

BLACKWATER STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Inspiring personal best by all members of the school community in a respectful, healthy, disciplined environment

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Dear Students and Parents

The Cadet Ceremonial Parade is on Monday evening at the cadet depot and this is the start of a busy "awards



season". Our Main Awards Evening is then on Monday night, 2nd November, at the Civic Centre and I extend an invitation to all parents and students to attend this celebratory event. Please come along to support your friends and enjoy the evening with our guest speaker, Matthew McFayden. The ceremony begins at 6.30p.m. and is expected to finish by 9.00p.m. "Music Under the Stars" is scheduled for the 12th November and the Sports Awards is prior to that on the 11th November. All these occasions are an important part of our school tradition and celebrate the great achievements that our students have achieved throughout the year. Please contact the Office if you have any queries regarding these award events.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the Year 7 students and parents who will be joining us

on Wednesday afternoons and will be visiting weekly throughout the term as part of the Transition Program. The transition from Primary School to High School is an important and exciting phase in the life of a student and I hope that this program assists Year 7 students to transition smoothly to being part of our school. I also hope that all the Year 7 students enjoy their time here at the school and look forward to joining us in 2010.

Last week we launched the selection process for our 2010 School Captains, students were required to submit their applications by the end of this week. I am looking forward to working with our up and coming senior leaders throughout this process.

I wrote an article late last term outlining a tightening up of the school Mobile Phone Policy in which I explained the three strike approach we would be taking towards the use of mobile phones at school. Unfortunately, there have been a small number of students who have continued to use their phone at school and are now at the stage where the phone is now confiscated and cannot be

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 26/10
Cadet Ceremonial Parade



Monday 2/11
Main Awards Evening

Wednesday 4/11
Year 10 SOSE Excursion

Monday 9/11
P & C Meeting

Wednesday 11/11
Sports Awards Afternoon



Thursday 12/11
Music Under the Stars



Friday 20/11
Last Day Year 12 Senior Formal

Tue 24/11 - Fri 27/11
Year 10/11 Block Exams



PRINCIPAL
Mrs Linda Galloway

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Ms Stacy Wilmore

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNSELLOR:
Beth Dyer (49869508

GUIDANCE OFFICER:
Jasmine Martin (49869506

TUCKSHOP CONVENOR
Mrs Denise McKean (49869521

SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Ashley Gospel « Kelsey Hosking
Blake Palmer « Chloe Rollinson

SPORTS HOUSES
Comet - Red « Dawson - Green
Mackenzie - Blue « Nogoia - Yellow

PARENTS & CITIZENS
President: Cindy Palmer

P&C ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the Common Room.
All welcome!

SCHOOL WATCH
Please report any unusual activity within the school grounds
(131 788

collected until the end of the term. I do need to stress to parents and students that if staff are sworn at or verbally abused by students while enforcing this policy with students then suspension will be a consequence for that behaviour. Also where students continue to breach the code after reaching the third level – because some students have more than one phone – then suspension may also be a consequence imposed. If you have any questions about this policy please call me at the school.

Regards,

Linda Galloway, Principal

Western Drummers Take out 1st Place!



Last Friday 9th October 2009, the Western Drummers took to the stage at the Idoligenous 2009 Talent Quest in Brisbane. The Western Drummers left the venue with big smiles after taking out first place in an all age's competition with some very talented competitors. The Western Drummers had an enjoyable time away in Brisbane. They represented their school, showing positive behaviour and being respectful to themselves and others. They spent the day at Southbank Beach Streets Water Park, where they met Rabbitohs football star Reece Wesser. This I'm sure made their day. It was amazing to see the expression on their faces

when they had a ride on the Wheel of Brisbane. It was a very enjoyable trip. The Western Drummers delivered two powerful performances on the night, which the judges and everyone enjoyed. They received some great feedback from the judges and Mick, who praised them on their awesome performances and invited them back again next year. The Western Drummers would like to say a big thank you to Mr Tony Bean, Miss Trina Mossman, Ms Beth Dyer and Mr Derek Wood for pursuing and supporting the drummers from the beginning. They would also like to thank their sponsors; BMA, Central Highlands Regional Council and Blackwater PCYC and all other persons involved in helping to make them a success.

