Dear Parents/Guardians

QCS:
Year 12 students will take part in the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test. Approximately 30,000 Year 12 students from across the state sit for the QCS test on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 August. The venue for the QCS test will be the Pittsworth Function Centre. It is critical that students are at the test venue no later than 8.00am and must have the necessary equipment, they will then be able to relax and eat prior to the commencement of the first paper. The P&C Association along with Golden West Employment Solutions will be providing breakfast and catering for lunch for students on both days of the test.

Over the two days, students have four separate test papers; a writing task, a short response item paper and two multiple choice tests. This is an important event for Senior students, it marks a significant part of the journey towards graduation. The QCS test results are used in a scaling process for the calculation of OP scores.

We have engaged students in a rigorous preparation program for the QCS test. A significant amount of time and resources have been invested in test preparation. Our aim is to have students able to do their very best, being well prepared and having exposure to the test genre is an integral component for placing students in a position to do so. We wish our Senior class all the best in the upcoming test.

There will be no regular classes for Year 12 students during the time of the QCS test, however some students not involved in the QCS test may be required to complete other assessment tasks during this time. Teachers will advise students should this be the case.

Changes to Senior Assessment...

In 2018 all students commencing Year 11 will be doing so under a new system of assessment and accreditation. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA), are in the process of implementing these changes and have announced some details of changes to Senior Assessment and tertiary entrance processes.

There are some main points that parents should be aware of:

1. The OP score will be replaced by an Australian Tertiary Assessment Rank ATAR. This means a different scoring system and brings Queensland in line with other states of Australia

2. There will be external assessment for each subject in Year 12. This represents a significant change for the existing curriculum and assessment process.

3. There is a review of the range of subjects to be offered under the new Senior program across the state.

4. The manner as to how assessment is moderated and grades awarded is under review

5. There is no change to the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) requirements

Our current Year 9 students will be the first cohort to commence Senior education under the new system, which means that current Year 10 students will be the final cohort under the existing system. Draft syllabuses for some subjects have been recently released.

The new assessment and tertiary entrance model presents significant changes to how schools assess student work and therefore how our teachers deliver curriculum. This is an area where we as a school are engaged in preparing for and developing our students’ and teachers’ abilities.

The QCAA have published a position paper titled, ‘21st Century Skills for Senior Education’. There is a clear focus on problem solving skills and developing thinking strategies.

Information can be found on QCAA website: cont’d page 2
RSPCA Cupcake Day:
Congratulations to all involved in Monday’s RSPCA Cupcake day. Money and awareness was raised about animal welfare. Four legged cupcake ambassadors were on hand to lend assistance to students on the day.

Open morning:
The school conducted the first open morning for the year last Friday. 70 excited Year 6 students spent the day experiencing what lies ahead in their secondary education journey in high school.
The enrolment process for 2017 has commenced. Parents may contact the school office or access SOBS via the school webpage https://pittsworths.eq.edu.au to make an appointment.
We will be conducting a transition day later in term 4 for students of Year 6.

Farewell to Dave Southey:
Next week we farewell Dave Southey, who is pursuing a new career with Queensland Fire and Rescue Service. As many would know Dave has been an active member of the Pittsworth QFES for many years and has been considering a career change for some time.
Dave joined Pittsworth in 2008 after working at Dalby SHS for three years. During that time, his contributions to our school and our students have been significant. He has taken on acting Head of Department roles, Head of Year and coach of many sporting teams. Dave was instrumental in establishing the school Fitness Centre and the introduction of the Certificate III in Fitness.
I know that Dave is looking forward to his new career challenge and is also optimistic about his beloved Gold Coast Titans reaching the NRL finals this year. I’m sure that all will join me in thanking Dave for his work and commitment to our school and wish him all the best in his future endeavours. He leaves us with my best wishes and appreciation.

Best Wishes to Jac Telford:
Our Head of Year 12, Jac Telford, commences maternity leave this week. On behalf of the school community I would like to express my appreciation to Jac, for her efforts during the year. I trust that all goes smoothly for her and that she and her husband are blessed with a healthy new born to add to their family in coming weeks.

