From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Acting Principal

In my first newsletter I would initially like to wish Tony Kennedy all the very best in his new position as Principal at Toowoomba State High School. Tony was here at Pittsworth as Principal for the better part of nine years and he leaves the school by all normal measures in a very healthy state and this is in no small way due to his passion and leadership. I know he is very keen to return on Awards Night on Wednesday 2nd November to farewell the students and the community.

I thought I’d take the opportunity to introduce myself and give you some background. I am substantively Deputy Principal at Nanango State High School and have been in that role for more than a decade. My teaching area prior to moving into school leadership roles was Manual Arts (now called Industrial Skill). I became a teacher after doing an apprenticeship in Patternmaking (check Google) at the Toowoomba Foundry, far too long ago to disclose here. My wife and I have lived in Kingaroy throughout my tenure at Nanango and our three children all attended schools in Kingaroy and Nanango.

I was very excited when the opportunity came up to act as Principal at Pittsworth High for this Term. In my short time here I have developed some excellent impressions of the students, staff and community, and I am very much looking forward to the rest of this year.

Arts Showcase week

An amazing range of Arts activities have been happening in the school as this newsletter goes to print, a band tour of local schools, dance and circus workshops, dance performances, painting activities which all culminated in an Arts Showcase evening on Thursday. Fantastic to see so many students taking advantage of these opportunities. I would like to thank Chloe Rickard for her great efforts in coordinating this week.

2017 Student Leadership Structure

Year 11 students are currently nominating for leadership positions for 2017. This is an exciting opportunity for students in the school’s Jubilee year to be the first student leaders under the new ‘Vertical Structure’. Students will nominate for the positions of School Captain (male and female) and then there are two House Prefects for each of the three Houses long with a President and Treasurer of the Student Representative Council.

The vertical structure referred to relates to what are now care groups. These have been arranged in year levels and in 2017 will be organised in Houses, these Home groups will contain students from each year level. Many schools are structured this way and it has shown to be a great opportunity for Senior students to show maturity and leadership while younger students are able to mix and interact with older students.

Year 12

I spoke to the Year 12 group this week about the importance of Term 4. It is often the case that students in Year 12 see Term 4 as the ‘slide in to the finish’ and can tend to reduce the effort they put in to their study. After the pressure of QCS and exam blocks etc at the end of Term 3 and with only a short Term 4 this is very tempting.

Can I encourage students and families to maintain their best effort all the way to the end, it really is the only way of ensuring the best result possible.

P&C

The monthly P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday, 18th October in the Administration building, all are welcome.

John Lofthouse
Acting Principal

2016 CALENDAR ITEMS

October
15 - Car Boot Sale
18 - P&C Meeting, 6pm
19 - Homework Club
20 - Home Economics Dinner
21 - Yr 11 & 12 Rec Studies Surfing
24 - Yr 9 RE
12 - Annual Mayoral Prayer Breakfast
26 - Homework Club
26-28 - Yr 11 Leadership Camp
27 - Shake and Stir
27 - Chaplaincy Meeting, 4pm
Deputy’s Desk

Welcome Back
Hopefully you’re reading this having enjoyed a relaxing holiday and geared up for an exciting Term 4. While the Senior school looks forward to many memorable events in coming weeks, our Juniors also have a full calendar coming up that commenced with Arts Week and Evening. Year 9S will be recognised at a Transition Ceremony in early Week 10. A reminder to parents and guardians that formal uniform is compulsory on Mondays. Students not complying with this expectation will lose lunch times. Please support us in ensuring your child wears formal uniform Mondays.

Gold and Silver
With Term 3 data now released, students are invited to approach their relevant Head of Year regarding their eligibility for a Silver or Gold award. Effort and behaviour Grade Point Averages need to be 4 or above out of 5. These achievements will be acknowledged on Week 5 whole school parade and parents are most welcome to attend. Names of award recipients will be published in our next fortnight’s edition of ‘High Notes’.

