Hello everyone, welcome to our final newsletter for 2016. I will summarise some highlights and forecast 2017 below.

### 2016 Highlights

- **Student Leadership** – our leadership platforms extends across all year levels, including Indigenous leaders and sporting/cultural leaders. The role of our students in the Domestic Violence awareness week is a great example of our students leadership.

- **Our Academies** – James Cook University (Academic) : Jazz (Music & Performance) : Sport (Soccer & Baseball). The academy programs continue to grow and deliver results. The performances of students in our Jazz Academy in particular have been outstanding. Our Year 7 students finished 1st & 2nd in the Wonder of Science challenge and our Futsal teams conquered the Regional also.

- **Literacy and Numeracy** - Our 2016 NAPLAN results showed that we are equal to the State (and in many cases Nation) when it comes to our students being at or close to National standards. Our biggest challenge for the year, improving writing, saw our biggest improvement!

- **Literate Graduate** – we have done significant work around the explicit teaching of our “6Cs”- communication, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, character, citizenship. Under the leadership of Dan Kaggelis this piece of work continues to move forward. Our goal’s to equip students with the necessary skill sets for life after school.

- **Innovation** – we are a Regional leader in the area. We launched and run a successful “Makerspace” classroom, we teach Young Entrepreneur courses: we teach critical thinking through our Philosophy courses, we have a number of ‘STEM’ (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) units of work in place.

- **Outcomes** – Our A-E results for 2016 sit just under 91% across all year levels with 18% of students receiving A’s. There are also now very few (less than 5%) of classes have a pass rate below 75%.

- **Year 12 QCE/QCIA** for this year is 100%. Smithfield is also a school which has some of the state’s best post-school destination data – which means our students get jobs, get into Uni, get into further training!

- **Well** – more of the same! We will continue to roll out three priorities:
  1. Literacy & Numeracy – gifted and talented focus
  2. Literate Graduates – new computer collaboration working rooms
  3. Innovative Practices - networked Makerspace/STEM learning

- **We will refine our process to support and engage families in education practically for those students who are disengaging from school.**

- **We will develop a Student Wellbeing Framework to teach our students to cope better with the process of school.**
Two things to close:-

I. Farewell to all our staff leaving at the end of the year with particular mention to long serving, dedicated staff
   • Rob Stewart – Our Facilities Officer
   • Vicki Sheehan – Library Aide and Senior Success Manager
   • Paul Cronin – Library Aide/Bus Driver and much more

II. Can I wish all Smithfield families and community a safe, happy, healthy Christmas break. I hope your report cards are your first welcome “Christmas present”.

Til 2017,
Barry

Emerging Entrepreneurs

On December, 1 and 2, Year 7, Tropical North Learning Academy Humanities Emerging Entrepreneur students hosted Year 5, Trinity Beach State School, Young Scholars for an Entrepreneurial Start Up Camp. The purpose of the camp was to mentor and inspire young students to become entrepreneurs. The first day of the Start Up we taught the young scholars what it means to be an entrepreneur and the importance of the 6Cs; collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, communication having character and being a good citizen. After this we focused on the characteristics of an entrepreneur which included hands on activities which helped us develop determination, grit, motivation, and most importantly the importance of failure to succeed. In the last session we helped the Year 5s explore their passions and their visions for the future. On the second day the Year 5 young scholars applied their entrepreneur knowledge from Day 1 to identify their passions, research problems with these passions and develop solutions around them. After mentoring them through this process we helped them to develop their ideas into a pitch which they presented to the class. As mentors we really enjoyed working collaboratively with the Year fives during the entrepreneur camp. We found this was a great opportunity to show the younger students how to think critically and creatively like an entrepreneur and how to develop research and validate an idea. We are looking forward to next camp where we will further help refine their excellent ideas and prototype them in the Smithfield High School Makerspace.

Written by Rebecca Picton and Tijalani Tatipata

CHRISTMAS HAS COME TO MAKERSPACE

This term has been all about UPCYCLING – to re-purpose old junk into something useful and/or decorative.

