Dear Parents/Guardians

2017 Student Leadership

It was my privilege this week to watch our prospective 2017 Senior Leaders stand and deliver their campaign speeches to the student body. This was held in the E Block picnic area under the house and values banners. They had a very appreciative and polite audience of students and staff who gave up the majority of their lunch break to listen.

There were 20 students who put themselves forward for the positions of School Captain, House Leader or Student Representative Council Executive, this is a great indicator of the depth of leadership capacity in this group. All students spoke eloquently about the importance of student leadership and their roles as examples to the rest of the school. Each and every student who spoke clearly embodied the school values of Proud, Positive, Prepared and Productive. If this is an indication of what we can expect from our student leaders next year then 2017 will be a great Jubilee year indeed!

Awards Night

The excitement is building for the Pittsworth State High School Annual Awards night which is to be held next Wednesday the 2nd November at the Pittsworth Town Hall at 7:00pm. This is an important event on our school calendar where we acknowledge student achievements and efforts throughout the year. I encourage all to attend.

Traineeships

I attended an afternoon tea this week organised and hosted by our amazing VET coordinator Maree Holmes and HOD Anthony Murphy. This was to acknowledge the efforts of approximately 50 students for successfully getting through a year of their traineeship or, as in the case of many of the Year 12 students completing their traineeships. It was great to see so many parents in attendance, because without them supporting and transporting the students this program would not be the success it is.

I would like to thank Maree for her efforts, finding the opportunities for our students, working with employers and training providers. Her work here can not be underestimated, and is the prime reason Pittsworth SHS is seen as a benchmark in this area.

Year 11 Leadership Camp

A group of 33 students from our Year 11 cohort are currently on Leadership Camp at Noosa North Shore. These opportunities are valuable in teaching students, not only leadership skills, they also challenge confidence and often ask students to get out of their comfort zones. I wish all of our students well on camp and hope they all gain from this experience.

I would like to thank Sharn Treloar for his great efforts in getting the camp off the ground and accompanying the students along with Erin Seymour.

HELP PLEASE:

Student Vehicles

There have been several instances in the last few week where senior students who drive cars to school have either transported other students in their vehicle or have left in their car during the school day without the correct permission from home.

Transporting other students:

It is very important that if a student driver is transporting other students that written permission is given by both the parent of the driver and the parent/s of any passengers.

Leaving in cars during the day:

The same procedures apply here as for any other early departure, the school must have contact from the parent regarding the early departure and the student is to sign out through Student

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2016 CALENDAR ITEMS

October

26 - 28 - Yr 11 Camp
31 - Assembly, Gold and Silver Awards

November

2 - Homework Club
2 - Awards Night 7:00pm
7 - Year 10 RE
8 - Term 4 School Social
Jubilee Planning Meeting 7:00pm
9 - Homework Club
10 - Immunisation Round 3 Years 7 and 8
P&C Meeting and dinner 6:00pm
11 - Millmerran Transition Day Year 10 to 11
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

Changes to Senior Secondary

On 18 October our education minister, Kate Jones, announced that after much consultation the introduction of a new senior assessment and tertiary entrance system has been extended by one year. It will now commence with Year 11 students in 2019 instead of 2018. The first graduates will finish Year 12 in 2020 and they will receive an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) instead of an Overall Position (OP). In addition, the new senior system will include:

- A new senior assessment model that combines school-based assessment developed and marked by teachers with external assessment developed and marked by the QCAA
- new processes to strengthen the quality and comparability of school-based assessment

This gives us another year to plan for these changes and make the transition as successful as possible. We have already participated in trials for the new system and gained valuable experience which will serve us well over the coming years. In 2017 we will continue to participate in trials and will work closely with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) to plan for the new system which we believe will serve our students well. For more information you can go to the QCAA site (www.qcaa.qld.edu.au)

Until the commencement of the new system we will also continue to prepare our students for the Queensland Core Skills Test (QCST) which will be undertaken for the last time by the Year 12 students in 2019.

Rob Michel
Deputy Principal - Curriculum

New Gold and Silver level awards

This Monday’s whole school parade will see a number of students recognised as Gold or Silver level for the first time – an absolute credit to their hard work and dedication throughout Term 3. Parents are most welcome to attend this recognition ceremony that will commence from 9am in the Open Air Theatre. Following these presentations, a guest speaker from USQ will take our 9s, 10s, 11s and 12s through some opportunities to obtain a Certificate 3 and 4 in Sport and Rec during 2017.

