

# Deputy Principal's Report

## Dear Parents and Students

*"The time to begin working toward your dream is today, right now, this minute, this second. Tomorrow has its own new dreams to achieve".*



As students are working hard in classrooms to achieve their best possible results, school systems are shaping to celebrate achievement, the transition into next year and the build up towards end of year reporting. The Cadet Ceremonial Parade, Music under the Stars, Sports Awards and the Main Awards evening are all shaping up to be excellent events and I look forward to meeting many parents at these events. It is a great time to reflect on the fantastic opportunities on offer at this school and the success of students who give their best in a wide range of areas.

Students have recently made subject choices for next year and I commend parents for their involvement and thank all year 10 parents especially for giving up their time to participate in SET (Senior Education Training) planning interviews. These meetings were highly productive and effective in assisting students in making their important choices towards the future. The need to lay foundations for success in senior schooling in earlier years is critical for success in senior schooling and I constantly remind all students about the importance of building learning every lesson of every day. Learning waits for no person so the importance of being active in this process is critical. If you have any further questions or queries about subject choices and your child's directions into their classes next year, please contact the school.

Year 7 students will begin their transition program with weekly visits to the school next week. Lisa Jefferis is coordinating this program

# Staff Profile

Name: April Cochran



Why are you a Teacher?  
I enjoy working with children and helping them discover and question things around us.

What are your qualifications?  
Bachelor of Education Primary and Qualified chef.

Where else have you taught?  
Townsville - William Ross State High, Thuringowa State High, Riverside Christian School, Rollingstone State School.

What is the most rewarding thing about your job?  
Children achieving success beyond a level they believe they can.

Tell us your most memorable teaching moment:  
All so far!

What is the best thing about Blackwater State High School?  
The friendly students and school community.

What do you like about the town of Blackwater?  
The freedom that has allowed my son to have compared to living in Townsville. The friendly people.

What do you do in your spare time?  
Go to sport with Pat - What spare time!

and we look forward to an exciting start as students get an orientation to the high school and the curriculum that we offer. I thank all staff for giving up their time to be involved in this important program and look forward to its great success.

Around the grounds, it has been encouraging to see the pride students have been taking in their wonderful school in a variety of areas. I wish senior students all the best in the closing weeks of their school journey and their seeking of university entrance, apprenticeships and employment. It is the work you do here that lays the foundation for future success.

All the best  
*Stacy Wilmore,*  
*Deputy Principal*

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★ **FREE MATHS** ★

★ **TUTORING** ★



★ Thursday afternoons in the School Library

★ 3.15 p.m. - 4.15 p.m.

★ Computers will also be available for student research.

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## All Schools Touch

Once again 'All Schools Touch' went off with a bang at Whites Hill in Brisbane. Our school was represented with 43 students and 5 support staff boarding the bus early for the 11 hour trek to Brisbane. All teams were very competitive in their divisions, and Blackwater has maintained their strong reputation in this state wide competition. Special mention must go to the open boys that played 4 games within 6 hours with one sub, the junior girls for just missing out on a finals spot, the junior boys for winning two games (one 11 - 0!) and the open girls for their continuous effort which ranked them very highly overall. Although the students (and staff) donated their time over the weekend, it was a trip worthwhile that will be remembered and a tradition continued for many years to come. Thanks for the continuous support from all parents and sponsors. We couldn't do it without you! Look out next year, Blackwater High Touch is on fire!

*Sarah Forster*

