Term 3 Wraps Up

As Term 3, which has arguably been one of the busiest, comes to an end, we look forward to completing the year next Term and enjoying all of the significant milestones that occur during this time.

Next Term we will see some staffing changes as we welcome back Mr and Mrs Kuskie and Mr Dougherty. We will have a number of teacher changes to some of the classes for Term 4.

I would like to acknowledge the work Mrs Bishop has carried out in the acting role of Head of Department. Next Term Mr Kuskie will take up the work in this role.

Next Term will be very important for all students as they work towards their individual academic goals. Obviously our Year 12s will be working to their full potential to finish off the year with every effort made to secure the best possible results they can achieve. We look forward to celebrating each milestone with them throughout next Term.

High School 2015 School Bursary

On behalf of our school I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support from the Maclntyre Valley Cotton Growers Field Day Committee. This year the local business and industry support was no different from previous years, in supporting the Annual Golf Day which is the major fundraiser for the High School Bursary. These funds will support one local Year 12 Graduate in his/her aspirations to complete a university degree. In addition to the funds raised on the golf day, over $1000 was raised in the prize auction held at this year’s MVCG dinner.

The 2015 Bursary process has opened and students are encouraged to apply. The application packages can be picked up from the school office.

School Reports - Holiday Break

As always we would like to wish all parents, guardians and students a relaxing, safe and enjoyable school holiday break. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Staff members for the work they have done this Term.

From the Principal’s Desk

Senior School Happenings

Thirty-seven of our Year 12 students sat their Queensland Core Skills test on 2 and 3 September. Students are to be congratulated on their wonderful conduct during these exams.

All students in Years 11 and 12 have just completed their Term 3 block exams with some students given the opportunity to study from home during the exam blocks. Students and parents are reminded of the Senior School Assessment Policy and guidelines for future exam blocks and assessment due dates.

Next Term is another busy one for our Senior students, with graduation, more exams, QTAC applications and Student Leadership nominations.

Junior Secondary Transition Days

Term 4 will see the beginning of the transition program for Year 6 students in the district to come and experience schooling at Goondiwindi State High School. Next year, our Year 7 Year Level Co-ordinator is Mr Scott Schultz. Scott has recently transitioned himself from the primary to high school and is perfectly placed to support our future students’ and parents’ social, academic and emotional needs. Scott and I will be visiting Goondiwindi State Primary School early next Term to deliver information to Year 6 students and answer any questions they may have.

Monday 30 November and Tuesday 1 December will be our transition days for Year 6 students to come and participate in lessons with our Year 7 teachers. We will also be using this opportunity for our current Year 7 students to engage in some core and elective subjects that are not offered until Year 8. The transition program is a vital part of our Junior Secondary focus and helps to support student wellbeing and parent and community involvement. Our teachers will be able to start forming the all-important relationships with these students to provide the best opportunity for them to succeed.

Junior Secondary Years 7 and 8 Open Day

We would like to thank the parents and students who attended the recent Open Morning at our school. It was great to provide information and show prospective parents around our school.

Enrolment packages are available from Goondiwindi State School and the High School. Each child enrolled at the State School will receive an enrolment package next Term.

We will also be holding transition days for all students in Year 6 who are interested in enrolling at the High School for Year 7 next year on Monday 30 November and Tuesday 1 December.
Physics, a Dream Subject

At 5am on Wednesday 29 July, 14 eager Physics students set out on a long journey to Dreamworld on the Gold Coast with Miss Peen and Dr Salmon.

This excursion provided the students with the opportunity to apply the physics concepts learnt in class, to real life scenarios. They spent the day going on rides such as the Giant Drop, the Tower of Terror II, the Cyclone, the Claw and the Buzz Saw, where they would take appropriate measurements, complete calculations and then experience the rides for themselves. This enabled them to describe the acceleration and forces that acted on them during different stages of the rides.

Students will use the skills that they learnt during this excursion to support them in their upcoming Amusement Park Physics assessment piece.

Amy-Louise Peen, Teacher

Ethno Roadshow

Our students were entertained by the talented group ‘Ethno Roadshow’ on 31 August. Ethno Roadshow is a group of musicians from diverse cultural backgrounds including Iran, Afghanistan, Indigenous Australia, Bolivia and Papua New Guinea. The group ran insightful workshops helping students to develop awareness of the different cultures represented. Students joined in, learning the words to an Indigenous Australian song and dancing to traditional Bolivian sounds.