Deputy’s Desk
Provisional Senior Statements
Next week Year 12 students will be provided with their Provisional Statements from the QCAA. They will be asked to check that their details including address, phone, subjects, and certificates have been correctly recorded. Should any details be incorrect or missing I would ask that these be indicated on the statement and returned to me ASAP.

Scott McKenzie
Deputy Principal, Dean of Senior Secondary

Deputy’s Desk
Year 6 Open Day
Last Friday, 12th August marked the first opportunity for our 7s of 2017 to scope out life with the big kids. Students started the day in small teams on a Scavenger Hunt led by Junior Secondary TIPs, closely followed by team building ball games on the oval. Interested parents met with Administration over a morning tea and had burning questions answered. After enjoying a sausage sizzle, Pittsworth SS headed back leaving our small schools to rotate through some challenges designed to build new friendships. By all reports, our Year 6 visitors had a fabulous time and look forward to returning for the second Open Day,
As I’m confident you have heard repeatedly before, Term 3 is of utmost importance to our Twelves. Not only because QCS is less than two weeks away but also because the assessment that all students complete this term (regardless of whether they are working towards an OP) counts towards those critical points necessary to graduate with a Queensland Certificate of Education; the pinnacle of thirteen years of education. For this reason it is essential that students maintain the momentum – continue to study and complete class tasks and assessment. Students have a mere 11 weeks of school left and we are giving them the message consistently to “keep their eye on the ball!”

As the new Year 12 Head of Year I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to support and encourage your young people through the most important chapter of their education. I look forward to getting to know each of them and finding out what success means to them. I am also excited to work with you, our parents and caregivers, who know them better than anybody.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Telford for doing the lion’s share of the work for this year. We wish you all the very best as you take leave to extend your family.

Kim Rohde

Amnesty

A number of students have indicated their willingness to participate in the 40 Hour Famine coordinated this year by our Pittsworth SHS Amnesty group.

By giving up something that matters to you for 40 hours, you can raise awareness and funds to help fight global hunger. You can give up food, technology, furniture or talking – anything that matters to you!

Student participants will be supporting World Vision projects that help families improve their nutrition by learning about healthcare and how to prepare healthy meals.

They will also help deliver long-term solutions to hunger, like savings groups, better farming practices and small business training. With help, children and families can break free from poverty and hunger.

Anyone interested in donating to a PSHS student’s efforts, should log on to the 40 Hour Famine page, click on Support a Team and type in Pittsworth SHS Amnesty. There you will find the student participants and then you can follow the prompts to donate on line. All donating is now carried out on line, so no monies will be collected here at school.

Our best wishes to those students who will sacrifice something important to them this weekend. They kick off at 8pm Friday and will be looking forward to midday on Sunday 21st when their hardship will come to an end.

Mrs French
Amnesty Teacher

Congratulations to all prize winners on their efforts. The challenge is on for some boys to start stepping into these positions sooner rather than later! Excerpts of some entries appear below.

‘ANZAC Biscuits’ - Lani Collins

A beautiful aroma drifted through the small suburban house like autumn leaves through the wind, freshly baked biscuits straight out of the fiery depths of the oven. Content with the golden-brown appearance, Jeanie took a bite, letting the warmth spread throughout her body. She released a sigh of satisfaction. The ANZAC biscuit was so simple, but with the hard work and love she couldn’t help but add, they were perfect for the men in the trenches. The men in the trenches like her husband John, fighting for his life, leaving Jeanie with nothing but the fear and worry that swamped her heart. She wished she had never let him go.

‘I Am Yehan’ - Ella Williams

I longed for the warm, comforting embrace of my siblings; the strength necessary to endure the haunting journey. Salty sweat dripped into the crevices of my mouth, soothing my cracked lips. A sense of dread rushed over me, sending shivers down my spine. Lines of people stood behind this mysterious structure. Was this it; my ticket to freedom? How mistaken I was.

