



Key Priorities

1. Improved student achievement
2. Improved student attendance
3. Quality, targeted professional development with a focus on pedagogy
4. Implementation and Preparation for the Australian Curriculum

Student Leadership Team:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Adam Bonner Sahra Costanzo
Jodie Perkins Peter Pugno

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Finch: Alex Bell
 Brooke Chapman
 Lauren Jamieson
 Zak Kunze

Langan: Erin Anderson
 Penelope Comino
 Cameron Crestani
 Andrew Maudsley

Withers: Kevin Collett
 Tom Maher
 Megan Mahony
 Madeleine Oag

Wright: Kelsey Hutchin
 Jemima Russell
 Lachlan Sweet
 Kayla Wren

PREFECTS (Inc. Captains + Yr 12 Councillors)

Clara Barrs Catherine Bicad
Brigitte Botha Turryn Crisp
Xavier Duff Natasha Empen
Tayla Fawcett Crystal Huang
Kirsty Ladgrove David Lee
Elise Maritan Brittany Reyner
Shalom Roes Tamekah Turner
Eliza Vichie Shelbi Wantling
Adele Warry Sarah Whitfort
Leah Williams Ryan Williams
Connor Hartley-Simpson
Shannelle Stanley

STUDENT COUNCILLORS

Year 12: Megan Mahony
 Emily Gale

Year 11: Jeremy Burnell
 Janice Featherstone
 Caitlin Gianini
 James Park

Year 10: Nicholas Featherstone
 Sarah Green
 Elijah Davis
 Georgia Marcus

Year 9: Joshua Crestani
 Victor Johnstone
 Sophie Maddock
 Amelia McCormick

Year 8: 8a Hamish Williams
 8b Nathan Oudman
 8c Diane Suell
 8d Elvis Sulovski
 8e Liam Henderson

Acting Principal's comments

It gives me pleasure to welcome Mrs Ann Richardson and Mr Sean Cole to the positions of Acting Deputy Principals.



Mrs Richardson will be acting in the role of Deputy Principal whilst Mr Smedley takes leave. She will be in this role until the end of the term with the possibility of the acting role continuing for term four. Mr Cole is acting in the role of Deputy Principal while I am acting Principal – replacing Mr Peter Grant while he is on leave. Mrs Richardson and Mr Cole have settled into their roles well and are enjoying their involvement in our school.

This term has arrived with warmer weather and some great events. The school's Track and Field Carnival was a great day and our students performed really well both on and off the field. Many of them attended the Border Districts trials in Warwick with some outstanding results. Our school was well represented at the Brisbane Exhibition through our Cattle Club. The highlight of the show was placing first and being awarded Champion Heavy Weight Carcass out of 102 steers. Stanthorpe State High School also excelled in the Junior Judging competition with finals performances from Adam Williamson, Zac Cameron, Amy Henderson, Kahlia Williamson and Riley Boston. Students also took out the Limousin Herdsperson awards in a clean sweep. Montana McCorry was placed first, Zac Cameron was placed second and Amy Henderson was placed third.

Our young chefs went to the Ekka this weekend for the final of the Queensland junior Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge. They represent the Darling Downs as regional winners.

August is the month when we have information sessions for parents. The year 7- 8 parent information session was held with 150 parents and students visiting our school. The year 10 – 11 and year 8 – 9 parent information nights provide our school community with additional information so informed choices can be made by members of our school community in relation to the education of our young people.

I would like to thank our parents and carers for their efforts in supporting the wearing of the correct uniform to school. Although we are still having some conversations with students about uniform, these conversations are becoming less frequent and we are noticing that our student body is generally abiding by our requests to be in the correct uniform – thanks for your assistance and support.

I'd like to wish our year 12 students the very best for the remainder of this term – it is the business end of the year, and to an extent, of their school career. Over the next 12 school weeks the year 12 students will benefit from additional support and understanding from everyone around them as they prepare for end of term / unit assessments.

