Principal’s Report

As we approach the end of the semester, I am reminding students about the importance of putting effort into their work and how that translates into performance on assessment. No matter what field of work students end up in, an employer will want to know that the young person in front of them puts in maximum effort and has an excellent attendance rate. Recently we received information from BMA (huge mining company) about their 2014 apprentice intake, and this is a statement from that:

“As a successful Apprentice with BMA Coal you will demonstrate the following:

• Ability to work safely in a mining environment
• Good communication skills both written and verbal
• Motivation to learn and develop new skills
• Ability to work constructively within a team “

They also have a minimum year 12 pass in prevocational Mathematics and English for most apprenticeships and even higher standard for Electrical and Refrigeration.

This reinforces a few things – that companies want the highest standards, and that what we do in every class, every day is about ensuring students have the necessary essential skills that they need for further training and for life beyond school. Long gone are the days where jobs are easy to get.

So back to what’s been going on at school. Obviously the fete featured strongly in our May calendar and I thank every staff member, student, parent, business person and community member who made this a huge success. There are too many to name, but I wish to thank Mr Steve Postma, our fantastic P&C president for his leadership and work. He has had a huge year and our school community should recognise his commitment. The fete was a big success and it is an important cultural part of our school – well done everyone.

Currently there is much work going on around Junior Secondary schooling, i.e. years 7 to 9, as we approach 2015 when we will have both year 8s and year 7s commencing high school. This is an exciting development for Home Hill SHS, and we are having an information session on Wednesday 12 June at 7pm in F block. The session will be for parents and carers of children currently in years 5, 6 and 7, as we will be explaining what the future holds and to get feedback from parents about their view on a range of things, including operational matters impacting on these students. One thing I am confident is that Home Hill State High School is an ideal location for students to experience high school from year 7 to 12. We have the caring and committed staff, the facilities, the curriculum and the drive to ensure a safe, supporting and challenging environment needed to maximise the potential of every child.

All the best, and I am pleased to say I am seeing the beautiful Burdekin ‘winter’ weather I’ve been told would come!

Steven Miskin
Another fete has been successfully run and the P&C association’s accounts have had a welcome boost which will directly benefit the students of our school. Many thanks to everyone who made it a success. Thanks to the local business and families who made donations of money or goods. Thanks also to the parents and students who helped out on the night or at working bees to set up and clean up. A very special thanks goes to all the staff of the school who worked incredibly hard to make it a success. We have a special group of people who work at our school. They continually go above and beyond to ensure our children have the best opportunities. Thanks again to all. Congratulations to our raffle winners – 1st Anne Wyborn - Red A83 and 2nd Darren Homan - Purple A35.

The second snap-raffle of the night has not been claimed. The prize in this raffle included a fishing rod, camp chair, excellent esky, $25 A&L Seafood voucher, stubby coolers, State of Origin cap, etc., as per photograph. The winner was orange ticket number 96. If you have this ticket you must claim the prize by Wednesday 19 June. In the meantime, anyone who wants to take this prize home should submit a bid to pandcpresident@homehillshs.eq.edu.au. Please be sure to include a contact name and number. I will be the only person who sees these bids and the prize will go to the highest bidder on 20 June if the prize is not already claimed by the holder of ticket 96.

Our new Tuckshop Convenor, Dee-arn Wirth, has been with us now for about a month and she is settling in well. Dee-arn has tried making a few minor changes to the menu and recipes. We are very keen to hear what you think of these changes. Please give feedback to any of the committee members or directly to Dee-arn.

With the fete now over and the Student Ball still a few months away, there aren’t many jobs being handed out at the moment so it is a safe time to come along to a P&C meeting to see how much money was made at the fete or to have a say on what is going on in your school. The next meeting is Tuesday 11 June at 7:45pm - please come and join us.

Steve Postma
P&C President

Tuckshop Changeover

We would like to thank Karen Burgess for her time as Tuckshop Convenor and we wish her well in her retirement.