‘Little Miracles’ - Alayna Bourke

A small, red Kelpie, bloodied and bruised; softly whimpering in his sleep. Surprisingly, the dog’s injuries appeared superficial. He woke with a start; presumably jolting from a bad dream. As his eyes slowly adjusted to the light, the tail wagged. His intelligent brown eyes and stunning white markings; windows to one very loyal soul. The collar confirmed his name was ‘Roy’. As Lauren wandered off in search of supplies, the dog followed as if he’d known her his entire life.

‘Jane’ - Deanna Macdonald

A boom on the door shocked Jane back to reality. She leaped to her safety like a jack-in-the-box, silently squashing herself into the empty and icy cupboard. She knew she would soon be found and twisted, squashed, coated with a new batch of cuts and bruises like a cake being smothered in icing. Her body cringed as his booming footsteps drew nearer and nearer, echoing through the hollow floorboards. The tiny [smothered in icing. Her body cringed as his booming footsteps drew]...
State Champs Golf

Two Pittsworth State High students, Mitch Fowler and Josh Cook, recently competed for Darling Downs in the Queensland Schools State Golf Championships which were held in Yeppoon from 19th to 22nd July.

Mitch participated in the Open (Under 19) team and Josh represented in the Junior (Under 12) team.

The tournament had to be shortened from four days to three due to flooding rain in Yeppoon. It was a challenging course due to its length and the wet conditions that continued over the duration of the tournament.

Both boys represented Darling Downs well and enjoyed the competition immensely.

Amongst a field of 70 players from across the state, Mitch finished the gross tournament with a top 25 position and Josh played well during the tournament, finishing 35th in a field of 40 players.

CBSQ Parent Info Session

A parent information session regarding CBSQ will be held on Tuesday, 23rd August from 4.30pm in the Admin Building.

Resource Centre

STOCKTAKE

The stocktake is proceeding apace with non-fiction almost completed. We are doing some ‘cosmetic’ work as we check the books with some of the much older texts having plastic removed and getting new covers – a facelift if you will. They look so much better with a clear cover.

PAGETURNERS

We meet this week to discuss our brief which was to read a novel related to Turkey and France. I read ‘The Tournament’ by Matthew Reilly which, whilst being a PageTurner, was not for the faint hearted. There was a detective element to the novel which didn’t really live up to Agatha Christie or Father Brown – it was quite amateurish at turns. I’ve also been reading the latest Marian Keyes novel ‘The Woman Who Stole My Heart’. I really should not be reading it because it is very hard to put down but there has to be some pleasures in life.

THE CHILDREN’S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIA AWARDS

These were announced on Friday (19th August) and, what with the reading requirements for the Readers’ Cup, I haven’t been able to read them all so as to make my judgement as to a winner. The contenders for the award for Older Reader are:

A Single Stone by Meg McKinlay
The Flywheel by Erin Gough
The Pause by John Larkin
Cloudwish by Fiona Wood
Freedom Ride by Sue Lawson
Inbetween Days by Vikki Wakefield

I’ve actually only read ‘A Single Stone’ but did think it was fabulous. The novel by Fiona Wood won and ‘A Single Stone’ and ‘Inbetween Day’ were Honour books.

READERS’ CUP

Most of the novels have been read and we are working on various ideas for the book trailer. The girls are pretty certain that a trailer for ‘A Single Stone’ will work best – largely because they won’t need to act in it. The evening is only 3 weeks away so we are getting excited.

NEW BOOKS

Last week we had a visit from one of our mobile bookellers and we made some significant purchases. We have numerous gaps in high quality, engaging reading material for our Junior History and Geography students, so we bought books that we hope we address these issues. We also bought some more reading material for our Year 7 students who borrow regularly.

Jenny Sullivan
Teacher Librarian

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Senior Netball

Agility, power and speed were on show at the Clive Berghofer Arena on Sunday, 14th August for the Senior Vicki Wilson netball carnival. Pittsworth State High School was represented with pride and passion by our ten girls and each should be commended for her dedication and determination in the weeks of training as well as the sportsmanship and spirit displayed on the day.