It is also worthy to note that all of our students will be preparing for the second half of the term assessments and will be busily engaging in assignments and preparations for tests. If you require any more details about this please don't hesitate to contact your son or daughter's teacher.

P & C Meetings

Reminder to all parents that you are invited to and encouraged to attend P&C Meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7.00 pm in the Granite Belt Community Learning Centre.

FAREWELL FOR MR HERMAN ODJK

Staff gathered to farewell Mr Odijk as he takes some well-earned long service leave after which he will retire from Education Queensland. Mr Odijk began his service with Education Queensland in October 1998. His service at Stanthorpe State High School saw his 'classroom' of students scattered all over Queensland from the Gold Coast to the Gulf and although he has not met them face-to-face, he still knows them all and their study coaches. Herman's teaching of IPT (Information Processing and Technology) took place largely in a virtual classroom, online via the Internet.

He began at Stanthorpe State High School a decade ago after completing his 4th degree, M.Ed. in Education Technology, joining the team involved in a pilot project of a Virtual Schooling Service through Stanthorpe State High School – teaching both on-line and face to face classes.

Herman began his working life at the age of 13 as a pastry cook in 1958, then to a career in the Merchant Navy and trained as a cook / steward in the Royal Dutch Navy. He left the navy to study Business Management, then a B.A. in Accounting / Legal Studies, Politics and Economic History after immigrating to Australia in 1972. He then studied post-graduate Taxation Law, becoming an Accountant / Bursar of a Sydney College, then Accountant with an international pen manufacturer. After leaving Sydney he also ran two rural properties with his wife who was a librarian and author.

He began his teaching career in Business Studies after completing his Graduate Diploma in Further Education and Training in 1996, teaching in business colleges and TAFE. He enjoyed teaching so much that he enrolled in a Master of Education (Education Technology) which eventually led him to Stanthorpe.

Herman has now logged off for the last time, turned off his split screen computer, silenced his phone line and hung up his headphones, to begin his retirement. He says he has really enjoyed his time at Stanthorpe State High School and the innovative experience the job has offered.

"Stanthorpe sort of grew on us," Herman said. "It's a great town with excellent services, and we have made many friends here including my teaching colleagues. However, we will be hopping on and off a few cruise ships in the near future."

Principal, Mr Peter Grant and the staff of Stanthorpe State High School wish Herman the best for the future.



Herman is presented with a plaque by Principal Mr Peter Grant.

BRONCO'S CUP NETBALL

In the first round of Bronco's Cup Netball our Stanthorpe teams played against Killarney and Allora. The games were close with strong defence and fast attack. Intense training over the past 5 weeks during breaks at school and the involvement in the local YMCA competition is definitely paying off.

Our A grade team stormed home for a gallant victory whilst our B grade were narrowly defeated. Our C grade girls played goal for goal and ended up drawing even. All teams played well together as a group and are assured to have a competitive season.



A and B Grade Netball girls

A KICKER FIRST GAME

The Stanthorpe State High School Open Rugby League team took to the field recently for a match against Warwick SHS. In what was a very pleasing result Stanthorpe won the match 20-4, in what was a confidence boosting win to kick start the season. All players that took the field contributed to the victory and played the match in a very good spirit.

The forwards most definitely won the 'battle' up front with a committed defensive effort against a large Warwick forward pack. Their strong work was capped off with two tries to Josh Lucas and one each to Tom Landers and Michael Pearson.



BACK-TO-BACK WIN FOR STANHIGH LIMOUSIN SHOW TEAM

In awarding our show team the prestigious Downs Group Training Trophy for the second successive year as Overall Champion School at the Inglewood Centenary Show Judges commented that "... the Stanthorpe State High school team was the most well-mannered and polite" and went on to say that they also "... set a bench mark for other schools in their professional approach" and in being the "... neatest and most well-presented of any school group judged by them." The StanHigh Limousin Show Team was also awarded the 'Best School Display' and the 'Herdsman's Trophy'.

