Hi Everyone

Exciting times ahead as we move into the final stages of the year. We have just had our Yr. 12 Formal, Presentation Evening is approaching and before we know it, they will have passed.

So let me point out some key points moving forward:-

• Our results across the school have almost reached 90% A-C in all subjects in all year levels. This is an 18% increase since 2012! Bottom line, students are learning more and better. We sit on 88.4% Term 3 and I am confident we can achieve the 90% threshold.

• We have undertaken a Community Forum on the skills we wish our 21st century literate graduates to have. We will be explicitly teaching these skills to our students as well reporting on them at key junctures. As well our students being literate and numerate, they will develop as :-
  - Problem solvers
  - Critical thinkers
  - Collaborative workers
  - Global learners
  - Confident communicators (in a variety of mediums)
  - Self-aware contributors

We believe this skill set will best prepare our students for the future that awaits them.

• To build our literate graduates, we must innovate and refine our teaching and learning. We are creating a number of purpose designed classroom spaces that work with this teaching, to build these skills. We will also expose our students to innovate learning units, entrepreneurial learning, Science, Technology, English, (Arts), Mathematics STE(A)M learning, coding and robotics.

Finally I hope you are accessing our Facebook site to keep up with all that is happening across the school.

Till next month,
Barry

Presentation Night 2015

Preparations are well under way for the school’s annual Presentation Night which will be held on Thursday, 29 October at the Cairns Civic Theatre.

As well as recognising our academic awards from the year, we also showcase performances by our Drama, Dance and Music students. The evening is one of the highlights of the school year and we would like to extend an invitation for you to attend.

The evening will be held at the Cairns Civic Theatre, commencing at 7:00 pm and concluding at approximately 10:00pm. We request that you arrive in time to be seated by 6.45 pm for the 7:00 pm commencement.

The names of awardees will be available on Tuesday, 20 October. If your student receives an award, you will be notified by text message and a list will also be published at school.

Please note – the school will provide and pay for tickets for students who are receiving awards and/or performing on the night. Year 7, 8 and 12 students will be given priority to ticket allocation and performers will remain backstage and thus not require a ticket.
Tickets for family members are $10 per adult, $5 per child (Primary school age). To cater for our additional cohort this year, tickets will be limited to 3 per family. To purchase tickets please phone Ticketlink on 1300 855 835 or book online at www.ticketlink.com.au. Families will be able to purchase additional tickets if they are still available after Monday October 26. Tickets have sold out in previous years so please be prompt with your booking.

Tickets will be available from and can be collected from Ticketlink, which is situated at the Cairns Civic Theatre from Tuesday October 20. If you need any special requirements, for example, wheelchair access, aisle seating etc., please advise theatre staff at the time of booking.

As this is our most formal occasion in the school calendar and is a public performance, we ask that students dress in neat semi-formal attire. Boys are expected to wear long pants, a collared shirt and closed in shoes. Please no board shorts, jeans, singlets, thongs or caps. Girls are expected to wear a dress, skirt or long pants with hemlines at or below the knee. No revealing tops or exposed midriffs. As we would not like to be in a position where students are not able to receive their awards, co-operation with this dress code would be greatly appreciated. Students who are not dressed in this manner will be at risk of not being able to receive their award on stage on the night.

If you have any further questions regarding Presentation Night please contact the school office.

**7A Innovation Project – The Future of The Great Barrier Reef**

On Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 September, Smithfield State High School’s 7A class went to the Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre (HBEEC) and Green Island where they learnt about teamwork skills and environmental issues surrounding the Great Barrier Reef and the Cairns region.

During the visit to the HBEEC, 7A participated in activities which challenged their ability to work together, communicate and cooperate. They also listened to various presentations from an array of significant people in our community around the social and economic issues surrounding The Great Barrier Reef.

At Green Island, the class explored the workings of a desalination plant and water recycling. They also looked at the impact of tourism and how most jobs in the Cairns region rely on Cairns’ tourism industry. Students also participated in a beach clean-up where they found that the most common form of litter was plastic.

Overall, students had a great time at HBEEC and Green Island and they collected lots of data for our Innovation Project. We would like to thank Quicksilver for their support with our project and making this trip possible.

We look forward to sharing more of our project news throughout Term 4.
Tropical North Learning Academy plan for ‘Crabby Futures’

On Thursday 16 September 2015, 6 select students were invited to the Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre, along with staff from the Tropical North Learning Academy. The point being to plan an innovative 21st Century learning project called ‘Crabby Futures’.

This was the first official meeting with students and adults, to plan and discuss the project. From 11.00 am- 2.00 pm, the Crabby Futures team started planning.

After the first meeting a schedule has been made for the upcoming weeks.

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<td>The students will form teams and create a team investigation question and project. This will be related to the Scylla Serrata and how its affected by weather, predators and changes to habitat.</td>
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Throughout the duration of the project, the partnerships between the Tropical North Learning Academy, James Cook University, the Department of Ag & Fisheries, Terrain, and Infofish will be cemented.

The end goal for this project is to have found out why the number of mud crabs is declining, and have a solution for the problem.