The Makerspace room has been open at lunchtimes for all students. We had computer parts to deconstruct and boxes full of unwanted waste materials just waiting to be reassembled into amazing projects.
We have been pulling apart hard drives, working out how it all works then designing fabulous Christmas decorations. Old binder springs from books were used to make swirly beaded decorations. It was discovered that computer parts with a touch of bling make stunning Christmas decorations.

Our final project was to painstakingly wire mother boards together to transform them into a Christmas tree. With generous donations of unwanted jewellery we were able to decorate the tree. The students spent hours wiring, gluing and beading. Pulling apart electronic appliances and old computers was fun and full of surprises.

This Christmas tree now hangs proudly in the library for all to see. We hope to inspire others to join our group, create fantastic projects out of unwanted scrap and to reduce the amount of unwanted technology in landfill.

If you are having a clean out over the holiday period please think of us at Makerspace and our Home Economics classes. We are always looking for beads, wire, wool, fabric, thread, zips, old unwanted jewellery and computer hard drives. You can ask your child to bring these items in to K Block staffroom, or you can contact me at kcous6@eq.edu.au.

Karen Cousens

Innovation Award Winners

Last week Tropical North Learning Academy won the Best Pipeline Process Award at the Tropical North Queensland Innovation Awards.

The Tropical North Queensland Innovation Awards 2016 is a Cairns Regional Council initiative to recognise and reward those working innovatively across the vast and diverse Tropical North Queensland region.

We won the category of Best Pipeline Process or Service: for applicants at scoping the testing phase. The application highlighted our innovative school that is piloting a number of new educational pathways around coding, robotics, STEM and Entrepreneurial pathways. Tropical North Learning Academy is a strategic partnership between Trinity Beach State School, Smithfield State High School, and James Cook University.

Kind Regards

David Mayes
Director of Innovations

Congratulations Kiara Buckley

Year 9 Academy student Kiara Buckley has been accepted to participate in one of 10 Queensland placements with research scientists in the Avoid Island School Programme - comprising three days (two nights) from December 5-7.

Smithfield State High School, a designated Wonder of Science (WOS) school, was offered the opportunity to participate in this partnership program between Wonder of Science and the Queensland Trust for Nature (QTFN).

The programme provides Kiara the opportunity to visit Avoid Island to participate in critical sea-turtle research, working alongside highly regarded sea-turtle biologist, Dr Nancy Fitzsimmons. She will gain hands-on experience in sea turtle biology, collecting data from the vulnerable flat-backed sea-turtle. Kiara has long held a passion for turtles and said this is a long-time dream come true.

The program covers costs for the return charter flights from Mackay to Avoid Island, luxury safari tent accommodation and meals. Wonder of Science and Smithfield State High have also contributed $200 each towards subsidizing costs for the Cairns to Mackay return flights.

Year 7 Science Excursion

Some people across Year 7 were selected to go on a field trip to the Tunnel Hill Water Treatment Plant. We went on the school bus and they showed us how they backwash the water, how they pump the water into the plant from Lake Morris, how they have to put chlorine to make it even safer for us to drink.

This excursion was very helpful and we all learnt something about how they treat the water we drink. To sum it all up this was a very fun and educational excursion and we would definitely like go again. It was a very fun and a productive way to learn, the water treatment plant would be an interesting place to work.

Luke McKinnon 7B

The excursion was also very informative for our assessment. It was a hot day but we went there and had a good time. At the end of the trip, the people there asked us questions about the water process and whoever answered them would receive a prize of a badge. When we got back to the school, the teachers also asked us a few questions and the prizes for whoever answered these correct were pens and magnets from the Treatment Plant.

Noah Birt and David Kevau and 7B

Indigenous Leaders of the Future

Friday, 25 November, Indigenous Leaders of the Future went to Novotel in the city to meet with other indigenous leaders from schools around Cairns. We made a presentation to the rest of the leaders about what we have done throughout the year at our school to enhance our leadership skills. This year we have organised and participated in NAIDOC activities, face painting at Trinity Beach State School, designed a t-shirt for the
indigenous leaders to wear next year, written newsletter articles and designed posters.

