Principal’s Report

Term 2 is going to be busy! Already we have had our ANZAC ceremony at school, and our students have been involved in the town commemorations. Once again, our students proudly represented our school in the town march in strong numbers and demonstrated the greatest respect and reverence for our past servicemen and women. In the 99th year of ANZAC reflection, our young generation show that they will continue to keep the flame burning so that we shall never forget the sacrifice of those before us.

So, our Golden Anniversary is not far away, and the time is almost up for organising tables for the Golden Anniversary Dinner on Saturday 10 May. Please contact the office ASAP to make sure you have your tickets organised. The Fete organisation is well under way and we believe it will be huge. Don’t forget the formal ceremony for the Golden Anniversary is on at 10am on the Saturday. Our team of organisers have been working extremely hard for months and we look forward to seeing as many people there as we can. It will be great!

I have just commented on, and signed, all the Term 1 reports. Quite simply, I am delighted with the continuous improvement that our school is showing in all areas. Our attendance is up and achievement, effort and behaviour results are all rising as we strive to make every post a winner. Congratulations to our students, and great thanks to the teachers who have been ‘coaching’ our students to achieve their best while providing excellent instruction.

The only ‘downer’ recently has been the drop off in attendance on the day before ANZAC day, and I was somewhat disappointed that a number of students were missing from an important school day, in what appeared to be another extra long weekend being taken. Every day counts and every lesson is critical. I ask that parents ensure that holidays do not interfere with school days. That said, our impressive attendance rates from Term 1 are well worth celebrating and we need to continue our efforts right to the end of the year.

I am looking forward to the upcoming Drama Festival performance from our students – they have been working very hard in preparation for this event, and my thanks to Mrs Wendy Viero and Miss Louise Clark for their hard work in enabling this to occur.

I will take this opportunity to thank our parents who continue to support our school in so many ways, particularly through the P&C. I was very pleased that Mrs Linda Attard has stepped forward to be our new secretary for the P&C and we finally have a complete executive. Recently, some of our dads were involved in helping to remove dead trees from the school grounds – my sincere appreciation.

As mentioned at the start, it will be a busy term, but I am confident it will again be filled with successful outcomes. See you at the Golden Anniversary!

Steven Miskin
Principal
Home Hill High Remembers...

ANZAC DAY 2014

ANZAC spirit filled the air at Home Hill State High School on Thursday last week, as the entire school stopped to reflect on the supreme sacrifice made by many almost a century ago. Among invited guests from the Australian Defence Force, Home Hill RSL and Burdekin Shire Council, School Captains Reece D’Alessandro and Kimberley Bourke laid a wreath in the school’s memorial garden before the assembled students. Students also laid red poppies and a morning tea was held in the Resource Centre where an extensive memorial display was on show. School Principal Steven Miskin addressed the students reminding them of the sacrifice of those before, and of how they should honour the fallen through actions which would make the ANZACs proud.

Home Hill State High School continues to pride itself on community involvement. Approximately one third of the student population proudly marched for the fallen at the Home Hill Community Parade and some attended other proceedings throughout the town including the Dawn Service and Gunfire Breakfast. Mr Miskin said “I am proud of my students in their contribution to these events. Our young generation is so respectful of the ANZAC tradition, and I am confident they will ensure the legend never loses its poignancy in, or relevance to, our society.”

This year’s Library/Resource Centre display was created by Mrs Harper, Mrs Wood and students during lunchbreaks, Options and Independent lessons and after school. The display exhibits many genuine war artefacts and uniforms, some part of the school collection and others kindly loaned from Mr Ken Hall from ANZAK trading, Home Hill. Special thanks to Year 11 student Taminda Stewart who went above and beyond the call of duty to set up the display and the morning tea shared by those involved in the school ceremony.

Thank you to all other students who assisted, as well as Mrs Timms and Mr Styles for your valuable contributions. Students who filled hessian bags with newspaper for the ‘trenches’ in the display found the task quite arduous at times, and could only imagine what it would be like if they were shovelling sand or rock hard dirt to fill the bags.
During SET lessons, all Year 8 students reflected upon what ANZAC Day meant to them and proved that they remember those who served in times of conflict, past and present. Some of their responses are following.