Thank you so much to BEMAC and the Australian Arts Council for developing this great initiative and providing our students with this great opportunity.

Leila Jensen
Music Teacher

Optiminds

On Sunday 23 August, four teams from Goondiwindi State High School made the trek to the University of Queensland, Gatton Campus, to compete in the regional finals of the Opti-MINDS Sustainability Challenge.

Through creative problem-solving, these students had six weeks to develop solutions to problems in either Science/Engineering, Language/Literature or Social Science disciplines. These problems included devising new methods of transport to a distant planet and back, using different methods of propulsion, interpreting the multiple meanings of a message delivered from a faraway civilisation, and developing a “blind audition” process to select candidates to resettle in a new community following a natural disaster. Their unashamedly excellent skills were then put on display in a 10 minute dramatic presentation in front of a panel of judges.

On top of this, the teams also competed in a “short-term” challenge on the day, where they were given only 10 minutes to develop and present a solution to a problem given to them at that time.

While all teams performed admirably, a special congratulations goes to two of our teams who received honours in the Language/Literature and Social Science divisions. Well done to all students involved!

Adam Salmon
Teacher
SETPlan Interviews

SETPlan interviews were held on Wednesday 13 August, with 78 Year 10 students and their parents involved. Parents and students had a one-on-one interview with a staff member about their future career opportunities. During the interview, students were ensuring the subjects they chose for Years 11 and 12 were meeting the pre-requisite for any of their future plans. Sometimes these conversations are difficult as students are not sure about which direction their future might lead. It is our job to ensure all students leave their options open and create as much flexibility in their senior subject choices as possible.

Year 10 Work Experience

Week 6 was a busy time for the Year 10 students. 68 students were involved in their second block of work experience which involved many different fields of work. Students were lucky enough to experience life in the Defence Force, as well as in the building, electrical, hospitality, agricultural, retail, childcare and education industries.

Thank you again to all the many employers who took the time to have our students and teach them how their industries operate.

Bar Course

As an alternative to work experience, 18 students chose to participate in a Certificate II in Hospitality which is run by Tafe South West. This course allowed students to participate in running coffee cafés during lunch times and taught them the importance of hygiene, workplace safety and presentation of food and drinks.

Thank you to Brown O’Mara from Tafe South West who spent the week with our students. Brown will return next year to enable these students to finish the course.

Catherine Kerlin
HOD Senior Schooling

Junior Vicki Wilson Netball

The 2015 GSHS Junior "Vicki Wilson" Representative Netball Team completed another year of competition as "Plate" winners by coming fifth overall out of a competition field of twelve.

This competition aims to boost the profile of female sport, to provide more exposure to high-level competition and to ensure the development of potential players. Our girls are to be congratulated on their fine conduct, commitment, outstanding co-operation, sportsmanship and performances both during and prior to all their games.

On behalf of the girls, we would like to sincerely thank our Chaplain, Sonia and all the parents for your ongoing support of sport at our school.

Louise Dyer & Beth Madsen, Netball Coaches

Mastering English

Goondiwindi State High School’s STEAM Team (Smart Teachers Enthusiastically Achieving More) is a dedicated group of teachers who are working collaboratively to develop a consistent approach to teaching our students how to write more effectively across all their subject areas.

Working under the leadership of Master Teacher, Mrs Bernie Hawker, they are developing a levelled system which target specific areas that require improvement such as paragraph writing, structuring sentences, spelling and vocabulary. This will help individual students understand exactly what they need to do to develop their writing abilities.

Early trials with some Year 8 classes have been very encouraging and we are looking forward to introducing all Year 8 students to this system next Term.

Year 12 ‘Think the Drink’

On Thursday 20 August, Year 12 students participated in the annual ‘Think the Drink’ alcohol awareness program. The day started at the Railway Hotel with Dr Charles explaining the short and long term health implications of alcohol use and its effects on young bodies.

This session concluded at the Golf Club with talks about the differences between clubs and pubs and the rules and expectations of each.