Term 4 Rewards Trips
Heads of Year are already locking down end of term rewards trips for our Gold and Silver level students. Years 10 and 11 will enjoy this on their final day of term (Friday 25th November) while our Junior Secondary students will be treated Thursday 8th December. It is most likely that this trip will include a Milne Bay Aquatic Centre visit along with lunch in the Grand Central food court. More details to come.

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Uniform reminder
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Year 12 students
With the end of the year rapidly approaching I would encourage all Year 12 students to ensure that they are completing all the requirements for their subjects to the best of their ability. Teachers will be setting deadlines for final assessments and certificate modules will also be due soon for many of you. I have spoken on year level assembly to the whole cohort and indicated that from next week they could make time to see me to check potential QCE points or discuss predicted OP ranges should they wish. For those students looking to move on to further study I would encourage you to keep a close eye on timelines for QTAC applications. Finally, all Year 12 students must ensure that they have logged on to their learning account at http://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au and registered a non-school email address to use for post Year 12 communication for OP and QCE. If any students are having difficulty accessing this site, please see me urgently.

Scott McKenzie
Deputy Principal, Dean of Senior Secondary

CBSQ Basketball

Thursday, 15th September saw 18 students from Years 9 to 12 board the school bus, ready to compete in four days of challenging basketball against some of the best teams in the State at Champion Basketball Schools Queensland.

In preparation for the competition, teams trained for the entirety of Term 3 – an experience which proved essential when up against such strong opponents. The students were extremely committed to the team with both fundraising and training – ensuring that their time away was successful.

The girls team; captained by Jordan Smith and Brianna Stower: Hannah Quinn, Abbey Markey, Morgan Prentice, Brittney Allan, Anna Thomas, Caitlyn Fitzgerald and Amanda Wright. The boys team; captained by Jack Guymer: Will Wilson, Matt Lack, Brandon Gillis, Scott Fitzgerald, Marcus Allen, Owen Marsden, Alex Ferdinand and Brodie Grimshaw. These students were an absolute credit to our school, both on and off the court.

Most Valuable Player (MVP) and Player’s Player were awarded for both teams; Girls: MVP: Morgan Prentice and Player’s Player: Brittney Allan; Boys: MVP: Marcus Allen and Player’s Player: Jack Guymer.

Andrea O’Riordan and Will Curthoys

Vicki Wilson Netball

Congratulations to awards recipients following the Vicki Wilson carnivals held during last term. Senior Vicki Wilson: Brianna Stower - Best & Fairest; Jordan Smith MVP; Junior Vicki Wilson, Division 1: Sara Bradshaw - MVP, Teegan Kelly - Players’ Player and Division 2: Emily Markey MVP and Amy Sturgess Players’ Player.

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Tuckshop Roster

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Louise Mahon
Deputy Principal, Dean of Junior Secondary
Band Tour

Monday 10 October saw the Pittsworth SHS Band students leave for a tour of some of our partner schools. We played first at Mt Tyson followed by Southbrook and Brookstead. The audiences at all schools were very attentive and enjoyed asking questions about all the instruments at the end of the performance.

The band performed a selection of repertoire ranging from compositions by Strauss and Haydn through to more modern movie themes and finished with Tchaikovsky’s famous 1812 Overture.

Congratulations to the band on some great performances and thankyou to Mr Ryan and Mr McKenzie for organising the tour.

Mrs Deborah Burton

Food Hampers

CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS FOR QUEENSLAND FARMERS

Queensland is so vast, we currently have some farmers in drought, some in flood, some suffering with severe depression. These problems seem so vast and overwhelming, however if we all put in a little, we can make a big difference.

11a is currently aiming to fill ten hampers to send to farmers in need. We’re looking for good quality Christmas food (no chocolates or ‘homebrand’ please); or money donations so we can do the buying for you.

Please bring all of your donations (food or money) to T1 ASAP. We need to have all of the hampers in before the end of October.

