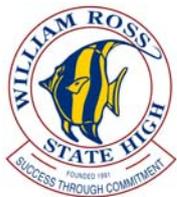


William Ross State High School Newsletter



From the Principal



PHILOSOPHY FOR PARENTS: Challenges are an expectation of everyday life, whether challenging our own ability or via a task or role we constantly strive to achieve. As a school our goal is to best prepare our students for whatever career or vocation they so choose for their

future.

Students are fundamental to our community, they are our future and it is incumbent upon us, all of us, to support and nurture these young citizens of the future, not by giving to their every whim or request but by presenting appropriate challenges to better prepare them for the as yet unwritten future.

As adults we accept this responsibility, as teachers, parents or as members of our local community we determine the future by the challenges we present to our youth today.

One most critical aspect within this role is what is determined within these challenges, the role of the youth, the student and your child's ability to accept responsibility for their own actions, choices and outcomes.

At this time of the year we are at a time and place where the responsibility of these choices is becoming very clear, especially with our year 12 students preparing for QCS testing and nearing the end of their schooling at William Ross State High. Our year 10 students through their structured and informative SET planning process are selecting subjects in preparation for achieving their QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education) over the next two years.

Choice and responsibility in accepting the challenges for their future throughout this process will mould and fashion the future adult. We can provide the information, scaffold and frame the

future but it will be the student, your child who will ultimately **MAKE** the decision.

STUDENT ABSENTEEISM - "every day counts"
"...is your child at school, not at school, truant or unknown"

When students are absent from school they are marked as 'unexplained' in our official school rolls. Throughout this year William Ross SHS has made a formalised and structured process to monitor, review and clarify student unexplained absences. An 'unexplained absence' is where the school has no record explaining why a student was absent, where students have not presented notes from parents explaining the absence. Year Level Co-ordinators are consistently contacting students and parents with recorded absences and requesting explanations for unexplained absences. Our aim is to clarify where students have been – sick at home, late to school and did not sign-in or in a few cases truant from school. We also have the mobile phone SMS system that alerts parents immediately of any absence.

When a student is absent from school for whatever reason, they are required to provide a note to their roll marking teacher on the next school day or submit the written explanation to the main office. I ask parents to please understand my position and support this action.

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS:

Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day at any time without being under the direct supervision of a teacher. This is to ensure all students are under the supervision of the school during school hours (including breaks) and not to present a position where students come and go to the local shops or around town. Where it is absolutely necessary for a student to attend an organised appointment, prior contact must be made and organised through the school office.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2013

Each year the school publishes an annual magazine that reflects the events of the school year, class photos and articles from students. This year’s publication has taken a similar direction but with a slight change.

Due to financial measures and rising publication costs, the 2013 school magazine will be available on a pre-paid basis. Students and parents will be able to order and pay \$20.00 for their copy through the school’s main office. The publication “run” will then be determined on the basis of pre-paid orders to ensure the school has reflective cost effective measures.

As with previous years the school magazine will be available for collection towards the end of the year.

Allan EVANS
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DATES TO REMEMBER

3 & 4 September	QCS Test
10 September	Motivational Media
11 September	Year 10 Immunisation - HPV Dose 3 Year 8 Immunisation - HPV Dose 3 - HEP B Dose 2
15 October	Yr 12 I’m Outta Here Workshop
28 October	Awards Night
13 November	Year 12 Practice Ceremony 9:00 -10:30am
13 November	Year 12 Presentation Ceremony 6:15pm
13 November	Year 12 Formal Dinner 7.30pm to Midnight

From the Deputy Principal



JUNIOR SECONDARY STUDY SUGGESTIONS:

To better manage your time you should:

Suggestion 1: Anticipate and Plan

Make good use of your student diary by writing down all your assessment tasks, due dates, when you plan to study, any social events, etc. Try to remember that many aspects of study can take much longer

than you anticipate, so allow for some flexibility in your plan for unforeseen circumstances.

Suggestion 2: Break Tasks Down

By breaking a task down into smaller parts you are able to manage the task better and it will look less intimidating! Create a time schedule that includes how much time you will spend on each part and when you should have them completed. Make sure you allow enough time to go over your work once you have completed all the parts (the entire task). To help you create a time schedule, your diary provides a weekly Homework and Study Plan for every day of the school year.