The rest of the day was spent playing games to enhance our leadership skills, setting goals for the future and we even wrote our own pledge to state what kind of leader we want to be. The best part of the day was the face painting, food and making friends from other schools! We learnt a lot and look forward to participating in the ILF next year.

Crabby Futures

For the second year running, Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre (HBEEC) staff, together with Tropical North Learning Academy, Trinity Beach State School (TBSS) students and Smithfield State High School (SSHS) students, have joined forces. Their aim: to research and find a solution to the decreasing numbers of mud crabs (Scylla Serrata) in Richters and Thomatis Creek, and the Barron River.

In recent years, HBEEC staff had noticed that the number of mud crabs they were catching in pots were steadily subsiding. In order to determine why this trend was occurring, they decided to invite 18 students from the Tropical North Learning Academy (TNLA) from years 5 - 9 to investigate. This project launched in 2015 and 2016 has given students the opportunity to get their hands even muddier and delve even further than the previous year.

Students from the TNLA met with the HBEEC staff and Sue Helmke, a senior fisheries biologist, to discuss what the cause of this problem could be. Together they analysed 17 years worth of raw crab data and noted that there has been a substantial decline in the mud crab population in the catch zone. Over the next few visits to Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre the team researched information to gain knowledge of the Scylla Serrata and speculated on contributing factors to their decline.

A highlight was on October 25 when the team went on a boating day to collect more data on the mud crabs and their ecosystem. After placing 12 pots into the water and waiting only 1-2 hours, 3 crabs were caught and tagged; a significant difference to the average of 8 crabs per trip in previous years. During this boating trip students also tested the water for salinity, temperature, dissolved oxygen and pH levels. The intelligent minds of students and experts were then split up into four groups to investigate further into possible causes to this problem. These groups are now investigating environment, predators, overfishing and climate.

On November 25 at HBEEC the four groups will be presenting their findings and future proposals to teachers, school principals, local scientists, and other invited guests. The students hope that their research will be scientifically feasible, and may help them construct some proposals to action in future years to help resolve the issue. This opportunity wouldn’t have been possible without Yrraganydji People representatives: Gavin and Tarquin Singleton; teachers Claire Denzin, Sue Whipp, Jenny Goddard, Terri Mulqueen Michael Ellison and Mikaela Bull; Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre Staff: Alan Franzmann, Louise Carver, John Woolcock, Julie Williams, Steve Thomas, and Scientists Phil Laycock and Sue Helmke all of whom we would like to thank for their support.

Please help the project by reporting any tagged mud crabs before you eat them!

By Susie Stewart Year 9 student Tropical North Learning Academy, Smithfield State High School.

Library News

Return of all School Resources

To repair and calculate numbers required for 2017, we are asking families to support us by returning all school resources – textbooks and library books, before the holidays. Overdue notices have been sent out and December 9 is your last chance to return. To farewell Mr Cronin, “make his day” and return THAT textbook.

Summer Reading

Students and staff can still enjoy reading eBooks over the holidays anytime/ anywhere. We subscribe to over 1000 eBooks which can be read on smart phone, tablet or computer. Download the Wheelers ePlatform App or browse on a computer @ the link below. Out of 15 copies of All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr; only two are available today. The same number are available for multiple copies of John Green’s latest hilarious escapade, Wil Grayson Wil Grayson. 8 copies of The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho are available but 26 copies have been borrowed! Wide reading is the best preparation for unseen tests; and novels have never been more important for our critical thinking than in today’s “post-fact” world.

https://smithfieldshs.wheelers.co/

Staff and students have recently been sent a reminder of their eBook password.
We’re even putting Dec-Feb borrowers into our competition draw for VIVO points to get off to a good start in 2017. If you’re bored, go places with an eBook even if you have to stay put!

A small group collaborating - demonstrating one positive outcome of rethinking our use of space in the library this year.

Thank you to all our patrons and particularly those thoughtful staff and students who helped out in the Library throughout 2016.

Mrs Robins (Teacher Librarian)

2017 SENIOR LEADERS

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Remembrance Day

Our 2017 captains represented the school at the RSL Remembrance Day Parade in Cairns on Friday, 11 November 2016.

