

Greetings From The DP's Desk

It's been an extremely busy start to the year for everyone at SSSH. I'd like to commend all concerned from the ancillary staff to the teachers to the students to the administration team for the efficient way in which they have conducted themselves for the start of 2014. Although the year has barely begun, we can already boast a variety of achievements:

- Induction Day
- Year 12 leadership day.
- The Year 8 information evening
- The Swimming Carnival
- Year 8 Camp

All of the above have proven to be very successful events.

I have been extremely impressed with the students and staff at SSSH during the first part of the year. The students

have made me feel very welcome. The teachers have impressed me with their genuine interest, care and concern for our students. Our student body look thoroughly impressive in their dress uniforms due to the commitment of our teachers and parents to ensure this happens. Well done all!

I am very pleased to be part of the High School for 2014 and look forward to the many experiences which the position of Deputy Principal can offer. If you ever have any concerns regarding any issue please do not hesitate to contact me.



Uniform update from Kath Wenban



As we approach the cooler weather can I please remind parents and students about our Winter Uniform Requirements. Term two is often the term when the inclement weather begins so we would suggest that students and parents ensure that they are prepared with the correct uniform items. If you have any queries, please contact the school.

Jumpers / Jackets

- The navy blue knitted school jumper can be worn with the Dress or Practical uniform.
- The navy blue and maroon wind jacket can be worn with the Dress or Practical uniform.
- Year 12 Senior Jacket is designed to complement both the Dress and Practical uniform and as such can be worn with both these uniforms. (this jacket is due to arrive very soon).
- If undergarments are worn to further assist with keeping warm they are not to be visible outside of the uniform items.

Scarves

- A plain navy blue or plain white scarf may be worn with either uniform but MUST have the ends tucked in for safety. Ends that are not tucked in are not providing warmth and are at risk of being caught on objects.

Beanies

- A plain navy blue beanie is permitted to be worn when involved in outdoor activities during class time and when outdoors

during lunch breaks on cold days. They are not to be worn in the normal classroom environment.

Gloves

- Plain navy blue gloves can be worn when involved in outdoor activities during class time and when outdoors during lunch breaks on cold days. They are not to be worn in the normal classroom environment and must not impede student access to the curriculum or contravene any workplace health and safety requirements.

Socks / Stocking / Tights

Girls

- Socks are to be plain white in colour when worn with the Dress or Practical uniform.
- Plain black full length stockings or tights may be worn with the Dress uniform.

Boys

- Dress uniform socks are to be long socks and school grey in colour when worn with shorts.
- Practical uniform socks are to be white in colour and be above ankle length.

Long Pants

- Long pants are to be plain school grey in colour business style trousers.

Shoes

- Some students are still choosing not to wear the correct footwear to school / class. In most cases we are aware that the students do have the correct shoes so they are making a deliberate choice not to comply with our expectations.
- Should this occur, the first response will be from the Form Teacher / class teacher.
- The second response will be from the Head of Department / Year Level Coordinator.
- The third response will be from the Year Level Deputy who will contact the parents and ascertain if the student has the correct footwear. If they don't, the Deputy Principal will provide support to obtain the correct footwear. If the student does have the correct footwear, the Deputy Principal will, in conjunction with the parent, organise for the student to get into the correct footwear, each morning until such a time that the student is able to manage appropriate footwear selection themselves.

Key Priorities

1. Improved student achievement
2. Improved student attendance
3. Improved parent and carer engagement
4. Targeted quality professional development with a focus on Explicit Instruction
5. Implementation of and preparation for the Australian Curriculum in the classrooms



Creative Generation 2014

This year will be the 10th anniversary of C-Gen and there will be 1800 student performers participating in the show at the Brisbane Convention Centre in July.

Stanthorpe State High School was offered 15 places in the Core Choir which is highly selective from a total of over 1000 prospective choir singers from State Schools all over Queensland.

Rehearsals began this week and the students pictured have just returned following two rigorous days of choir singing.

The students selected to participate this year in Core Choir are Jacob Adsett, Josh Becker, Caitlin Gianini, Emma Beecham, Emily Bass-Drake, Danielle Andreatta, Teneal Hutchin, Michelle Mueller, Darcie Heaven and Naomi Moore.

Justin Markoski received a call back as a stand-alone performer, but while the audition team thought he was worthy of a position in the show, the song choices had already been made and they were unable to find a spot to feature Justin's guitar skills. Michelle Mueller is anxiously waiting to hear if she was successful in gaining a position in the Symphony Orchestra.

The experienced gained from working with some of Australia's finest producers, such as Andrew Bee, who has just returned from producing the opening and closing ceremonies for the Sochi Winter Olympics, will remain with these students for years into the future. Congratulations to all of these Core Choir participants.



Breakfast Club finds a new home

Breakfast Club has kicked off again for 2014 at an exciting new venue. Students have started settling into our new home in the recently built I Block. This multipurpose learning area offers the ideal venue with so much space for students to mingle whilst enjoying breakfast.

This year we are offering a healthy range of cereal, fruit, toast, yoghurt, juice and hot Milo to start the day. We have had many teachers visit us in our new location and our Prefects have welcomed our Year 8 students and shown them the ropes.

This valuable program is made possible with the generosity of our staff, students, parents and community. If you would like to make a donation to Breakfast Club, please contact Kaylah Adams through the school on 4681 5888.



Young Chef Program/Culinary Challenge

Recently six students from Year 10 participated in the Young Chef Program at the Queensland College of Wine Tourism.