Written by Zahra Bartlett

Year 12 Formal

International Students

It’s hard to believe that we are so near the end of the year! We farewelled Study Abroad students; Sarah, the two Federicas' Julianne, Lara, Laura and Max Zimmer at the end of last term.

Farewell party for students who left at the end of Term 3

This term Jacapo Invernizzi from Italy joined us in Year 11. Jacapo will be here for Terms 1 & 2 next year as well and you can read his profile below.

Our Graduate Programme too, is getting bigger and bigger. We have 20 students across Years 7-12, and whilst Erickewec, Lisa and Eltonia graduate this year we already have eight new GP students enrolled for the beginning of next year along with three confirmed Study Abroad students (so far!)

A big thankyou to Fiona Pitman who assumed the role of International Student Programme Manager whilst Sue Davidson was on leave. Donna, the students and I all appreciated your support and guidance in Sue’s absence.

Remember if you are interested in becoming a homestay provider you need to speak to Donna Lupson. Donna can be contacted in room T107, on 40584361 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 40584338 or druss67@eq.edu.au

Denise Russell
Jacapo Invernizzi

I come from a small village between Milano and Bergamo in Italy. My family is composed of my parents Emilio and Roberta, my two older brothers Matteo (24) and Tommaso (21) and me. My father (55) is the manager of a company and my mother (50) is a housewife. Matteo is studying Law at university in Milano and Tomasso is studying Commerce and Languages at the same Uni.

I'm 16 and I go to school near Bergamo where I study humanistic subjects like Greek and Latin. In my spare time I like playing Soccer or going out with my friends; but I like every kind of sport.

I decided to do the International Student Programme at first to improve my English, but I also think it gives you an opportunity to learn the culture of others and to meet new people.

For this programme I chose Australia because my eldest brother came here in 2009 for 3 months and lived at Trinity Beach.

I hope this experience will give me what I expect.

Resource Centre Update

Computer Monitors for Sale

Add a second monitor to your computer. Stretch your desktop for extra space and visibility. We are selling used computer monitors (pictured near Mr Lever below) for only $20 for 45cm and $10 for 38cm. Most come with power cord and VGA cable. Try before you buy? At these prices they make very cheap stand-by monitor or desktop extension. All proceeds go back into school IT facilities. Call us to learn more or call in to the library to select a monitor. Ph. 40584349

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On Friday 28 August fourteen ex-students from the 1995 cohort visited our school for their 20 Year Reunion. They enjoyed a school tour which took in the practical classes of Chemistry, Industrial Design and Technology, Website Design, Music, and Fitness in the gym. Much discussion took place as they observed the school’s physical changes and the new classroom technology with the variety of subjects now on offer.

Our current students’ attitude in these classes was exemplary as they interacted politely with the visitors. They displayed their talents and practical skills with no inhibition and did the school proud with their behaviour. Thanks to the teachers of these classes for their participation in the tour.

Current teaching staff who were at Smithfield High in 1995: Rob Ham, Greg Howard, Greg Martin and Jill Joyce were joined by Bill Colgrave and Glenn Best to share morning tea and memories with the former students. A poignant speech by Deputy Principal Paul Charles was a meaningful reminder of our school’s influence on students’ personal characters for life.

Special thanks to our library staff who created a welcoming display with posters and presented the historical year books for perusal.
After a long season finally it was time to present our 2015 CISSA sporting awards. This year the school hosted a special sporting parade, a ceremony to rival the Daly M awards or the Brownlow (except for the glitz, glamour, media frenzy, the flowing gowns of the WAGS etc.). It was a great opportunity to pay homage to our coaches for the tireless efforts and of course to officially recognise the outstanding contribution to the school these teams make. Of the 10 teams in the competition we had 4 contest grand finals with two of those being victorious. These great results will see Smithfield remain in the premier division for next season. Congratulations to all players and coaches for a great season and to the individual award recipients below.

**MOSSMAN 7s RUGBY LEAGUE AND NETBALL**

After a brief exodus from this run long living competition the mighty Salties returned this year to the delight of the 4 teams that went to represent the school.

**UNDER 13 NETBALL**

Junior netball coach Wood had her young side well prepped and ready to go. Their first game against Redlynch was a close contest with the girls going down by 3. Ms Wood regrouped the young side in the break and the girls certainly heeded the expertise past on beating Woree SHS. Their third game was a defeat to a classy Trinity bay team. Coach Wood was super impressed with the team’s ball control and the determination they played with throughout the tournament. Reluctant to single any one player out as she was so impressed with the whole team however when pressed she felt that Iona Mura, Codi Emery and April Flint were best on court. Congratulations to all players.
team was a formidable force and the boys certainly stepped up to the challenge. Matt “GENERAL” Dooley was outstanding in guiding his side around and the boys responded. Zane Knowles’s defence and game reading was crucial at keeping us in the game. Nathan “CELERY” Elery’s dis allowed effort in the corner though proved the difference as the boys went down by one. The final game for the boys found our fitness lacking and the speedsters from Trinity Bay made good use of our tired legs running away with a victory. The team certainly played some outstanding football and were a little unlucky not to feature at the pointy end of the competition.