We would like to introduce Dee-arn Wirth who is our new Tuckshop Convenor. Dee-arn has been warmly welcomed by the students and staff. Currently she is trialling some new food items for the tuckshop to see what everyone likes.

Bringing back some old favourites like spaghetti bolognaise was a big success, toasted sandwiches started up this week. Special dietary requirements and vegetarian option are available all you have to do is just have a chat to Dee-arn. If you would like to see something else added to the menu, please pop into the office or tuckshop with your suggestions.

The tuckshop is in desperate need of more help. We need volunteers in the morning, once a month to help with food preparation and serving. It’s only 3 hours, once a month and it allows you to keep up to date with what is going on at the school as well as meet new people in a social atmosphere.
On 1 May, Miss Horan and I set off for the Rotary/Interact conference in Dili, East Timor that was to be held over the weekend. We made a stopover in Darwin on Wednesday night and headed out to Timor early the next morning. When we arrived at our sleeping quarters, we were greeted by 13 Youth Exchange Program students who would be attending the conference with us.

We did a bit of exploring of the country before the conference, as we had time to spare. We all piled onto a bus and headed out for a hike to the Cristo-Rei, a giant statue of Jesus that can be reached by climbing 500 steps. The rest of the Interact kids arrived the next day.

On Saturday morning, the YEP kids and the Interact kids took part in a flag bearing ceremony to open the Rotary conference. After this, we headed back to participate in our own conference, called a PeaceJam, with approximately 30 Rotaractors from all over Timor.

The mission of the PeaceJam Foundation is to create young leaders committed to positive change in themselves, their communities and the world through the inspiration of Nobel Peace Laureates who pass on the spirit, skills and wisdom they embody. Their main ideology is that the youth are the future and that anyone has the power within them to make a change today. We were educated about the role of non violence in conflict resolution and how to solve problems long term and we all got the opportunity to listen to some great people speak. I believe I have gained so many worthwhile lessons from attending this conference, and meeting new people was a lot of fun, and I enjoyed my time in Dili immensely.

We also had the opportunity to participate in a ‘Rotary Projects Tour’ where we visited several schools and a rehabilitation hospital for malnourished children that the Rotary clubs of the area have been providing aid.

Fortunately, the conference is actually being held in Ayr next year, so all of the current year 11s who wish to sign up for the Interact club of 2013/2014 will have the same amazing opportunity to pick up some valuable life skills.

For the year 10s and 11s of the school, I would also seriously encourage giving Youth Exchange a thought. The wonderful people we met said it was an invaluable experience and one of the best decisions they’ve made.

Kirsten Marano
WORK EXPERIENCE 2013

As part of our transitioning of students into the workplace, all years 10-12 students at Home Hill State High School are given the opportunity to participate in our work experience program. During the week 16-20 September the students in these year levels work as butchers, chemists, hairdressers, electricians, fitters, shop assistants, teacher aides, accountants, physiotherapists, and every other occupation imaginable. This is a valuable education experience for our students as it helps them to decide their career paths and post school options.

Our school has a number of businesses in the Burdekin who are part of our employer database. A list of these businesses will be posted on the display boards around the school for students to refer to. At the start of Semester 2 students will be given a work place preference form. They need to nominate three businesses they would like to go to, using the list on the display boards. Preference will always be given to those students in year 12 and to those students who get their forms in first. There is a due by date on the form and it is imperative that students submit their form by this date if they wish to get in a place of employment of their choice. **At no time should the student or parent attempt to contact these employers as the school makes initial contact on your behalf.**

If your student wishes to go to a place of employment that is not on the list they will need to make contact with them and make arrangements. When your student gets their preference form they need to write the details of the place they are going to, including a contact name, address and telephone number so that we can verify the agreement.

Once all students have been allocated a place they are advised of where they will be going and the name and contact number of the person they should report to. They will also be given a contract which they will need to take to the employer for signing. As part of the induction process students will be given advice on appropriate dress standards, hours of work and code of conduct and students going to Sucrogen/Wilmar will participate in a WHS induction.