Suggestion 3: Make a “to do” list

Creating a ‘to do’ list is a vital part of effective time management. Your list should contain all the things you need to do from most important to least important.

Keep your list where you will be always be able to see it and cross things off as you complete them. Each time you do, you will experience a great sense of achievement!

Suggestion 4: Do Not Procrastinate!

By leaving things until the last minute you are adding unnecessary stress to your life and won’t be able to achieve the results you are after. It is important to start tasks well before their due date, so that you have a clear mind and can produce work to your highest standard. Reward yourself by including leisure time at certain intervals in your study plan.

With an ever increasing demand on time and commitment, it is essential that as a successful student you have a plan, a clear set of targets and workable strategies that will allow you to work towards achieving your goals.

Pam PRICHARD
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From the Guidance Officer



LEAVING SCHOOL NIGHT – I’m Outta Here Workshop

An information evening for students and their caregivers is being held in the PA Block on Tuesday 15th October starting at 6.15pm and finishing at 8.30pm. It is a fun and informative night about what is

ahead for year 12 students when school finishes.

VISIT YOUR FUTURE – JCU OPEN DAY

Sunday 25th August: Cairns Campus
 Saturday 31st August: Townsville Campus
 10:00am - 2:00pm

APPLYING FOR 2014 TERTIARY COURSES

Year 12 students have been instructed as how to apply through QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre) for Tertiary Courses in Queensland for 2014.

All year 12 students should have a copy of the QTAC publication, "Queensland Tertiary Courses 2014".

In this book TAFE and University **Degree and Diploma** courses are listed.

Applicants will need to apply using internet technology.

The **application date is September 27th 2013, which occurs during the school holidays.** I would like all students, if possible, to complete their application before the school term ends to enable me to check their entries. Cost is \$34. A late fee of \$109 applies after this date.

Students who wish to apply for **Certificate** courses at TAFE will not need to apply through QTAC but will need to apply directly to the TAFE College concerned, except those listed in the QTAC book.

Note:

Students are encouraged to make an application if there is the slightest interest they would like to go to University, being able to decline the offer later. Change of preferences can be made once OP scores are issued.

Auditions for Admission to Performing Arts Courses at Tertiary Institutes 2014

Any year 12 student contemplating a career in the creative industries should be aware of the necessity to attend auditions or interviews. This information can be obtained in the QTAC Guide, page four.

National Institute of Dramatic Art

All application, audition, interview and project requirements for NIDA's tertiary programs are now available on their website www.nida.edu.au. Applications must be made directly to NIDA before Monday 30th September.

Early Entry to the University of New England School/College Recommendation Admission Scheme

This allows students to enter UNE via a school recommendation. Ask the Guidance Officer for an application form and visit www.study.une.edu.au. Applications close 30th September 2013.

2014 University of Queensland Enhanced Studies Program

Provides talented students with the opportunity to extend their studies by completing a university subject in the first semester of year 12.

See the Guidance Officer to discuss the possibility of completing one of the external courses offered. Applications close 31st October 2013.

SCHOLARSHIPS:**Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme**

This is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Scholarship available in the following areas: Aboriginal Health Work; Allied Health; Dentistry/Oral Health; Medicine; Midwifery and Nursing. The scheme provides financial assistance to people who are intending to enrol or are enrolled in an entry level course in an eligible health related discipline at a Certificate IV and above. Applications close 16th September 2013. Applications are available from Australian College of Nursing's website: www.acn.au/australian-government-scholarships

UNSW Co-op Scholarship Program is set up by industry leaders and UNSW. The Co-op Program is a career development scholarship, in the areas of Business, Engineering, Built Environment and Science for high achieving undergraduate students. It offers industry training, leadership and professional development, networking opportunities, mentoring and financial support of \$16,750 per annum tax free for four to five years. Go online at coop.unsw.edu.au for the application process, which closes 30th September 2013.

Miranda van der SLOOTEN
 Guidance Officer

From the Year 12 Co-ordinator



It is getting close to the end of term three and the year 12 students are busy with assessments and preparation for QCS tests. It seems a good time to remind students that if there are any changes in their circumstances they need to contact either myself or Mrs

Corcoran as soon as possible.

