Hi everyone

Have you thought about the education your child is receiving and if it is really preparing them best for the future world they will be moving into?

We have and we want to do all we can to best prepare students for 21st century jobs/careers/futures!

Our idea is to develop the 21st Century Literate Graduate model for Smithfield.

We will identify the key skills/knowledge students need and ensure we are explicitly teaching these at every opportunity.

To assist us develop the skillsets of the Literate Graduate, we are holding a Community Consultation Forum on September 16 in our Library from 5-6 pm.

At the forum, we will explore the compelling case for schools to address this and then brainstorm the key 21st century skills and knowledge we wish to embed across our school.

I invite you to attend this forum as it will be both informative and worthwhile in positioning our school for the future success of our students.

Last week we had a great showcase of our talented music and dance students at both our school celebration parade and the ‘100 Years Since’ concert at Fogarty Park on Saturday evening. Both were superb events and our students were so professional and performed with passion. A big thanks to Majella Pike, Cameron Nicholls, Rachel Terry and all others who assisted in both events.

Finally, can I remind of two major developments to assist you in communicating with the school.

1. QParents – please sign up for this program and refer to earlier emails about the program.

As always, a privilege to be your Principal,

Barry Courtney

Semester 2 Assessment Planners

Students and parents are able to see dates for all assessment items in every subject in OneSchool. Students can see their own planner/schedule when they log into OneSchool on their Homepage. The planner is one of the reports in the dropdown box. We encourage students to print this document and keep it in the space where they do their homework, so they are able to plan to have all assessment done on time and to their best ability.

We encourage all parents to assist their child(ren) to be prepared for all assessment, by looking at the planner and reminding their son/daughter of due dates.

Students and parents are welcome to contact the school if they are having difficulties accessing this important information.

Sue Davidson
Deputy Principal Senior School

Year 10 Senior Education & Training Plans

All Year 10 students should have submitted their preferred pathway and subjects for Year 11 by now.

Senior staff are now reviewing student selections to check their eligibility and suitability for the pathway and subjects. Meetings will be conducted with students, and sometimes parents, where concerns are identified.

The school is looking to place every student in a pathway that will lead them to success in Years 11 and 12. This means attainment of the Qld Certificate of Education, an OP that will give them entry to university, and/or VET certificates.

Parents are encouraged to speak with their sons/daughters about their preferences and any feedback from senior staff.
Some students have already been given Success Contracts to encourage them to focus on their studies in this second semester of Year 10 so that they are eligible for their preferred pathway/subjects.

We invite parents to contact the school if they have questions or concerns at this important time in their child’s education journey.

*Sue Davidson*
*Deputy Principal Senior School*

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**Year 6 into 7 Information Evening**

**Smithfield State High School**

**Tropical North Learning Academy**

**Year 7 2016**

**Enrolment Information Sessions**

**Tuesday 25th August 2015**

5.30pm

Venue: Smithfield State High School Q Block Theatre

**Thursday 27th August 2015**

5.30pm

Venue: Trinity Beach State School Library

At these evenings, Mr Paul Charles, Deputy Principal Junior Secondary, will address parents of students in Year 6 about their enrolment at Smithfield State High School for Year 7 in 2016.

This evening follows on from the student subject presentations conducted by Ms Kellie Read to Year 6 students at their respective primary schools, and will be an opportunity for parents to find out about current enrolment procedures, subjects and school policies affecting their purchases and preparations for student entry into high school.

Enrolment Forms for Year 7 2016 can be filled out and submitted on the night of attendance. If you have an enrolment package please bring it with you.

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**QSchools Smartphone App**

The QSchools App is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about Queensland State schools.

The App is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites and is automatically updated when a school updates their website with the latest news, newsletters, events and information.

App users can also access tuckshop and uniform shop information, class times and school social media pages that are available on the school’s website.

Emergency announcements, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, are published via the App.

The App is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the App manages updates from multiple schools in a single view.

All Queensland State schools are searchable via the App, however only schools who have upgraded their school website with Websites for Schools will benefit from all the features of the App.

**Features of the app to benefit parents/caregivers:**

- access the latest school news and calendar events, tuckshop and uniform shop information
- receive emergency announcements and information around school closures
- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb and view school contact details
- follow multiple schools
- free for schools and parents


For more information regarding QParents please click here.