More information about the work experience program will be placed into newsletters closer to September. If you have any queries about our program please contact the school and ask to speak with either Mrs Ros Gall or Mrs Megan Barbagallo.

QSchools Smartphone app Now Available

Recently the Minister for Education released the QSchools smartphone app, which integrates with our school website. The app allows parents, teachers and students to have instant access to live school updates and information, connecting the school community.

The app will display school location, contact information, news, calendar events and newsletters. This information will feed directly from the school website.

Watch the Channel 7 news story on YouTube

App benefits for parents/caregivers include:

- searching for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
- adding multiple schools as favourites to enable parents to view updates from multiple schools in a single view
- accessing the latest school news and events to stay informed
- receiving emergency announcements and information around school closures
- convenient and prompt method of receiving messages/information from school/s

Downloading app

The QSchools app is available for parents to download free via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play. For more information view the DETE site.
Chemistry Excursion

On Thursday 14 May, the year 12 Chemistry class travelled to Reef HQ Aquarium, Townsville as part of their ‘Aquaria’ unit. Accompanying them were Miss Nicholson, Mr Miskin and former HHSHS teacher Karen Marchant. The tour allowed the students to have a look behind the scenes with an onsite water quality analyst. Students were able to see first-hand how the aquarium water is monitored and treated, putting the theory taught in class into context. The trip also allowed the students to brush up on their titration skills as they concluded whether calcium and bicarbonate concentrations on the day were within acceptable ranges. Maybe in the not so distance future, Aaron will be found out at the reef, catching fish for the exhibit.

NASA COMMENDATION

Home Hill State High School was recently awarded a commendation from NASA in appreciation for its involvement during the solar eclipse last year and more recently an annular eclipse in May. NASA Nightsky Network Education Outreach officer Rob Black has assisted the school in running many events that promote studies of the Cosmos. Our science teachers have seen an increased interest in sciences relating to astronomy and have many students keen to continue exploring the wonders of the universe.

National Science Week in August will see the return of the telescopes and will be a fantastic opportunity for students and the public to view the sun through special solar scopes and the night sky with a number of high-powered telescopes. The school and Mr Black will also run experiments and link up with Atlanta, Georgia via Skype to talk with Stephen Ramsden, a solar astronomy expert.
On the weekend of 15 - 16 June, Home Hill High will again enter teams in the Burdekin Relay for Life. This will be the 4th year the school has been involved in this important fundraiser. In the past, the Legs 11 team and the 12 Sharp team have managed to raise the target of $1000 each through money boards, raffles and chocolate boxes. This year we are full steam ahead and are again looking to raise over $2000! It is always a great night to be had by all (yes, even in the freezing cold!!) and so far we have an amazing number of students that have already registered. Students, make sure you bring along your winter woollies, tarps to lay on the ground and walking boots. Miss Horan’s forecast, min 10C max 25C. Let’s see how I go……

Year 9 YLead Leadership Day

Fourteen year 9 students travelled to Townsville on Monday 27 May to take part in the first YLead Altitude Day. This Leadership Day was an energetic motivational presentation that focussed on developing leadership skills in young people. The students were entertained by enthusiastic presenters who inspired the participants to consider their future potential. Likewise the guest speakers stirred the audience with their personal life stories. It was a wonderful opportunity for these students to meet and get to know students from other schools. It is hoped that the students came away with additional skills that will help them during their schooling and future careers.

Most of the year 10 students travelled to Townsville on Thursday 4 May to attend the Smart Futures for North Queensland Careers Day. This Careers Day was a fantastic opportunity for students to speak with people from various trade and training organisations about their future job prospects. Nearly every trade was represented, as well as the armed forces and emergency services sector. One of the favourite displays was the health and beauty stand where students were given the opportunity to experiment with fingernail polish and make up. Likewise many students enjoyed speaking with qualified tradesmen from electrical, building and mechanical industries. All of the students returned home with a fresh insight into their career opportunities as well as many free stickers, brochures and lollies.
‘Healthy Habits for Life’