In the Stud Cattle classes Stanhigh Golden Wulf, paraded by Zac Cameron, won Junior Champion Limousin Bull and went on to be judged Grand Champion bull. Zac Cameron proceeded into the Junior Paraders Competition and won the Champion Male Parader.

The Downfall Grants Vista paraded by Jade Thompson (pictured) and The Downfall GMV Gabrielle paraded by Adam Williamson both placed first in their classes. GMV Vista went on to be Junior Champion Limousin Female with Stanhigh Golden Girl paraded by Lakisha Mc Corry taking Reserve Champion honours. The Downfall Grants Vista went on to be judged Grand Champion female.

The StanHigh Limousin team rounded out the stud cattle judging by winning the highly competitive Interbreed Champion Breeder's Group with 3 cattle all bred from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane EKKA all breed Grand Champion bull Longreach Contestabull. The group was led by Stanhigh Golden Wulf, Stanhigh Golden Girl, and Stanhigh Golden Gift paraded by Zac Cameron, Montana McCorry and Kahlia Williamson. The judge commented very favourably on the evenness and quality of the group and especially on their "trueness to breed type" and the very professional way which the students had prepared the cattle.

In Junior Paraders section first timers Lakisha McCorry and Kallista Windle were placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the 12 years and under section. In the 13-14 year age group Montana McCorry was outright winner with Zac Cameron and Kahlia Williamson placed equal third.

Show Team and Cattle Club Co-ordinators Mr Nathan Hurtz and Mr David Mountford-Vale commented that they were "... very proud of the way the team had worked together as a group... in such a professional manner with half of the team being Year 8 students and on their first show outing". Principal, Mr Peter Grant, thanked the parents for the keen interest and support shown and provided to the team over the weekend.



'Lest we forget'

ANZAC Day Commemorations are an important part of our country's culture. The Stanthorpe State High School community is very proud of its involvement in ensuring ANZAC Day continues as such well into the future.

Our school ceremony on Wednesday was nothing short of outstanding. Students were very respectful at the ceremony which was led by School Captains Adam Bonner, Sahra Costanzo, Jodie Perkins and Peter Pugno. A violin performance of "I was only 19" by Clara Barrs was absolutely breath-taking.

On 25 April, a large number of students and staff were involved in the Dawn Service, mid-morning services across many centres in the Granite Belt, Texas and Tenterfield, the service involving the blessing of the refurbished and relocated Amosfield war memorial in the Liston township as well as the afternoon service at Ballandean.

School Captains Sahra Costanzo, Jodie Perkins and Peter Pugno attended the Stanthorpe Dawn Service along with special guest Major Alyson Auliff, RAAMC, who is a past Stanthorpe State High School student.



School Captain Adam Bonner attended the Liston service led by his grandfather, Peter Bonner.

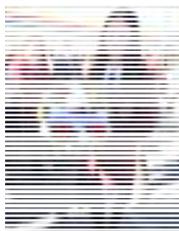
Approximately 130 students in full school uniform participated in the Anzac Day march along the main street, proudly led by their school captains and the school banner.



Following the march, School Captains Jodie Perkins and Peter Pugno were invited to move a resolution at the Commemoration Service held in the Stanthorpe Civic Centre followed by all four captains laying a wreath on behalf of the school at the Memorial in Weeroona Park.



Principal Peter Grant received many positive comments from the community on both the number of students and their presentation.



Ag Science Bean Harvest

The Year 9 Agricultural Science class have begun harvesting a crop planted in February this year, as part of studying a "Vegetables" Unit. With about 35kg harvested so far, the beans will be able to be picked twice a week until the frost hits. As well as doing the picking, students will write a report detailing all aspects of growing the crop, from soil analysis to marketing. The beans are delicious, and can be purchased at the Student Resource Scheme office for \$2.50 for a 500g bag.



Students pick a bumper bean harvest.

