Principal’s Report

Since arriving here, I have been looking closely at what it is that makes this school so special. As a staff, we have worked throughout the year to clarify what we are ‘on about’. Our motto “Finis Coronat Opus” or “The End Crowns the Work” says a lot about effort resulting in success, but it was clear to me that there were 3 ‘pillars’ or ‘drivers’ underlying this. I worked with our senior students and staff, and we clarified these as being:

- **LEARNING**
- **PERFORMANCE**
- **CITIZENSHIP**

Everything we do in this school fits under one of these 3 key drivers and identifying these helps us to ensure we have a common vision for success. As a school, we are committed to excellence in **learning**, maximising **performance**, and **high quality citizenship**. For me, these drivers really do capture the essence of our school, and we will use them to guide us through our process of continuous improvement to provide the absolute best for our students.

Over the past two weeks we have had the pleasure of having our year 7s visit us to participate in Home Economics and Manual Arts. My appreciation to Mrs Anne Kerr and Mr Darrin Pearson for putting on this experience – the students were rapt! This is part of our ongoing transition program as these students prepare for high school in 2014.

By now you would have heard much about the changing circumstances involving TAFE. We are working closely with TAFE to ensure the continuity of service to our students. Currently we are actively investigating the possibility of establishing a Trade Training Centre here at Home Hill SHS to ensure the future of Automotive and Manufacturing (Engineering) training for our students and the community, but this is not an immediate solution. I will keep the school community informed as details are forthcoming.

Once again, this school continues to amaze me. This time, I was literally blown away by the fantastic Athletics carnival. In all my years of teaching, I have never seen such participation and enthusiasm for such events. I congratulate Ms Allyce Murphy and her team for their excellent organisation, and say well done to our students for their efforts and their collective support of each other. It was a wonderful day, where the high quality citizenship of our students shone through once again. Keep the faith Inkerman, our day will come.

Finally, if you are on Facebook, search for the Home Hill SHS Golden Anniversary page and keep in touch as we prepare for our celebrations in 2014.

All the best

Steven Miskin
NAIDOC WEEK

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DAY OF CELEBRATION

Our NAIDOC celebration started on Monday, with Katherine Hookey (who is a year 10 Indigenous student) doing the ‘Acknowledgement to Country’ and giving a talk to her peers and staff about the theme of NAIDOC 2013. ‘We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petition 1963.’

Wednesday was the day we had our Celebration, with Mr Boori (Monty) Pryor coming into the school and performing for the years 8, 10 and all the Indigenous students. Boori is an Australian Children's Laureate. Boori has worked in film, television, modeling, sport, music and theatre-in-education. He has written several award-winning books with Meme McDonald including Maybe Tomorrow, My Girragundji, The Binna Binna Man and Njunjul the Sun. His picture book collaboration with Jan Ormerod, Shake a Leg, won the Prime Minister's Literary Award for Children's Fiction in 2011.

Our library ladies – Lisa, Josie and Josie – put on a beautiful NAIDOC display for all students and staff to see and I thank them for their wonderful commitment. Every year they bring awareness to all who enter the library.

Leah George – our School Based Youth Health Nurse prepared healthy food from the Deadly Tucker, Living Strong and Quick Meals for Kooris Programs for all the students to sample, with many coming back for seconds. Wallaby Stew and Dumplings, Kangaroo Savoury Mince with Rice and of course our all-time favorite, Roasted Wallaby Leg with herbs, fresh from the garden. Dessert was Creamy Rice.

Police Liaison Officer Zaleia Lammon monitored the NAIDOC Painting as well as judging the Colouring Competition with Jaymi Tait, Teik Gale and Dylan Talbot winning the ‘Indigenous All Star’ cap which was donated as a prize by a lovely parent.

A good time was had by all who attended.

Ollie Henaway (Community Education Counsellor)

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The tuckshop is in need of parent or grandparent volunteers! The jobs that are done on a daily basis in the tuckshop are not difficult and the opportunity to interact with students is rewarding. If you would like to volunteer you can phone the office on 47905666 and leave your name and number, or alternatively you can email tuckshop@homehillshs.eq.edu.au
HOME HILL STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY 2013

The Home Hill State School Centenary celebrations are to be held on the weekend of September 20 and 21 (first weekend of September holidays.)

