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<td>Jesse</td>
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<td>SEP</td>
<td>Wade</td>
<td>Wade has consistently shown respect and responsibility to staff and peers. WELL DONE WADE!</td>
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Week 3
Year 8 students were on camp

Week 4

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<td>8B</td>
<td>Ethan</td>
<td>Following instructions the first time, every time</td>
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<td>8C</td>
<td>Mysan</td>
<td>Great work this week completing all tasks and focusing in class. Great work</td>
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<td>8D</td>
<td>Leo</td>
<td>For being on time and task and doing his best</td>
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<td>8E</td>
<td>Malona</td>
<td>For consistent effort and trying his best</td>
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<td>SEP</td>
<td>Joeie</td>
<td>Always on time, on task and conforms first time, every time. She has a Can Do attitude. Well done Joeie.</td>
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Until next time

Trudi Schulz tschu42@eq.edu.au aka Captain Awesome Pants

Wow this term is flying! We are more than half way through Term 3 already and our Mighty Fine 9s are buckling down to get their half term assessment out of the way. All students should be completing weekly homework for their subjects to help them prepare for their upcoming assessment. To support your students with this please help them to remember their PLANNER, WRITING EQUIPMENT and SCHOOL BOOKS every day. Students should have all these items to be Prepared for Learning and to Maximise their Learning. Planners should be used to write down weekly homework as well as anything that they need to remember for the week ahead.

Our CARE VS CARE competition is now in full swing and our care classes are battling it out to be THE BEST YEAR 9 CARE! So far we have had competitions surrounding:

- Weekly dodge ball competitions
- Best attendance by care class
- Being prepared for learning (on time with equipment out)
- Participation in Athletics Day

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Our current leader is **CARE 11**! They will enjoy a Morning Tea on us this week to celebrate their great work. The winning care class at the end of the term will enjoy a Pizza Party!

Finally we also just had our last sports carnival for the year and it was brilliant! Our 9s were the best represented year level and they rocked all day long. We are so very proud of them, not only for their sporting prowess but also for their costume skills are spirit that contributed to an amazing day!

Well done Year 9s!

Ms Manz Year 9 Co-ordinator

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<td>Lexy</td>
<td>Consistently meeting classroom expectations, participating enthusiastically in class activities and producing a high standard of work in her responses.</td>
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<td>Zac</td>
<td>Always polite and ready to learn</td>
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<td>9C</td>
<td>Lochy</td>
<td>Always prepared for learning</td>
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<td>9D</td>
<td>Cody</td>
<td>Being super engaged in his learning this week. Excellent responsibility.</td>
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<td>9E</td>
<td>Logan</td>
<td>Works really hard, showed great interest in school work.</td>
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<td>SEP</td>
<td>Courtney</td>
<td>Consistently showing respect and responsibility to staff and her peers. Well done.</td>
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<td>For working really hard and participating in practical lessons</td>
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<td>Gabrielle</td>
<td>Always being responsible, following instructions first time and completing lesson activities</td>
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<td>9C</td>
<td>Holly</td>
<td>Completing work and doing the right thing</td>
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<td>9D</td>
<td>Kia</td>
<td>Excellent classwork – showing wonderful responsibility to your learning</td>
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<td>Piper</td>
<td>Showing a positive attitude to all class tasks and activities.</td>
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<td>Edwin</td>
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<td>Ketisha</td>
<td>For working hard and participating in class</td>
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<td>Tyreece</td>
<td>Consistently showing respect and a responsible manner towards all his teachers and peers. Well done Tyreece!</td>
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Senior School News

Year 12 Important Dates

QCS Test – Queensland Core Skills Test

This two day test will be held on Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} and Wednesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} of September! Students must ensure that they have all ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT for test sessions. Students have received the ‘instructions for students” brochure listing this equipment, and the instructions for sitting the test.

Students have also been provided a calculator declaration sheet to sign. This is sent to the QCAA with the test papers. Here is a list of the essential equipment students will need for the day:

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Year 12 BREKKY!!!!!!!!!

Each year, our school chaplain, and several other staff members organise a ‘good luck’ breakfast for the Year 12 students sitting the QCS test. All Year 12 students and staff are invited to attend the breakfast from 7.30am – 8.30am on both Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} and Wednesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} of September at the hospitality block. Hopefully with a full tummy, our QCS kids’ brains will be working overtime! Cost...it’s free!