Classy Café is feeling hospitable

This year the Year 12 Hospitality class is working towards Certificate 3 in Hospitality. To achieve this certificate they must complete 15 units of competency and actively participate in 36 hospitality service periods, which means you may see some of the students out at restaurants around the district over the next couple of months.

The Hospitality students have also been practising their coffee and hot chocolate making skills at the QCWT in order to set up the Classy Café coffee cart initiative at the school. Katie Wilson from Year 12 is a member of the class and also part of the organising group for a new concept which may see the coffee cart idea joined with the creation of a common room for Year 12s. The coffee cart plans to sell coffee to staff on Friday mornings before school and hot chocolate and healthy muffins and slices to Year 12s at morning tea. The Student Support Centre is also ready to lend a hand by baking gourmet cookies each week.



Katie Wilson – barista in the making

Cross Country 2013



Stanthorpe State High School held their annual cross country carnival on Wednesday 1 May. Strong participation was shown from all Houses with Finch the eventual Teams event and Champion House trophy winners. Wright House stepped up this year with strong results but couldn't quite catch up to Finch.



On what was a very warm Autumn's day, the students competed well in all age divisions. Teneal Hutchin and Clara Barrs created new records over the 4km course for their respective age groups. Congratulations to all involved.

Finch House captains Zak Kunze, Lauren Jamieson, Brooke Chapman and Alex Bell add two more trophies to the 3 trophies won back on Swimming Carnival day.

Age Champions

13 Yrs: Luke Nelson and Hayley Alldridge
 14 Yrs: Ethan Wenban and Teneal Hutchin
 15 yrs: Harley Price and Melissa Botha
 16 yrs: Kieren Hutchin and Phoebe Hilton
 Open: Cameron Crestani and Clara Barrs



Runners Up:

13 Yrs: Michael Hall and Melissa Donald
 14 yrs: Ashley Jones and Sophie Hilton
 15 yrs: Stephen Coco and Michelle Gatuteo
 16 yrs: Tom Landers and Louise Butler
 Open: Kelsey Hutchin and Lauren Jamieson



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ARMY ADVENTURE CAMP

Year 12 student, Bridgette Johnston, who had the wonderful opportunity to spend a week as an army recruit at the first girls-only adventure camp at Brisbane's Enoggera Barracks described it as "a once in a lifetime experience".

Bridgette stated that "During the week we tried everything from engineering, medical work, catering and aviation. Thursday was the most interesting day—after breakfast we visited the Helicopter Section and my favourite was the Black Hawk. We boarded the Black Hawk and were treated to a bird's eye view of Brisbane. On Thursday we also had our over water obstacle course with our full cameos and joggers on. The course was a challenge and not all of the students made the course but it made us aware of the fitness level that is required.

Thursday night was our cooking competition. There were four teams and we worked with the Chefs to prepare, cook and serve a meal for army personnel involved in the program and our parents.

It was the best week ever. I met a lot of people who inspired me to join the army. By the last day we were a family of just sisters and no-one wanted to go home."



Italian Immersion visits

Staff and students from Stanthorpe State High's renowned Italian Immersion program enjoyed visiting a number of Granite Belt primary schools last week. Current senior Italian students, Annalise Pugno, Amy Williams and James Park talked to Year 6 and 7 students about their experience of studying Italian Immersion in Years 8, 9 and 10. Along with their teacher, Ms Silvia Loi, they also played versions of charades and *Simon Says* in Italian with the primary school students. A great time was had by all.



SENIOR ART EXCURSION

The Senior Art students travelled to Southbank Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art to visit the Asia Pacific Triennial Exhibit. The students were captivated by the stunning array of contemporary art on display, many of the exhibits engaging the students with inviting 'hands on' interactive elements. The opportunity to investigate and learn from the world class gallery exhibit has no doubt made a lasting impression on the students who returned to their art classes with a new found enthusiasm and broader perspective of the arts.



Stanthorpe State High Students give up to fight hunger in Malawi

A team of young people from Stanthorpe State High School joined together to support World Vision's 40 Hour Famine from 16 to 18 August 2013.