Beth Dyer, Community Education Counsellor

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

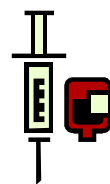
At the start of 2010, BSHS will be introducing a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support initiative. This has three main elements:

1. The building of effective environments in which positive behaviour is more effective and efficient than problem behaviour
2. A collaborative, assessment-based approach to developing effective interventions for problem behaviour
3. Emphasises the use of strategies based in prevention, instruction and reinforcement to achieve meaningful and durable behaviour outcomes.

We are currently working with staff and students to develop 4 rules that we will have as our school rules. These will be followed by all members of the school community and students will be positively rewarded when they are followed. To be effective SWPBS has to reinforce

staff and student behavior by rewarding or acknowledging them for exhibiting appropriate behaviour and by withholding reinforcement when problem behavior occurs.

We will keep parents and carers updated on this process through the school newsletter and at P&C meetings. If you would like to know more about this initiative please do not hesitate to contact the school.



What is the school vaccination program?

The School Based Vaccination Program is a free program offered to secondary school students. With the school vaccination program you can get your immunisations without having to go to your doctor.

Why immunise?

Immunisation is a simple way of protecting yourself and others against diseases. Even though you may have been vaccinated as a child, immunity to some diseases decreases over time, necessitating extra immunisations as an adolescent. Also some new vaccines have been developed (such as hepatitis B and human papilloma virus) which were not available when you received immunisations as an infant.

What immunisations are available?

In 2010, the following immunisations will be offered at your school:

- Year 8 – hepatitis B and chickenpox
- Year 8 (girls only) – human papilloma virus (HPV)
- Year 10 – whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus (given as one injection).

*Suzanne Russell,
School Nurse*



MAIN AWARDS EVENING

*Blackwater State High School
Invites Students, Parents and
Caregivers*

*To be present at the Official Presentation
Main Awards Evening 2009*

*To be held Monday 2nd November at the
Blackwater Civic Centre*

Doors open at 6.30pm, presentation to commence at 7.00pm

The Guest Speaker for the Evening is

Matt Mcfadyen

Youngest Australian to reach the North Pole

Community Notices

BICC CINEMA



Week Commencing 19/10

My Sister's Keeper

Rated M - 109 minutes

Week Commencing 26/10

*Night at the Museum: Battle
of the Smithsonian,*

Rated PG, 105 minutes

Salvation Army Youth Group

Starting 24th October 2009

Every 2nd Saturday

5.00p.m. – 8.00p.m. Ages 12-18

\$2.00 per night

For more information phone:

Jean Raines 0427 411 945

Andrew Gibson 0409 534 364

2010 Brisbane Tertiary Accommodation

Raymont Lodge Residential College provides fully furnished accommodation for students undertaking tertiary study in Brisbane within a supportive Christian environment. The college is located 4km from the heart of Brisbane and in close proximity to the University of Technology and other places of study close to the city. Raymont Lodge provides modern, comfortable, single accommodation for up to 120 students. All meals are provided as well as internet access, individual telephones, common room and swimming pool. Additional information is available on the internet at www.raymont.com.au or by calling 07 3377 9903.

14 Army Cadet Unit
Blackwater
invites

*Parents & Supporters
to the*

**15th Annual
2009 Ceremonial Parade**

*on
26 October 2009
starting at 6.00 p.m.*

**14 ACU Depot, Turpentine
St**

*A BBQ will be on sale
following the parade*



Photography
Equipment
For Sale by
Tender

- Ø Durst Photographic Enlarger C35
- Ø Novex II Timer
- Ø LPL Colour System Enlarger C7700PRO
- Ø Axomet Enlarger Student 35mm
- Ø Novex R 60 sec timer
- Ø Ilford Safe Light DL10

Other various equipment ie. Trays, paper, reference books, easels and processing tanks. For further information, please contact Jo Strohfeldt, Business Services Manager on 4986.9555. Tender documents available from the school office. Tender closes Friday 13 November 2009.

Tuckshop Helpers Required

If you are able to assist in the
BSHS Tuckshop in 2010
please contact Mrs Denise
McKean, Tuckshop Convenor on
49 869 521

