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Principal's Message

During this week several of the staff were treated to a luncheon that was prepared, served and later cleared and cleaned. The meal was very tasty, well presented and service of the food and refreshments very capably handled.



Staff were asked for feedback to assist Mr Witts and his Yr 12 Hospitality class in evaluating their function project. As someone who normally does not have a big lunch, I had to walk around the school for a while. Congratulations to Mrs Jacinta Delalande who has been appointed as the Head of Department - The Arts to Yeppoon State High from the start of Sem 2. Mr Anthony Cox has been appointed to the position of HOD Industrial Design & Technology at our school to commence from next semester also. He has been acting HOD at a Central Qld High School most recently.

In recent weeks, students from our school have had the opportunity to play Rugby League, Football, Netball and Aussie Rules in the interschool sport program. I wish to recognize and congratulate the efforts of several of our staff who give up many hours often after school, to supervise / coach the teams. Clint Holloway needs special recognition as he not only coaches several teams, but coordinates much of the program and encourages others to assist our students. Thanks to all of these staff, whose efforts benefit our students. Make sure that you mark down the Interhouse Athletics Carnival to be held on the last two days of the term, to come along and support the students and staff.



New Communication/Recording Devices and MP3/4 Policy

YSHS acknowledges the efficacy and reality of technological advances such as mobile phones. They are an effective tool for parent and student communication, for example when normal routines of arriving at and leaving school may be varied.

The school is committed to establishing and sustaining a safe environment for students that best fosters quality learning. Every student has a right to privacy, integrity, feeling safe and learning. New technological devices can and do cause significant disruption to the learning and teaching of others and raise the following issues:

1. The constant interruption of students' learning caused by use of phones in classrooms, and subsequent lost time as the teacher deals with the issue.
2. The high value of many phones means that theft is an issue.
3. The integration of cameras into phones means that inappropriate filming can occur.
4. Use of texting in exams can lead to cheating and subsequent consequences.
5. Cyber bullying is increasing and becoming a real issue, not only in schools but in general society.
6. Misuse of these devices could lead to legal action.

Currently, students are not following the policy of turning phones off during class time, thus disrupting the learning and teaching process.



Therefore, the school is developing a new policy to protect students and their belongings and to reduce your child's exposure to bullying.

Suggested policies include:

- use of MP3/4, and iPod devices restricted to use before and after school and at lunch times
- no use of any recording devices in the school grounds
- phones switched off and out of sight during the course of the school day
- school phone available for urgent messages
- if students do not require a phone for parent contact, they are discouraged from bringing phones to school
- no liability is accepted by the school in the event of loss or theft.

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- students bring these devices to school at their own risk. We invite comments and suggestions from parents about the policy. You can either reply by mail to the school or via email to info@yeppoonshs.eq.edu.au.
Lesley Andrews
Deputy Principal

Designated Parking Areas

Parents are reminded **NOT** to park in the designated bus parking zones in front of the school when collecting students, as this makes it very difficult for the pick up and drop off of students with excursions and local bus services. This includes the area along Tabone Street down past the hall.



Blood Donation Day

On the 10th June, 26 students and teachers from Yeppoon State High participated in a Red Cross Blood drive. We went down to the new Red Cross blood centre, next to the town hall in Normanby Street. We were supplied with pizza, biscuits, cheese and cordial while we waited outside, which more than made up for the



minor prick made by the needle. Every donation of blood can save up to three people's lives. One in three people will need donated blood some time during their lives, but only one in thirty people donate. It's really a virtually painless procedure that can make so much difference to a person's life. We hope to see more people sixteen and over next time we donate for a good cause.

End of Term Report Cards

End of term report cards will be issued on Thursday 23rd July.

The Year 8 and 9 parent / teacher interviews will be on Wednesday 5th August. The Year 10, 11 and 12 parent / teacher interviews will be on Wednesday 12th August.

"Fame" The Musical

Please support this year's musical by securing tickets for the event.



Tickets \$15 Adult
\$10 Concession
\$40 family (2 adults 2 students)
Dates Friday 24th July 7.30pm
Saturday 25th July 7.30pm
Sunday 26th July 1.00pm

See you there!

Cybersafety - Information From The Business & It Faculty

Positive online behaviour – cyberbullying

What is cyberbullying?

"Cyberbullying involves the use of information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behaviour by an individual or group, that is intended to harm others". Bill Belsey

www.cyberbullying.ca

Understanding cyberbullying and cyberstalking

Rather than face-to-face bullying, bullying and harassment now takes on a new form via mediums such as mobile phones, MSN messenger/chatrooms, social networking sites and email.