Recipients include:

**Silver Awards**

Year 7
Jye Markey-Derkos, Keanna-Leigh Krause, Jane Lawrence, Keely Simmons, Cooper Thompson

Year 8
Jordan Cunningham

Year 9
Aidan Brose, Lizelle Lawrence, Brooklyn Ross

Year 10
Alexia De Guzman, Sophie Pearce, Nicholas Johnson, Rachael Elsden

Year 11
Brent Flett

Year 12
Tarissa Andrews, Brett Reis, Elliot D’Arcy, Jordan Smith

**Gold Awards**

Year 7
Christopher Greenwood, Paige Cunningham, Jade Fraser, Emma Jocurnsen, Stephanie Quinn

Year 9
Jack Betts, Reagan Cosgriff, Abbey Markey

Year 10
Lachlin Andrews

Year 11
Clancy Harris, Jed Garratt, Tahnee Vonhoff, Amadee Schull, Leah Grundon, Allah Del Mundo

Student Improvement Plans

A job well done to numerous Junior Secondary students who’ve significantly improved their effort and behaviour since completing a Student Improvement Plan last term. This targeted approach to goal setting links specifically to our school values and encourages reflective thinking. A couple of students have even improved so much they’ll be acknowledged as a Silver or Gold level this coming Monday. This exciting process will continue in 2017.

Louise Mahon
Deputy Principal, Dean of Junior Secondary

John Lofthouse
Acting Principal

Deputy’s Desk

Services.

Phone calls to students:

It is expected that students who have mobile phones at school will use them in a responsible way. If a parent needs to make contact with a student, please contact the school office and we can arrange for the student to call home at the next break.

It is very disruptive to the flow of a lesson when students are receiving calls or texts asking them to call home.

Thankyou for your assistance

John Lofthouse
Acting Principal

Awards Night Invitation

50th Annual
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The senior Home Economics class enjoyed their evening at the annual Home Economics dinner last Thursday night. The girls provided the main course and Mrs French made the desserts for the occasion. We enjoyed a range of delicious dishes including; fried rice, carbonara, chicken kebabs, gourmet sausage rolls, mince and spaghetti, stirfry chicken, pizza to name a few. Desserts include cappuccino mousse, sticky date puddings, fudge, banoffee pie, mandarin and almond cake, mini lemon cheesecakes.

Acting Principal Mr John Lofthouse joined us on the night and shared his journey. We are grateful for him taking the time out to be with us.

Due to a lack of interest in Senior Home Economics in 2017, there will not be a class next year at Pittsworth SHS. With the change to new syllabus state wide in 2019, Home Economics as a subject will no longer occur. Hence as a memento of this final class in this subject at Pittsworth this year, students were presented with a certificate, along with an apron made by Mrs French to each girl.

The Arts night Dessert Stall made a $130 profit for our Department. The Senior girls made a selection of desserts particularly catering for dietary needs. The mandarin and almond cake was especially popular. The lactose and gluten free sticky date puddings, no fat fruit cake and a decadent brownie all proved saleable items for this evening. Thanks to Kimberly Watts who gave her time to serve on the stall for most of the evening.

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**Maths Department**

Every year the Maths Department provides an opportunity for our senior mathematics students an opportunity to participate in the ICAS University New South Wales mathematics competition. ICAS Mathematics assess students' skills and knowledge.

Congratulations to:

- **Year 7**: Hanako Versluis - High Distinction
- **Year 10**: Bradley Cronin and Matthew Lack - Credit
- **Year 11**: Alex Ferdinand, Marcus Allen, Sarah Cavanagh, Mitchell Fowler - Credit
- Clancy Harris and Mitchell Short - Merit
- **Year 12**: Nathan Cheetham and Chloe Smith - Credit
  Caitlyn Weir - Merit

Well done to all students who participated in the competition.

Nancy Pattel
HOD Science

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**Staff Melbourne Cup Event**

Next Tuesday, the Senior class will judge the best dressed for Melbourne Cup Day. Staff are encouraged to dress up and get in the spirit of the event.

Mrs French
Home Economics Teacher

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**FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE 2016**

Friday November 18 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior statement.

Friday November 25 is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.

Friday December 9 is the final date for student attendance in Years 7, 8 and 9.
SATS News

SATS Afternoon Tea

On Monday afternoon we held our SATS (School Based Trainee and Apprentice) afternoon tea to acknowledge and congratulate our students who are undertaking a School Based Traineeship or Apprenticeship.

The students not only attend school every week, with some students still undertaking a full subject load of six subjects, but they also attend the workplace one or two days a week, and have to complete and be competent in the required fifteen units of their chosen course to gain their qualification. This is a great achievement on the part of each student and they should feel very proud of what they have accomplished.