THE MANTRA GROUP – SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS IN HOSPITALITY

A year of hard work has paid off for three of our Year 12 students who, in addition to successfully completing their Year 12 studies, also achieved a Certificate III in Hospitality with the Mantra Group. Their achievement was recognised at a special morning tea at our school last week where the students were presented with framed copies of their certificates. Avalon Salvaras, Beverlee Shaban and Emily Tyrer worked all year in a School Based Traineeship at Peppers Beach Club and Spa, situated at Palm Cove. To complete this qualification, they were required to work a total of 375 hours throughout the year and attend regular training sessions. In the workplace, they completed rotations through several areas of the Mantra complex, gaining experience and knowledge which will be invaluable in their future career paths.

We are very proud of our students’ accomplishments and equally proud that the Mantra Group chose our school to establish this program, and we are confident that our successful partnership can be continued in 2017 and beyond.

Thank you to Sim Dhillon, Regional Human Resources Advisor of the Mantra Group, for having confidence in our students and for all her assistance throughout. Thank you also to Yvette Fitzpatrick, Hospitality Trainer at MEGT, for working with our students and motivating them to complete.

Students who are interested in commencing a similar traineeship while in Year 11 should have a chat to our Guidance Officer, Jenny Wilson, or speak to Carol McPhail in the Senior Pathways office.
We look forward to a bigger and diverse group of musicians in 2017. Masterclass group rehearsal will remain on Monday afternoon with rotational lessons throughout the week for respective groups.

Majella Pike
Jazz Academy & Music
Cameron Nicholls
Instrumental Music
Teacher

‘FROM THE SPORTSDESK’

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The sporting culture at Smithfield State High School is on the cusp of undergoing an evolutionary change and starting to take on a much more enthusiastic approach, an attitude where our school has a desire to be involved, where our students want to represent their school and better still are proud to do so. This school is home to some amazingly talented athletes who are wanting to shine on the stage no matter how big it is. This is evident from the numerous individual sporting honours that we have witnessed in previous issues. However I will take this opportunity in our final issue to pay tribute to the teachers.

Not only are our talented staff in charge of providing and delivering a high class quality education they are also helping to guide and shape the sports stars of the future. This year alone Smithfield has had more than 25 teams represented in more than 30 sporting competitions. Behind each of these teams there has been a dedicated staff member who has spent numerous hours in preparing the students to allow them the chance to perform at their best. This involves not only the physical hours in training the team but also the hours behind the scenes chasing the never ending paper trail.

It truly is a great privilege to be involved in a school where there are so many staff that are willing to devote these hours to ensure our students do not miss an opportunity to represent their school. They all play such an important role in helping these students to embrace the integral values of honesty, teamwork, humility, sportsmanship and so many more that are crucial in developing socially responsible young people. So on behalf of the students at Smithfield State High School, thank you to our dedicated coaches for providing these opportunities.

Instrumental Music

It’s been a busy and eventful year for our bands and musicians. It will be business as usual in 2017 with lessons, Concert and Stage band.

Return of instruments.

Students with loan instruments are reminded these need to be returned ASAP for servicing and repair for the New Year.

Over the holiday period please encourage your students to remember our mantra:

Try to play for 20 minutes a day!

The only musician you should ever worry about being better than is the one you were yesterday.

BLA Performing Arts Awards

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Jazz Academy 2017
**Please install the Microsoft Office suite prior to coming to school**

Antivirus - Reputable antivirus software is advised. Norton Security with Backup - (based on the anti-virus product used at Smithfield State High School) is available for $9.99 per year subscription fee (or $29.99 for 3 years).

Adobe Design & Web K-12 Collection – is available, free of charge, to all students at the school. Smithfield State High subscribes to the Adobe Software Agreement which offers students this access. This is a requirement for any student studying a multimedia subject.

Adobe Creative Cloud Master Collection - is available to students at a cost of $20 per device. The student will be invoiced directly and the software will be installed by a school IT technician. This suite is highly advisable for any student studying ICT/media in the senior school.