Students and staff will need to RSVP when we finalise details closer to the date for catering purposes. Pancakes, bacon, eggs, toast, coffee, tea, milo, cereal, fruit....and a great group of students and staff will be meeting at 7.30am each day.

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**QCE Eligibility – Year 11 and 12 students**

Year 12 students’ academic results from Semester 2 have now been reviewed. Using a special software program called TraQCEr, we have identified a list of students who may be “at risk” of not achieving their QCE due to:

a) Not gaining a semester pass in either English or Maths
b) Not completing ‘core’ requirements (staying in three subjects for 4 semesters)
c) Not gaining enough credits required (20)

What are we doing about it?

Each student’s circumstances have been reviewed and a plan to address the ‘gaps’ has been developed. This may mean that some students need extra support here at school to complete assessment, or competencies from courses or have tutoring. In other cases, students may need to enrol in additional courses external to the school to gain credits.

Parents of students identified as being at risk will have the school contact them to discuss the reasons why their child is not currently meeting the QCE requirements and to discuss the plans to support their child.

Information on the QCE, QCE Pathways can be located on the following website:

**Year 12 Engineering Work Readiness Program – Cummins South Pacific**

Students who have indicated that they are seriously considering a career in a trade industry have been targeted to take part in the Beacon Foundation Work Readiness Level 3 Program. This was an intensive work readiness program on 13th August aimed at preparing students for the recruitment process of Cummins South Pacific and other companies that students may wish to apply with in the future.

Four students at Thuringowa State High School have been chosen to participate in the program which involved interactive activities, workshops and presentations including:

- Handling yourself in professional situations
- Professional presentation
- Managing online reputations – Social media presence
- Current industry interview techniques
- Personal branding
- Professional communication skills
- Resume and cover letter feedback

Students who successfully complete the program will be invited to attend work experience at Cummins. Following this, students will have the opportunity to apply to the Cummins apprenticeship intake.
Careers Expo!

Students in Years 11 and 12 had the opportunity to attend a careers expo on Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} August, 2014. This was held at Murray Stadium and was jam packed full of careers advisors, education and training producers, and employment specialists.

Most of the state’s universities were well represented; providing students information on university courses and pre-requisites, even accommodation services should they study away from home. Students spoke with registered training organisations about Certificate 3 and 4 courses, and diploma courses in all career areas.

Health Careers Road Show

On Wednesday 24\textsuperscript{th} July Indigenous students from James Cook University visited the school to present health careers advice to interested indigenous students.

The Roadshow was an opportunity to present to students information, on health careers, including:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Nursing
- Nursing/Midwifery
- Exercise Physiology (Clinical)
- Sports & Exercise Science
- Physiotherapy
- Speech Pathology
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Biomedical Sciences
- Veterinary Science

Approximately 20 students attended the Roadshow.

RSA Course

Students in Years 10 to 12 were offered the chance to complete the Responsible Service of Alcohol course at TAFE, which started on Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} August. The course will run over three consecutive Mondays. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be qualified to serve and supply alcohol in a licensed premise, and work in the hospitality industry in general. Students will have ONE CREDIT point contributed to their QCE upon successful completion of the course!
Full Time Apprenticeships for School Leavers

Students interested in FULL TIME APPRENTICESHIPS need to start looking at the local newspaper job advertisements NOW.

Apprenticeship Intake Processes for major employers in this area are beginning NOW.

**ERGON Energy is advertising this week.**

**WILMAR** (sugar industry) started to advertise positions last week.

Students should have their resume and a cover letter up to date. Most applications are ONLINE. Check newspaper job advertisements for details on how to apply.

Year 11 Work Experience

All Year 11 students are expected to be on work experience in week 10 from 15th September to the 19th September, 2014. **THERE WILL BE NO NORMAL YEAR 11 CLASSES DURING THIS WEEK.**

The process of organising work experience for students was started mid-term 2. Students were asked to consider placements, prepare cover letters requesting work experience and submit these so that the employers could be contacted. In most cases, student applications have been successful however, there are industry areas where we have had difficulty placing students due to the nature of the industry or the economic downturn.

