5 December 2014

**From the Principal**

**‘END OF 2014 SCHOOL YEAR’:** School has finished for Year levels 10 to 12. Year 12 student reports were posted last week, Years 10 and 11 reports will be posted on Friday 5 December and Years 8 and 9 reports will be posted home on Thursday 11 December. School concludes for Years 8 & 9 at 3pm on Friday 12 December. Student reports will indicate levels of achievement, effort and behaviour ratings for each subject. Reports will also note any extra-curricular activities that students have participated in during Semester 2, 2014.

**Commencement of the 2015 School Year:** The school office will close on Friday 12 December at 4pm and will reopen at 8:30am on Monday 19 January. Students in all year levels, 7 to 12, will return to school on Tuesday 27 January.

Please note the following staggered start times for year levels on Tuesday 27 January 2015

- **Years 7, 8 and all new students** start at 8:45am
- **All returning students** start at 10:30am

**Parents and Citizens Association Meeting (P&C):** The last meeting for the 2014 school year is being held on Tuesday 9 December commencing at 6.30pm in the administration block Common Room. On behalf of President John Byrne, I am inviting all parents/carers and interested citizens to attend. I will be presenting information about our School Strategic Plan 2015-2018 at the meeting, as well as sharing information about our beliefs and values as a school over the next four years.

**Townsville State High School Facebook Page:** Our Facebook page has been active for approximately a month and it is terrific to see the amount of content about our students and school programs appearing on the site and being updated on a daily basis. To view the page and post a message, please access via this link and once on the page, hit ‘like’ https://www.facebook.com/pages/Townsville-State-High-School-EQ/1491398364460754?ref=bookmarks

A BIG thank you to the following staff who took the initiative to set up the page and act as ‘gatekeepers’ re content on the page – Erin Matina, Kylie Chance, Tom Harvey, Robyn Harvey. We are following a clear and strict set of guidelines related to Facebook usage by schools and our ‘gatekeepers’ are currently doing a fantastic job of monitoring content!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers and members of our school community for a great 2014 and wish all a safe and peaceful holiday season. We are looking forward to 2015 and the opportunities it will bring for all!

**Frank Greene**

**Principal**

**Coming Events**

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**Changes to Newsletter distribution**

We are proud to inform you that we commenced producing a new eNewsletter format with Schoolzine in Term 3. The purpose of moving to this new format is to engage the school...
community more effectively and provide parents, students and the community with a more effective and content rich newsletter format. This new format will include video, image galleries, online bookings and feedback forms, calendars and much more.

You can subscribe to receive the enewsletter here http://townsvilleshs.schoolzinenewletters.com/subscribe

If you wish to continue to receive your newsletter as a hard copy, please email your child’s name and year level to the following address newsletteradmin@townsvilleshs.eq.edu.au or alternatively contact the school on 47 218 777.

Return Of Textbooks / Payment Of 2015 Textbook And Resource Hire Fees

It would be greatly appreciated if parents/guardians could check the house for Text (a label is attached to the front cover) and/or Library Books (usually identified by Spine Labels and Barcodes as well as the school name stamped both inside and on the edge of the book) and return them to the school as soon as possible.

Participation in the 2015 Student Resource Scheme requires payments as follows:

Yr 7-9 $170.00 ; Yr 10-12 $195.00

Plus some subject specific costs for Year 10/11/12 students. Payment may be made in full as a single payment or by instalments.

Please refer to the Participation Agreement Form forwarded with the invoices for 2015. If you do not have a copy of the Participation Agreement Form you can collect a copy from the school office.

Either option to participate or not participate in the scheme needs to be indicated on the Agreement Form and returned to the school by 20th February 2015. Non-payment of the participation fee by the designated payment date(s) may result in debt recovery action being undertaken for the overdue participation fee which may result in extra costs being incurred by the parent/carer.

Non-payment of the participation fee will also result in withdrawal of students from extra-curricular activities some examples include: Yr 7, Yr 8, Yr 10, Yr 12 camps, afternoon sports, NQ Sports, Vocal and Guitar Lessons, use of the School buses, Yr 12 Formal, Senior Jerseys, School Magazine, posting out of school reports.