Free Online Program

This is a free program that can help you to overhaul your lifestyle and achieve weight loss. The program can help you:

- Educate your family about healthy eating. No diets or calorie counting.
- Pre-plan, shop and be organised for meals and snacks.
- Eat as many unprocessed foods as possible.
- Learn at least one new recipe a week. That’s 52 healthy meals in a year to add to your cooking repertoire!
- Make exercise a natural and enjoyable part of your week, every week.
- What you get:
  - A simple and easy seasonal 8 week guide to weight loss; or build your own menu plans and shopping lists
  - Your own personal account page that monitors your progress, activities and measurements
  - Weekly newsletters that keep you motivated, on track and informed
  - Recipes suitable for, or easily adaptable to, special dietary requirements including diabetes, vegetarian, allergies, intolerances, pregnancy and/or children
  - Dinner in a Dash - quick, easy meals on the table in minutes.
  - Recipe Makeovers - overhaul your favourite recipes and cookbooks and indulge without the guilt.
  - Online forums where you can get advice from our experts and chat with other members.

Source: www.weightup.com.au

There are many health problems and consequences if you are overweight, including:

- **Sleep apnoea**: A disorder that causes you to pause in breathing or take shallow breaths while you sleep. This occurs when your throat muscles and tongue relax during sleep and block your airways. Sleep apnoea occurs more often in people who are overweight and increases the likelihood of high blood pressure, stroke, heart attack and heart failure.

- **Hypertension** (high blood pressure): A condition that makes the heart work harder to pump blood throughout your body. Hypertension contributes to the hardening of your arteries and the development of heart failure.

- **Fatty Liver Disease**: Describes a range of conditions caused by an accumulation of fat in the liver and can cause your liver to function abnormally. A common cause of Fatty Liver Disease is obesity.

- **High cholesterol**: Cholesterol is a type of fat. However, if you have too much it starts to build up in your arteries and can harden them. As a result, if you have high cholesterol you have an increased risk of heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases.

- **Infertility**: Being overweight can lead to hormonal changes that can cause infertility. Infertility is a condition where you are unable to conceive a child.

- **Impotence**: Overweight or obese men have a 30 per cent increased chance of impotence, which means a man is unable to get a good enough erection to have intercourse. Research has found that 8 out of 10 men with erectile problems are overweight.

- **Stress**: People who are overweight face an increased risk of psychological problems such as social isolation, depression and difficulty with interpersonal relationships.

Chronic diseases are serious problems that may require ongoing medication for life but most chronic diseases are preventable for most people through healthy lifestyle choices. Evidence shows that improving diet and being more physically active can help prevent or delay the onset of such chronic diseases. Source: Department of Health and Ageing

**Salmon, corn and dill quiche** Serves 6

- 75g salt reduced spread, melted
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 cup wholemeal plain flour
- 1/3 cup fresh dill, chopped
- 415 g canned red salmon*, drained, bones and skin removed
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- ¼ cup light smooth ricotta cheese
- ¼ cup corn kernels
- mixed salad leaves, to serve

**Method**

1. Preheat oven to 200°C. Grease a 3 cm deep, 23 cm (base) loose-based flan pan. Combine spread, ¼ cup milk, flour and 1 tablespoon of dill in a bowl. Mix with a wooden spoon to form a ball. Using fingers, press 1 tablespoon of pastry at a time over base and sides of pan to line. Refrigerate for 10 minutes.

2. Place pan on a flat baking tray. Break salmon into large chunks and arrange over pastry. Whisk together eggs, ricotta, corn, remaining dill and remaining milk in a bowl. Pour over salmon. Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce oven to 180°C. Bake for a further 20–25 minutes or until pastry is golden and filling set.

3. Cut quiche into wedges. Serve with salad.

Recipe from the Heart Foundation’s Deliciously Healthy Cookbook.

Leah George
From time to time, I will get parents contact me because they are concerned about their son/daughter’s educational success/motivation and they are seeking advice on how they can help encourage and support their child to do better academically. One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher/s. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality.