If your student has successfully organised work experience, an **AGREEMENT FORM requiring parental signature will be sent home.** This form MUST be returned to the school to ensure that your child is covered for insurance during the placement. **NO STUDENT SHOULD COMPLETE WORK EXPERIENCE WITHOUT THE SCHOOL PROVIDING ONE OF THESE AGREEMENTS.**

If your student has not successfully organised work experience, they are expected to attend school for the full week. They will be expected to catch up on assessment or study.

A reminder that WE NEED YOUR HELP to ensure that WORK EXPERIENCE is successful!

That means, ensuring that:
- your child has called / made contact with the employer at least the week before
- transport arrangements have been made
- your child has the correct clothing requirements
- you know who to call if your child is sick and unable to turn up to work experience.

Why Work Experience?

Work experience provides a valuable opportunity for students to make networks with potential employers, develop employability skills, and make decisions about the subject choices and future career pathways. Work experience also links employers up with potential junior employees!
Year 10 get into Uni JCU Residential Camp!
In July, three lucky Year 10 students were selected to participate in the Get into Uni JCU Residential camp. Hundreds of other Year 10 students from 54 other schools from all over North Queensland gathered for the event.

The purpose of the event was to provide students with a first-hand experience of university life!

During the three days, students:
• Explored courses and subject areas available at university and matched those with career aspirations
• Worked with other participants as a team to experience group work skills & get involved in creative problem solving
• Socialised with other participants to meet new friends and share experiences
• Learned about student finance, including loans and grants; career options; studying abroad; student study support and student life.
• Learned about the application process, entry requirements and different levels of study.

All meals and accommodation were provided at the Saints Catholic College, JCU Campus.

Year 10 BEACON Work Readiness Program – Date Claimers
15th – 18th September

The transition from secondary school to further education, employment or training is one of the most important in setting students up for success in life. For over 10 years, the Beacon Foundation’s High Impact Programs have been providing an opportunity for students to prepare for a successful transition from school through the development of competencies in a range of ‘21st Century Skills’, such as communication, collaboration, initiative, leadership, teamwork, networking and social skills.

As a Beacon Foundation member school we’re delighted to have secured four of these programs for our Year 10 students. Three have been generously sponsored through support of a local Beacon corporate partner, Stockland, with our school supporting the funding of a fourth program to ensure that every single Year 10 student will have access to this program in 2014.

Approximately 10 members of the local business community will also attend each day of this event to participate in a ‘networking lunch’ with students. The day long program, to be held at JCU will include workshops on:
• Communication
• Networking
• Positive personal branding
• Social skills

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• Personal presentation
• Goal setting

With outcomes expected such as: improved local networks, real job opportunities with local community members, confidence and self-respect, understanding employer expectations.

Through programs such as this, we are working to ensure that each and every one of our students leave the school gates to a positive pathway in further education, employment or training in years to come.

A contribution of $5.00 from each student to help assist with the costs of this program is requested.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO

Elizabeth Buckley from DELTA OFFICE SOLUTIONS kindly assisted our school with the Beacon Work Readiness Program by donating funds to transport students to and from the program venue.

Your thoughtful donation was very much appreciated by each Year 10 student, and the wider Thuringowa State High School community.

It is only when whole communities work together that we can ensure the future is bright for our students.

Year 10 DATE CLAIMERS –
YEAR 10 INTO 11 PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING

Would you like to know more about your student’s subject choice options for Year 11 in 2015?

The Year 10 Subject Selection process for Senior Phase of Learning has begun. It is imperative that students are aware of their career aspirations and the education and training options required to achieve their career goals. Students have been working on completing this SENIOR EDUCATION TRAINING PLAN, identifying careers, courses they must take, and of course investigating what school subjects they MUST take to meet prerequisites for their career pathways and to achieve their QCE.

A parent information evening will be held on Tuesday 26th August from 5.30pm –7.00pm in the school’s theatre.

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This will be expo style – no long speeches, but an opportunity for you to meet with experts in subject areas, and get the information you and your student need BEFORE MAKING SUBJECT SELECTION CHOICES.