Other items the school recommends parents/carers purchase

- Protective case
- Pointing device (mouse or stylus)
- Onsite warranty (Next Business Day (NDB) Onsite Warranty is STRONGLY recommended)
- Accidental Damage Protection insurance (ADP) preferably from the manufacturer

Where do I purchase a BYOD computer/tablet

The school does not prescribe a brand or model of computer but rather recommends a device that meets Device Specifications. Computers/tablets can be purchased locally. As mentioned above, the school highly recommends that Onsite Warranty and Accidental Damage Protection Insurance are purchased with the device as the cost of repairs can be extremely expensive.

Why do we operate a BYOD program?

The BYOD program was first implemented in 2015 for students interested in using their own computer at school. BYOD has been implemented to replace the Digital Education Revolution (DER) program which ended in 2013.

Teaching staff expressed a desire to expand the computer usage across the school. This allows each subject to move from physical to electronic texts over time, to deliver lessons with a unified teaching methodology across all year groups and to bring rich learning experiences to all students. All faculties are committed to developing increased integration of the BYOD program over the coming years.

I’m concerned about the costs

The purchase of a device is a major decision and a significant expense. A good quality device may last from Year 7 to Year 10 and, viewed over four years, the expense is considerably less. Smithfield State High School has taken strides to integrate student computing device usage into many aspects of teaching and learning. This investment allows the school to maximise learning outcomes for all students.

BYOD 2017

Smithfield State High School
BYOD Program

In 2017, students in Year 7, 8 – 12 Academy classes and Year 11 and 12’s in Certificate courses are expected to bring their own computing device to school every day. All other students in Years 8 – 12 are encouraged to bring their own computing device.

What is BYOD?

- BYOD recognises that technology and choices about technology are very much personal.
- BYOD acknowledges technology in education enhances opportunities to meet specific curriculum requirements.
- BYOD is designed to give you, as students and families, freedom to make technology choices that suit you and all your circumstances.

What type of device can we bring?

A range of devices in a range of price categories that meet the device specification requirements.

- Windows PC/tablet with i3 (or equivalent for juniors) or i5 (or equivalent for seniors)
- Windows 8, 10
- Minimum of 4GB RAM
- Wireless networking capacity (Wi Fi)
- Minimum battery life of 6 hours to cover the school

Required Software

Microsoft Office – ‘Microsoft Office Student Advantage’ allows students to install the Office suite of software at no cost to families. Microsoft Office can be downloaded from the school website: Support and Resources > Student Resources > BYOD.
The school is committed to our obligations as a public education institution to deliver the same learning outcomes to all our students, no matter their families’ financial means.

We have developed an Equity Policy to operate alongside our BYOD Policy. The Equity Policy outlines a number of strategies the school may take, in consultation with you, to augment access to information and communication technologies.

**I’m concerned about device security**

The school does not own BYO devices, support the device or warranty the device. Experience from the previous Commonwealth-funded Digital Education Revolution scheme indicates that students who took good care of their device and considered themselves the device’s owner rarely had device security issues.

If you are concerned the device is going to be broken, lost or stolen, you may wish to consider specific accidental damage insurance for the device. You can specifically list the item on your home contents insurance, or you can purchase an Accidental Damage Protection Insurance plan for your student’s device. Accidental Damage Protection is available as an option for all devices with the Acer and Dell portals.

**Details and Feedback**

The ‘one-stop shop’ for everything BYOD is the school website – There is a BYOD link on the home page.

http://www.smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au

If you have questions or feedback on the Smithfield State High School BYOD Program, you can contact the Bring Your Own Device Delivery Team byod@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au.

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**Term 1, 2017 BELL TIMES**

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A Parade schedule will be released each Term. All students must be at school by 8.25am on these days.

Contacting Principal or Deputy Principals

Please note, as from January 2017, the contact email for the Principal and Deputy Principals will change slightly. Please refer to the table below.

If you would like to contact the Principal or the Deputy Principals please call their secretaries on the numbers listed.