Here are 10 ways you can work with your child’s teacher to maximise your child’s chances of school success.

1. **Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve.** Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teachers and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. **Keep your expectations reasonable and positive.** If your expectations are too high they may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests.

3. **Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home.** Teachers at various year levels and in different subject areas will have different requirements for home-based learning. One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. **Send kids to school ready to learn and on time.** Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. **Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes.** Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school. I am happy to speak with you regarding any difficult issues your child is facing at home that may be impacting on his/her education and the support systems we can put in place for your child at school.

6. **Skill children to work with others.** Schools are social places requiring children to work and socialise with each other much of the time. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. **Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties.** Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. **Participate fully in class & school activities.** There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take a greater interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can.

9. **Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience.** Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. **Talk up what happens at school.** Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10 point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. My suggestion is that you choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on this year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school if you wish to discuss your child and any difficulties they may be having with school life.

Chappy Jennie.
Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

In 2013 charities such as the Salvation Army are finding the rising cost of living is causing more and more families on low incomes to fall below the poverty line and these families are having difficulties making ends meet. For this reason fund raising events such as the annual Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal are becoming more vital than ever to our charity sector.

On Sunday, 2 June, an enthusiastic, philanthropic, community minded group of 29 Home Hill State High School students gave up part of their weekend to participate in the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Under the guidance of Salvation Army Soldiers, Clarence Sutcliffe and Pat Brooke, and with the help of organiser and driver, Bill Smith, Mrs Todeschino, Ms Thomas and Mr Gall were overwhelmed by the contribution of this group of young people to their community.

Students worked in groups of three or four to traverse the streets of Home Hill seeking donations for this worthy cause. All groups reported a generous spirit on the part of our wonderful local community. The group collecting the largest amount was comprised of Sophie and Cassie Loizou, Gina Papale and Coralie Mannea, who managed to elicit over $240.00 from the generous citizens of Home Hill.

Upon their return, students munched on beautiful, fresh sandwiches made that morning by Mrs Brooke. While students partook of these refreshments, Mrs Grimblestone and Mrs McKaig from the local Bendigo community bank did the accounting to calculate the total amount raised on the day – over $1290.00!

“I think this may be a record for the total amount raised,” said Mr Gall after the counting was completed.

“Well, you couldn’t wish for a better group of young people,” added Ms Thomas.

So the bar has been set high for next year’s Red Shield Appeal. Many thanks and congratulations to all involved!

Woolies Earn and Learn

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! Help us earn educational resources by collecting stickers when you shop at Woolworths, placing them on the sticker sheets, and depositing them in the box provided in the school office or at the store!
Rostrum Voice of Youth 2013

The aim of Queensland Rostrum is to make available to the broader community, in a non-threatening environment, the opportunity to develop confidence and skills in effective public speaking.

This year Home Hill State High School was admirably represented in this competition by 3 juniors and 8 seniors on a school level. These students included; Rachel Marano, Dana Falco, Molly Swindley, Mackenzie Falco, Katelyn Shepherd, Reece D’Alessandro, Rachael Becke, Bradley Free, Amos Lipsys, Mark Barbagallo and Courtney Woods.

Four students, Rachel Marano, Dana Falco, Courtney Woods and Reece D’Alessandro successfully progressed to the next level of competition, the Burdekin Final and Reece D’Alessandro then advanced to the North Queensland Final where he delivered his speech on why ‘we were born to run’. Reece showed a maturity toward his known and impromptu topics beyond his years and was awarded Runner–up in a group of elite students older than himself; an amazing achievement by any standards.

A heart felt thank you to all of those students who took time in their busy schedules to be involved and represent their school with passion and pride. Thank you also to all of the parents. Without you, none of this would have been possible.