Thanks for your valuable help and donations,

Mrs Deborah Burton

Year 12 Graduation Fundraiser

Car Boot Sale
Saturday, 15 October
7am - 1pm

$10/Site
Contact Jaime 0437 210 572 to book a spot

To be held at PSHS on front oval of school
(Toowoomba Rd)
BBQ & food stalls, Cold drinks for sale

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Whatever fits in the car is worth selling!

There will be clothing, bric-a-brac, tools, books, craft for stamping, household items, linen, and much, much more

A Bargain Hunters Paradise

Year 12 B Road Aware Program

INVITATION TO ALL YEAR 12 PARENTS

Pittsworth SHS will be facilitating a B Road Aware education session for all students in Year 12 on Monday 14th November.

The B Road Aware program is a Road Safety Dramatisation which is conducted every day in schools all over the state. This program delivers an extremely important message to our students about their safety and the safety of others.

This is considered to be especially important as Year 12 students prepare to leave school, with the program providing an opportunity for students to learn and reflect on the significance of Being Road Aware.

All parents are invited to attend this very informative and educational session to assist in promoting this safety message to our students.

The program entails selected students taking part in a role play emulating the scene of a car accident which the remainder of the group will witness. Various professionals such as the Pittsworth Ambulance, Queensland Police Service and Queensland Fire & Rescue Services will be in attendance, each will explain their role to students and provide the opportunity for discussion.

School support staff will also be present during the program to provide support to students where required.

The B Road Aware program will occur at Pittsworth SHS from approximately 9am and conclude around 12 noon – we encourage all parents to attend with their Year 12 student.

Further information will be sent home with students closer to the date.

Fiona Flegler
Youth Health Nurse

Downs Little Lifeguards

Swimming in creeks, lakes, oceans, rivers and dams is fun, but there are hidden dangers. Lets educate the children!

We are calling on children of the Darling Downs between the ages of 9-17 years to take part in the ‘Downs Little Lifeguards’ program being run by the Toowoomba Region with the support of Rojel Life Saving Society Qld.

Education topics and in water activities are based around 4 fundamentals of lifesaving:
1. Survives swimming and water safety
2. Rescue and recovery techniques
3. Aquatic environments and dangers
4. Ocean and creek awareness

23 October, 9.30am - 12.30pm Crows Nest Pool
30 October, 9.30am - 12.30pm Mine Bay Aquatic Centre Toowoomba
6 November, 9.30am - 12.30pm Pittsworth Civic Pool
13 November, 9.00am - 12 noon Leslie Dam - YMAA outdoor education facility
27 November, 9.30am - 3pm Ithaca - Caloundra City Life Saving Club (Aussie oval)

Children must be competent in swimming 50m Freestyle. Numbers will be limited.
Contact Mine Bay Aquatic Centre on 4688 6330.
Cm Herries and Victoria Street Toowoomba or email through your expression of interest to karen.hoss@life.qld.gov.au

Fiona Flegler
Youth Health Nurse
ERGON ENERGY APPRENTICESHIPS 2017

Ergon Energy has advised that Expressions of Interest for the 2017 Apprenticeship intake are now open.

Specific apprentice opportunities for 2017 include:
Electrical Powerline Linesperson (Distribution)
Electro technology Electricians

If interested in more information please see Maree in 4B or visit the Ergon website https://www.ergon.com.au/about-us/careers

STEFAN HAIRDRESSING APPRENTICESHIPS

Stefan Hair Salons are looking for Full Time and School Based Hairdressing Apprentices. To qualify for the school based position you must be in Year 12 in 2017. If interested in either positions please see Maree in 4B.

CERT II IN RURAL OPERATIONS DRONES

There are currently 15 spaces available for any Year 10 or 11 students interested in enrolling in the Drones Program for 2017. This course would be ideal for students who are enrolled in agricultural subjects for next year. If you are interested in this program, please see Mrs Holmes in 4B.

TAKE COURSES FOR 2017

Expressions of Interest for TAFE courses for 2017 are closing soon. If you are interested or would like more information please see Mrs Holmes in 4B as soon as possible. You must be 15 years of age to attend TAFE.