**To me Anzac Day means....**

**Emily**

A mazing soldiers
N on-stop Action
Z ipping through trenches
A rtillery
C ourage to fight for our country
Lest We Forget

**Kyesha**

A day that every Australian can thank the people who went into battle to protect Australia. *Taylor*

**Jessica**

Remembering the fallen soldiers who fought for our great nation...I feel proud to be Australian. *Markus*

**Tayla**

To have freedom and to remember all the soldiers who died for me to have a wonderful life... *Jakson*
Science and Engineering Challenge

On Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 March, the North Queensland heats of the Science and Engineering Challenge was held. Thirty-two of our Home Hill High Students – sixteen from year nine and ten – attended Wednesday’s events at Calvary Christian College in Townsville. At 7.30am we boarded the bus in the rain, travelling to a much drier Townsville, and we were all excited when we arrived at the College. As we knew, our school was on a seven-year winning streak here in Townsville and there was a lot of weight on our shoulders to keep the reign going!

At nine o’clock we made our way to our assigned activities in eight teams of four people. There were eight different activities that went for either a half day or full day, each just as important as another with points. The Helter Skelter Shelter (a tower that was designed to be earthquake-proof) made by Patrick Ryan, Molly Swindley, Elena Postma and Erin Grimbaldeston proved to withstand enough shakes to score well. Jaylen McCubben, Julian Falco, Naomi Loizou and Mikaylah Wall’s Mars Buggy also scored big points that would matter at the end of it all.

Finally, at 2.30pm, everyone who was left was to finish their activity. This included Damon Brotto, Zane Poli, Dana Falco and my bridge that we’d worked on all day. The base model we used was one designed by Elliot Marano and Laurence Papale, who are past students, which went well on their day and helped them to win. Now, it was our turn. Our bridge was last, and as we set it up Home Hill High watched on excitedly. The first weight was added… then the second and third… but finally the bridge went down in a blaze of glory with the largest weight on top. Our bridge was the strongest!

And the bridge was what saved us. No one dared breathe as Home Hill dodged sixth, fifth, third and fourth… and won!!

After a detour to McDonald’s to celebrate our success, we set off for Home Hill later with high hearts and a great deal of satisfaction. Everyone was very proud of us, even though there is the possibility we will not go to the next round on the Sunshine Coast. The Challenge is only taking the eight schools with the highest scores in North Queensland to the next round. Nevertheless, it was a great opportunity for us to learn about the careers behind Science and Engineering and to represent our school. Finally, thanks to Mrs Thomas and Ms Nicholson for taking us to the Challenge – I speak for all of us when I say we had a great time.

Karli Linton, year nine
Hi everyone,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a very nice time over the Easter Holidays. I hope the Easter Bunny found you all. It is good to have a LITTLE indulgence from time to time. I have received the information below from the Cancer Council. If anyone is interested in applying then please feel free to contact me, or there is contact information enclosed. Please enrol if you are applicable as every little bit helps.

I will be having a “Health Booth” at the Fete so please come and see me for some free goody bags. If anyone can supply me with some fruit for some platters could they please give me a call on 0428825565.

$50,000 helps young Queenslanders impacted by cancer Seize the Day

Cancer Council is helping young Queenslanders impacted by cancer kick-start their careers by offering a share of $50,000 to help with the cost of education and training.

Cancer Council Queensland’s Seize the Day Study Awards, launched today, are open to young Queenslanders aged 16 to 21 who have been impacted by cancer personally, or have family members affected by the disease.

The study awards range from $300 to $2500 and are presented to young Queenslanders to assist with the cost of textbooks, stationery, fees, transport and accommodation incurred during post-secondary education and training.

In 2013, 37 young Queenslanders benefitted from a CCQ Seize the Day Study Award.

Cancer Council Queensland spokesperson Katie Clift said the awards program acknowledged the courage of young people coping with cancer, and encouraged them to look to the future with hope.

“The awards aim to foster the personal growth and development of young people coping with cancer in Queensland,” she said.

