All the Best 2016 Seniors

Congratulations! To all our graduating Year 12 students of 2016. Our students enjoyed their final week at school undertaking many activities to assist them on the next part of their journey through life. The students' week culminated in their Graduation Day Ceremony on Thursday November 17 with many parents taking part in the ceremony and special guest Kim Fredericks Regional Director. This was followed by the Senior Formal at the Biloela Civic Centre on Friday November 19.

Our Seniors looked magnificent in their beautiful gowns and suits. We wish our Seniors of 2016 all the best as they strive to achieve future goals and dreams. We hope the Seniors take away countless great memories of their time at Biloela State High School. A huge thank you to Miss Hyland, the Year Coordinator and Miss Roach for all the effort they have put into making so many of the memories for the students to take with them and their leadership for our students. We also appreciate the vast number of volunteers, organisers and Ms Sahlqvist who made the Formal evening a huge success, Thank you!

Important Dates

- 25 November: Final Day for Year 10 & 11 Students
- 28 November - 1 December: Year 11 SE Qld University Trip
- 28 & 29 November: Year 6 into 7 Transition Day
- 9 December: Last Day of School for 2016
- 23 January 2017: First Day of Term 1
- 26 January: Australia Day Public Holiday
- 3 February: BSHS Swimming Carnival 2017
- 5 — 8 February: Year 11 Leadership Camp
- 10 February: School Photo Day

HABITS OF MIND
Communicating with Clarity & Precision, Listening with Understanding & Empathy

CHARACTER STRENGTH
Honesty, Appreciation of Beauty & Excellence

STUDENT DIARY TOPICS
Peer Group, Communication & Conversations
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

QATSIF Scholarship Success
We are very pleased to announce that Year 10 students Jacqueline and Tyesha have been successful in gaining a QATSIF Scholarship. Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) is an independent public Foundation established by the Queensland State Government in November 2008 to provide a secure funding source in the form of Years 11 and 12 QCE Scholarships for improved educational outcomes for Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. These students transitioning into Year 11 will receive a total scholarship of $2,000.00 over two years if they maintain their high results in their Senior Subjects. This is certainly a good motivator to be successful in the senior school!

Year 12 Students Impress in their Final Week
With great glamour, fanfare and celebration, we farewelld the seniors of 2016 last Friday at our Senior Formal. From the wonderful feedback we have received, students and their families had a great night. We thank Tracy Sahlqvist and her large hardworking team for their preparations for the Formal and Sammi Jo Hyland and Tania Roach for their leadership of students. Earlier on Thursday we recognised student’s completion of their high school study at the Graduation Parade. Our visiting Regional Director, Kim Fredericks passed on her praise for Miss Hyland’s fantastic Year 12 Coordinator’s speech and she was full of admiration for the part played by parents in the ceremony. She thought it was a lovely way to celebrate the important partnership we enjoy with our parents in Biloela.

We wish all of our senior students well in creating their futures whether it is through local employment, further study or adventures further afield.

Year 11 Triathlon and P&C Support
We thank our P&C who immediately came to the rescue of students who had lost bikes in the C Block fire to assist them in purchasing new ones so that they could still participate in their Physical Education Triathlon last Wednesday. This was of great assistance. The event was a great success by all reports and although it started at 6.00am, it was still a very warm day and it was physically demanding for all participants. Well done to all for the resilience you showed in completing this gruelling task and thank you to Miss Floridis and her team for managing the event safely.

Year 7 Moves into Demountables
Three of our Year 7 classes have moved into our new mobile classrooms just two weeks after the fire. Last week new 75cm Interactive Televisions were installed giving them the very latest technology in their classrooms. Our Year 7 teachers are very happy with their new homes and their old E Block rooms are now being used by classes from other year levels.

C Block News
Over three weekends the damaged C Block building has been safely removed including contaminated pavers and soil surrounding the building. As well, we have already received 3 new shade sails to replace some of those damaged in the Canteen Area. We are certainly being looked after by our Building and Assets team and our students have shown great courage and resolve navigating around our damaged school with few problems. They have shown us great resilience in trying times. Well done to all.

BYOx
Our school is now set up for students to bring their own computer to school. Please check our school website for the minimum specifications if you are considering purchasing a device for your student. The BYOx system allows full access to our student drives and includes a net nanny service to ensure safe use of the internet when connected to our system. The system also checks for current virus software before the device is allowed. Please contact the school and ask for a computer technician if you have any further queries by calling 49928666.

We wish you all a safe and relaxing Christmas holiday and hope you all enjoy reading a few good books!