For information regarding registering for QParents please click here.

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**Examining School Engagement with Parents**

We are asking parents to give us their perceptions about the ways in which schools currently engage parents in learning partnerships and decision-making processes.

Griffith University and the Far North Queensland region of Education Queensland are working together to gather information and to ascertain the perceptions of both parents and schools regarding the ways in which schools can engage parents in learning partnerships and decision making to facilitate meaningful programs and outcomes for all students at the school including those students with diverse needs and disabilities such as autism spectrum disorder and ESL. After perceptions of both parents and school staff have been gathered, we will work with teams of school leaders and
parents to develop a process that schools can take to use the data provided by parents and school staff to identify roles that parents can play in school processes and actions they can take to engage parents in collaborative learning partnerships and decision-making processes in their school.

In the first stage of our project, we are asking parents to complete this survey about their perceptions of the current ways in which their child’s school communicates and engages with parents. This survey should only take a maximum of 30 minutes and will provide us with an overview of the perception of parents at your child’s school. We are also collecting information from teachers at the school in a similar survey as well as in focus groups. After we have collected all of the information, we will compare the results from both groups to see where they align and differ on effective practices and those areas which need more work. We will then work with both staff and parents to develop strategies to address these priorities and areas of need and implement them in the school.

Please be assured that all of the information you provide is confidential. You may complete the survey anonymously if you choose. If you do provide your name or any identifying information, this will only be known to Dr. Webster. Your identity will not be released to persons in Education Queensland.

You can ask to be provided with a brief report of the results of the the parent and teacher surveys and the overall research project by e-mailing Dr. Webster at a.webster@griffith.edu.au. In addition, a copy will be placed on your school website and will be disseminated to participants in an information session at the end of the year.

If you have any questions or would like to provide further information, please contact Dr. Webster at 041884922 or a.webster@griffith.edu.au.

To access the survey, please click the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parentengagement

Parenting Articles

With Father’s Day fast approaching on Sunday September 6, please take the time to read the following interesting parenting articles.

Year 12 Mathematics C - Show Excursion

On Wednesday the 15 July, the Year 12 Mathematics C class attended the Cairns Show as part of the Semester 2 unit involving Circular Motion. The students had to research at least three rides and then discuss all movements (both basic and advanced) and using gathered data, calculate acceleration, velocity and forces on the rider.

Our thanks go out to the Cairns show society and the owners of the rides who were kind enough to allow us to enter the grounds at a reduced cost and experience the rides for free.

National Science Week

On Wednesday August 19 as part of National Science Week, two of our year 7 classes were lucky enough to visit “Science Express” at the Tanks Art Centre. 7A and 7E accompanied by their teachers Ms Mulqueen and Ms Blyth attended the event which was run by James Cook University (JCU).

Students got to view parasites under a microscope as well as listen to lectures from university staff such as Associate Professor Jamie Seymour on topics including the work JCU are doing to eliminate dengue fever.

Students also got to work on a scenario where they return from 10 years working on a space station, only to find all human life has disappeared on Earth!! They had to collect evidence and develop theories as to what had occurred!

The students thoroughly enjoyed the excursion and the activities, and acted in a manner that was a credit to our school. Well Done 7A and 7E!!

International Students

It’s hard to believe that we are already over half way through the term, and for some of our International students this means that they will be going home soon. However, they will take some great memories with them.

The Year 11 students are getting very excited about the upcoming camp and will no doubt have some great stories to tell and photos to view when they are back.

The Year 10 students were excited to go on a recent trip to Green Island where they experienced a magical day on the reef; see the article below.

Remember if you are interested in becoming a homestay provider please contact Donna Lupson with any queries about how to become a provider. Donna can be contacted on 4058 4361 or dlups0@eq.edu.au

My role in the programme is as the International Student Programme Co-ordinator, and I work with the students in the school setting, with regard to their daily school life including academic and pastoral care. I can be contacted in the L Block Staffroom, or 4058 4338 or druss67@eq.edu.au.

Denise Russell
International Student Programme Co-ordinator
Green Island Excursion Year 10

The day at Green Island was really nice. We got there by ferry at 8:30am in the morning.