For your convenience, the school office has Eftpos facilities and can be processed either in person or over the phone. The school also accepts payment via Direct deposit to the school’s bank account – BSB 064-819; Account 00090292 and stating the student’s name and invoice number.

Thank you to those parents who have already attended to payment of Textbook/Resource Hire Fees. Payment of school fees and return of text books ensures a fair and equitable distribution of resources. Thank you for your assistance.

Rhona Clark
A/Business Services Manager

Enrolments are now open for Years 7 – 12 in 2015.

Please contact the school office on 47 218 777 for an enrolment pack and to organise an interview appointment.

From the Rolls Office

Student absences are to be explained by a parent/carer to the Rolls Officer Lyn Brice stating the reason and dates of absence. This may be done by phoning the school on 4721 8777 or 4721 8756 or by emailing absencesadmin@townsvilleshs.eq.edu.au Student absences of three or more days due to illness require a medical certificate. Medical Certificates should be emailed to the above email address or hand delivered to the Rolls Office. Your prompt assistance with explanation of absences will be greatly appreciated.

Junior Secondary News - Year 6 & 7 Transition Day

On Wednesday 3rd December, Town High threw its doors open to Year 6 and 7 students from over 20 schools across the region for a taste of what the Town High community has in store as they prepare for the exciting transition to high school in 2015.

Students were introduced to some of the staff who will be with them on their journey when they join the Town High family next year, and experienced firsthand a range of exciting subjects, including Geography, Science, English, HPE, Home Economics, and Maths.

It wasn’t all books and learning though as students participated in other fun activities during the lunch time breaks, taking to the hall for a game of dodge ball with Miss Neiberding and Mr Duroux, and to the oval for a spot of Capture the Flag with Miss Staub and Mrs Pearson.

The new students were led by a team of dedicated junior school leaders from Years 8 and 9, who showed them that Town High is a unique school with a lot of fun activities, great staff, and amazing students, and is truly a place to be proud of.

After a day of fun and excitement, meeting new friends and getting to know new teachers and staff, students left feeling prepared to take on the transition to high school in 2015 knowing that they will be part of a great tradition and community here at Town High.
Important Notice for Senior Students

Student on their P’s are not permitted to transport other students unless they are siblings. Students who drive to school are also reminded that they must comply with all parking provisions within the school and they must not leave school grounds during the day. Failure to follow this policy could result in school disciplinary action. The safety and wellbeing of all students is a priority for our school. If you have any questions regarding this policy please see Mrs Mladenovic.

Kaylene Mladenovic
Deputy Principal Senior School

Year 12 Formal

The Townsville State High School Year 12 Formal was an incredible evening of glamour and style this year as over 70 students from their cohort of 89 attended their Formal at Townsville Jupiters Hotel and Casino. The evening commenced with the brilliant arrivals of our students at the front of Jupiters and the crowd took great delight in welcoming each student to their Formal. More than 300 parents, carers, family and friends attended the formal part of the evening where they welcomed each Year 12 student into Ballroom One to greet the Principal, Frank Greene and then view a beautiful presentation reflecting on twelve years of schooling. The students then performed the Pride of Erin with their peers and then a family member. The Town High proud tradition of announcing the Beau and Belle of the Formal was announced before family and friends left for the evening so the students and staff of Town High continued to enjoy their dinner, awards and dancing for the remainder of the evening. The Belle of the Formal was Jordyn Dempsey and the Beau of the Formal was Max Hopkins. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the office staff, Nicky Waters, Senior Administration, Support Services Team and all teachers who assisted with the Formal this year. This culminating event is organised over a twelve month period and requires the team work of many to prepare for such a rewarding and magical evening. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all staff who have assisted me in my role as Head of Department Senior Schooling over the last ten years as I move into my new role as Head of Department Health and Physical Education and Humanities from 2015. It has been both a privilege and honour to work with the students of Townsville State High School through their senior schooling phase of learning, a role which I have valued and relished. I look forward to working with all students in the future as we strive to prepare our young people to successfully transition into the workplace, tertiary study, TAFE and other pathways. You will always have your Town High family, and the number of students who come back to visit the school and their teachers over the years is indicative of this special community.