The afternoon tea is also to acknowledge and thank the parents who attend the sign up with their student, take them to the workplace and support them throughout their SATS.

Thank you to everyone involved who make this such a successful program.

Maree Holmes
Voc Ed Coordinator

Year 12 Twills

As you read this, Year 12s have only two weeks left of regular classes plus an extra week of valuable activities. Despite this tiny time frame, it must be stressed that full engagement is essential to ensure successful graduation from twelve years of hard earned schooling. The majority of the Year 12s are focused on doing themselves proud by studying right to the final exam, although some are struggling to find the motivation to do this. Please encourage your child to do whatever they have to do to ensure they have no regrets.

It is with great pleasure that I recognise some kind of achievement of a worthy Year 12 student and shout them lunch from our fabulous tuckshop. Our last two recipients have been: Aaron Morris for active and accurate participation in our motivational media sessions and; Blake Cullen for stepping up to his leadership responsibilities and supporting his cohort to keep our school litter free. Well done gentlemen. I believe you’ve been somewhat excited when it comes to collecting your free lunch.

A letter describing in detail the alternate activities for the Year 12s final week will be sent home next week.

“Avoids will always be there for you. Opportunity won’t.” - Anonymous.

Maintain your momentum and you can be especially proud of your achievements and graduate with pride!

Kim Rohde
Head of Year 12

Year 12 B Road Aware Program

TO ALL YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND 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.

If you have any concerns please contact Pittsworth SHS 46198111

Fiona Flegler
Youth Health Nurse
Food Hampers

CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS FOR OUR FARMERS

Queensland is so vast, at the moment we have some farmers in drought; some in flood; and unfortunately a lot of farmers suffering with depression. Our thoughts and prayers are wonderful, however times like these we also need to send practical help. A way each of us can help is to build food hampers. If we all put in a little, together we can make a very big difference to these lives who do so much for us.

11A is helping Mrs Burton with ‘Hope at Christmas’ a project that sends high quality food hampers to struggling farming families. We’re asking for foods that you would like to see at Christmas (eg: Pretzels, olives, shortbread, nuts, candy canes, lollies, mince pies and Christmas fruit cake). Please do not supply items that are easily crushed, generic brands, or chocolates, as they will melt before we can get them to our farmers. Please ensure all of your items are given to 11A by Monday 31 October.

If you would prefer to contribute financially, a group of students with Mrs Burton will be going to our Pittsworth supermarket at the end of October.

Thank you very much for your valuable support. Together we can make a difference.

Mrs Deborah Burton

Surfing

On Friday the 21st October students from the senior recreation classes took the opportunity to participate in an excursion to the Gold Coast. Students had a swim and played some beach cricket before completing their surf lesson. Students eagerly hit the waves and all were standing before too long. The instructors were very impressed with the speed at which students learnt to stand. Moving on to teach students the pop up technique and how to switch foot while riding. Students also showed off some amazing dismounts throughout the lesson.

Erin Seymour

Queensland State Championships

Lachie Degnian competed in the QLD State Championships last Thursday at QEI1 Brisbane. He came 5th in 17 Years shot put throwing 15.40 metres.

P&C News

The P&C would like to welcome John Lofthouse, Acting Principal to Pittsworth SHS.

Date Claimers:
November 4 - Queensland annual Tuckshop Day.
November 11 - Afternoon Tea for the tuckshop staff and volunteers will be held on Friday November 11 at 2:30pm. The P&C would like to say thank you for the daily efforts of the Tuckshop workers and volunteers over the year. It is great to see parents actively involved in the running of our school.
November 10 - P&C Meeting and Dinner.

The next meeting of the P&C will be held at Club Pittsworth on Thursday 10 November at 6:00pm. Anyone interested in being part of the Pittsworth SHS P&C is welcome to attend this meeting which will be followed by dinner.

Jeanna Lee
President

Tuckshop Roster

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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.

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12-13 November
9AM - 5PM

Pittsworth Photographic Competition and Exhibition

Opening Night
Friday 28th October
From 5.30pm
at the Pittsworth Bowls Club

- Over 100 Photos on Display
- Winners Announced
- People’s Choice Award and Calendar Voting
- Broxburn Music Club
- Drinks & Meals available

In aid of 2017 Pittsworth Show Girl Miss Lucy Galea
There are 194 school days in 2017.

Semester 1 2018 commences for teachers on January 18 and for students on January 22.

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**
Staff professional development days for teachers are January 19, 20, April 3, 4, 5, and October 16. Schools are able to decide when their flexible days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**
Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

**FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE**
November 17 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 24 is the final date for student attendance in years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 1.

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