Race Day Clean Up

On Sunday 19 May students, teachers and parents armed with gloves, hats and water bottles set out at 8am to clean the race track. After the Burdekin grower’s Race Day many interesting items were found including shoes, necklaces and an amazing amount of 55 cents. A large thankyou goes out to the parents, teachers and students who took their time on a Sunday morning to help with this P&C fundraiser. The funding also goes to the Science and Engineering group so they are also thankful towards the efforts made.
The RSL Youth Development Program has been designed to recognise and reward the outstanding efforts of high-achieving Queensland students. The 2013 - 2014 Program will once again award 200 grants to talented year 10 and 11 students who have demonstrated success in the following categories:

- Academic Achievement (inclusive of Arts, Drama, Dance and Media)
- Sporting Achievement
- Community Leadership and Civic Participation

Recipients of the RSL Youth Development Program will again receive grants of $2,500 and the top 10% of the highest achieving year 10 and 11 students will receive a higher recognition via a $5,000 grant. Recipients will also have the exclusive opportunity to apply for a scholarship worth 50% of tuition fees to study either a single or combined degree at Bond University on the completion of high school.

Applications are open online from 25 April at www.RSLyouth.com.au and will close at 5.00pm on Monday, 11 November.

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**Japanese**

Emma Walker, a Japanese student from Tokyo who attended Home Hill State High School during last term, has sent a letter for everyone.

*Hello this is Emma Walker from Tokyo!*  
I wanted to say thank you all again for your kind help while I was in Australia. Because of your lovely and friendly support I was able to have a wonderful time. I believe that I was able to develop my communication skills because Australian teachers and students are very good at expressing their feelings and thoughts. I was really shy at the beginning but felt more comfortable in being able to express myself in the end of my time in Australia.

I have been very busy since returning to Japan. I play in a brass band at my junior high school and we practice from Monday to Saturday. I also study with my tutor three times a week after school. I am thinking that I will restart baton twilling once a week from June. I also went to Hiroshima, Kyoto, and Nara for a school trip. We went between the cities by Shinkansen (Japanese bullet train) four times!

In Kyoto we visited several temples. I was really happy that I had an opportunity to speak to foreign tourists in English there. I also felt that I would like to improve my English and go back to study at Home Hill SHS again!

Please take good care of yourself!
On Friday 24 May, the Home Hill community gathered for the Home Hill SHS annual fete. There were plenty of popular stalls and activities: pick of the shelf, bottle stall, treasure tray, cake stall, show bags, glow sticks, lolly stall and the cent sale. Our Hospitality students were kept busy cooking up a storm to provide culinary masterpieces at the café, while others enjoyed hot chips, burgers, cold drinks and fairy floss.

For those who were young or young at heart, the jumping castle, the giant slide and the rock-climbing wall provided a bit of an adrenalin rush.

Retail outlets throughout the Burdekin very generously donated fabulous prizes for our Major Raffle, Spot Raffles, Cent Sale and Pick of the Shelf. **The Major Raffle is due to be drawn on June 17 so there’s still time to sell (and buy) tickets.**

The major raffle prizes are:

1. **1st prize** – Family pass to Cowboys v South Sydney game plus 2 night’s accommodation in Townsville
2. **2nd prize** – 2 night’s accommodation at Rose Bay Resort in Bowen
3. **3rd prize** – 1 night’s accommodation at Broken River Mountain Resort

There were three fantastic Snap Raffles drawn throughout the night:

1. A fishing rod donated by Five Ways Fishing & Fuel, camping chair donated by the Lipsys family, esky donated by Honeycombes and a $25 voucher donated by A & L Seafood.
2. Shaggy mat donated by Burdekin Floorcoverings.
3. Short-pile mat donated by Burdekin Floorcoverings.

The Wheelbarrow Raffle was also drawn on the night. Congratulations to the two winners:

1. Grocery wheelbarrow – Anne Wyborn
2. Grocery pack – Darren Homan

Members of the public were entertained by Rock Solid Boxing, Lower Burdekin Celtic dancers, Karen Healy dancers, Celtic Rock dancers, South Pacific Tai Kwon Do, performances from Ashley Wood, Coralie Mannea and Bridgette Hill as well as our sensational year 12 fashion parade students who were dressed by Extreme Edge, Just Add Lipstick, Katherine Falco Wearable Art and Eathorne’s Sportspower.