This includes information on:

- Senior Pathways at Thuringowa State High School (university and vocational)
- VET options for students including school based traineeships and apprenticeships, Certificate levels 2-4 qualifications delivered, by TAFE, TCTC, Careers Australia and other providers
- Meet TAFE/Careers Australia staff
- FEES and fee payment options to support student choices in subjects/qualifications to be undertaken
- Workshops on the QCE and what students must do to gain it by the end of Year 12
- Student Connect Website to examine student ‘learning accounts”
- School subject displays
- BBQ! 5.30pm

Senior Education and Training Plan and Subject Selection / Timetabling For 2015

Wednesday 27th August to Friday 29th August 8.00am-5.00pm

After the information evening, it would be extremely beneficial for students to make informed decisions about their subject selection with their parents at hand to assist with the decision making.

We would like students and parents to meet with one of our SET Plan and subject selection staff to complete the subject selection process in order to secure placements in your student’s desired subjects/courses.

Parents will have received a flyer with an online appointment booking code. Parents can choose any time from Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th August 9.00am – 5.00pm that is convenient and book online. The meeting will take approximately 30 minutes.

Students and parents will complete senior subject selection and sign off on senior education and training plan. FEES for 2015 program consolidated, and payment plans organised if required.

Parents with any questions about any of the articles in the Senior School section of this newsletter can contact Celia O’Keeffe on 4753 8829 or email cokee10@eq.edu.au

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2014 Athletics Carnival

Held at Red Track

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Orpheus Island Environmental Field Camp 2014 was attended by the Environmental Leaders, Marine and Aquatic Practices and Year 11 Biology students. Students worked closely with their teachers to survey rocky shore, mangrove and sandy foreshore ecosystems and snorkel the pristine reef to examine ZONATION and MARINE ECOLOGY at its best!

This three day camp proved very successful with students having opportunities to witness the cautious movements of the brittle stars, the symmetry of the sea cucumbers, the brilliant colours of the sea anemones and the fascinating behaviour of giant clams when the tide goes out where they pull their ‘neck’ in, closing their shell quickly causing a spray of water to spout above them.

Parrot fish, 4½ metre Manta rays, Stingrays, Black Tip Reef Sharks, Damsel fish, Groupers, soft and hard coral, Nematodes and Goby fish that farmed for algae are just a few more of the wild and wonderful creatures that we were able to witness in their natural habitat.
During their stay, students also volunteered their time to engage in community service essential to the maintenance of the island. They cleared over 30 bags worth of weeds and 4 bags of rubbish, primarily consisting of plastic waste. Well done team!

Students declared the camp - “A life changing experience”

‘Many Thanks’ goes out to the students for their hard work and dedication to completing all tasks at hand and meeting the objectives of their field studies.

James Cook University OPEN DAY
Townsville Campus – Sunday 24th August

‘Hear from the experts’
‘Get your questions answered’
‘Find your dream career’
For more information visit - http://www.jcu.edu.au/openday/

Year 12
“KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE PRIZE”

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Year 12 News

Can you believe that it is the middle of term 3 already? This realisation may bring on a lot of excitement but may also be a challenging time which brings on much anxiety and stress. It is definitely a time when we must be very persistent in our approach to school work and support each other to meet the many final demands of schooling.

Students should be taking responsibility for their own learning and tracking their achievements online through their learning accounts and through conversations with their teachers.

Those students who are at risk of not achieving a QCE by the end of Year 12 should be working closely RIGHT NOW with Head of Senior Schooling, Year 12 Co-ordinator and their teachers to prepare a plan for obtaining necessary credit or qualifications that will see them succeed.

All senior students in Queensland have a learning account on the Student Connect website. Please be reminded that students can use their learning account to check personal details, view enrolments and their results, track their progress towards their QCE and find final results including their overall position (OP) and their field positions (FP).

For more information visit the QCAA website - www.studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au

GET READY TO RELAY!

The 2014 Townsville Relay for Life will be held at Tony Ireland Stadium, on the 23rd August (3pm) – 24th (9am) and we are ready!

With the flags and banners prepared, carnival costumes created and over 50 student team members, Thuringowa is ready to come together with the community to show strength, camaraderie and goodwill to create hope for a cancer free future.

Many Congratulations to the staff and students who will participate during the 18 hour journey.
Friday the 15th of August was the Townsville Japanese Speech Contest. This year four students travelled to the Ryan Catholic Community Centre to compete against students from 10 other private and public schools.

