CHALLENGE GAMES

Connor Brunner, Mitchell Vaughan

On Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th July a group of Kirwan High students with disabilities attended the annual Challenge Games at the Townsville Sports Reserve. It was a fantastic couple of days for the students who enthusiastically participated in the range of sport and fun activities on offer including running, jumping, throwing and team events plus many other novelty activities.

Two Kirwan High students also participated in invitational events, competing in Track and Field events to secure a chance to represent at Regional competitions. Congratulations go to Mitchell Vaughan (Year 9) for qualifying in 100m, 200m, and Long Jump, and to Connor Brunner (Year 10) for qualifying in 100m, 200m, Shot Put, Long Jump, and Discuss.

Executive Principal John Livingston said the Challenge Games provided students with disabilities a great opportunity to engage in friendly competition and do their best. The school is very proud of their achievements.

ARTIE CHAMPIONS

Shikira Craigie, Tayte Owens

Shakira Craigie and Tayte Owens are ARTIE Champions.

The ARTIE Program has been instituted in honour of the late and great Arthur Beetson. It aims to inspire, encourage and foster success among Indigenous students.

The program is currently being implemented at Kirwan State High School and Rasmussen State School.

It provides incentives to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with good attendance, behaviour and academic achievement.

Tayte and Shakira represented Kirwan High at the recent Former Origin Greats (FOGS) Corporate Dinner at Jupiters Casino. They spoke to an audience of more than 150 about their positive experiences with the ARTIE Program.

Executive Principal John Livingston said Kirwan High was honoured to be selected to run the ARTIE Program and the school is very proud of the achievements of Tayte and Shakira and all other Indigenous students who are participating in ARTIE.

James Cook University’s Open Day dates have been confirmed and are a fantastic opportunity for students and their families to visit the campus, tour the facilities and speak with experts. Sign up to the general mailing list to make sure you receive program details as they are released. The Open Day will be on Saturday 31st August 10.00am -2.00pm.
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Applications close 5 p.m. on 1st September 2013.

NEWS FROM THE BROOKE-TAYLORS

We are glad to acknowledge the achievements of our past students.

Andrew Brooke-Taylor (Class of 1996) has been successful in winning a prestigious grant from the British Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC). The EPSRC provides government funding for grants to undertake research and postgraduate degrees in engineering and the physical sciences (including mathematics, artificial intelligence and computer science), at universities in the United Kingdom.

Andrew (who is currently undertaking pure maths research at the University of Kobe, Japan) will take up the grant at the University of Bristol. The funding will pay his salary to undertake a research program for five years, and includes funding for support administration, conferences and travel. He will be considering an advanced technique in mathematical logic, and using it to advance research in other areas of mathematics such as algebraic topology. His success in winning this grant puts him in the top rank of young researchers in the United Kingdom.

Michael Brooke-Taylor (Class of 1999) is working for Boeing in Brisbane where he has been promoted to Senior Software Engineer.

Sallyanne Brooke-Taylor (Class of 2002) is currently working as a Geotechnical Engineer in Vancouver, Canada, and was recently in Kitimat near the artic circle analysing conditions for a Liquified Natural Gas plant.
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GREAT SKILLS. REAL OPPORTUNITIES
The Queensland Government reform action plan for further education and training

OVERVIEW
Great skills. Real opportunities creates a new training era to deliver a strong economy and rewarding job opportunities for Queenslanders.

Great skills. Real opportunities will reform Queensland’s further education and training sector.
The needs of students and employers will underpin the state’s training system. This will enable every Queenslander to obtain great skills for real job opportunities and boost economic and social prosperity for all.

Great skills. Real opportunities reforms commenced in 2013 with roll out continuing over the next five years.

A new training era
The Queensland Government is committed to creating a new training era characterised by:

• contestable training funding
• targeted investment based on industry advice
• closer alignment between training and the skills required for employment
• student choice and access
• certainty for training providers.

Contestability means opening up training delivery so that it can be offered by a range of public and private providers. Making training funding available contestably ensures that government is providing the public with greater choice and the best possible solution at the best possible price.
The Queensland Government aims to reinforce confidence in the value and benefit of accredited training to encourage individuals to invest in their future and to encourage employers to invest in the capacity of their existing and future workforce.

Accessible training
More Queenslanders will be able to access high quality training pathways that are directly linked to employment.

Year 12 graduates will have access to fee-free training in high priority qualifications if they start training with a preferred training provider within a year of leaving school.

Government subsidised training will be available through more high quality private and public providers across the state, providing students with more training choices.

A Certificate III Guarantee will give eligible Queenslanders access to a government subsidised training place, up to and including their first certificate III level qualification in priority training areas.
The delivery of foundation skills, including language, literacy and numeracy training and other workplace preparation skills is a critical component of the Certificate III Guarantee.

A new five-year $47 million Community Learning Program will provide additional support for Queenslanders with diverse learning needs to gain a qualification.

A new website will provide comprehensive and reliable career and training information for students and employers.

Engaged industry and employers
Genuine partnership between industry, employers and government will ensure the skills needed for Queensland’s economic growth are identified and prioritised.