Home Economics students enjoyed their end of Unit trip to Eat St Markets at Hamilton last Friday. After studying the cultural influences on Australian food in Term 3, twelve young ladies took off at 1.00pm for the trek to Brisbane.

On arrival, they took the time to sample many cultural treats before partaking in a wide range of cuisines. Back on the bus at 7pm meant we arrived back home at 9.00pm. A big evening out but well worth the time taken to travel the distance for the cultural experiences.

We are grateful to Mr Van Wunnik who drove the bus and had us safely back in perfect time.

Mrs French
Home Economics Teacher

Pittsworth High Year 11 student Courtney Mason and her horse Just High competed at the Interschool National Equestrian Championships held in Sydney during the September holidays.

The National Interschool Championships attracts more than 2000 school based competitors aged 5-18 years old from right around the country. Competitors are required to qualify through from the State Interschool Championships to the National Interschool Championships.

Courtney competed in the 1 Metre Show Jumping event that consisted of three classes.

On Tuesday in the AM5 she placed 2nd, Wednesday in the Power and Speed she placed 16th and on Thursday in the AM2 Courtney and Just High placed 4th.

Courtney received 4th place for the overall event, just one point behind 3rd place. She was also part of the highest scoring State team for Show Jumping, for which they were awarded 3rd place.

This is an absolutely outstanding achievement. Well done Courtney!

(Mobile) Women’s Health Nurse - Kathryn Anning

Thursday 20th October 9:00am - 3:00pm
Will be at Allied Health Room
Beauaraba Living, Pittsworth Hospital

This is a FREE service
Bookings phone Beauaraba Living 4619 8422
Creative Generation on television this weekend

Don’t forget to tune in to Channel 10 this Saturday, 15th October at 1.30pm to see some of our talented Pittsworth High students in action in the all singing, all dancing Creative Generation: State Schools on Stage.

Chaplaincy news

Welcome to the last term of 2016! It has been exciting to see how much success our students have had throughout the term and are finishing strong. It is shaping up to be an exciting ten weeks.

Pittsworth Mayoral Prayer Breakfast
On 12th September 100 people got out of bed early to attend the second Pittsworth Mayoral Prayer Breakfast held at Club Pittsworth. The guest speaker was Brian Egan who founded the charity Aussie Helpers. Brian shared his personal story and the struggles he has faced and how Aussie Helpers was born. Thank you to all the students from the Step Up Program who wrapped all the cutlery for the breakfast. Thank you also to our Junior Secondary leaders who attended this year’s breakfast.

Second hand uniforms
The second hand uniform shop has uniforms available and we appreciate the uniform donations that we receive. Anyone wishing to purchase uniforms can do so via B1 or the school office.

Contact me
Students and parents wishing to contact me can do so through the school office (07) 4619 8111.

Kind regards,
Jason Beattie
PSHS Chaplain

50th Annual Awards Night

PITTSWORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL

An Invitation to Parents, Caregivers and Students

You are cordially invited to attend the 50th Annual Awards Night to be held on Wednesday 2 November, commencing at 7:00pm in the Pittsworth Town Hall, Park Street, Pittsworth.

This night provides us all with an opportunity to celebrate and showcase the great achievements throughout the year and to commend our students who’ve excelled across the broad range of school endeavours.

All students attending are required to wear their full formal school uniform. It is expected that students arrive by 6.40pm to allow proceedings to commence punctually at 7.00pm.

I would also like to invite you to stay and share supper upon conclusion of the ceremony. Please bring along a plate for supper.

Awards night is an important annual event and I look forward to your company on this very special occasion.

John Lofthouse
Acting Principal

PSHS Arts Week

Congratulations to all who were involved in organising and running events during Arts Week which was held from 10 - 14 October. Students have thoroughly enjoyed the week and activities.

Arts Evening on Thursday, 13th October was of particularly high standards, with all in attendance thoroughly enjoying the stalls, exhibitions and performances.
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