The 40 Hour Famine is one of Australia's biggest youth events raising community awareness and much needed funds to help fight global hunger. Each year inspires a new generation of young people to help break the cycle of poverty.

Participants have to give up something important to them for 40 hours to raise awareness and funds to fight global hunger.

The students chose to give up food, furniture, technology and even talking in support of the cause.

The UN reports that one out of every eight people in the world is chronically hungry. This year, the 40 Hour Famine is focusing on Malawi, in southern Africa, where around 1.9 million people are impacted by drought, failing crops and dramatically rising food prices.

SHORTS FOR SPORTS

Year 9 Home Economics students are excited to wear their completed shorts which they designed and created themselves. Using various design techniques including tie dye, fabric stencilling and screen printing students made shorts for their sporting house. Students were very proud of their sewing achievements and can't wait to show them off at school sporting carnivals.



SENIORS SUPPORTING LEARNING

A talented group of Senior students at Stanthorpe State High School are doing their bit to support student learning and enhance student outcomes across the school. These volunteer students from Years 11 and 12 donate their time during their lunchbreaks to provide tutorial assistance for students. Any student needing help with either classwork or assignments is able to access the Resource Centre and work with our Senior volunteers during any break.

The tutorials started in Term 2 after the announcement of School Prefects and their responsibilities. This is the first time this service has been offered and is part of the changing face of the Stanthorpe State High School Resource Centre. The Seniors providing the tutorial service are already planning to expand the services further to include peer mentoring.



Senior tutors ready to assist.

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FAREWELL FIONA

Staff and students farewelled Mrs Fiona Smedley at a morning tea as she commences her leave and takes off on an extended tour of Europe. Mr Chris Smith replaces Mrs Smedley as Year 8 co-ordinator.

School captains Sahra Costanzo, Jodie Perkins and Peter Pugno as well as Principal Peter Grant, Heads of Department Rob Moore and Judi Kelly were in attendance to share their stories about Mrs Smedley and to present her with gifts.



Stanthorpe SHS String Ensemble performs at Armidale Eisteddfod.

On Sunday, June 2nd - a cold and rainy day - 12 intrepid members of the school string ensemble travelled to Armidale to compete at the Armidale Eisteddfod.

The group performed 'I See You from Avatar and Rollin' in The Deep' and were placed a very creditable third. The adjudicator commented on the spirit with which the ensemble performed, and there were many comments from other audience members remarking on how much they enjoyed the performance. The school also received a special mention for making the long trip to perform at the eisteddfod.

All these performers plus many more talented students from the school's music program will be performing at the Border District Eisteddfod this Thursday and Friday at the Civic Centre.



Back: Mr Alex Negerevich; Kate Maudsley; Katie Draheim; Darcie Heaven; Annalise Pugno; Natasha Kloppers; Michelle Mueller; Clara Barrs; Elle Vichie; Lachlan Sweet; Mrs Narelle Negerevich; Penelope Comino

Front: Xavier Duff; Megan Mahony

STANTHORPE HIGH LENDS A HAND

Stanthorpe High has a proud tradition of supporting our wider community and this was clearly demonstrated at the recent Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Twenty five of our students, three staff, a parent and a former school captain helped with the appeal through door knocking and driving. With their help, over \$3400 was raised on the day. We are proud of our students and broader school community for their care and commitment to the Granite Belt and congratulate them on being outstanding ambassadors for our school.

A big thank you goes out to the following participating students: Sophie Maddock, Sophie Hilton, Phil Wenban, Alison Thorpe, Janice Featherstone, Katie Draheim, Matthew Williamson, Ethan Wenban, Vicki Lamb, Jessica Hayes, Sami Rogers, Rebecca Lee, Amelia McCormick, Adam Bonner, Cameron Crestani, Alex Bell, Diane Suell, Naomi Moore, Jeremy Burnell, Lachlan Lange, Nathan Brannigan, Will Merritt, Georgia Marcus, Laura Sands, Sarina Vergara and Sarah Whitford (who also represented the Guides).