They included:
Year 11- Rachel with her speech "My Family's Christmas"
Year 9- Amelia with her speech "My Hobbies"
Year 8- Gemma with her speech "My Family" and Monique with her speech "My Family and Me"

The standard of speeches in each division this year was extremely high. Our students wrote their own speeches in Japanese, with all students above Year 10 having to write in Hiragana (Japanese characters).

The effort put forward was evident in how hard they practiced and their final marks which were all very high. Special congratulations to Gemma who placed second out of 20 in the Year 8 division.
I was extremely pleased with how all the students performed this year and look forward to another wonderful and successful competition next year.

Mary Harrison
Japanese Teacher

SCHOLARSHIPS
HELPING CHILDREN TO A BETTER FUTURE

The Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) is a not-for-profit organisation. AVCAT administers scholarships to help children, and in some cases grandchildren, of the Australian ex-service community with the costs of full-time education. The most deserving candidates are provided with financial assistance to facilitate their tertiary studies.

AVCAT relies on the generosity of the ex-service and business community as well as private donors. If you would like to find out more about supporting AVCAT or applying for a scholarship, please contact us:

T: 02 9213 7999    E: avcat@dva.gov.au    W: www.avcat.org.au

APPLICATIONS OPEN 18 AUGUST
SPRING BREAK
MONDAY 22ND SEPT - FRIDAY 26TH SEPT, 2014

Spring Break Camp will be a fun filed week of swimming, games, trips to the beach & great adventures for young people in Townsville and the surrounding area.

You’ll make friends, try new stuff, laugh lots, take home tonnes of great memories & have the chance to discover amazing things about life & an Amazing God. Numbers are limited so get in early to avoid disappointment.

Activities include: beach & swimming, water bomb battle, The Amazing Race, Crystal Creek, Frosty Mango, & plenty more!!

Price: $200 (gst free)
Where: Rollingstone Beach Caravan Resort (Big 4)
Hencamp Creek Road, Rollingstone
Grades: 5 - 8 (Co-Ed)
For: Students from Townsville and surrounds
Directors: Christy Marhin & Kristin Martin
Email: springbreak@sucamps.org.au
Enquiries: Christy: 0450 376 748 / Kristin: 0431 271 401

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ALLIGATOR CREEK PONY CLUB

Sunday Funday

Sunday 12th October 2014

Program Starting at 9:00am Noms from 8:30am

Games & Novelty Events – All Welcome

** OPEN TO NON PONY CLUB MEMBERS **

Assisted Riders, Ribbons given - $10 per rider per horse

All Other Age Groups Prize Money to 3rd place

** $20.00 per rider / per horse for Games only

** $35.00 if also entering FEATURE EVENT

Age Groups:
Assisted - Any Age
Under 10
10 - Under 14
14 – Under 18
18 – Under 30
30 and over

General Enquiries:
Theresa 0400 130 574
Julie 0448 916 417

Horses must be Hendra Vaccinated to compete Certificate to be produced

FEATURE EVENT:
Alligator Creek Classic
Under 15 years
15 – Under 30
30 and over
1st - $50
2nd $35
3rd $20

Details of Feature event will be made available during Lunch

LUNCH TIME ENTERTAINMENT
FANCY DRESS EVENT

Games:
(Prize Money to Third)
Maroochy Bend
Barrels
Snakes & Ladders
Bendy Box
Drum & Peg
Clover Leaf
Keyhole
Figure of 8
Nambour Nuisance
Cambooya Classic

During lunch a Fancy Dress event will be held – Kids & Adults encouraged to enter (Ribbons only)

PLEASE NOTE:
PQAQ Rules apply for all games. PQAQ approved helmets and boots must be worn by all riders. Dummy spurs only. Western saddles NOT allowed. Stock saddles require two girth points or a surcingle. A Gear check will be done. If gear is not compliant to PQAQ rules, you will not be allowed to compete.

Any queries, ring Theresa or Julie. Judge’s decision is final. No Stallions. No tie-downs or Head checks. Competitors may enter more than one horse although a horse may only have one rider.

DISCLAIMER: Neither the organising committee nor PQAQ will accept any liability for any incident, damage injury or illness to the horse, the owner, the rider, ground spectator or any other person on the property whatsoever.