Throughout the day, students rotated in groups and visited O’Shea’s Royal Hotel, The Victoria Hotel and the Queensland Hotel, where they participated in activities with the Queensland Police Service, Queensland Ambulance, QLD Health, Apex, Care Goondiwindi, McIntyre Security Services and Liquor Licensing. During the day, students learnt about liquor licensing, standard drinks, safe partying, hotel regulations, taxi etiquette and security. They also had the chance to use beer googles which imitate the effects experienced by an alcohol drinker.

The students then had a well deserved lunch break at the town park with a sausage sizzle (thanks to the Royal Hotel) and a soft drink (thanks to the Qld Hotel). Finally the students all met up at the McIntyre Room of the Royal Hotel for the DVD, “Welcome to our World” which depicted the social and emotional implications that may be involved in hosting a party with alcohol.

Thank you to the Goondiwindi Liquor Accord and Gateway To Training for facilitating and organising this worthwhile program.

‘Like’ us on facebook

Recognising that many of our students and parents are frequent users of facebook, we constantly upload information, photos and events to our GSHS facebook page. If you are a facebook user, you can like our page. This page has been created to improve communication and keep parents aware of whole school happenings and other significant events.

Whilst there are other communication methods used within our school such as the newsletter and SMS messages, the facebook page is designed to “fill the gap” and is a great way to get messages through quickly.
Hospitality is a subject in which students learn the theory behind the Hospitality Industry and then apply it to real-life learning situations; and that is exactly what our Senior Hospitality students experienced at their recent function, where five courses of indulgent gourmet foods set the scene for the presentation of their major assessment function for Term 3: “tapas de guapas”.

During the lead-up lessons and on the night of the function, the students demonstrated the skills and knowledge gained during their Hospitality course, to plan, operate and present a most professional formal function for the 75 invited guests who consisted of parents, teachers and other members of the local community.

A selection of exotic seafoods, meat dishes, vegetarian and dessert dishes, including pork kebabs, stuffed mushrooms, coconut prawns with mango dipping sauce, roasted beetroot and yoghurt dip, raspberry panna cotta and decadent chocolate ganache tart were served in a series of five courses throughout the evening.

The experience gave the students an insight into just how much planning, preparation, and presentation is required to execute such a function, including everything from costing the alcohol, planning various types of Tapas-appropriate foods and their garnishing, types of glasses, catering on a large scale, laws and regulations of the industry and what it feels like to be an apprentice.

Even though the production of such an event involved many hours of planning, preparation and hard work, the students all agreed that it was a most valuable, worthwhile, rewarding and enjoyable learning experience.

Louise Dyer
Home Ec/Hospitality Subject Area Co-ordinator

Year 9 Peer Cafes

Term 3 has already provided a number of opportunities for our Hospitality students to participate in a variety of community-based catering functions, allowing all involved to represent Goondiwindi State High School and demonstrate their hospitality knowledge and skills.

Over the past few weeks, our Junior Hospitality students have been involved in a number of real-life learning experiences. From the investigation and designing of gourmet flavours suitable for a Coffee Shop scenario and tantalizing the taste buds of their invited guests, to planning and presenting peer restaurants, students have immersed themselves into the Hospitality Industry and enthusiastically embraced the practical challenges set before them. Year 9 Hospitality students confidently executed their Peer Café Coffee Shops by preparing scrumptious café food and beverages. Congratulations Year 9.

Such restaurant tasks form the students’ culminating pieces of assessment, where they are required to put theory into real-life practice. All students are required to contribute to the planning, preparing, serving and presentation of such a function. There is no better way to experience Hospitality than to actually roll up your sleeves and participate in a hands-on situation!

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Horse Sports Success

Goondiwindi State High School students have a plethora of talent in many sporting fields. Participation by ten of our students in the School Horse Sports recently, once again resulted in amazing achievements. Gundy High received the Champion School Award in the March Past and also Champion High School for the day based on student placings.

Of the students representing our school, Scott Wells received the 13 years Age Champion Award, with Lizzie Brown being awarded runner up. In the 14 years age group, Gabby Cahill received Age Champion and Amy Norrie was runner up. Jessica White took out the 15 years age group runner up award.