Senior Exam time

Frosty mornings, wicked westerlies and exam rooms packed to the rafters with Senior students. Yep, it's that time of year again when our Year 11 and 12 students prove the value of all their hard work through their end semester exams. With a level of admirable focus we've come to expect from our students, they gave themselves the best opportunity to improve their achievement. Well done all.



SEA WORLD HOTEL SCHOOL

The tourism and hospitality students began their familiarisation of the Gold Coast by travelling to Sea World for the day. The students explored the theme park, watched the dolphins show, listened to a presentation and Mrs Rogers, Mrs Pascoe and Miss Hooker seemed to greatly enjoy the Jet Ski ride and rollercoaster. The group also completed familiarisation booklets to contribute to their competencies for Vocational Certificate III. At the end of a very busy and fun-packed day, the students were introduced to the Sea World Resorts Hotel School Program.

The next two days were spent with a hectic schedule of cleaning, housekeeping, engineering, restaurant, porter and kitchen work and many learning experiences and presentations. Some of the most exciting activities included cleaning the resort pool, stocking the mini-bars and all students enjoyed the company of the staff at engineering and reception. At the end of the program, students left with a greater knowledge and hands-on experience of the hospitality and tourism industry. Students and teachers alike found this experience invaluable and very enjoyable and all recommend this program for future students.



Fashion Designers in the making

Year 12 Home Economics students have completed a Fashion and Design unit, in which they learnt about the elements and principals of design, identified their body shape and then sewed an outfit to suit themselves. While some had little experience with sewing clothes, they built up their skills and their final outfits looked great. "I really enjoyed creating a dress that's unique, a one off," said Leah Williams. "I thought it would be much harder than it was," commented Catherine Bica. "I really enjoyed seeing the dress come together and I love the end product." Students are now talking about their future projects and with this experience under their belts want to further extend their skills. "Sewing your own clothing is a great way to express your creativity and to have fun with fashion," said teacher, Mrs Bobbie Moore. "They are to be congratulated on their efforts."

Leah Williams and Catherine Bica proudly show off their dresses.



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Year 8 Koinonia Camp

Stanthorpe State High School's Year 8s embarked on a trip to Camp Koinonia by the seaside at Evans Head. The camp was thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff alike with an assortment of outdoor adventure and team building activities. Highlights of the camp included the 10 metre rock climbing wall that was attempted by all and mastered by many. The water based activities such as raft building, canoeing and an exciting balancing activity on a giant inflatable provided many challenging experiences for students to demonstrate team work and leadership skills. Without a doubt a favourite of the camp was the beach with the early morning walk and swim providing a refreshing start to each day. The students conduct on the camp was exemplary and they were commended by the Koinonia camp staff for their courteous manner and enthusiastic participation. 2013's Year 8 cohort has shown great promise for future excellence as students of Stanthorpe State High School.



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Music rings out at the Eisteddfod

Stanthorpe State High School featured significantly in the recent Border District Eisteddfod. These talented and dedicated musicians were rewarded for all their rehearsals and hard work by the adjudicator. The Choir and Jazz Ensemble both gained 1st place while the String Ensemble gained the String Prize for the Eisteddfod and the Concert Band were closely behind.



The School Choir conducted by Mr Michael Lynch

Students rate Auction a success

Senior Tourism students recently participated in an evaluation of last month's Giant Auction and determined the event was a huge success.

Students recognised that the success of the event was due to extensive planning and generous support from the local community. In particular, the efforts of Auctioneers David Schnitzerling and Scott Mann and other volunteers were acknowledged as being a vital component in the Auction being profitable. Nearly \$5,500 was raised through donated goods and commission sales. Mr Mann and Mr Schnitzerling both donated their time, including hours spent advising and mentoring students. A certificate of appreciation was presented to them by student Lauren Wiedman and P&C committee representative Kim Lochner.