UNDER 15 NETBALL

Fresh form their Vicki Wilson Cup exploits Coach Wilson and his side were well prepared heading into the round robin tournament. First up opponents Redlynch proved a tough cookie to crack and in fact it couldn’t be cracked, as the team played out a draw. The girls though got the momentum they were searching for in a resounding victory over Woree SHS, before getting a reality check from Trinity Bay SHS. At the conclusion of the round robin the girls were on equal points and goal difference, all locked up with first round opponents Redlynch. A 7 minute game decider ensued to see who would play Mareeba in the semi-finals. The Salty spirit shone brightly as the girls took the win by 2, thanks to some sharp shooting form Jemma Knowles. Running on these emotions Mareeba posed little threat as the Smithfield team outplayed them in all facets in the semi booking a place in the main game against Bentley Park. The final was a very tight game with no side able to truly assert any authority. Brooke Preston and Chelsea Oxlade formed a formidable defensive combination coming up with some crucial intercepts; however it was not to be their day eventually succumbing by 2 goals. Well done to all players and Coach Wilson on a great performance, and with so many young players in the team perhaps the chance to bring the trophy home next year.

UNDER 15 RUGBY LEAGUE

The boys trained hard during their lunch times in readiness for this competition and it certainly proved worthwhile getting off to a flying start against Redlynch. Winstan “CEMENT” Daki proved to be a wrecking ball playing havoc with the Redlynch defence. The game however did not fall the way for the Salties going down in a tight contest. Coach Dowling analysed the game and had a new plan ready to take on second round opponents Woree SHS (eventual winners). This

UNDER 16 GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE

For a group of girls who were still learning the fundamentals of passing, catching and tackling only a week ago it was amazing to see the performances they produced on the day. Host school Mossman SHS were the team’s first ever game of rugby league and it would appear a game that the girls would revel in. Kate Murray welcomed her opponents to the sport with some of the biggest hits of the tournament much to the delight of her team mates and the mass of supporters. Nikita Herd and Paris Quodling showed that the girls also had some skills putting together a silky little passage down the left hand side to go over in the corner. The girls recorded a 6-2 victory. Woree SHS (eventual winners) were certainly a big side and proved to be a game great for tackling practice. Aniva Feleleai and Lucy Fraser revelled in the contest throwing themselves at the biggest targets they could find. Kate Polley found speed she didn’t know she had scoring a length of the field run away try after beating the line with some deft footwork. Woree though were too strong running away 6 tries to 2. Mareeba SHS proved to be just as tough as our previous game with some classy players in the side. Grace Rabo took it upon herself to inject some power into the game with a blinding run and a Greg Ingliss esque palm which absolutely flattened her opponent as she crossed for one of the sides 2 tries. The teams met again in the semi-final and despite some inspirational words from Captain Aniva Feleleai at half time the girls again could not match the game smarts of the regular players in the Mareeba side. Well done to all the players on a terrific day, you were excellent ambassadors for not only women in rugby league but women in sport.

Continuing with our Rugby League theme this issue we delve into the brain of an extremely talented young footballer; Jack Dooley is this month’s RISING STAR.
RISING STAR SPORTING PROFILE
JACK DOOLEY

What are the sporting highlights of your career so far?

The sporting highlights of my career so far have been making the Cairns Representative Rugby League team from U12s to U16s, one of only 4 boys to do so, being selected in the Northern Pride Academy for the past 3 years and my highest achievement so far is being selected in the Under 16s NQ Marlins Rugby League team this year.

What is the most enjoyable aspect of your sport/s?

Playing alongside my mates.

A typical training week for me is:

During footy season I train for rugby league on Monday and Wednesday nights and play Friday nights for Club. I also have Northern Pride training once a month on a Monday night. I go to the gym 4 days a week and when playing Cairns Rep it is an extra 3 trainings a week.

Outside footy season I go to the gym 4-5 times a week as well as boxing 2 times a week. I normally play touch footy but this year I am playing futsal on a Friday night.

Who was/is the toughest opposition/player you compete against?

When I was in Brisbane playing for the NQ Marlins in the Qld State titles and we played against Wide Bay Bulls and they beat us in the finals and won the Qld State title.

What would be the ultimate achievement for you in this sport?

To play in the NRL preferably getting a contract with the Cowboys so I can be close the family and friends.

A quote that motivates you:

Success is an Iceberg.

On recent form we could see this youngster on the big stage. A very insightful quote also certainly one that we often take for granted when we see our peers succeed, it is important that we remember the huge amount they sacrifice to experience the highs of success. Well done Jack.

ALASTAIR YEABSLEY
SPORTS COORDINATOR

QParents is here!!! – For all parents who haven’t taken up the offer….

Great news: Tropical North Learning Academy – Smithfield SHS is proud to be one of the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents. The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer. QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour details
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. Invitations for parents to register for QParents were sent out in term 3; if you did not receive it please contact us.

QParents won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about
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