This was an amazing effort and result and showcased the diversity of the sporting skills of our students who represented themselves and the school in an exemplary manner.

Vanessa Duffy, Teacher
Year 8 Budding Entrepreneurs

Teachers, students and even some parents are relieved that the Year 8 market days have been completed for another year by all the Technology Licence classes.

Business ventures require students to come up with a variety of stall ideas that they can plan and set up and which would appeal to other high school students. This year’s ideas included: redskin fudge, ball toss, fondue, digging for candy, ice-cream spiders, popcorn and various others. These ideas are carefully chosen by teams who then have to develop lists of equipment, resources and jobs to be performed. They must then advertise the product, communicate with different Departments/Staff to store/loan or use various items in order to purchase and produce their products or activities.

On Market Day, students set up their stalls and hope that enough customers have been enticed by their advertising to support the different options and make their businesses viable. They then experience the ‘not-so-much fun’ part of packing everything away.

Stall holders then calculate their profits and evaluate what they learnt about operating a stall and working together as a team. It is a fantastic opportunity for all students to be entrepreneurs for a day. The class who makes the largest profit on the day is rewarded for their efforts with a pizza lunch.

Bernie Bryan
Year Level Coordinator

Year Nine Happy Campers

On Tuesday 18 August, 54 excited students and 6 teachers left for Year 9 Camp at CYC Burleigh, ready for a week of sun, sand and surf.

We arrived at Burleigh at lunch time and started our camp with a presentation from surf lifesavers. Students all settled into their cabins for the week before our first rotation of activities.

Throughout the week students had the opportunity to participate in surfing, stand up paddle boarding, canoeing, dragon boating, initiative games and raft building. They also had the opportunity to take part in an afternoon game of beach cricket, which proved to be very popular and a lot of fun.

Students participated in several night activities including a beach walk, karaoke party and movie night. Each morning, as a group we walked down to the beach, to play games, go for a walk, or to simply sit by the water.

The focus for the camp was initiative and restraint. Students were pushed out of their comfort zones and encouraged to work with new people. On all accounts it was a great week.

Louise Cole
Year Level Coordinator
Six very enthusiastic Year 10 girls had an enlightening few days at the ‘University of Southern Queensland Beyond Year 10 Camp’. Ellie Billsborough, Chelsea Thompson, Bronte Fisher, Bianca Fisher, Emily Jobling and Abby Lowe took the opportunity to attend this camp where they discovered the many opportunities university has to offer. The camp provides a variety of experiences and opportunities for students to see first-hand what is available beyond Year 10. It aims to raise students’ aspirations and awareness of the multitude of pathways available to them when pursuing their future career options.

One full day of the camp was dedicated to the USQ Careers Day, where over 680 students from around the district explored their career options. They also experienced on-campus college life whilst participating in chosen areas of interest such as Psychology, Law, Nursing, Business, etc. Some of the girls were shocked by how ‘real’ the mannequins in the health/nursing department were, stating “They breathe, have temperatures, and even sweat like humans”. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time at USQ as well as visiting TAFE, industry sites and Toowoomba Court House.

Many opportunities like this are continually being offered throughout the year. Emails are sent to the children’s school email addresses, and advertisements are placed in the school newsletter, as well as posted on our school Facebook page. Please keep a lookout for opportunities that may suit your children and prompt them to check their emails.

Toni Clarence, Guidance Officer

Beyond Year 10 USQ Camp

On 4-6 August our Instrumental Music Program students participated in the Goondiwindi Apex Eisteddfod, being involved in solos, duets, and both small and large ensembles.

Our Show Band was awarded 2nd place and the Senior Band placed 1st and 3rd with their performances. The Senior Band was also invited to perform at the Selected Performers Concert with ‘Build Me Up Buttercup’ which was a hit with the audience and featured solos from both Derek Ford and Erin Ellis. There were also many small groups, made up of members from the instrumental program, who performed their pieces beautifully. The President of the Eisteddfod committee, Mrs Judy Dunlop, commended the high school and their instrumental music students not only on the greater numbers involved in this year’s eisteddfod but also on the high quality of the performances.

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Senior Band - 'Build Me Up Buttercup' – 1st Place
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The Year 11 Leadership Camp is used to explicitly teach students about leading and working as members of teams while pushing yourself mentally and physically.