The P&C committee has agreed to hold the Auction on an annual basis, on the third Sunday in May. Parents and community members are asked to note this on their planning calendars for next year and start planning an autumn spring clean.



Kim Lochner with David Schnitzerling



Lauren Wiedman with Scott Mann

Students make connections

On Thursday the 11th July, two Year 12 American students from Blythewood High School in South Carolina joined the Stanthorpe State High School student body to experience the day at an Aussie school. David and Kristi are culinary students who spent two weeks doing an internship at the QCWT – Varia's Restaurant as part of their training to become chefs. During the students joined Kaine Edean & Kayla Jordan's classes where they participated in the senior hospitality classes as they did their non-alcoholic wine tasting activity and they tried traditional 'Aussie' foods at the morning tea that was held in their honour. After continuing their training for about two more weeks, Kristi and David returned home to America.



C-Gen Success

The Stanthorpe State High School community can be suitably proud of the student representatives at the recent Creative Generations 2013 performance at the Brisbane Convention Centre. The many trips to Brisbane for rehearsals as well as countless hours with individual practice were well rewarded by outstanding performances. Pictured below are some of the performers during their break before the dress rehearsal.



Spark Engineering Camp

On the second week of the June/July holidays, three students from Year 12; Peter Pugno, Kelsey Hutchins and Shalom Roes, and one year 11 student, Daniel Sanders, were selected to attend the Spark Engineering Camp at the University of Queensland. Over 200 students from around Queensland applied to the camp, and only 60 were selected.



The camp was run by Youth Without Borders, and over the space of a week, the students had the opportunity to participate in a number of workshops, lectures, tours and demonstrations. Each day, there was the opportunity to participate in hands-on workshops, such as the egg drop and bridge building, where a bridge had to be made using only paddle pop sticks and masking tape.

The students were also given the chance to hear from a wide range of industry professionals from companies such as Wier Minerals, Conoco Philips and ARUP.

Towards the end of the week, the groups were taken on a tour of the CSIRO facility in Pullenvale, Brisbane. The students were given the opportunity to see the advanced engineering technology that CSIRO is working on.

The highlight of the week was the much anticipated bridge climb, where the students were given the chance to climb the Story Bridge. It was universally agreed that the camp was a wonderful opportunity to meet amazing people from all walks of life, broaden engineering knowledge and to take a look at what the future might hold for a budding engineer.

FOSBURY FLOP PRODUCES FLYERS

Stanthorpe Physical Education Staff were fortunate to have Level 3 High Jump Coach John Sessarago and current Darling Downs jump coach and former junior international jumper Kristan Truscott on hand as they completed the Level 2 Track and Field Coaching Certificate. These very knowledgeable coaches put a few keen students through their paces whilst honing the coaching skills of the staff. Students at Stanthorpe State High School have been keenly training in the Fosbury Flop technique and have now completed competition for our carnival. Students who placed first will go through to compete at the Darling Downs Trials. Congratulations to Tom Landers who was the winner of the U16 boys competition attempting a jump of 1.75m.



Coach John helping Brigitte Botha with her flop technique.

Students play Tourist

Year 11 Tourism students recently combined with Year 12 Hospitality students to visit a number of Granite Belt tourist attractions to improve their knowledge and understanding of the local tourism industry. The Tourism students have attended familiarisations at the Stanthorpe Visitor Information Centre, Vineyard Cottages, Ballandean Estate Winery, Heritage Wines, Sutton's Apple Cidery and Vincenzo's Café. The students will then complete a minimum of three shifts working at the Stanthorpe Visitor Information Centre to gain valuable experience and improve their customer service skills. Students and teachers would like to thank all involved for their friendly welcome and giving of their time to show students around.



SUPPORT FOR BREAKFAST CLUB INCREASES SUSTAINABILITY

Christmas came early to the participants of the Stanthorpe State High School Breakfast Club this term. Grinning students unpacked the generous donations from Dick Smith. Their package included 8 jars of honey, 12 jars of OzeMite and an assortment of 40 jars of jam and marmalade.