We will begin on FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER with the FANCY DRESS BALL AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE at 7pm. ALL FAMILIES, PAST, PRESENT and FRIENDS ARE INVITED.

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER is the ‘CENTENARY SHOW DAY’ at the school from 10am till 2pm, with rides, stalls, foods and entertainment as well as displays in the Pavilion and guest speakers.

We are also collecting any photos or memorabilia for the magazine. Please contact us if you have any memories or want more information.

Contact Karen at Home Hill SS on 47905555 or email ksorb2@eq.edu.au.

THANK YOU for helping us spread the word.

WORK EXPERIENCE UPDATE

The planning for our work experience program is well under way. Students are currently being given their contracts. This is an official document and it is important that it be signed by the parties involved and returned to the school as soon as possible.

You will be able to see our students hard at work in various businesses throughout the Burdekin during the week of September 16-20.

ROOM REFURBISHMENTS

Four of our classrooms have undergone a refurbishment as part of the Flying Start program designed to prepare schools for 2015 when we will see our first group of year 7 students starting at the high school. Both computer rooms have had a makeover and are now more appropriately fitted out for our wireless laptops. One of the science labs has received new furniture and additional power outlets, as has one of the classrooms that will form part of our year 7 classroom hub.

FREE WORKSHOP ON DEPRESSION

BURDEKIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Monday 26 August, 2013, 10am – 12pm

Workshops are designed to educate members of the public about understanding mental illness and how to help those affected.

Registration is essential by Monday 19 August.
Phone: (07) 47833744
Email: philt.bca@burdekin.qld.gov.au
venusz.bca@burdekin.qld.gov.au
Round 2 of the Get Started Program

Round 2 of Get Started opened for online voucher applications on Monday 15 July 2013. Vouchers are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Applications close on 15 October 2013 or earlier, if the allocation is fully subscribed. A maximum of $150 per voucher is available to help pay the cost of sport or recreation membership and/or participation fees.

As at 4pm on last Friday 19 July, approx. 4600 were issued. Therefore there are still approximately 7,400 vouchers available in this round.

Individuals eligible to apply for a voucher are children and young people from the age of five and under the age of 18 who are residents of Queensland and:

- hold or whose parent, carer or guardian holds a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- other children or young people identified by two referral agents.

Note: Limit of one voucher per child/young person per calendar year. If a child received a voucher in Round 1, they are not eligible for another voucher until Round 3 (January 2014).

Please make sure your clubs are registered to accept vouchers.

Please pass on through your networks to any families that may be eligible for the vouchers.

For more information or to apply for a voucher, head to:

Career Hunter App

New smartphone app helps young people with jobs and career opportunities

The Career Hunter app, developed from a young person’s perspective, is a simple way for young people and their parents to explore career opportunities.

Believed to be the first career exploration app of its kind, it provides information about occupations and industries, job descriptions, training and qualification requirements, and job vacancies. It makes tangible links from school to the world of work and highlights the industries were skills are most needed.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment; The Smith Family; Regional Development, Australia; Busy at Work and Group Training Australia worked together on the development of the app - now available from the Apple app store.

Learn more at http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/index.html
Defence Force Care Packages

Private D. G Start, Operation Slipper, Australian Defence was very grateful for the Care package which was one of 9 care packages and over one hundred letters, emails and Christmas cards sent from students and staff at Home Hill High to Defence Force Personnel serving overseas last Christmas. If you would like to send a message to the troops, to show your support of their work, see Mrs Todeschino in the Resource Centre.
Stanton Lodge Camp

On Monday 22 July, seven students along with our energetic Chappie Jennie and Mrs Williams travelled to Townsville for the annual Stanton Lodge Camp. After a very slow trip to Townsville, the students arrived at the Stanton Lodge Vocational and Life Skills Unit where the girls participated in some exciting craft activities such as card making, dot painting and string art. In the afternoon following the course, the girls settled into their cabins, explored the caravan park and enjoyed a bounce on the jumping pillow. Afterwards Chappie Jennie displayed her expertise at beauty therapy as the girls painted their fingernails. The second day was a full and energetic day with an exciting boat trip to Magnetic Island. After disembarking, the girls walked four kilometres along the new ocean view boardwalk to Alma Bay. Alma Bay was a beautiful beach where they enjoyed a refreshing splash in the ocean and an adventurous ramble over the rocks. Two highlights of the day were the beach games that ended in Eilish being covered in sand, and the feeding of the friendly rock wallabies. The final activity of the camp was a delicious sausage sizzle at The Strand. This three day camp was a wonderful opportunity for the girls to experience new things in a city environment and a great time was had by all.