John Adie—Principal

Rotary—Ben Van Itallie Bursary
The Ben Van Itallie Rotary Bursary is named in memory of Ben who was one of the early leaders of Rotary in Biloela over many years. Ben was a quiet achiever and a very humble man whose character and work ethic was appreciated by all who knew him. Ben passed away in December 2008. The Ben Van Itallie Rotary Bursary is to the value of $2000 to a Year 12 student who enrols in an approved course of fulltime Tertiary Study that will lead to a career in humanitarian activities including inter alia, health; nursing; education or medical sciences that reflect the humanitarian goals of Rotary International.

Thank you to Anton Muller, President of Rotary Biloela, for presenting this award at our graduation ceremony and congratulations to this years recipient Jane.

Year 11 Rural Operations
This year students have had the opportunity to utilise a couple of new ways to grow crops here at the Ag centre. They have been learning how to operate a hydroponics system supplying lettuce to the tuckshop and Home Economics. A newly developed broad acre plot of land has provided students the opportunity to learn how to grow chick peas and wheat. Students have then gone through the whole process from seeding and growing to harvesting, threshing, winnowing and milling to preparing and cooking the final products for their end of year party.

Below is all the produce grown ready to enjoy, from bread to chickpea fritters.
Students, teachers and parents have had a busy fortnight as they prepared for the end of Year 12, graduation and the formal. We have celebrated, all our students have achieved and we are confident they have the resilience necessary to succeed in any and all future endeavours.

The Formal was an outstanding success and gave students the opportunity to celebrate their completion of schooling with friends and family. These students managed to create a few last memorable moments with their final hurrah including having to wear a leg brace, (lucky the dress slit was on the correct side), and arriving in a “traditional” manner. We would like to thank all those who assisted to make the evening an excellent event.

Our second group of students attended the RoadCraft driver training substantially subsidised by JBOYS. Mr and Mrs Adie and Chappy Lynn supervised. Mrs Adie commented on how much she learned and the exceptional behaviour of the students. I have already had several parents enquire about this program for next year; we hope to continue to work in partnership with JBOYS to extend this learning opportunity to as many of our young people as possible.

Congratulations to the Year 10 and 11 students for completing the year. We look forward to working with you next year. I am confident that you will have an excellent Year 12 adventure and I look forward to working with students and parents to continue to achieve outstanding results academically, culturally, in the community and sporting arena.

All students have been assigned subjects for Year 11 next year. As some subjects have proved very popular, in some instances students have had to be placed on a wait list. If you are unsure about which subjects have been chosen please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to becoming better acquainted with the students moving into Year 10 next year. There have been some interesting changes for this year level including the introduction of an additional elective line. Students were given a smorgasbord of subjects to choose from and best fit lines were created from their selections. This may mean that some students received a second preference instead of a first choice. Year 10 students will be able to request elective subject changes in the first two weeks of the new school year. Students are not able to request teacher or class changes in core subject classes.

I wish all the senior students and their parents a relaxing Christmas break and look forward to working with you in the new school year. Students are not able to request teacher or elective subject changes in the first two weeks of the new school year; we hope to continue to work in partnership with JBOYS to extend this learning opportunity to as many of our young people as possible.

Parents have missed an interview at their child’s primary school can now book an appointment to be held at the high school prior to the end of this school year. Please call 4992 8666 to make an appointment.

Year 6 – 2 Transition days
The Year 6 students will be coming to the High School on Monday the 28th and Tuesday the 29th of November (Week 9) for their final transition days in preparation for 2017. Students are to meet at the spaceframe (shelter) on Monday morning.

Final Weeks for Junior Secondary Students
The Junior Secondary students will be completing all of their final assessment in week 9.

In Week 10 students will be involved in an alternative program (Outside normal class groups)
Monday to Wednesday will involve Christmas church services, team building activities and academic challenges.
On the Thursday students will all be involved in a celebration day to reflect on a year of academic work. Notes will be sent home by the year coordinators for more information about these events. I would like to wish all of our students a safe and happy holiday after an extraordinary year. We are all looking forward to recharging the batteries over the break and returning fresh in 2017.

David Hall
Deputy Principal

The Technology Department
Our wood workshop tools are being refitted and we require leather belts. We would appreciate any old leather belts that you have to donate. These can be handed in at the office or to the technology department.

BYOx (Bring Your Own Device) coming in 2017!!
Biloela State High School is now BYOx ready!! We will be introducing the program in Term 1, 2017.
Please visit our website for detailed information on the program including cost, device selection, and recommended specifications. https://biloelashs.eq.edu.au/Facilities/Computersandtechnology/Pages/BYOx.aspx

Once on board, students will be able to access the schools’ network drives, printers, and the internet.
There will be parent information sessions in the coming weeks, as well as early in 2017.