With some sharp shooting from Ella Saunders, Lara Jocumsen and Brianna Stower; formidable defence by Amanda Wright and Jordan Smith; and the quick hands of Bonnie McKinlay, Rachel Sturgess, Cassidy Jocumsen, Hannah Little and Abbey Markey down the middle of the court, the girls won two of their games against St Saviours and Stanthorpe, only going down by the smallest of margins in their other matches.

The highlight of the day was by far the game against Roma, where the girls were defeated by just two points - Roma went on to be the runners up, heading to the semi-finals. Congratulations and well done on an excellent display of the culture here at Pittsworth State High School.

Special thanks to Sara Bradshaw, PSHS referee representative, for volunteering her time and expertise over the duration of the carnival.

Science Week

Last week the Science students had the opportunity to discover the stars under the artificial sky in the Astronomy Dome. This resource provided students the chance to investigate and view the Southern Hemisphere night sky during the day.

To complement our Science week activities we were fortunate to have the expertise of Roger and Robyn McQueen to view the astronomical event of Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn in alignment with Earth. Our Astronomy Evening was complemented by the sausage sizzle cooking expertise of our UQ Science ambassadors – Alex, Jack and Owen. Thanks to everyone who came along to our Astronomy Evening.

Equestrian news

Laynee Saal recently travelled to Burpengary to compete in Interschool State Eventing over the weekend of 23rd and 24th July. Laynee competed in the EvA 60cm class which is across all age groups from primary to secondary. Laynee placed 5th overall, which is an admirable achievement considering it is only the fourth time she has competed in an eventing competition.

Best of luck to Courtney Mason who will be competing in 1mt secondary class at Nationals in Sydney from 26th to 30th September.
Home Ec Happenings

Year 7D completed the textile section of their one term in Home Economics with some beautifully and creatively decorated pencil cases.

Both Mrs Williams and Mrs Rickard recently lent their artistic skills to the placement of poppies on the Commemorative Jubilee Banner. The final stage is the stitching in place of each poppy. It is hoped that some students may participate in lunchtime workshops to finalise this process.

Jumpers and Jazz

The Jumpers and Jazz Festival is held in Warwick. It is all about the fun style of knitting and other creative things such as clothing art work and recycled bits and pieces. This annual event has now been running for 13 years and many people come from around Queensland and Australia to see it.

The Warwick Jumpers and Jazz Festival started as a positive community response to a major CBD streetscaping project of the Warwick council. It created community ownership using the new look streetscape and boosted the economy - growing tourism visitation and retail activity - by creating a bright and colourful atmosphere during a ‘dull’ time of year. It also increased participation in the arts - to generate creativity, increase community participation in arts and share textile art with more people.

When you go to Warwick during Warwick Jumpers and Jazz Festival it is hard to find your way around town but you do get to see so many beautiful things in the trees, on the chairs and on the insides of many of the shops. It is an exciting event in July and brings endless joy to many people who see it and it inspires creativity and self-belief that shows that you can do anything and it can still look amazing.

What is bullying?

Bullying is when a person, or a group of people, deliberately and repeatedly upset or hurt another person. The person/people doing the bullying will have some form of power over the target. Bullying can occur with children and with adults!

Bullying is NOT one-off incidents or name calling or physical abuse, it is only bullying when it is REPEATED, DELIBERATE AND THERE IS AN IMBALANCE OF POWER INVOLVED. This repeated, deliberate imbalance of power can be via physical threats, verbal threats and intimidation either in person, or through cyber means such as through email, instant messaging, facebook and other social media.

Bullying is NOT the same as conflict between people (like having an argument/disagreement) or disliking someone, even though people might bully each other because of conflict or dislike.

The sort of repeated behaviour that can be considered bullying includes:

- Keeping someone out of a group, excluding them (in person or online)
- CONTINUALLY giving nasty looks, making rude gestures, calling names, being rude and impolite, and CONSTANT negative teasing.
- CONTINUALLY spreading rumours or lies, or misrepresenting someone (i.e. using their Facebook account to post messages as if it were them)
- Harassing someone based on their race, sex, religion, gender or a disability
- Intentionally and repeatedly hurting someone
- Intentionally stalking someone
- Taking advantage of any power over someone else

Bullying can happen anywhere. It can happen for children and adults .. in schools, at home, at work, in online social spaces, via text messaging or via email. It can be physical, verbal, emotional, and online. Bullying can have a negative impact on everyone – it is not just a problem for victims and bullies.