Principal 4058 principal@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au
4308 (Jayne)

Deputy Principal 4058 dprincipal@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au
4313 (Sabine)

Deputy Principal 4058 dprincipal@smithfieldshs.eq.edu.au
4314 (Stella)

Communication tools for parents

Facebook

The Tropical North Learning Academy – Smithfield State High School facebook® site is up and running. Please take the time to go to the site and ‘like’ what you see. It is regularly updated with news and events from the school.

https://www.facebook.com/
Smithfield-State-High-School-Tropical-North-Learning-Academy-864518933641597/?fref=ts

QPARENTs

The QParents app is available from the app store. Parents/carers need to contact the school and sign the appropriate documentation to offer them a portal to their students’ data at school. Attendance, behaviour, outstanding fees, to name a few, are available through the app.

Term Dates 2017

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2017 Student Resource Fees (School Fees)

Invoices for the 2017 Student Resource Scheme will be raised during Week 2 of 2017.

Fees will remain the same as 2016 with Year 7 – 9 being $320 per year and $350 for Year 10 – 12. Families with 3 or more students enrolled at Smithfield State High School will receive a $100 discount.

The school’s budget is formulated on the presumption that fees will be paid by the end of Term 1. Resources and textbooks are ordered and payment committed in the previous year. It is important payment is received on time.

Failure to comply with payment of school fees may result in your student being unable to participate in out of school activities, excursions or act as a representative of the school.

Payment plans including Centrelink deductions or regular credit card deductions are available through the Finance office. If you wish to arrange a regular deduction from your Centrelink account or credit card please download and complete the appropriate form below and return to the school office.

For families who currently have a credit card deduction plan in place for 2016 and wish to continue this in 2017 please email Tina Stevens your intention to do this.

OLD UNIFORMS FOR SICKBAY

If you have any uniforms that are no longer required or have been outgrown and are still in good condition, could you please hand them into Admin as we need them for the sickbay.

We are in desperate need for Boys shorts and Junior Shirts..

Thank You.
If you have any questions regarding the Student Resource Scheme or payment plan options please contact Tina Stevens 4058 4307 or tstev153@eq.edu.au.

School Bus Travel 2017

School bus travel assistance forms are now available to be downloaded from the link below for 2017.

Completed forms are to be given to a bus driver or sent to Loves Bus Service, PO Box 951, CAIRNS 4870, before the end of this school year.

Those needing to fill out a form are:
Students going from grades 6 to 7, anyone who has changed address (even if you have moved next door), or if a student is repeating a year level.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017

The 2017 stationery lists are attached for individual year levels; you will also find a copy of the lists on the school website. This year the school will not be selling stationery packs. Please discuss with your child what subjects they are studying, as not all students study all subjects. If you already have certain items, e.g. calculator, there is no need to purchase a new one.

Thank you to Blue Moon Grill, Trinity Beach, for your continued support in 2016

Road Safety Message from your Local MP Craig Crawford

School holidays are upon us and it’s a good time to think about the safety of you and your family on the road. With more people on the roads it means there is a greater risk for road users.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to improving road safety for Queenslanders, but we can’t do it alone. If we all make a little effort, together we can ensure Queenslanders get home safely.

If you’re planning a family road trip this holiday season, make sure you plan ahead, stick to the speed limit and take a break every two hours.

Tips to make a difference on the road:

- Watch your speed - With nearly half of all speed-related crashes occurring at just 10 km/hr over the speed limit, it’s important we change the way we look at speed not only for the holiday periods, but every time we get behind the wheel.
- Rest up, don’t drink up - Plan to get plenty of sleep the night before a road trip and avoid drinking alcohol all together. You’ll sleep better and drive safer the next day.
- Park your calls - Switch your phone to silent or flight mode on the road. If you have a passenger make them your designated texter and get them to take your calls.
- Stay focused and avoid driving tired - Plan rest stops every two hours and take a break for at least 15 minutes when you stop. Swap drivers if you can and don’t drive for more than 10 hours in one day.
- Service for safety - Before you hit the road, make sure your vehicle has been serviced and is safe. Plus it’s a great idea to check your tyres, water and oil before you go.
- Plan your journey and check the road ahead - Information on road closures, roadworks and conditions can help you avoid delays and get there sooner. Call 13 19 40 or visit www.131940.qld.gov.au for info
- For a range of road safety tips and to brush up on your road rules before heading off this summer, visit: www.jointhedrive.qld.gov.au.

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Member for Barron River

From all of us at Smithfield SHS