At the start of the camp students were split into three groups which were assigned mascots that were to participate in all activities; and these fluffy toys were the most pampered creatures there! The camp program included team building activities and low rope obstacle courses to prepare the students for the teamwork required for the camping expedition. The Maroon Staff briefed the students on working together to plan requirements and jobs for a successful campout.

Students set out in canoes, on a bus to hike up the hills or on foot. For two days everyone moaned and groaned, laughed, paddled, cooked, cleaned, pitched tents, packed up tents, told stories, made cheesecake and worked together. Despite some inevitable tension, the overall atmosphere was very positive.

I am reluctant to pick out highlights from this trip or name individual students for standout achievements as across the board students stepped out of their comfort zone. All staff members present agreed that the camp is a crucial introduction into the leadership skills required for all our senior students and is a good stepping stone for those wishing to pursue leadership roles in 2016.

Drew Fox
Teacher
**Items For Sale by Tender:** Closes Friday 9 October

- **WOODMAN10” TILT ARBOR SAW 3 PHASE**
- **DROP 240v DEWALT DW708’XE 305mm SLIDING MITRE SAW**
- **SSC VERTICAL PANEL SAW 240v**
- **TRANSMIG 3 PHASE S3-C**
- **SEPARATE WIRE FEED UNIT**

Please call the school to arrange inspection.

**Address Tenders to:** Tender Documents
The Principal
LMB 1
GOONDIWINDI QLD 4390

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**Head Lice, Ringworms and Other Infectious Diseases**

Outbreaks of head lice often occur in schools. Please ensure that you check children’s hair regularly.

**REMEMBER**
- We can all catch head lice
- Head lice are spread mainly through head to head contact
- You need to check with Qld Health Child Health Centre or your local pharmacist about what chemical preparations are effective

More information can be found at:
HealthCondition/condition/14/165/351/Head-Lice

For ringworms and other communicable diseases, information can also be found at:

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**Our Christmas in July fundraiser went off with a bang with the sale of our 100 balloons and the corresponding prizes. The organisation was brilliant with Mackenzie Timms, Ally Rowe and Sophie Raymond performing and concluding with Tony and Brandon Robinson.**

At the Lions meeting I attended, each person chose a slip of paper with one of the six items for the shoeboxes on it. At future meetings they will bring in the items that they chose, to be collected. Items have also started filtering in at both Goondiwindi and Inglewood for the Shoeboxes.

Morning tea with Peter James went well. I would like to thank all those people who attended and especially Merline and Don for setting up the tea and coffee and for cooking for the event. Thank you also to Karen Dunmill and Sue Smith for providing food.

I accompanied the Ag students to the Brisbane Exhibition. We left early Friday morning and returned Sunday night. As well as attending the Ekka, we went to the Port of Brisbane for a tour.

We have also had a few birthdays during the month that we have celebrated with cake and the Happy Birthday Bear. We face painted at the primary school fete and I provided assistance at the Year 12 Tapas Night.

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**P & C Meeting**

Our next P & C Meeting will be held on 24 November. All are encouraged to attend.

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**TUCCSHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are always looking for new volunteers to assist in the tuckshop. If you could spare some time to support this valuable service to the school please phone Sue on 4671 1898.

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**Please make sure all Resource Scheme payments have been finalised at the school office.**

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**Lost and Found**

If your student is missing any items of clothing, particularly jumpers and winter attire, make sure they check the overflowing lost property basket in the school office.

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**Chappy Chat**

A fancy restaurant in the city for dinner and to brunch at a dog friendly café on Sunday on the way home.

I attended a Year 9 French party which was a wonderful culinary delight. Miss Walls cooked quiches, chocolate mousse and nibbles. She had set the room up as a dinner party which made it a real French experience and the food was delicious.

I also attended the Year 12 Macbeth function, “An Evening with the Bard” and supported the Optiminds students at Gatton University. I provided smarties on the first day for the Grade 12s who had their QCS test, with the saying, “You are braver than you believe, Stronger than you seem and smarter than you think!” The second day they received a KitKat with the saying, “For a hard earned break”.

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**Sonia Frost**

Chaplain