“They encourage young people to reflect on their past and present experiences and support them to build their future.

“All Queenslanders affected by cancer need our support, and the support of the community, to cope with the challenges of diagnosis, treatment and recovery.

“Our Seize the Day Study Awards are an important part of our commitment to supporting our youth and I would urge all young Queenslanders affected by cancer to apply for this year’s awards.”

Applications for Seize the Day Study Awards open today, April 16, and are available online at www.cancerqld.org.au.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday, July 25.

For more information about CCQ’s Seize the Day Study Awards or for an application form, call Cancer Council Helpline 13 11 20 or email seizetheday@cancerqld.org.au.

Cancer Council Queensland is an independent, community-based charity. The achievements of Cancer Council Queensland are made possible by the generosity of Queenslanders.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the fete. If you have any questions please feel free to come and talk to me.

Leah George
School Based Youth Health Nurse
Home Hill High
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Tuesday and Wednesday
Mid-Semester One Reporting

Mid-semester One reports were posted to parents this week. These reports will give all parents and caregivers an insight into their student’s academic progress as well as an indication of their effort and behaviour in class. The school asks parents and caregivers to sign the report and send it to school with their student. The student should show their form teacher their signed report so that the school can be certain that parents have been informed of the student's progress.

Accompanying the report card was a letter to provide information about the parent/teacher interviews which will take place on Tuesday 13 May 2014. The interviews will be conducted at school commencing 3:20pm.

Reports Sent: Tuesday 29 April
Signed reports to form teachers: Friday 9 May
Parent-Teacher Interviews: Tuesday 13 May

Congratulations to the following students who made NQ teams recently.

Home Hill State High School was proudly represented by Rylee and Elly Caspanello as well as Alana Swindley in Open Girls’ Soccer. Congratulations to Elly Caspanello who has just been named in the U15 Queensland Girls’ Soccer team. Elly is off to play in state competition in Coffs Harbour on July 6. Well done Elly, we are very proud of you!

For Netball, Ashleigh Dwyer, Kimberley Bourke and Amanda Bourke were all selected in the NQ team and in the Open Boys Cricket, Callan Sunderland and Adam Zabala competed in the State Trials last term.

At the recent State champs for Water Polo, Mackenzie Falco was also given the opportunity to be co-captain of the NQ team. Well done to Mackenzie, Kimberley and Amanda Bourke, who all greatly improved over the weekend. Dana Falco was also selected in the NQ team but could not attend.

Don’t forget that it’s cross country season!! The school cross country will be held today (Friday 2 May) so come on down and cheer on your students. BSS cross country is being held at BCHS on Tuesday 13 May and NQ trials Tuesday 19 May. The next cluster day will be Golf 13-19yrs, Basketball U15 boys and girls, Rugby Union U15s and Soccer U15s and U16s, Tuesday 2 June.

Miss T HORAN
HPE Teacher

Grower Race Day Clean Up

Where: Burdekin Race Track
When: 8.00am
Bring: Gloves, water bottle, closed in shoes, HAT

Please come and raise money for our school by assisting with the clean-up.
If you are able to help please put your name on the list at the office.
Home Hill SHS netballers have again stamped their authority on the Interschool Netball competition. Both the Under 15 and Open teams went to the finals undefeated in the round-robin competition with Ayr High, Burdekin Catholic High and Bowen High.

The Open team met BCH in the final. This year BCH was the only team that threatened Home Hill’s supremacy, having claimed a draw in one of the round matches. However, after a slow start with a margin of just 6/5 at first break, Home Hill displayed its consistent class and won with a convincing score of 26-15. Experienced NQ shooter Ashleigh Dwyer combined well with Mikayla Warcon in our attack circle. However our success was built on the centre court combination of a very capable and speedy Kate Neal, along with expert feeding by Nicole Hudson and Nicola Williams in wing attack and outstanding defence by McKenzie Falco and Cassady Howie. Experienced NQ rep and Club Premiere League player Kimberley Bourke denied the opposition a swag of goals but her job would not have been so successful without goal keepers Cassie Loizou and Shenead Gelling.