When we first arrived at Green Island I was stunned because the water was so crystal clear and it just looked so beautiful. We were given the choice of going snorkelling or on the glass bottom boat. I chose snorkelling and we were able to borrow equipment from the island store. Snorkelling was so much fun! It was beautiful to swim in the crystal clear water, we saw many fish and some students even saw turtles.

All in all it was a really good day for this excursion, it was warm and the sun was shining. We had lots of fun.

Charlotte Bischoff-Everding, Yr 10

Learn to Dive Course

Smithfield State High School is seeking expressions of interest in a 4 Day Open Water Dive Course happening November 6-9. The course will involve 2 days pool/theory, 2 day trips on Osprey V to the Great Barrier Reef and 4 training dives.

Interested year 11 and 12 students and international students over 15 years old are encouraged to register their interest in obtaining their Open Water Dive Licence. To register or for more information please contact Donna Lupson – Homestay Coordinator as soon as possible on 4058 4361 or email dlups0@eq.edu.au.

BOOK YOUR FREE DENTAL VISIT NOW!

The school dental team visited the Years 7 and 8 recently and distributed free water as an incentive and reminder for students to remain well hydrated and to choose an inexpensive and healthy drink option.

ALL High School Students to the age of 16 years (year 10) are eligible for FREE dental examinations and further treatment if needed. Orthodontic advice is also available.

Appointments can be arranged by parents / guardians for students to be seen at the Smithfield Community Health Centre, Danbulan Street, Smithfield by phoning 4226 4800.

Clinic appointment times can be made from Monday to Friday, between 8am and 3pm including school holidays. We look forward to seeing you and your family very soon!

Yours in Good health

Smithfield School Dental Team

P & C News

Fundraising Trivia Night

Don’t miss it! The P & C Committee’s Trivia Night fundraising event is on this Friday 28 August, 6:30 pm in Smithfield State High School’s library. Loads of prizes to be won! Book your team of 3-6 people now.

Parents & Citizens Association

Smithfield State High School’s

TRIVIA NIGHT

6:30pm Friday, August 28, 2015
School Library

GRAB YOUR MATES and JOIN IN THE FUN!

Teams of 3-6 - $10 per person

Softdrinks available / BYO Nibbles & Alcohol

Raffles and heaps of PRIZES to be won!

Contact Kevin Smith for team bookings ksmith335@eq.edu.au
New lockers have arrived
Additional lockers have been installed in the school and are available to hire now. To arrange a locker for your student, they can either collect a Locker Agreement Form from the tuckshop OR email pandc@smithfields.hs.eq.edu.au, and enter “Locker” in the Subject line.

Jennifer
P & C Locker Group

Congratulations P & C President, Keith Seaton
The staff and students of Smithfield State High School would like to offer our sincere congratulations to our P & C President, Keith Seaton, for recently being awarded Cairns Police-Citizens Youth Club’s regional Volunteer of the Year Award.

To view the full article as published in the Cairns Post, Thursday August 13 click here.

School Cleaner Position Available
A vacancy as a permanent school cleaner has become available as Smithfield State High School. The position works split shifts, Monday to Friday. Hours are:

Morning - 5:30am to 8:30am
Afternoon - 2:30pm to 5:30pm

Additional Hours are worked to cover time off in school holidays. Please forward your written application, outlining any relevant experience to:

Robyn Robinson - Office Manager
mrob170@eq.edu.au or
PO Box 500, Smithfield, QLD 4878

Please contact Robyn on 4058 4305 with any enquiries regarding the position.

Closing date for applications is 4.00pm, Wednesday 9 September 2015.

Applications can also be sent, if you wish to be considered for casual relief and short term contracts.

A criminal history check may be initiated on the successful applicant by the Queensland Police Service. Confirmation of employment is conditional upon the preferred applicant being issued with a Blue Card from the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA).

You may be required to complete a period of probation in accordance with the Public Service Act 2008. A non-smoking policy applies in Queensland government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

Music and more!
Jazz Academy and Instrumental Music has had a very busy few weeks, with Band Tour and our full School Music Assembly.
On Saturday night at Fogarty park, students had the opportunity to join Cairnsbands and 1RAR in a combined concert for Soldier On. Our students held their own on stage in both group and solo performances to share with everyone their passion for music. Thanks to Cairnsbands and the Band of the First Battalion for their continued support and encouragement.