How can we stop bullying?

- If you know or see someone who is being bullied or if you are being bullied, TALK TO SOMEONE - someone you know well and trust; they will give you much needed support and will often have suggestions you hadn’t considered for helping with the situation.
- If you are being bullied while at school, it is a good idea to talk to a teacher, Youth Health Nurse, Guidance Officer, Youth Support Co-ordinator or Chaplain to see if they can help.
- If you feel safe and confident, you should approach the person who is bullying you and tell them that their behaviour is unwanted and you won’t put up with it.

What can the school do?

In situations where bullying occurs, staff at the school MAY:

- apply disciplinary consequences
- assist students to develop more appropriate social skills
- implement a behaviour management plan or playground plan for individual students
- explicitly teach about conflict and bullying and/or
- conduct mediation sessions

The school will not give you any of the personal details of other students involved. They will not give you any of consequences given to other students involved because of privacy requirements.

Importantly remember: Everyone has the right to feel safe and to be treated fairly and respectfully!

Fiona Fiegler
Youth Health Nurse

Chaplaincy Meeting

The next Chaplaincy Meeting will be held on Thursday, 25th August commencing at 4:00pm in the Resource Centre.
Visual Art Excursion

Earlier this year the Senior Art classes visited art galleries in Brisbane. The excursion was to the Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA).

The Year 10, 11 and 12 Visual Art class, as well as the Visual Art Studies classes from the same grades went on an excursion in Term 2 of this year. The students, together with Mrs Rickard and Mrs Williams, assembled at school ready to depart at 7.30am. They travelled by bus to Brisbane. Upon arrival they got to experience a wide range of different art exhibits. The students divided their time between the Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art where they were both educated and inspired.

The Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art has a range of art from historical and contemporary society. The galleries work with artists to create installations, artist projects and activities. Students viewed a range of exhibitions including ‘Asia Pacific Triennial 8 (APT8)’. From the many exhibitions, students of the Visual Art class had to select artists’ work and compare two pieces. The follow up assignments were based on students’ choices of any two of the artworks in either gallery.

After lunch was enjoyed at the Southbank Café area, students walked across the Victoria Bridge to the QUT Art Museum. There were two exhibitions on display; William Dobell and Charles Robb.

According to one of the students who attended the event, “There were many exhibitions that captured minds and evoked reactions within viewers… particular exhibitions showed a new perspective on different themes such as dance and education.”

After the long, enjoyable day came to an end, students arrived back at Pittsworth just before 6 in the evening. They were full of enthusiasm to share their experiences of the day with family and friends - their next task being to complete the assignments.

Positions Vacant

Café Crème is looking for a student to fill a School Based Certificate III Hospitality Traineeship.

Chatters Coffee Lounge is now under new management and is looking for 2 students to fill School Based Certificate III Hospitality Traineeships.

Students for both positions need to have a passion for cooking and hospitality in general, have a bubbly and outgoing personality, are able to work within a team environment as well as enjoy interacting with the general public.

Steele Rudd Corner Nobby is looking for a student to fill a School Based either Certificate III Hospitality or Business Traineeship – Wednesday or Friday

If you are interested in any of these positions please see Mrs Holmes in 4B.

Millmerran Power Station is seeking motivated applicants to fill the following full time apprenticeships and traineeships.

TRAINEESHIP:
Business Administration

APPRENTICESHIPS:
Electrical
Fitter/Turner

Applicants for the traineeship must have a provisional drivers licence (or the ability to obtain one prior to or shortly after commencement).

School leavers are encouraged to apply.
Requirements:
- Minimum Year 10 completion
- Prefer year 12 school leavers from Millmerran or Pittsworth
- School Exit Certificate/Report provided
- School leavers encouraged to apply
- Keen to work
- Aged 15 - 65 years
- Ability to commence role - 09 January 2017

Applications close Friday 16th September 2016.