The Under 15 team girls took on Ayr High in the final and due to injury were missing experienced NQ representative Amanda Bourke as well as Coach Allyce Becke who was on her honeymoon. However Mrs Kerr fired the girls up and they got off to a strong start, winning the first quarter 7/4 and were up 18/11 by half time. The third quarter finished with 26/19 and was still anyone’s game. The team’s experienced combinations in the last quarter allowed Home Hill to draw away and finish with an excellent result of 36/23.

In the shooting circle Alana Swindley displayed her confidence and skill throughout the season. She was ably supported by shooters Naomi Loizou, Savannah Cannavan and upcoming year 8 player Keely Warcon. In centre court Jacklyn Walters and Andi Gelling expertly controlled the game while Erin Grimbaldeston, Mikaylah Wall, Emily Gibson and Keely filled the wing positions admirably. All season Amanda Bourke has shown her experience and determination in goal defence but in her absence Mikaylah Wall, Savannah Cannavan and Emily Gibson defended the opposition circle expertly.

Mrs Kerr and Mrs Becke would like to thank the girls for their fantastic season as they are a delight to coach and uphold the school’s code of high performance and good sportsmanship.
Year 9 and 10 Japanese fun cooking classes

During term one, as well as always being polite and respectful the students in year 9 Japanese class worked hard to achieve their goals. As a reward they had an opportunity to make and taste Soba (Japanese buckwheat noodles).

Students in year 10 Japanese class also worked really hard during term one, therefore they had a fun class making and tasting Gyoza (Japanese crispy dumplings) as a reward. Wrapping Gyoza can be a little challenging, but everyone did well!

Mr Miskin tasted it and loved it! He came to the kitchen and gave us lots of positive feedback. Minasan (everyone), Yoku dekimashita! (Well done)

In the last week of school, the year 10 Japanese class prepared and ate fried dumplings, miso soup and rice. It was challenging to make it, but great cultural experience! Bryony Williams

Making Gyoza (Japanese dumplings) was a great cultural experience. The class enjoyed the experience as we learned how to make it as well as getting to taste of Japanese food. Crystal Baillie

I thought the Japanese Soba making class was a fantastic way to learn more about Japanese culture and food. The Soba tasted really really nice and was very enjoyable to share it with a Japanese native and the whole of the class. Emily Cannavan
THE QCS TEST

What is it?
- QCS stands for the Queensland Core Skills:
- The QCS test is a common state-wide test for year 12 students.
- It is an achievement test, not an intelligence test nor an aptitude test.
- It is grounded in the Queensland senior curriculum.
- It is accessible to all year 12 students, regardless of individual differences in subject patterns.

What does it test?
- It tests the 49 common curriculum elements (CCE’s) of the Queensland senior curriculum.

What is the purpose of the test?
- It provides individual results reported on a five point scale (A-E)
- It provides group results for comparing the achievement of students in different subject groups and different schools in order to calculate Overall Positions (OP score)
- It provides group results for calculating Field Positions (FP scores) – up to 5 per student, depending on subject choice.

Who sits the test?
- All year 12 students may sit the test.
- If you are eligible for an OP score you must sit the test.
- If you are not eligible for an OP score you may sit the test but your result will not contribute to the calculation of OPs. Your test result will be recorded on your Senior Statement.

When is it held?
- Tuesday 2 September & Wednesday 3 September this year.

What is in the test?
- There are 4 papers: Writing Task, Short Response, and two Multiple Choice papers.

What preparation is useful?
- Work being done every day in class helps prepare students for the QCS Test because the common curriculum elements are generic skills.
- At Home Hill SHS the Year 12 students will participate in a special program designed to assist them to be as prepared as possible. This program will begin towards the end of Term 2 for year 12 students and continue weekly until the QCS test in early September.
- This in-school preparation will include practice tests using past QCS test papers which will be marked by teachers at the school using answers supplied by the Queensland Studies Authority.

More information?
- Come to the QCS information evening on Monday 28 July.

