18 July 2014

From the Principal

Welcome back to term 3, 2014 and a particular ‘big Town High welcome’ to new students, staff and their families!

Staffing Update:

The following teaching staff have joined us from the commencement of term 3 – Rene Johnson (English/Learning Support); Mark Clancy (Maths/Science/English as a Second Language); Rebekah O’Keefe (Maths); Meagan Armstrong (Positive Learning Centre) and Astrid Neiberding (Head of Department Junior Secondary). Judith Gowdy, has stepped into the role of Head of Department Digital Futures.

Student Assessment and Reporting Cycle:

The Semester 1, 2014 cycle is now complete and all students have been issued with a report, which contains a level of achievement for each subject studied, a rating for effort and behaviour and comments to explain the ratings. If parents/carers have any concerns and/or would like to discuss the content of reports, please contact the subject teacher directly, in the first instance. This contact can be made by telephone to the school office (4721 8777), via email, or via a mutually agreed meeting time between the teacher and the parent/carer. Teaching staff email addresses are on our school website – go to the home page, left hand top Our School tab, then the Our Staff tab. An alternative is to email the.principal@townsvilleshs.eq.edu.au and I will pass information to the teacher(s) concerned.

V8’s Town High Car Park:

THANK you to the large number of parents/carers, students, community volunteers and staff who were able to make themselves available to ‘staff’ the car park over the V8’s ‘long weekend’, during the recent holiday break. It was TERRIFIC to see the spirit of ‘giving’ alive and well in our school community, as part of this major Townsville event. It is too early to tell how much was ‘fund-raised’, however it will be in the ‘many thousands’, which will enable our dedicated Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) to continue to support our school and the many programs we run for enrolled students.

Reef Athletics Carnival Friday 8 August All Day:

Please pencil this major school event into your calendar NOW! We will be at ‘Red Track’ North Ward all day; our canteen relocates for the day and food/drinks/various refreshments will be available over the entire day. Students really enjoy the opportunity to compete in track and field events in a high quality facility and Reef Spirit is on show throughout the day! I really look forward to seeing YOU at this school event!

School Opinion Survey

You are invited to participate in the year’s School Opinion Survey and have your say about what your child’s school does well, and how it can improve.

Participation in the survey in anonymous and all information that you provide will be treated confidentially. Your feedback will be provided back to your child’s school in such a way that you cannot be identified.

You will be receiving a letter in the mail with a unique username and password in the mail, could you please log on to the website and complete the survey by the 3rd August 2014. All the details are on a single sheet.

Frank Greene
Principal

Changes to Newsletter distribution

We are proud to inform you that we will be 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 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
**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.

**Senior News**

**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**

**Science Department**

**National Science Week**

Week Six of Term Three celebrates National Science Week, a week where Science will be at the forefront of many in-class and lunchtime activities. This year Townsville State High School was one of the fortunate schools to receive a National Science Week grant, alongside this, funding from the Prime Minister’s Science Prizes will fund a molecular gastronomist and scientist to visit our school. This aligns with the National Science Week theme of Food for our Future. There will be many opportunities for students to engage in a range of science experiences including:

- molecular gastronomy,
- examining the science of food and taste,
- Rube Goldberg competitions,
- science mural painting (Science in Art/Art in Science initiative),
- aerospace rocket launching and more!

These experiences will bring in local and national scientists and link in with other subject areas, such as hospitality and the arts. Listen to notices, or see your science teacher for more details. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Head of Department.

**Science Opportunity for Year 9 & 10 Students**

The Science Experience is running out at James Cook University from the 1st – 3rd of October. During these days students get to engage in a range of exciting and enriching science experiences, working with scientists in real laboratory conditions. The cost is $115. Students are able to apply directly online at scienceexperience.com.au or directly to your local Rotary Club for full or part sponsorship. This is a great opportunity, not to be missed!

**Sarah Chapman**  
**Head of Department – Science**

**Town High Five**

This year Town High is introducing a new program called **Town High 5**, aimed at boosting our student’s academic performance. Many factors contribute to the success of students attending high school. Town High has identified 5 key areas that students need to address in order to get the most out of their education. They are

- Rest
- Nutrition
- Emotional Support
- Attendance
- Gear

In this newsletter we are looking at **No. 3. Emotional Support**

Research tells us that students get the most out of education when they are being emotionally supported at home and have a sense of belonging in their community.

Adolescence can be a challenging time for students emotionally; life is not always plain sailing. Students may need support to get over a range of issues that may crop up in these school years. Without emotional support students can fall behind their peers and become disengaged from learning. Town High has an expert support services team, but early identification and intervention in any issues can be done by parents and carers and supported by our team at school if necessary.

**Some simple ways to provide emotional support** for your student are:

- Maintain regular contact through family mealtimes where you can spend time talking together
- Make sure they have someone to confide in
- Help young people feel loved and loveable
- Regular sleep times and patterns
- Eating healthy food
- Regular exercising
- Relaxation away from electronics

Each of the **Town High 5** areas have support documents on the school website www.townsvilleshs.eq.edu.au Look under the Support & Resources Tab / Town High 5 / Links to additional readings.
From the Rolls Office

Student absences are to be explained by a parent/caregiver 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.

ESL News

Soccer Teams

Congratulations to the Yr 8-12 Girls ESL Soccer team and Open Boys Soccer Team for proudly representing Townsville State High School against St Patrick’s Girls & Ignatius Park respectively, on Friday 13th June 2014.