Why has cyberbullying increased?

Elements of cyberbullying set it apart from traditional bullying by:

- * Being able to act anonymously
- * Wide and rapid distribution
- * No separation from home and school life – you can now be bullied 24/7
- * Lack of face-to-face contact



Signs that a student might be experiencing cyberbullying are:

- * Unexplained changes in behaviour
- * Unexplained changes in mood – being withdrawn, depressed, reluctant to talk to you or friends
- * Isolation or not interacting with previous friends
- * Avoiding school or certain classes
- * Changes in the way they use their computer or their phone

Long-term or continuous bullying can have detrimental effects on the health of our kids. It is important to recognise the signs and minimise the opportunities for it to occur. As parents and teachers we need to understand how young people communicate and embrace the technology which has become so familiar to this generation.

Peace Club

THANKS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES

We're still celebrating the **HUGE** success of the Peace Club's fund-raising campaign for the Leukaemia Foundation. Our special thanks goes to many local businesses who supported the "Shave for a Cure" event:

* Belinda Ksiazek and the team at **EXPRESSIONS OF BEAUTY** who provided a top-notch waxing service on the day - *free of charge!*

* Stacey Glover from **ASTRO FLOWERS** who donated a beautiful floral arrangement;

* **AMCAL MAX** (Yeppoon Central), **CHEMMART** (Emu Park Pharmacy), **FRANGIPANI HAIR SALON**, **MKC HAIRDRESSING**, and **WAVELENGTHS FOR HAIR** for donations of temporary hair colour.

Also, the staff at **EXPRESSIONS OF BEAUTY** have kindly offered our students some wonderful discounts in the lead-up to the school formal:

* *Full set of nails and make-up is now \$120 (usually priced at \$150)*

* *Tanning treatments - \$30 per spray tan (or pay for five to get the sixth treatment free).*

Thanks, again to all involved. We're very fortunate to have such amazing models of community spirit.

Tina Wall

Yeppoon State High School.

HPE

Netball News:

Another stunning round for all YSHS netball teams, as our Open C1, Open B1 and 14B teams remain first in their respective divisions. The results from last week are as follows:

14B side easily defeated Rocky High 17-4. Best on court was Alysha Hurley.

15C team had a well earned win against St Ursulas 12-2. Best on court was Kristyn Ogilvie, due to her impressive shooting throughout the game.

Open C2 side had a close loss against Rocky Grammar 6-4. Best on court was Alissa Bambrick.

Open C1 team secured a win against Rocky Girls Grammar 10-5. Best on court was Taylor Doblo.

Open B1 side defeated Rocky Girls Grammar 9-3. Best on court was



Pene O'Dea due to her unbeatable defence.

Congratulations, girls, on another impressive performance. Keep it up!
Angie Kelso

Queensland Schools Shared Car Raffle

The results of the recent *Queensland Schools Shared Car Raffle* are as follows: **First Prize Ticket No: 383941** - the winning ticket being sold by *Jindalee State School*. **Second Prize Ticket No. 432522** - this ticket being sold by *The Willows SS*. **Third Prize Ticket No. 064952** - this ticket being sold by *Mary Immaculate SS*. Thank you for participating in this year's raffle.

Smart Moves

Smart moves!!!!

A solid collapsible professional trampoline steel frame is **for sale** as is for \$350 ono. Delivery is not included. The springs are still good but the mat is torn. A new black mat would cost \$350 [have contacts available in Rockhampton]. Please ring 49393578 or 0427 960 921

Canteen News

Thank you to our volunteers.

Next Week's Roster

Mon 22nd June - Carol Wall
- Sandi Groves
Tues 23rd June - Asha Hamilton
Wed 24th June - Michele Stroud
Thurs 25th June - Tancie Kaye
Fri 26th June - Alisa Gordon

UNIFORM SHOP

Mon – Thurs 8.30am - 9.00am
Fri 8.00am – 12 noon

DATE CLAIMERS

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| June 18 th - 24 th | Yr 11 & 12 Exams shutdown |
| June 25 th - 26 th | Athletics Carnival |
| July 13 th | Student Free Day |
| July 14 th | School Resumes |
| July 24 th - 26 th | "Fame" The Musical |
| July 27 th | NAIDOC week |
| July 30 th - 31 st | Rocky District Athletics |
| August 3 rd - 4 th | QCS Practice - Year 12 |
| August 24 th | Year 7 Orientation Day - Student Free Day |
| September 1 st - 2 nd | QCS Test - Yr 12 |

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