Year 9 Japanese

The students in year 9 Japanese did a wonderful job on their ‘Fashion show’ assignment! We even had a lovely audience for the presentation - Chappy Jenny, thank you very much for coming!

The year 9 Japanese students who participated in the fashion show really enjoyed it and had lots of fun. The show not only gave everyone the chance to show off their wonderful and stylish clothes, but also enabled everyone to learn a number of new vocabulary and grammar patterns (not to mention being able to study about fashion in Japan!) We also saw what a traditional Japanese Yukata (cotton Kimono) looks like.

“It was not only fun but also we were able to learn a lot of vocabulary and grammar patterns about interesting fashion in Japan.” Jacklyn Walters

“It is fun and a great way to learn language and culture!” Crystal Baillie

“Last term was fun because we got to learn about Japanese fashion and adjectives in a fun way. Just like the rest of the term, even the assignment was learning another language and culture in a way we can all enjoy.” Mikaylah Wall
JCU Experience

To help with our future career choices, interested year 12 students attended the JCU Experience held on 18 July at the Townsville James Cook University Campus. Mr Miskin and Mr Johnson also attended the day as we navigated our way around campus to attend two sessions of courses which interested us. The courses showed students what it will be like if we decide on that career path as well as interesting facts about the course. This day has assisted us in making decisions about our futures. The day was educational and ultimately helped all to decide on university courses. Many thanks to Mr Miskin and Mr Johnson for allowing us to have this opportunity.

By Allison Byrnes

ARTS COUNCIL

On Monday 12 August students will be attending an Queensland Arts Council performance. This year’s performance *Macbeth: A Porter’s Tale* delivers a hilarious, fresh perspective on Shakespeare’s blackest, fastest-paced and most action-packed story, using theatrical forms including mime, masks and Commedia. It also explores Brechtian theatre techniques. This is a performance guaranteed to enthuse would-be performing artists, poets, directors and writers.

Attendance at Arts Council performances are seen as a valuable experience for all students. The cost is $6.00. Each Queensland Arts Council production has valid curriculum links.

Disco

On Tuesday 16 July, Home Hill State High schools students congregated at the Greek Hall for a fun night filled with dancing and games. The theme was H₂O, with sailors, mermaids and both Dory and Nemo swimming their way into the disco. A great night was had by all. The best dressed female was awarded to Madalin Vassalini and Allison Byrnes whilst the best dressed male was awarded to Aaron Cockburn Thanks goes to Mrs Thomas for organising the disco, the students who set up and all the teachers who supervised on the night.

Kate Neal
During the second week of this term, a group of year 11 and 12 Hospitality students reported to the Bridge Restaurant at the Burdekin Motor Inn to complete their restaurant service course for vocational education and training.

Students who participated in this program were year 12s Eilish Wall and Chloe Jenkins and year 11s Amber and Mariah Johnson, Shirley Steinhardt, Kali Totorica, Danielle Shepherd, Hayden Hanlon and Michael Torney.

Experienced trainer and assessor, Stuart Dawe from private provider “Smart Skills Developing People” allowed the students to competently develop skills in the modules “Serve Food and Beverage to Customer” and “Prepare and Serve Non-Alcoholic Beverages”.

Stuart commenced the week with a very inexperienced team of workers. However, after five days of training from 8.30am to 4.00pm each day, the students developed and refined their skills sufficiently to allow them to host two events. On the Thursday evening, 120 paying guests were served a three course dinner at the Bridge Restaurant. The guests consisted of parents, friends, teachers and the general public and we were very appreciative of this great roll up as it allowed the students to get a true picture of the difficulties associated with serving a crowd of people efficiently.