A new Ministerial Industry Commission will advise government on the state’s priorities for funding qualifications that match training with job opportunities.
The state’s new vocational education and training (VET) investment framework will provide clear information on priority skills and funding arrangements.

From July 2014, all government purchased training will be available contestably through more quality providers across the state and will focus on the qualifications that are most likely to lead to employment for graduates.

Higher priority training will receive a higher government contribution, meaning that student fees for priority courses are likely to be lower.

Tailored programs to support skills development for particular industries, locations or student cohorts will enable government to respond to emergent skilling needs while also encouraging co-investment by employers.

Private and public providers will be able to use public training facilities in new and dynamic ways to ensure quality training delivery.

Pathways from school to work will become more effective through revised VET in Schools arrangements that will focus on preparing senior school students for further training and employment.

Quality training linked to employment
Graduates gaining employment at the completion of training is a key focus for government.

From 1 July 2013, selected training providers will be able to offer government subsidised training in a number of priority certificate III level qualifications. A new $42 million funding pool, has been made available for this, as part of approximately $300 million in contestable funding.

From 1 July 2014, the public funding pool will be fully contestable, giving students an even greater choice of training provider.

Only providers that deliver a consistently high standard of training will be able to deliver government subsidised training.

Funding agreements will focus on outcomes, give longer term business certainty to providers and help build innovation and diversity in the market.

Apprenticeship and traineeship arrangements will be improved, making it easier for apprentices and trainees to change employers and move interstate without compromising their progress towards becoming a qualified tradesperson.

Apprenticeship and traineeship administration will be simplified and streamlined, reducing paperwork and red tape. Funding will continue to be available contestably which will enable employers and their apprentice or trainee to choose the training provider that best suits their needs.

The reform action plan and factsheets are available at http://www.training.qld.gov.au/greatskills. Factsheets include:

• apprentices and trainees
• industry and employers
• regional communities
• students and parents
• TAFE Queensland reforms
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Term 3
14/08/13 Interschool Athletics—Blue
15/08/13 Interschool Athletics—Both
16/08/13 National Schoolboy Rugby League Cup Queensland Final
17/08/13 Arts Department Cabaret
23/08/13 Daffodil Day
24-25/08/13 North Queensland All Schools Touch Football
03/09/13 Year 7 into 8 Parent Information Night
06/09/13 North Queensland Athletics Carnival
11-29/09/13 Townsville Eisteddfod
16-20/09/13 Industry Placement Year 11 and 12 Childcare
16-20/09/13 Year 10, 11 and 12 Work Experience
18-20/09/13 Year 11 Girls/Boys Camps
16-21/09/13 National Youth Championships Touch Football (Boys and Girls) Sunshine Coast
23/09-04/10/13 School Holidays
07/10/13 Labour Day Holidays

RSL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Are you a Year 10 or 11 student with a passion for academics, sports or the community? Then the Returned Services League (RSL) of Australia and Bond University want to hear from you! Students will be given the opportunity to share in over $500,000 worth of grants.

Apply now for your opportunity to benefit from this program. Applications close November 11, 2013. For more information or to apply visit: www.RSLyouth.com.au

GAP MEDICS WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT
Aspiring medics between the ages of 16 -25 can join us this summer on our Australian Summer Special in Thailand or Tanzania from 5th January 2014! Here they will shadow healthcare professionals in a variety of departments, getting a real-life insight into the work of medical professionals in a new and exciting country. No amount of work experience available back home in Australia will measure up!

Alongside gaining beneficial work experience, students will be able to get together with fellow Australians and experience everything the amazing destination has to offer. From days spent running around the busy hospital wards, to evenings watching wildlife down by the waterhole or cooking over an open fire with all of the fellow housemates. There are even wildlife safaris and hill-tribe treks to uncover at the weekends for those who are looking for a bit more exploration!

Places are limited and are likely to fill up quickly, so students should book early to avoid missing out on this once in a lifetime experience! The cost of a one-week placement is $1,990 (USD), but students can opt to join us for longer if they wish.

Please visit www.gapmedics.com.au for more information, or you can call our friendly Head Office team for a chat on +44(0) 191 230 8080.

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YEAR 12 QTAC INFORMATION
QTAC opens 1st August and closes 27th September. Cost is $34. Students need to complete applications online at www/qtac.edu.au.

All Year 12 students (wanting to go to tertiary) have received a QTAC book and will be interviewed by a Guidance Officer in Week 4. Students have also had the opportunity to visit James Cook University.

SET PLAN INTERVIEWS
On Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th August, all Year 10 students will have a SET Plan interview with a person from Administration. This is an important interview where parents are invited to attend. Students select their subjects for Years 11 and 12. All interviews will be conducted in the Library.

FIRST AID CERTIFICATES
First Aid Certificates are being offered on 5th September 2013 at school in the Trade Training Theory Room. It will run all day.

Cost is $100 payable to the school cashier at the student counter. Please collect a form to attend from Ms Jane in the Vet Office.

LOWES SCHOOL WEAR SALE
Lowes stores are having a one (1) day only sale with 20% off everything in the store, including school wear, on Thursday 15th August 2013. If you need to purchase any school wear, visit one of the Lowes stores in Townsville (Willows, Stockland and Castletown) on Thursday 15th August to get a discount.

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