Year 6 into 7 and 7 into 8 Information Nights

Year 7 into 8 Monday 21 July
Year 6 into 7 Tuesday 22 July
Both information evenings commence at 7pm in the Performing Arts Centre

ATTENTION YEAR 10, 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 24 AUGUST
10.00AM—2.00PM
13 June 2014

The Principal and Staff
Kirwan State High School
PO Box 33
THURINGOWA CENTRAL QLD 4817

Dear Mr Livingston

Congratulations on the recent success of your school as a regional winner in the Education Queensland 2014 Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools.

The Queensland Teachers' Union has been a supporter of the Showcase Awards since their inception and participates with other Queensland education stakeholders in the selection process for the regional and state winners each year.

As the winner of The Village Roadshow Theme Parks Showcase Award for Excellence in Inclusive Education for the North Queensland region, your program “Excellence in Indigenous Education” must have demonstrated some of the great attributes that make public education in Queensland worth celebrating.

Please pass on our congratulations to all of the school staff and parents involved in this exciting program. Best wishes for the state finals and we may be writing to you again in a few months time to offer congratulations on being a state winner in your category.

Thanks also for all that you do to keep public education in Queensland strong and vibrant. Your work is a clear example of the importance of having a quality public school as a first choice for children and parents in every community.

Yours sincerely

Graham Moloney
General Secretary

Kevin Bates
President

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Good afternoon
There are now only two weeks until Bond University’s scholarship applications close online!
The program offers a large number of full fee and part fee scholarships as well as cash bursaries to Australia’s best and brightest students. Most scholarships can be used for any single or combined program (with the exception of Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery). Students wishing to apply for a scholarship must complete an online application form at www.bond.edu.au/apply by July 31.
Below are some words of encouragement to share with your students, from a couple of our current scholarship recipients:

**Phoebe Whitnall**
SCGGGS Darlinghurst, NSW
Scholarship Recipient

I found out about Bond’s Scholarship Program through my career’s advisor at school. The application process was simple and I found the NSW Manager for Schools and Community incredibly helpful with all my enquiries and their passion and enthusiasm for Bond gave me great confidence. Of all the Universities I had contact with, Bond was by far the most encouraging and welcoming. My advice to students thinking of applying for scholarships would be to go for it; it is definitely one of the best decisions I’ve ever made.

**Hannah Duncan**
Darling Downs Christian School, QLD
Scholarship Recipient

The application and interview process to Bond was much easier than I anticipated. The communication between Bond was admirable and I was constantly kept up to date with necessary information. Beginning the first semester was great! Admittedly I was quite nervous because I didn’t know anybody, but everybody, staff and students were so friendly and helpful making settling in so much easier.

**Oscar Davis**
Varsity College, Gold Coast QLD
Scholarship Recipient

Studying at Bond University is like nothing I’ve ever experienced before. Having partaken in student for semester programs in other universities around the Gold Coast, I thought I knew what I was in for when I came to the Bond Open Day. I was so surprised to walk in the University to see so many areas to study quietly and research. Class sizes are small enough to maximize teacher-student interaction, even in my lectures it’s often me among a maximum of thirty others! The best part, knowing that I will come out of University a whole year earlier thanks to the accelerated degrees.

More information about the scholarships available this year can be found at www.bond.edu.au/scholarships. Alternatively, please contact me, the Excellence Program Coordinator, on 07 5595 1067 or email scholarships@bond.edu.au.
Best wishes,
Kristy
Academic Excellence Calendar - 2014
The Academic Excellence Program [formerly the Top Scholar Program] includes a range of extension activities which operate alongside individual curriculum subjects. Please find the key dates for Academic Excellence classes listed below:

**TERM 3:**

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Karen Watson
Head of Department Teaching and Learning

**SAYOUNARA ZOE!**

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Zoe Rohrich, who has won the Townsville City Council Iwaki-Townsville Sister City Exchange Competition.

As the joint winner of the competition, Zoe has won an all-expenses paid exchange to Townsville’s sister city in Japan, Iwaki, during the September school holidays.

Zoe competed against many other entrants from Years 11 and 12 from various Townsville high schools and was successful in attaining one of the two available exchange placements. The competition involved Zoe composing an essay on the long standing relationship between Iwaki and Townsville, as well as participating in an interview on Sunday 15th June.

Julie Philips, the competition’s organiser, commended Zoe saying her essay was of a very high standard, and the panel of judges were very impressed with her articulate interview on the day.