Jude Di Giacomo
Head of Department
Senior Schooling/Health and Physical Education

Year 9 Drama Students

Year 9 Drama students have taken on the roles of a news team to bring you the latest and most important news from around Town High. After watching the video, other Drama students from all year levels have expressed their interest in reporting on Town High’s news regularly next year. Stay tuned for that next year and enjoy the first edition of ‘Town High News’.

http://vimeo.com/113559034

Townsville State High School Student Dress Code

Below we have set out the rules on the school’s uniform policy as per the Student Diary. We expect all students to have the correct attire. If you have any concerns please contact the relevant Deputy Principal.
### JUNIOR SCHOOL (Years 7 to 9)

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<td>Polo style T-Shirt in bottle green and navy blue with the school logo on the pocket.</td>
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<td>Navy blue shorts with the school logo on the short leg</td>
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<td>Navy blue skirt with inverted box pleats</td>
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### SENIOR SCHOOL (Years 10 to 12)

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<td>Navy blue skirt with inverted box pleats (All girls’ skirts should be worn from the waist to near the knee, with blouse overlapping the skirt.)</td>
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### Winter – Boys and Girls Years 7 to 12

(a) Navy blue tailored long pants  
(b) The school jersey or navy blue zip-up fleecy lined or plain navy blue jumper without any logos

(c) Navy, black or skin coloured tights may be worn under skirt

Students not in a uniform are to carry a dated explanatory note from home and to have this note signed by the relevant Deputy Principal

### Jewellery & Make-up regulations

1. If ears are pierced one small, plain stud or sleeper per ear, may be worn in the lobe of the ear only. No facial piercings are permitted
2. One plain signet ring may be worn
3. One simple chain may be worn
4. A plain wrist watch and/or a simple, metal bangle or bracelet, no wider than 2cm
5. Hair must be of a natural colour and be worn neat and tidy

NB: Earrings (stud or sleepers) are the ONLY acceptable form of body piercing allowed.

### General Items:

Safety Standards As required by Curriculum Activity Risk Management, safety standards involving footwear, hair, jewellery, must also be met.

Hair Hair must be of a natural colour and must be worn in a style which meets school community standards.

Headwear Hijabs / head coverings are to be no longer than shoulder length and must be navy blue in colour.

Tattoos Tattoos are not permitted.

Students representing the school on official excursions/activities are to wear full Representative Dress school uniform, unless notified otherwise.
News from Sunbus

Please be advised that you are able to pick up your children’s bus passes from 19.01.15 from our office at 451-459 Woolcock Street in Garbutt.

Our opening hours are 8am to 4:30 pm.

We will not mail the passes, as we had so many missing ones this year.

Also as we are slowly approaching the end of this school year, I would like to use the opportunity to thank you all for working so closely with us.

To action the code of conduct is not always pleasant for everyone, but it is unfortunately a part of our job.

Michaela Hemken
School Administration Officer
TOWNSVILLE SUNBUS

Sports & Extracurricular Photos

The Sports & Extracurricular photos are now available for you to purchase online.

For your information parents need to go to our website: www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the following code 9TR81VFHE

Thumbnails of all groups are available to view and order. All orders will be delivered back to the school.

Information from the School Based Youth Health Nurse

“This link provides some useful tips to keep teens safe over the holidays.


Have a wonderful Christmas break and stay safe.”

Andrea Short
School Based Youth Health Nurse
(Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)

Hermit Park
News and Casket

Drop your school booklists in store and our friendly staff will fill your order for you! You will also go into the draw to be the lucky winner of this 16GB iPod Nano!

* Must submit full a booklist order to be eligible to enter.
Join the Green Army!

Is this for you?
Are you aged between 17 and 35, an Australian citizen or permanent resident and would like to be a part of a team that will make a REAL difference to the environment in your local community?
Would you like to be paid an allowance while gaining skills, training and experience that can help you enter the workforce, improve your career opportunities or further your education and training?

Then the GREEN ARMY is for you.

The Green Army is an Australian Government initiative open to young people including Indigenous Australians, school leavers, gap year students, graduates and job seekers who are looking to develop skills, and make training and gain experience in the delivery of conservation projects. Through this, participants will enhance opportunities for career and further training or employment.