A number of ongoing donations from Community and Church groups have allowed for fresh fruit to be served and the cost of running the program has minimised. Stanthorpe Baptist Church generously donated 6 large tins of Milo. A number of staff, students and parents have made generous donations of long life juice and cereal, gratefully accepted by the growing number of students attending breakfast.

The Club would also like to recognise the support of past CDS Youth Worker Andrew Pye who has been generous in giving his time and support to the program since the beginning. Andrew has spent many hours volunteering his time to assist with the running of the program and has made many positive relationships with the students.

To increase the sustainability of the program, local businesses, parents and community members are encouraged to make donations, dropped into the school office, to support this project. Donations of healthy, nut-free cereal, Milo and long life juice are gratefully accepted.

Rat dissection

Year 9 students have been studying body systems in their science classes and participated in the dissection of a rat to observe first-hand the way the digestive, reproductive, nervous, endocrine, excretory and circulatory system work together. Some students faced this task with eagerness, others with nervous apprehension. For most though, it was recognised as one of the best 'hands-on' (wearing gloves of course) learning experiences of their science course, and maybe inspired some surgeons of the future.



TRAVEL THROUGH TIME FROM TIN TO WINE

Next month Stanthorpe State High School students will host a Sip N' bite tour at the Queensland College of Wine Tourism giving the public the opportunity to enjoy local wine and cuisine while learning about our local history.

Acting Deputy Principal, Ann Richardson, said the Tourism and Hospitality students will focus on six chapters of Stanthorpe History, from tin mining to the wine industry.

"Wine and menu items have been carefully matched to each historical story. We couldn't present our early tin mining history without offering customers a taste of the Tin Miner's Red," Mrs Richardson said.

The tour lasts from about 20 minutes to two hours depending on how long you want to linger over the great food and wine. You are invited to start the tour anytime from 12 noon to 4pm on Saturday 31st August. At only \$15 per person, with a complimentary glass and the opportunity to sample six wine and food packages we think the Sip N' Bite tour is an affordable and sumptuous Saturday afternoon treat.

The tour is one of the final assessment pieces for the Hospitality and Tourism students who are completing their Certificate III and promises to be a professional, educational and enjoyable event.

For bookings please call the QCWT on 4685 5050. For more information please phone Jo Rogers on 46 815 888.



Hospitality and Tourism students invite you to take their tour.

INDUSTRY DINNER UPDATE

Planning for the Year 11 Industry Dinner is well underway. The dinner, which was discussed with parents and carers at the Year 11 information night, is designed to allow industry guests and the Year 11 students to meet in a social environment and discuss careers. The dinner will be held on the 23rd of October at The Stanthorpe Civic Centre, and is being coordinated by Stanthorpe State High School, Southern Downs Regional Council, Stanthorpe Chamber of Commerce and SlyDogz. Committee members Kayla Jordan (Student), Melissa Pascoe (Teacher SSHS), Ian Wade Parker (SlyDogz) and Jenny Sherrin (SDRC) are hoping to make this an annual event. More information will be provided as the event nears.

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Track and Field Carnival

Stanthorpe State High School held their annual Athletics Carnival on Friday 26 July. It was a fantastic day made better by the effort of the House Captains to create the carnival atmosphere. Students dressed in House colours and the Captains each created a theme revolving around their House colour.

Students participated extremely well throughout the day in Championship and division races as well as House novelty events – Tyre Tube Throw, Kean, Shot Put and Long Jump, all to gain those important points for their House. Despite a great effort from all Houses, Finch House won the Championship House, the Relay trophy and 'The Rock' for best House spirit on the day. Wright House didn't go home empty handed winning the Participation Shield.

FIELD EVENTS RESULTS	138 594	458 450	121 450	329	124 519	396	135 370	235
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Progressive Totals	PART	CH	PART	CH	PART	CH	PART	CH
	816	942	792	688	766	778	867	578
	1758		1480		1544		1445	
Relay results	64		39		48		55	



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