**The Arts Department**

An important part of Visual Arts is to gain an understanding of Australia’s unique and diverse Indigenous Art form. Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) is a unique three-day event that merges an art market with a celebration of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

On Friday, July 31 students from Smithfield State High School were given the opportunity to be guided through the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Exhibition that was held at the Cairns Regional Gallery along with exhibitions and displays at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal.

This was a great opportunity for students to view works by the range of artists being represented at the event from across the country and to glean an understanding of the position of the Indigenous Art Industry in Australia and the artists, cultural centres and galleries operating within it.

**FROM THE SPORTSDESK**

Smithfield State High School (SSHS) students have continued to represent our school and the wider community in brilliant style. We have recently had over 70 students represent our school at the Trinity Coast North (TCN) athletics carnival competing against other secondary school, from town all the way to Mossman. Also our newest year level is seizing the opportunity to showcase our talents in our new district in the Barron River competitions.

I was fortunate enough to attend both of these carnivals and was delighted with the manner in which our students conducted themselves throughout the day both in the competition and the support they showed for our competitors. Our TCN competitors contested diligently all day to place 4th overall out of the 12 schools competing. The early banter, particularly from our year 11 students, is that they believe we are better than this and have already set their sights on making the dais next year.

From this championship we had 23 students selected for the Peninsula trials. A number of them have been training hard through their lunch times in a bid to make the side which will contest the State titles in Brisbane in late October. A huge congratulations to RHYS MAPSTONE (Yr 8) who placed third in the overall standings in the U/13 age group, a great performance in a hotly contested field.

SSHS is certainly revelling in the new opportunities provided with the inclusion of our latest year level. We are now for the first time ever competing at Barron River District events also, and we are definitely seeing some terrific individual performances.

Due to the age barrier SSHS can only enter a small number of competitors (and we therefore will not feature in the placings), however the small team that contested the day definitely were great representatives for the school. Our students really enjoyed the day and the sportsmanship they displayed was of the highest calibre.

**Kaine Salmon (Yr 7)** has etched his name into our school record books with his magnificent individual performances at the Barron River event, being the first ever student from our school to be awarded AGE CHAMPION at the district event.

Well done Kaine.

Once again dedicated readers I have gone to great lengths to once more amaze you with my undeniable mastery of technology, and have created a visual feast to display some of our wonderful athletes in the heat of the battle at both of these carnivals. Check out the videos below.

http://vimeo.com/137192900

*Watch the highlights from Barron River District*

http://vimeo.com/137192899

*Watch the highlights from Trinity Coast North*
Three of our students; Morgan Cotrel, Zaine Cahill-Burchill (Yr 7) and Jamie Ashlin (Yr 8) recently competed at the Far North Queensland Regional gymnastics championships. All boys experienced great success gaining positions in both the individual and team events in the FNQ team. Morgan had a particularly impressive meet finishing second overall. The boys are now back to focussed training in preparation for the State Championships in Brisbane in September. Best of luck boys.

Morgan Cotrel & Jamie Ashlin  Zaine Cahill-Burchill

RISING STAR SPORTING PROFILE

NAME: Max Culpitt

What are the sporting highlights of your career this far?
So far winning my 3rd league’s MVP (voted as best player from all teams in the competition) and definitely playing for the U/15 State team at the National championships in Victoria.

What is the most enjoyable aspect of your sport/s?
I enjoy every part of footy, particularly getting the chance to play in the older age groups. This is awesome and really helps to develop as a footballer.

A typical training week for me is:
MONDAY- Gold Coast Suns Academy training, TUESDAY Club training, WEDNESDAY Gold Coast Suns Academy training, THURSDAY- Club Training, FRIDAY- U/17 game, Saturday Rest, Sunday- U/15 game

Who was/is the toughest opposition/player you compete against?
Angus O”Sughrue (yr 12) was tough in our curtain raiser to the Suns V Bulldogs game. Plus there was a host of talent at the Nationals.

What would be the ultimate achievement for you in this sport?
The ultimate for me would be getting drafted as soon as possible.

A quote that motivates you:
“If it is to be, it’s up to me”, Tommy Hafey