Zoe currently studies Japanese in Year 12 and has hosted many Japanese students on exchange to Australia. Well done Zoe and best of luck on your own exchange opportunity!
The Defence Work Experience Program and 27SQN RAAF Base Townsville are pleased to advise that the next RAAF Base Visit is scheduled for Wednesday 30th July. As part of the visit, students may participate in the following activities:

- Briefing on safety, security, expectations, RAAF Townsville units etc.
- Visit a number of units on base, allowing students to see, handle and/or learn about a range of Air Force equipment, vehicles, aircraft etc
- Units to be visited could include MEOMS workshop, Air Movements Section, 38 Squadron, 5th Aviation Regiment (Army), Air Traffic Control, Military Working Dogs, Combat Survival Training School - units may vary slightly each visit.
- Focus on the range of career opportunities that are available in the RAAF
- Lunch at the Airmen's Mess
- Participation in an Air Force Physical Training Activity
- Discussions and Questions and Answers with airmen and airwomen at the RAAF Base
- Information session by Defence Force Recruiting.

The visits are aimed at (but not limited to) Year 10 students who may be considering a Defence career but who would like more information on the range of units residing at RAAF Base Townsville, the many careers available and the roles and responsibilities of personnel in those jobs.

If you have students who may be interested in participating in the visit, please see Ms Jane for an agreement form and return to Ms Jane with student and parent/guardian relevant sections completed and signed. Please note that students must be 15 years or older to participate in the visit. Approximately 20 students can attend the tour and students will be given a place on a first in (Agreement returned), first served basis.

There is a cost of $6 for lunch, payable upon entry to the Airmen's Mess. Visits run from approximately 8.30am to 4pm.

Ashton Scholastic Book Club catalogues

Do you remember the Ashton Scholastic Book club your sons/daughters or you may have looked through for purchase of books and other items, well … THEY”RE BACK!!!!!

We have generous sets of catalogues in all age groups:

Busy Bee Ages 0-4; Wombat Ages 3-6; Lucky Ages 5-8; Arrow Ages 8-10; Star ages 10+; Teacher’s Bookshelf.

Please encourage your children to come and check these out in the Library. Excellent savings on RRP. Also excellent for all your family and friends. They are readily available from Library staff.

FUN RUN

Run to the water is a fun run in which anyone can participate (all community members are welcomed). This event is on 17th August 2014 and held at Riverway Art Centre.

For further information, please contact:

Vibooshini Ganeshalingam  
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Year 2  
Mentor for Medicine  
SANTE Run to the Water Coordinator 2014  
Email: vibooshini.ganeshalingam@my.jcu.edu.au
SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 3
21/07/14 Year 7 into 8 Information Night—7pm-Performing Arts
22/07/14 Year 6 into 7 Information Night—7pm-Performing Arts
21-23/07/14 Year 8 Academic Excellence James Cook University visit
21/07/14 International Student Program—Official School Welcome
21-25/07/14 ‘Try Time’ anti-drug presentations by YWHAM and the Cowboys
23/07/14 Year 12 QTAC presentation—Period 3
23-25/07/14 Year 12 Outdoor Recreation camp at Magnetic Island
26/07-06/08/14 Kokugakuin Study Tour
26/07/14 Queensland Training Awards—Jupiters Casino
23/07/14 Year 12 QTAC presentation—Period 3
23-25/07/14 Year 12 Outdoor Recreation camp at Magnetic Island
26/07-06/08/14 Kokugakuin Study Tour
26-31/07-01/08 NAIDOC Week
28-30/07/14 Year 12 QTAC interviews
28-29/07/14 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aspiration Program (ATSIAP)
29/07/14 ICAS English testing
30-31/07/14 Special Education Challenge Games (2 day Track and Field Athletics Carnival for students with a disability)
31/07-02/08/14 Year 11 Biology Camp
2/08/14 Arts Department Cabaret
05/08/14 Kokugakuin Study Tour—Farewell BBQ and Concert
05/08/14 Parent Teacher Interview Night
06/08/14 QMEA Toolkit for Schools Day
07/08/14 Australian Mathematics Competition
08/08/14 Year 12 Science 21 Pallarenda Field Trip
10-11/08/14 Year 10 CME Bowen trip (fieldwork)
12/08/14 Parents and Citizens’ Association meeting 7.00pm in the school Library
12/08/14 Year 10 Career Day
15/08/14 Year 10 Social
12-14/09/14 International Students Program Camp—Airlie Beach
15-16/09/14 Year 11 Outdoor Recreation camp at Magnetic Island
15-19/09/14 Beacon Week Year 10
17-19/09/14 Year 11 Gender Camps
22/09-03/10/14 School Holidays
06/10/14 Labour Day Public Holiday