The ladies fought well against a formidable St Patricks Girls team. A PNG International representative from the opposition dominated the game however they managed to break down some of their defences. The girls lost the match in the end, however there was a great sense of competition, determination and courage displayed by all. Player of the match was Agnes Benjamin. Thank you to Eleni & Linda Davis for their superb coaching tactics.

The Open Boys Soccer team moved from strength to strength. For the first 20 minutes they were finding their groove as a team. Superb efforts from Truman, Douglas, Pla Shee, Pla Soe, Jean and Moo Rah in defence. Our star striker was Epanda who scored two goals. Excellent support play from our forwards, Sajan & Khalid. The final score was a 2-2 draw. Player of the match was Epanda.

Many thanks to Abdulnasser and Lalik who graciously provided their time to referee our games. Overall it was a successful, friendly match with a positive atmosphere & strong sense of sportsmanship.

ESL Team combined

Refugee Week

On Friday 20th June, a group of ESL students attended Refugee Day at Rossiter Park.

The aim of this event was to raise awareness about the difficulties and struggles refugees are faced with in regards to settling into a community, transitioning into work and creating a brighter future for themselves.

There was a multitude of guest speakers prominent in various refugee communities in Townsville & Peter Hanley from Amnesty International.

Our ESL Townsville State High Students performed to the audience:

- Somali Dance
- Congolese Dance
- Indian Cultural Dance -Sewwanndi
- Sang ‘Hands Across the World’ –chosen by Christiane Butera

Many thanks to Linda Davis for her tireless efforts of choir practice & co-ordinating the event. Also Eleni, Jasmin Foley, Vicki Kay, Kate Richards and Donna Clark.

Billabong Sanctuary

A number of students attended the Billabong Sanctuary Visit. This visit also linked to their overall written assessment. Below are a few reflections from the day.

*Last month we went to Billabong Sanctuary by bus. We saw cockatoos, koalas, snakes, crocodiles, kangaroos, pythons, geese, wombats, emus, dingoes, sulphur crested magpie geese and whistling ducks –Mawel Hassen*
"Billabong Sanctuary was the best place I have ever been too! –Abdullahi Abdi Ali

"We gave a big thanks to Brad and Amy for showing and giving us new information about new creatures. –Juna Rana

TOWNSVILLE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT DRESS CODE

The P & C Association of Townsville State High School supports the ‘Student Dress Code’ outlined below:

1. Shirt (Junior Secondary): Polo style T-shirt in bottle green and navy blue with the school logo on the pocket.
2. Shorts: Navy blue shorts with the TSHS’initials on the leg.
4. Shoes/Socks: Clean shoes with enclosed uppers, preferably vinyl or leather. White socks.
5. Senior Uniform: A green and white striped shirt with school logo. Girls must also wear a school tie.
6. Winter Uniform: Navy blue tailored long pants. The school jersey or a navy blue zip-up fleecy lined jacket with school logo or a plain navy blue pullover/jacket. Girls may wear plain black/navy or sheer stockings as part of the winter uniform.
7. Headwear: A hat must be worn for outside activities, in line with the school’s Sun Safe Strategy. If students from overseas countries wear headwear for religious reasons, it is to be plain navy blue or black.
8. Jewellery: The following is acceptable: a watch, one bracelet/bangle, one signet ring, one chain or necklace and pair of studs or sleepers in ears. Facial piercings are not permitted.
9. Hair: Hair should be of a natural colour and be worn in a style which meets school community standards.
10. Tattoos: Visible tattoos are not permitted.
11. Undershirts: Undershirts are permitted but must not be visible.

School Representative Dress: Students representing the school on official excursions or activities are to wear full school uniform, unless notified otherwise.

Kaylene Mladenovic
Deputy Principal

Coming Events

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2014 Musical Production: ‘Town High’s Disney Movie Marathon’

This year’s production is already up and running with rehearsals happening every lunch time at school. Afternoon rehearsals will begin in week one of Term Three on Thursdays from 3pm until 4:15pm. This year’s production combines snippets of acting, singing and dancing from Walt Disney’s work including Frozen, Tarzan, Beauty and the Beast, Alice in Wonderland, The Little Mermaid and more! The production will be presented in week 7 of Term three. There will be four shows in total: 5:30pm on Thursday 28th August, 5:30pm on Friday 29th August, 1pm on Saturday 30th August and 5:30pm on Saturday 30th August. All cast members are expected to know their lines and songs by now.

Townsville Water Polo

JOIN IN ON SOME SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

Townsville Water Polo
Come And Try Flippa Ball

FREE Come and Try Days facilitated 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th July
From 10:00am – 11:30am each day
For Boys and Girls aged 8-11
HEATED pool
Townsville Water Polo Come And Try Flippa Ball
Lung Yen Memorial Pool
Lindeman Avenue
Hedley Qld

For more information please contact: Hedley Collins (Townsville Water Polo) on: 0432 375 307
Australia is retuning

After channels have changed, you’ll need to retune your digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder on [Month, 2014] to find the channels that have moved.

If you are using a remote control, you can start by pressing the ‘Menu’ button on your remote then look for your ‘Setting’ options.

Next, try to find words like “channel” or “channel list”.

Wait for the re-tuning. You should now receive all the digital TV channels.