On Friday, during the lunch hour, the students set up a café in the school dining room where they practised their skills with the cappuccino machine as well as serving other non-alcoholic beverages for staff and many demanding students.

The year 12s have already completed their bar service course and responsible service of alcohol in 2012 and the year 11s will complete this in 2014. Many of the students are presently enjoying work placement in a number of Burdekin hospitality venues where they are using their restaurant and bar skills over a five-week period. This provides excellent opportunity for part time work while at school or university or full time work after leaving school.
Vicki Wilson Netball Carnival

On Wednesday 31 July, the talented Home Hill High netball girls ventured to Townsville for the Northern regional Vicki Wilson Cup. The team consisted of Alana Swindley, Ashleigh Dwyer, Mikayla Warcon, Mackenzie Falco, Shenead Gelling, Nicole Hudson, Nicola Williams, Kimberley Bourke, Emily Poli, Madalin Vassalini and Cailin Betteridge.

The girls started off the day with an easy win against Collinsville SHS (41-1). Ingham SHS was a tough game, but due to the girls staying positive and continuing with their strong aggressive style of play, they came out on top, winning by 8 goals. Ashleigh, Madalin and Nicole were on fire in the shooting circle with Nicole, Kimberley, Emily and Alana feeding the shooters well. Mikayla, Shenead, Cailin and Mackenzie did an amazing job at keeping the ball away from the opposition shooters.

The Townsville games were much harder but the team kept the opposition on their toes and kept the margins to a minimum. A big thank you to Mrs Kerr and Ms Murphy for their support on the sideline and their positive feedback. Our girls finished in 4th place, well done!

Ashleigh Dwyer

Science

Year 8 Science

Term 3 has seen 8A and 8B designing and creating their mousetrap cars. The competition this year has been very fierce, with some students creating their mousetrap car before the assignment was handed out! The car created by Mitch Price-Wilson and Sam Gibson broke the record travelling a length of 33.1m.

11 Biology

The year 11 biology class congregated down at Inkerman Stream in order to collect samples and data about the ecosystem. Shenead was quite adapted to the environment as she swiftly caught many different species of animal. Sophie showed her swimming skills as she measured the depth of the stream. Genai (and everyone else) is looking forward to the next field trip in term 4!
The Annual Interhouse Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 2 August. Upstart once again took home the trophy for first place with a score of 964. Beachmount came a valiant second with 884 and Inkerman coming a tenacious third with 781. A great achievement by all, well done!

Exceptional participation and some excellent individual efforts were seen throughout the day with eight records being broken! Congratulations to all Houses for the way they participated throughout the carnival and the great sportsmanship shown by all the competitors.

Those who attended the carnival enjoyed the day, participating in a number of events in both track and field. Lower division events were held to cater for all students and allow maximum participation.

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AGE CHAMPIONS:

- Girls 13 years: Erin Grimbaldeston
- Boys 13 years: Jared Thorley
- Girls 14 years: Alana Swindley
- Boys 14 years: Rory Heatley
- Girls 15 years: Brandy Amore
- Boys 15 years: Christopher Previtera
- Girls 16 years: Kate Neal
- Boys 16 years: Joshua Previtera
- Girls 17+ years: Kimberley Bourke
- Boys 17+ years: Laurence Papale

HIGHEST POINT SCORERS

Laurence Papale
Kate Neal

A big thank you to all competitors for their cooperation. Also, thank you to the year 12 students for setting up and assisting to pack up, to the staff and the ladies who manned the tuckshop throughout the day. Special thanks goes to Mr Bob Ross for once again donating commemorative coins to the record breakers and highest point scorers. Thanks to the parents for who came along to support the students in their events. Very big thanks to Alex Bojack and Allan Styles who have worked tirelessly to give us the best grass athletics track that we could have asked for. Last, but most definitely not least, a huge thank you to Miss Murphy without her the day would not have run so smoothly.

Elliott Marano – year 12
This year Ms Murphy and the House Captains decided to introduce a “Spirit Day” in the lead up to the Interhouse Athletics Carnival. The House Captains decorated the school in their respective house colours and organised their teams for ball games at first break. At first, some of the students were a little reluctant to go down to the oval but once they got involved, they all had a fantastic time competing for their houses. Houses were rewarded for participation with points that went towards their totals on carnival day.