Rugby League Gala Day

Some of our Year 7 and 8 Pittsworth SHS students travelled to Warwick on Tuesday 16th August to participate in a rugby league 9 a side gala day. All 17 boys tried hard all day, with games played in good spirits.

PSHS finished with two wins for the day and a huge improvement was evident from the gala day that was held earlier in the year. It was good to see some things worked on at training being utilised in game situations.

Players were very well behaved which made for a great representation of Pittsworth High values.
QParents is here

Our school now has QParents. Parents should have received an invitation email or letter by now and it’s great to see that so many parents have registered already.

If you have not received an invitation, please advise us immediately. Over time, QParents will become an integral part of how we communicate with parents. Get on board now to enjoy the ease and convenience that QParents offers.

Registration Process for parents

Before you register as a QParents Account Owner, you will need to have:
1. Your QParents invitation email
2. 100 points of ID documents (see item 3)
3. Your child/children’s EQID (Education Queensland identification number) (see item 3)

Click on the link in the QParents invitation email.

1. Register as a QParents Account Owner

You have been nominated by your child’s school as the QParents Account Owner for [your child].

- Read the Privacy Statement and the QParents Owner terms and conditions. If you agree to these, tick the ‘Read and understood’ check-boxes for both and click ‘Accept’. You should now create your account. Make sure you enter your name as it appears on your birth or marriage certificate, even if your name has

2. Enter the requested details—they can be

Item 1: ID

The following documents can be used to verify your identity online. Each identity document is worth a certain number of points. You need to have enough documents to reach 100 points. Each identity document is

3. Read the Privacy Statement and the QParents Owner terms and conditions. If you agree to these, tick the ‘Read and understood’ check-boxes for both and click ‘Accept’.

4. Select ‘Yes’ if you are the person linked with your unique invitation code already entered. Click ‘Next’.

You will now need to enter details from your identity documents.

- Enter your unique QParents invitation code.
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5. Click on the link in this email.

6. Enter your mobile phone number.

7. Enter your password again.

8. Click on the link in the QParents invitation email.

9. Enter your child/children’s EQID (Education Queensland identification number) (see item 3)

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Item 2: ID HELP

If you are having trouble verifying a birth certificate or marriage certificate, the following tips might help:

1. You must be referring to a full birth certificate or marriage certificate.
2. Make sure you enter your name as it appears on the birth or marriage certificate, even if your name has

3. Click on the question mark (?) next to the field you are having trouble with to see an example document.
4. Please see our help guide if you are still having trouble.

http://qparents.qld.edu.au/k/help

You are taken to the QParents login page.

Welcome to QParents

10. Click the forgot password link to receive a link to set a new password.

11. Enter your email address and click ‘Submit Details’.

12. Enter your unique QParents invitation code.

13. Enter your mobile phone number.

14. Enter your email address and click ‘Submit Details’.

15. Click on the link in your email to verify your email address and activate your account.

In Term 2, the PSHS Year 7 art students participated in a camouflage drawing unit. The students completed the unit over the period of one term, although they had their amazing drawings over the short time of just five weeks.

Throughout the camouflage unit the students researched Bev Doolittle. Doolittle is a camouflage artist who is extremely passionate about the environment. The students specifically looked at Doolittle’s artwork in terms of how she used colour and shape to create the effect of the camouflaged horses. The students then chose their own animals to draw, although it had to be an endangered animal. Research had to be conducted around how many of their chosen animal are left and where the animal lives. The students did not have to camouflage the animals into its natural habitat; it could be drawn in an unnatural habitat. Their artworks were created through the use of colour, shape, pattern and repetition.

The students did an amazing job of their artworks considering they only had five weeks to complete them. As seen in the accompanying images, it is clearly evident the amount of detail and time the students put into their artworks definitely paid off. The artworks have been displayed in the library this term. I would like to congratulate the year 7s - you have done an amazing job.

Fitz Silva

Amazing 7s Artwork

Tuckshop Roster

(Mobile) Women’s Health Nurse
Kathryn Anning

Thursday 29 September 9:00am - 3:00pm

Will be at Allied Health Room
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