During the four day program the students learnt about hygiene in the kitchen, food preparation, knife skills and prepared a wonderful array of food for a 'High Tea'. The

students were able to showcase their individual passion and creativity as well as gain real world experience in a commercial kitchen, working as a team, adhering to strict time-lines and presenting meals.

On the Thursday afternoon, combining with the Young Host participants who served

beverages, a 'High Tea' was presented to parents and staff. 'High Tea' is an age old tradition, often described as a light meal between meals. The menu consisted of a selection of petite and savoury dishes.

Participation in the Young Chef Program is the first step in the selection of students to compete in the 2014 Junior Secondary School Culinary Challenge. This challenge involves the selected students working with the QCWT head chef, Ben Lanyon, over a 13 week period to create a winning dish with

Chicken Maryland as the main ingredient.

In early August, the challenge team students will cook and present their dish, as they compete in the Southern Downs Regional Final in Toowoomba.



Young Chefs in the kitchen



A small selection from the high tea the young chefs produced.

Tourism students learn from the past at the Museum

As part of their studies in Wine Tourism, students recently attended the Stanthorpe Museum. Curator Lorene Long outlined note-worthy aspects of the Granite Belt's history in Ardmore House, a building of historical significance, shifted to the museum site. Students were

then able to interact with the many displays, learning stories of our past to potentially share with tourists. Of interest was the shepherd's hut, the telephone exchange building and the displays about the early days of school life on the Granite Belt.



Tourism students and teachers outside the Shepherd's Hut.

Giant Auction plans underway

Recently tourism students participated in a mock auction, role playing how an auction works. On Sunday the 18th May there will be the 2nd annual Giant Auction hosted by the Stanthorpe State High School P&C. The Year 12 Certificate III in Tourism and the Year 11 Certificate II in Hospitality students are organising and assisting this fantastic event to

run smoothly from planning to execution. A new addition to the event will be the inclusion of a book fair, so mark this date in your calendars. Start looking through your stuff at home for any items that you could register for the auction. Items can be donated or sold on commission. For more information please contact the school.



Year 11 & 12 Tourism students preparing for the Giant Auction and Book Fair.

The Apology by Artslink Theatre

The Year 9/10/11 and 12 students had the opportunity to attend a powerful Artslink performance by Zeal Theatre Company. The performance was about the effects of bullying and the students found the experience very powerful and moving. The students had the opportunity to ask the actors questions after the performance and many students took the opportunity to do this. It is great to see students taking the opportunity to see live theatre provided by Artslink theatre.



Excited students meeting the actors at the end of the performance.

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GRANITE MAGAZINE 2014

The school's magazine is already well underway for this year.

The 'Granite Magazine 2014' will be published in term four.

The magazine showcases all the highlights and events of 2014 and is a great memorabilia for student's year 8s to year 12s.

Order forms will be given out early next term.

It is essential that magazine orders are returned as soon as possible to the textbook office with payment of \$25.

Any enquiries or to receive an electronic copy of the order form, please email Magazine Coordinator Kate Dearden kdear13@eq.edu.au

Year 8 camp a blast!

Year 8 camp Konionia situated on the New South Wales North coast at the delightful seaside town of Evans Head has yet again proved to be a great success for the Stanthorpe State High School students. The arduous journey to camp was made all the more pleasant by the Crisps Coaches that ferried the students to their destination without incident, except for just few boys who were defeated by travel sickness through the winding mountain range crossing. Nonetheless, the student's arrival at camp was greeted with exceptional weather and welcoming vistas of the beach and camp grounds. With enthusiasm and energy in abundance, students were presented with ample opportunity to interact and build strong bonds though an assortment of fun team building activities and games run by teachers on the first evening of camp. Each new day of camp kicked off

with beach walks set against the morning sunrise followed by a hearty breakfast and full day jam packed full of activities including; canoeing, raft building/ activities, swinging in the chapel, rock climbing and a 10 meter vertical challenge. Once again the balancing activity on a giant inflatable called the 'rockit' proved to be a favourite amongst students. The bush dance activities held on the final evening of camp capped off a fun filled energy sapping day that saw many weary bodies off to bed. Judging by the smiling yet exhausted faces boarding the bus for the return trip home, a great time was had by all. The students conduct on the camp was commended by the Koinonia staff for their courteous manners and enthusiastic participation. 2014's year 8 cohort has shown great promise for future excellence as students of Stanthorpe State High School.



The canoeing was very popular at the Year 8 camp.



Team building activities encouraged all to participate.

Darling Downs and Border Districts sports wrap up

Term one is always a busy time of year with sports trials. The Border District Summer Sports trials and the Border District Winter Sports trials have both been held. Students attended the trials covering Tennis, Touch Football, Cricket, Soccer, Netball, Basketball, Hockey and Rugby League.

Other sports such as Baseball, Volleyball, Golf and Orienteering nominate at a Darling Downs regional level as there

are no District trials for these sports.

The following students all gained selection in a Border District team or have nominated to attend the Darling Downs trials for the above mentioned:

Natasha Lacey, Dillon Carmody (Touch Football), Katie Draheim, Liam Halloran, Georgia Williams, Jack Williams (Tennis), Jordan Lanza (Cricket), Emma Beecham, Daniel Cridland, Robert Coelli, Cameron

Oudman, Joshua Crestani, Jaimee Beecham, Ellice Orreal, Courtney Moss, Ben Rametta (Soccer), Jeremy Bell, Jessica Hayes, Brooke Robertson, Ally Gilbert (Basketball), Declan Oag, Kiara Hetherington, Colin Patton (Orienteering), Ethan Wenban (Baseball) and Dylan Barraclough (Golf).

Congratulations to Katie Draheim and Ethan Wenban for their selection into their respective Darling Downs regional team.