Order forms have now been handed out for the SENIOR POLO SHIRT. These shirts can be purchased by students at a cost of \$22 and will be distributed in the last week of school. Students must have paid all of their school fees before they can purchase this shirt.

Please consider your sizing choice carefully as we will not be able to exchange shirts!

Our Senior Formal evening is also fast approaching. The following outlines some important times for this day. Note that the evening will be separated into two events.

Practice Ceremony- Wednesday 13 November

All senior students must attend a practice ceremony to be held in the Performing Arts Block from 9:00 to 10:30am. Attendance is **compulsory**. Students will be free to leave the school for formal preparation at 10:30am.

Presentation Ceremony- Wednesday 13 November 6:15pm

The Presentation Ceremony is an open event that is free of charge. Seating will be allocated to our senior students and **FOUR** of their invited guests as well as our William Ross staff.

Formal Dinner- Wednesday 13 November

The Formal Dinner will begin at 7:30pm in the Stadium and end at midnight. The formal dinner is for **invited senior students only**.

Please be aware that students will only be invited to attend the formal dinner if they have met the school expectations regarding attendance, have no outstanding assessment pieces or borrowed items and have paid all school fees in full. Tickets are \$115.00 per person and will include entertainment, dinner and soft drink.

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From the Science Department



Congratulations to Elle Phillips in year 11 who has been selected by Rotary to attend the National Youth Science Forum at ANU in January next year. This is an excellent achievement.



WELL DONE!

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From the Sports Officer



INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Falcon House our 2013 carnival champions. The Inter-House Athletics Carnival was held on the 29th of July at the Townsville Sports Reserve. Student participation in all events was very high as was competitive house spirit. All participants are to be commended for their efforts, teamwork and excellent behaviour on the day. During this highly successful day the following new records were achieved:

13 Girls High Jump

Jemma Johnstone (Falcon) - 1.42m
Previous record - 1.41m (2009)

13 Girls 100m

Jemma Johnstone - 13.32 sec
Previous record - 13:49 sec (2002)

15 Girls 1500m

Tayla Dinnison (Acheron) - 6:03.97 min
Previous record - 6:10:00 min (2003)

15 Girls 800m

Tayla Dinnison - 2:44.40 min
Previous record - 2:52.25 min (2002)

13 Boys 400m

Nicholas Armstrong (Acheron) - 1:01.38 min
Previous record - 1:03:10 min (2011)

15 Boys High Jump

Brenton Foster (Falcon) - 1.80m
Previous record - 1.78m (2005)

15 Boys Long Jump

Brenton Foster - 6.10m
Previous record - 5.73m (2006)

15 Boys Triple Jump

Brenton Foster - 12.79m
Previous record - 12.45m (2006)

15 Boys Javelin

Brenton Foster - 42m
Previous record - 39.40m (2004)

15 Boys 100m

Brenton Foster - 11.65 sec
Previous record - 11:65sec (2006)

OUR 2013 AGE CHAMPIONS:

- 13 Years Girls** - Tiarna Karambaxis (Falcon)
- 13 Years Boys** - Nick Armstrong (Acheron)
- 14 Years Girls** - Brittany Foster (Falcon)
- 14 Years Boys** - Shaun Bolton (Acheron)
- 15 Years Girls** - Natasha Pecchiar (Orpheus)
- 15 Years Boys** - Brenton Foster (Falcon)
- 16 Years Girls** - Chloe Simmons (Pelorus)
- 16 Years Boys** - Joel Newman (O) Elliot Dale (F)
- Open Girls** - Keely Elliott (Falcon)
- Open Boys** - Riley Eastwell (Falcon)

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Students who came first or second in their events at the interschool athletics day (14/15 August) have been selected to attend NQ trials on the 6th of September. All athletes must check their names and events on the staffroom two noticeboard and pick up a permission form from Ms Newton as soon as possible.

NORTHERN REGIONAL SPORTS

2013 Queensland Under 15 Football Championships were held on the 7 – 11th of August in Cleveland, Brisbane. The following students proudly represented our school and the Northern Region: Cade Colquhoun, Mitchell Maher, Oliver Dale, Cameron Bealing, Miranda Walsh and Emily Davey. The boys finished third in the state and the girls finished eighth.

Congratulations Mitchell Maher who was selected in the Queensland Squad.