Year 6 Transition Interviews
Interviews for parents and students have been conducted at all the feeder schools over the last 3 weeks. These interviews ensure:
• All required enrolment information has been provided to allow us to enrol Year 6 students for 2017. Important documents that must be provided include:
  • Enrolment form with parent signatures and emergency contacts.
  • School fee payment document
  • Birth Certificate.
If this enrolment interview has not occurred prior to the first day of school in 2017 a Year 6 student will be unable to start until it is completed.

Parents Supporting Quality Education
Biloela High P&C
Email: pandc@biloelashs.eq.edu.au
AGM & GENERAL MEETING
Monday February 20 at 7pm
School Administration Building
All Welcome
Come along, be involved and make a difference.
Resource Centre News
This last couple of weeks have been very busy in the Resource Centre. Students have been here at all available times, completing assignments and studying.

Purchasing new resources for the Library, especially fiction, is always exciting. It is simple in some respects: we do subscribe to Australian Standing Orders and try to keep up with heavily-borrowed series. We also take the recommendations from our students and staff. The graphic novel series are extremely popular. Our Manga series, particularly the Fruits Basket and From far away seem to walk out the door with amazing regularity and Jeff Smith’s Bone books are also heavily borrowed at times. Encourage your students to come to us with any requests for titles or authors and we’ll do our best to have them on our shelves. We already have a list for 2017.

Below, I have included the schedule for printouts again. Please ensure your student/s check the barcode of their resources against the barcode on the printout, and talk to their classroom teacher about other students in their class who may have their book if the barcodes do not match. They can not do this once the exams are on!!

Year 10s and 11s: All resources should be back
Year 7s, 8s and 9s: Printouts given out this week. Returns due week 9.

Our display over the past couple of weeks drew a lot of comment from our 12s. We wish them every happiness and success in their life’s journey.

Year 12 2016
Be the change in the world that you wish to see - Ghandi

Debbie Johnston and Brenda Banks
Resource Centre staff

INVOICE PAYMENTS
2016 fees are now overdue.
Year 9 and 10 students please be advised all school fees need to be paid and payment plans completed in order to select subjects for 2017.
Non payment of all school fees for Year 10 and 11 students will result in being unable to do fee paying subjects in 2017.

Any student with outstanding school fees are unable to attend any non curricular and extra curricular activities (eg: camps, sport, excursions).

There are a number of options for payment:
BPay - if you use this please be aware the amount paid will come off the oldest invoice on the system and from the oldest sibling. This is done automatically by the system. If you wish otherwise please advise the office.

Direct Deposit—if you use this please ensure you put some sort of identification on the payment so we can deposit this amount to the correct account and student. If you want it to come off a specific account you will need to inform the school otherwise it will come off the oldest invoice on the system.

Cash payment at the school counter. We have EFTPOS available at the school.

Payment Plans can be arranged by making an appointment at the school office. All current payment plans need to be paid as per the signed agreement.

You can set up with your bank a fortnightly direct deposit so that the amount can be taken out and deposited into our account on a regular basis and helps spread the payments. Please ensure there is some notification with it to identify who is paying into our account. Please be aware if you want these amounts to come off specific students or accounts you need to notify the office. If not advised, we will take it off the oldest account.

We would like to advise parents that, should your student leave the school with outstanding debts, we will engage a state government approved debt collection agency. Our school relies on your support to provide enhanced learning outcomes for students.

Junior Secondary Gives Back
Our fantastic Junior Secondary students are performing one last act of kindness for the year and are spreading the gift of hope and joy to local families this Christmas.

Students are working together to make Christmas baskets, filled with goodies to assist families in need over the break. Each grade have chosen a specific family to help.

These are listed below;
Year 7: Single mum with teenage boys aged 14 & 13
Year 8: Single mum with baby due in December. This lady also lives at home with her parents so in total 3 adults in the family.
Year 9: Single mum with 2 boys aged 4 & 2 and 1 girl aged 1yr

We are asking that students from Year 7, 8 and 9 work together to fill their basket with items to cater for these families. This could include anything from small presents, gift cards, Christmas decorations, groceries (that can be stored easily and non perishible) to general items like laundry detergent and soup. We aim to have our baskets full by Wednesday December 7 (week 10).

Let’s work together to make it a little easier for these 3 families over the Christmas break!

Thanks for your support
Yahan Floridis, Jen Parker, Adam Marshall
Year 7, 8 & 9 Co-ordinator

Year 10 Awards
This week at the final year level parade Mr Burow, Year Coordinator presented two special awards for most improved attendance to Brad and most improved hairstyle from Year 8 to 10 for Joel.