Term 4
07/10/14 Term 4 commences
08/10/14 Parents and Citizens’ Association meeting 7.00pm in the school Library
09-12/10/14 Queensland All Schools Touch
10/10/14 World Mental Health Day
15/10/14 Year 10 CME Fieldwork
15/10/14 Year 11 Outdoor Recreation canoeing excursion at Ross River

20/10/14 Year 8 and 10 initiations
05/11/14 Year 10, 11 and 12 Graduation and Awards Night
29/11/14 Remembrance Day
11/12/14 Parents and Citizens’ Association meeting 7.00pm in the school Library
14/11/14 Special Education Awards Night
17-20/11/14 Year 12 Activities Week
21/11/14 Year 12 Rite of Passage
21/11/14 Final Day for Year 12
24-28/11/14 Year 10 Work Experience
24/11/14 Year 11 QCS Workshop
25-26/11/14 Year 11 QCS Practice test
28/11/14 Certificate III Business Year 11 James Cook University School Partnership Workshop
26-28/11/14 Year 10 Leadership Training
26-28/11/14 Year 11 Leadership Training
28/11/14 Final day for Year 10 and 11
02/12/14 Musicians’ Farewell
11/12/14 Year 8 and 9 Awards Night
12/12/14 Final Day for Year 8 and 9

2015
27/01/15 Term 1 commences

YEAR 12 COMPLETION DATE
For 2014 - 21 November

YEARS 10/11 COMPLETION DATE
For 2014 - 28 November

YEARS 8 and 9 COMPLETION DATE
For 2014 - 12 December

SUBJECT SELECTION NIGHTS

YEAR 10 INTO 11 - Tuesday 12 August
YEAR 8 INTO 9 - Wednesday 13 August
YEAR 9 INTO 10 - Wednesday 3 September

All Subject Selection Nights will be held at 7.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre

- Certificate 3 in Business x 4 positions (Year 10 or 11) located at Aitkenvale
- Certificate 3 community Pharmacy x 1 Position (must be 16 years old) located at Aitkenvale
- Certificate 3 Hospitality x 6 positions (Years 10, 11 and 12 may apply) lots of locations

Students and/or parents can call Extrastaff office during business hours for more information 4750 1650

COMMUNITY REPS WANTED FOR THE QCS TEST

Would you like to help supervise the QCS test on September 2nd and 3rd?
Contact Mr Andrew Higgins at school on 4773 8111 or ahigg21@eq.edu.au to obtain details and application forms.

YEARS 10 TO 12 STUDENTS

Townsville Careers Expo will be Monday 11 August 4.00 – 7.00 at Townsville RSL Stadium, Murray Sports Complex. Entry is free and there will be many displays in regards to Universities, TAFE, Learning Providers, Apprenticeships, Traineeships.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS AT CITY BEACH AUSTRALIA

TYPE: CERTIFICATE III IN BUSINESS LOCATION: TOWNSVILLE
What you will learn:
Customer Service; Visual merchandising, Register usage, Stock control, OHS legislation … and MORE!!!
Requirements:
Students attending Year 10 or 11, able to work one school day a week; displays common sense and confidence; be able to undertake the work/training requirements of this traineeship.
Resume is to be handed to the Careers Adviser and then forwarded on to Jessie Couch via email: Jessie.couch@citybeach.com.au.

WEP Student Exchange – See The World NOW

Do you want to see the world? Are you keen to push your boundaries and grow as a person? Could you see yourself living overseas as an exchange student in 2015? With over 20 different English and non-English speaking countries to choose from, the hardest part is choosing where you want to go!

Olivia (16) in France – "France is amazing in summer time. Honestly, indescribable. I'm extremely close with my current host family and it will be sad to leave. My host sister is my best friend and sister, and I can't imagine a life in France without her around. But we've already made plans to see each other after I leave."

Take The First Step!
In just a few easy steps, you could be on your way to participating in an opportunity of a lifetime. Visit www.wep.org.au and request a FREE information pack for you and your parents. Our brochure contains everything you need to know about WEP's not-for-profit student exchange programs to help you and your parents make this important decision.

Find Out More!
Meet WEP staff and returned students at our next information sessions:

Townsville Information Evening
Townsville RSL
139 Charters Towers Rd
Hermit Park
12 August 7pm-8:30pm

So, where do you want to go? Request information NOW and start planning your 2015 WEP adventure. If you have any questions about any of our exchange programs please feel free to give us a call on 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au.