UP-COMING EVENTS:**CUA ADIDAS FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to everyone in our school community who voted in the CUA community care program which closed on Friday. Results from the voting will be published soon.

13 – 19YRS TRIATHLON TEAM 2014

Triathlon students who are interested can nominate to represent the Northern Region in the QLD Schools Triathlon Championships which will be held early next year. See Ms Newton or contact the school for qualifying procedures and more information. Nominations close on the 19th of September.

Upcoming Triathlon events include: Townsville Tri Festival on Saturday 21st of September and the Bowen Triathlon on Sunday 27th October.

SUMMER SOCIAL HOCKEY COMPETITION

Townsville Hockey is running an eight week social hockey competition. Below are the details regarding this event:

- Wednesday 16th October - 4th December 2013
- All games played on synthetic surfaces in the cool of the evening
- Juniors U12 (beginner teams welcome) and Senior Open Division
- Five-a-side mixed competition
- Cost: \$25.00 per person registration and \$20 per team
- Contact: Townsville Hockey Association, Murray Lyons Cres, Murray Sporting Complex
- Phone: 4778 4810
- Email: office@townsvillehockey.com
www.townsvillehockey.com



Ann NEWTON
Sports Officer
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From The Arts Department



ARTS EXPO

Friday 9th of August was our Arts Expo for this year and the innovative Creative Arts students helped to design and manage the event as part of their assessment.

The theme for this year was "Tropical Friday" and students were eager to dress up and add to the atmosphere.

The art works as usual were many and varied with an emphasis on drawing.

Entertainment was provided by the Jazz Group while guests were viewing the art works.

A wearable art exhibition by year 11 Art students, with the theme of "Ecology", was a feature along with the auction run by Ms Tuck (\$1500 was raised).

This was followed by a judged parade of students in costume.

Congratulations to all the students who came dressed up as this really added to the atmosphere and made it a very colourful evening.

Thank you to all who came and donated time and in some cases lots of money for the auctioned artworks. We will purchase some shelving for the classrooms with the money raised.

WREVUE 2013

Wrevue was a spectacularly colourful event this year. Congratulations to all the students, staff, parents, P&C, admin and other supporters.

The theme of "At the Movies" gave the evening a focus and was managed by hosts, Natalie Moyses and Kirsti Philpott.

A variety of music, dance and drama was presented to a very receptive audience. Thanks again to students and particularly Performing Arts staff who coached and encouraged students to achieve performance standard.

A very big thank you goes out to William Ross staff who gave up their weekend to supervise the wonderful Performing Arts students in the dressing rooms.

This year we used for the first time the new sound system which James Kastner had a lot of fun using.

The back stage crew including Cody Flynn on lights helped also to make the evening flow.

Thanks to Mr Ramsbotham and his boys who repositioned the speakers in the walls.

Without everyone's support we wouldn't be able to put together such a satisfying event.

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From the Society, Business & Environment Department



YOUNG DIPLOMATS

On Friday 23rd of August, four talented and hardworking year 10 students from William Ross (Elina Pope, Katelyn Clegg, Emily Davey, and Dennae Smith) participated in the Young Diplomats Program held at James Cook University. The

students were competing against eight other schools in the North Queensland District on the topic of *Eliminating Child Labour*. Whilst the win for the Diplomatic Mission went to Ingham SHS and the Individual Presenter prize was awarded to a student from Atherton SHS, our fantastic team (who represented Brazil on the day) were polished, humble and enthusiastic, terrific ambassadors for our school.



Congratulations to the team again. Hours of preparation went into putting up a well-researched team speech, followed by the round table negotiations and finally, the individual presentation.

A special mention of the support provided by the victors from last year must go to Elle Phillips, Lauren Bolton and Taylor Joppich; as well as research provided by Kiah Gray.

The guidance provided by Kim Noack and Maide Van Kerkwyk in the BSE Department was also greatly appreciated.

Young Diplomats is a fantastic and unique experience for the participants that I encourage those in year 9 to consider for next year.