In Townsville the project starts on 14.11.14.

Building Resilience along the Boronsa Trail Project

The continued revegetation of the Boronsa Trail as a resilient habitat to recover through urban disturbance. Focus on the development of a water-wise garden that enhances the plant species that attract butterflies and birds.

The project will:
- Improve biodiversity
- Provide and monitor a freshwater monitoring requirement

To Apply

Complete the application form at www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/green-army

More Information

Phone: 1300 505 370

Connecting people with our environment

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Be Apart of the Girls Townsville & Districts Junior Rugby League Competition in 2015

Girls Rugby League

Age Groups
U14’s U16’s U18’s

Where to sign up-
Western Lions, “Western Lions Park”, Cnr Fulham Rd & Charles St Heasely (behind Heasely Primary School).
Central’s Tigers – 20 Anne Street, Aitkenvale
Upper Ross JRL – Charles Marien Park, Kelso
United Suburbs Redbacks – Victoria Park, South Townsville

Out of town players contact the club in your area.

Week 1: Saturday 3rd January (contact your local club for times)

If you are interested in playing in the 2015 TOJRL competition, the above clubs have nominated to have U14’s, U16’s and U18’s teams at their club. Just like the boys competition the club sign up will take place on 3rd January at your local club. This will be a 9-a-side competition which will run for 9 - 12 weeks as well as finals and the games will be played at the TOJRL and possibly at your clubs home grounds. This is a great step in girls’ rugby league as we know the interest from the girls wanting to play is huge and this competition will allow them to play the great sport of rugby league throughout the season.

For more information contact Kent Riches on 0401 012 153 or
Western Lions: Marc Kennedy 0412 006 224
Central’s Tigers: Jake Jervis 0427 735 271
Upper Ross: Terence Wytche 0437 183 585
United Suburbs: Tracy Ford 0412 517 817

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Pave the Way to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Pave the Way invites people with disabilities and their families to a presentation about preparing for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) which will begin to roll out in Queensland in July 2016.

The NDIS is a new Federal system for ensuring people with disability have the support they require to engage more fully in social and economic life.

To assist individuals and their families to understand what the NDIS will involve this presentation will explore:
- A general overview of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the role of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)
- What you need to do to prepare for planning with the NDIA
- What you need to do to develop confidence as a consumer of disability services.

Registration for this presentation is essential.
To register or for more information –
Contact Pave the Way on (07) 3281 8800; toll free call 1300 884 403, or email pave@theway.org.au

Should you require support/consideration for dietary, mobility, auditory, visual, interpreter or cultural needs, please let us know when you book your place and we will endeavour to assist you.

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Townsville Campus Map.
FOOTBALL 2015
SIGN ON STARTS JANUARY
ANNANDALE FALCONS FOOTBALL CLUB
Training Tuesdays at Cranbrook Park
To receive sign-on information for 2015 please contact our secretary:
secretary@annandalefalcions.asn.au
Ph: 0402393155
WWW.ANNANDALEFALCONS.ASN.AU

Your safety
With the upcoming school holidays, Queensland Rail is urging families and students to be Railsmart by following these simple rules at level crossings and around rail property:

- Pay attention to signs and signals
- Never enter a level crossing if the red lights are flashing and pedestrian gates/boom gates are closed.
- Always look for the second train
- Keep yourself and your mates safe by not taking shortcuts and unnecessary risks around tracks
- Avoid the distractions of headphones and mobile phones

Trains can weigh upwards of 10,000 tonnes and take 2 kms to stop. Disobeying level crossing signals or trespassing on railway property is not only dangerous, but illegal and could result in prosecution.

Queensland Rail is encouraging parents and schools to discuss this important safety information with their students and children, empowering them to be Railsmart.

Further information and activities for teachers and students can be found at queenslandrail.com.au/railsmart or beonthesafeside.com.au

Want to play football in 2015?
Register your interest for playing with Saints next year.
We have boys and mixed teams for U5-U16;
girls teams for U8/9, U10/11, U12/13 and U14/15
as well as men and womens teams for U18 and over.
Email your name, player’s year of birth and contact details
and we’ll send you the 2015 sign-on and team trial dates.
Email mail@sesfc.com  Website www.sesfc.com