S. Buttsworth
Deputy Principal

**Fete Stall Reminder**

Your student has been asked to donate to the following stalls:

Year 12 - we need your cent sale prizes please!!
Year 10 & 11 - cakes next week or ingredients this week please!
Year 9 - Bottles! Bottles! Bottles!
Year 8 - Treasure tray prizes please

We need your prizes as soon as possible. Please bake for us (or talk to the best cook at home to see what they can bake next week).

Please help us in making the Fete a huge success!!!
Award Recognises a Commitment to Road Safety Education

I am pleased to announce that our school has recently received an Award that recognises the school’s commitment to Excellence in Road Safety Education and acknowledges that our school is dedicated to providing quality road safety education for our senior students through ongoing participation in the RYDA road safety education program.

For many years our year 11 students have attended RYDA, a series of practical and powerful workshops that aim to change the way young people think about road safety. As part of an interactive one-day experience, students participate in an emergency vehicle braking demonstration, devise travel strategies that will work for them in the real world and get tips from road safety experts on how to protect themselves, their friends and family.

The RYDA Program targets high school students aged 16-18 years at a time in their life when they are actively thinking about driving or travelling with new drivers. It is delivered as a school excursion at over 80 sites around Australia and New Zealand by trained facilitators with experience in road safety education. Each year approximately 50,000 senior students from over 450 high schools attend the RYDA Program.

Youth road trauma is far the #1 killer of young people, both as drivers and passengers. Last year 286 young people aged 17-25 years were killed on Australian roads and many times this number were left with a life changing traumatic injury. The cost of road trauma is daunting, $27 billion last year but the real cost of each tragedy is often not realised until it hits close to home, impacting family, friends and a school community. By participating in RYDA we are providing best practice road safety education to our students so they are well prepared to face the challenges of driving solo as a P plater or being a passenger with a novice driver.

Further details on the Award and RYDA is available from the website

www.rse.ora.au

Osborne State School Centenary Celebrations

- ‘Back to Osborne’ meet and greet afternoon on Saturday, 24 May 2014
- Mini-fete day on Saturday, 13 September 2014
- Time capsule ceremony on Sunday, 7 December 2014

For more information contact Principal Hayley Laidlow:
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Golden Anniversary

WANTED URGENTLY!!!

Items are still required for the Golden anniversary Display and the Fete old uniform parade. Anything to do with the last 50 years of education at Home Hill High would be great!! Uniforms (school, sports, senior jersey, football, netball, hats, ties, blazers), student ball suits and dresses, Deb dresses, badges, school books, photos etc. Please label with name and phone number and bring to Resource Centre ASAP!!!

SHARE AND SHARE ALIKE!! -Please text, email, call, and/or mail your friends, relatives, even vague acquaintances and ensure they know of the Golden Anniversary. All the details are on the school website! Here’s the link:- https://homehillshs.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

Photo Quiz

Blasts from the past!!

Do you recognise anyone in this picture of the Home Hill High Boys Rugby League team? Can you tell where the photo is taken? What year would this be?

Present in this picture are Fathers, Uncles and Cousins of a few current students and staff of our school. Who do you know in the photo? Where is this photo taken?

Year 8B 1968
Which current staff member can you see in this photo? Hint- he may look a little cranky because he knows he’ll have to go outside in the hot weather at some time. Where is this photo taken?

Drama Festival Rehearsal 1988 (below)
This photo includes an uncle of a current student, a mother of two current students, a current staff member and a nephew of another current staff member who also attended this school as a student....Can you pick them? Do you know which room this photo was taken in?

Seniors last day of school 1990
Can this former student, now teacher, still jump that high?

Answer any of these questions and you can win a prize!! See Mrs Todeschino in the Library/Resource Centre.
We need your prizes as soon as possible. Please bake for us (or talk to the best cook at home to see what they can bake next week).

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Golden Anniversary Celebrations

- Saturday May 10 (10.00am – 2.00pm)
- Saturday May 10 (6.30 – midnight)
- Sunday May 11 (10.30am – noon)

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE
- Anniversary School Magazine
- USB Past Photos
- School Tie, School Badge, Coolers

A weekend of celebrations for our wonderful school!

Celebrating 50 years of excellence in education...