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From The Special Education Program



TRANSITION EXPO & SENIOR CONFERENCE

More than sixty year 11 and 12 students with disabilities representing 14 High Schools in the Townsville and surrounding districts gathered at Tony Ireland Stadium to learn skills to support their transition to adult life. The Transition Expo & Senior Conference is a biennial event organised by the NQ Transition Network – a group of teachers and community organisers who get together to create and review programs for students with special needs. The 2013 Expo and Senior Conference was financially assisted through the Medibank Community Fund Grant.

The three day Expo and Conference included presentations of information from the Police Department, local employers, TAFE, Townsville City Council and employment agencies. Topics covered consisted of work and personal presentation, healthy lifestyle, recreation and job options. William Ross State High School's fantastic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island dancers performed for the students and taught basic dance moves. Bonnie Clancy, a year 12 student from William Ross was invited to cut the conference cake along with fellow student Cameron Chobdzynski from Heatley.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Expo and Senior Conference!

From the Communication Department



ANZAC COMPETITION

William Ross State High School was invited to participate in the *Spirit of the ANZACs* Competition held by the Kissing Point Army Museum. Students were asked to interpret what the Spirit of the ANZACs meant to them and submit their response via a poem, short story or a photograph. Students from all over the region entered this competition. Senior student, Jayde Murdock won first prize with his entry *Anzacs* which featured the soldiers in World War One and the hardships they faced. Captain Beck from the Australian Armed Forces attended our school parade to present Jayde his certificate and prize. Congratulations Jayde on such a terrific effort!



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22 August 2013

Dear Parent,

RE: William Ross High School Parents & Citizens (P&C) Cent Sale Fundraiser

The William Ross High School Parents & Citizens (P&C) is planning to hold another Cent Sale in the Performing Arts Block on 13 October 2013, and we are seeking your help to make this event a success.

We would greatly appreciate it if you were able to donate any of the following items.

- Grocery Items
- Tin Food
- Any Non perishable items

We will use them to make up hampers.

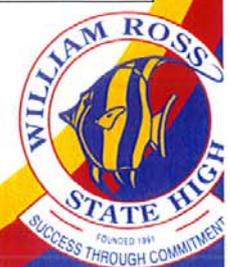
These items can be brought to the school administration building during September by you or your children.

The funds raised from this Cent Sale will be put towards the sound system in the performing arts building which is extensively used by the school and the students. The school will then be able to hire the venue out to the general public and bring in valuable funds which can be used to benefit the students at the school.

With your help we can make this event a true success.

Yours sincerely


Joseph Walker
Secretary
William Ross High School Parents & Citizens Association



The School Dental Service is now offering a free general course of dental care every 2 years to Year 8, 9 & 10 Secondary School Students. The closest clinic to William Ross is at The Wulguru School Dental Clinic, located in Haldane Street, Wulguru.

Requirements for treatment include:

- Students should be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian to the initial appointment so that consent medical history can be completed.
- Parents are to notify their child's school of all dental appointments during school hours.
- It is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child's attendance at all dental appointments.
- If your child is unable to attend their dental appointment, please phone the clinic prior to appointment to reschedule.

To make an appointment students and parents must phone:-

The Wulguru School Dental Clinic

Phone: 4778 2360 Monday to Friday.

The Wulguru School Dental Clinic is located in Haldane Street, Wulguru.

WALK TO REMEMBER 13th October 2013

Sands (miscarriage, stillbirth and newborn death support) invite you to join in our annual butterfly release and walk along the Strand. ...we walk for the steps our babies/children will never take. www.sandstownsville.org

NATIONAL ANIMAL RESCUE GROUP

Can you temporarily open your home and your heart to a pet in need? We are free, all our costs are covered & we will offer you lots of cuddles and kisses. We will only ask for a warm safe home until we find our forever home. We would be forever thankful for your part in saving our lives. We come in all shapes and sizes and we make great company and really need your help. If you can help us please email narga.nfdc@gmail.com and we will send you some information. Thanks! Together we will make a difference! www.narga.org.au

An Invitation

From Townsville Softball Association

Bicentennial Park, Queens Rd Hermit Park

Come and play Softball with us. Learn new skills, have fun, make new friends.

Ages 4-10 T-Ball/ Simple Softball	16 years and over Senior Softball/
Ages 11-15 Junior Softball	Masters

Casual Players Welcome - No Experience Necessary. Playing gear supplied

For Further Information Contact: Kerry 0416237892 or Brett 0417761332