The fete is the major fundraising event for the School P&C. It does not happen without a lot of support from the community. We would like to thank all of our sponsors who provided prizes as well as those members of the P&C and parents who gave of their time, grocery items, cooking ingredients and support on the night. Special thanks to the Home Hill Lions Club for their support by cooking on the BBQ.
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- Five Ways Fish & Fuel
- Five Ways Fish Bar
- Friendly Care Pharmacy
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- Honeycombe's Sales & Service
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- Kids Crossing
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- Malpass Hotel
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- Spearritt's Jewellers
- Sportsfirst
- Sunferries
- Tiffany's Nails & Foot Spa
- Watson's Butchery
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HOME HILL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

FETE

2013
On Tuesday 14 May, Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students conducted their annual Mighty Meal Challenge. 9 students individually prepared a two course meal for Rotarians and their guests under the cost of $17.

This competition allows students to develop both competence and confidence with their culinary skills. Over a number of weeks, students experimented with a number of different menus in an endeavour to find the perfect combination of flavour, economy, ease of preparation and yet still tantalize the taste buds of the dinner guests. Students set up the school dining room to achieve a quality restaurant atmosphere.

On the night, most of the students were quite nervous but they coped admirably under the demanding conditions to produce high quality meals.

Winner for the evening was a very confident year 11 student Kali Totorica, who experimented with some interesting flavours with her Pan Fried Pork with Prosciutto and Capers accompanied by a delicious Chocolate Bread and Butter Pudding. Runner-up was another year 11 student, Michael Torney, who was highly praised for his very aromatic Thai Green Chicken Curry and Rice followed by a delicious Lemon Tart. Once Michael realised how important it was to measure ingredients when making a biscuit pastry, he perfected the technique and it was his crowning glory.

Special mention for the evening went to a very excited Shirley Steinhardt, who produced delicious individual Shepherd’s Pie followed by a tantalising Raspberry and Tiramisu Parfait.

Other outstanding menus on the night were Johnathan Langridge’s Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo with Impossible Pie and Danielle Shepherd’s Creamy Chicken Boscaiola followed by Apple and Pear Crumble. Chloe Jenkins was very pleased with her version of Meatball and Gnocchi Bake with a Vanilla and Raspberry Panna Cotta.

Participating students were year 12 students Chloe Jenkins and Eilish Wall. year 11 students were Amber and Mariah Johnson, Johnathan Langridge, Danielle Shepherd, Kali Totorica, Michael Torney, and Shirley Steinhardt. Mrs Kerr would like to congratulate all students for presenting themselves so professional on the night in their black and whites and for their commitment to the challenge at hand.

Thanks must go to staff Joanne Lewty, Rhonda Williams, Vanda Hodder, Dee Musumeci and Kathryn Sartori for their assistance on the night.
Two Home Hill High students were selected in the Open Netball team earlier in the year. Cailin Betteridge was selected because of her strength in wing defence and goal keeping while Kimberley Bourke was chosen for her speed and versatility in the centre court. These girls travelled to Mackay two weeks ago for the State Championships.

For the first time ever, North Queensland won this competition, so the girls had a wonderful and rewarding experience playing in a very skilled team of which a number were selected in the State Open side.

The North Queensland team were minor premiers for the carnival and went on to be premiers when they defeated the favoured Sunshine Coast team 30/18.

Well done Kimberley and Cailin.

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On 21 May, 8 students from Home Hill State High School were selected to represent the Burdekin Secondary School sport team at the North Queensland. The trials were held at the Bicentennial park in Townsville and students had to run anywhere from 4km through to 6 km.

Students that represented the school included Rory Heatley, Chris Previtera, Josh Previtera, Chris Musumeci, Kate Neal, Nicola Williams, Rylee Caspanello and Aaron Benato. All students ran exceptionally well, with most runners placing in the top 30 out of 80 runners. A special mention goes to Chris Previtera (pictured left) who not only made it into the North Queensland team, but won his age group. He will travel to Bundaberg in July to compete at the State Championships.