

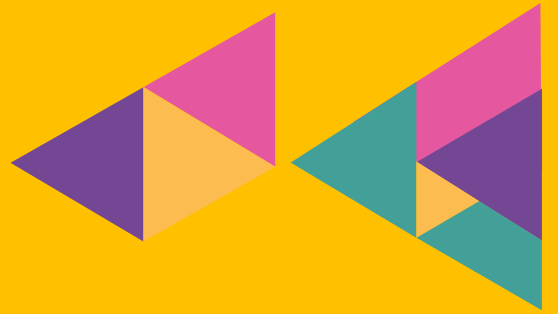


Youth chronicles

Edition 1 - Issue 2



“Stories of young people achieving great things in our region”



Welcome to the Youth Chronicles Magazine

Here you can find the latest news direct from our region's young people.

This publication is produced through a partnership between the region's high schools and youth service providers and is proudly supported by Bundaberg Regional Council. The Youth Chronicles will be released three times during 2018 in April, July and October and will contain stories about some of the great things our region's young people are doing and achieving.

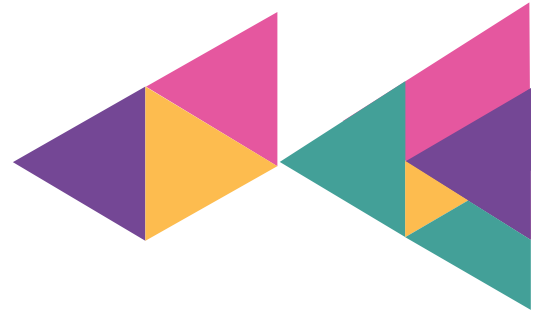
Through region-wide collaboration stories will be shared not only from our regions high school students, but also from those young people who are no longer attending school. Every high school in the region has been given the opportunity to provide two pages for each edition, with many schools getting the students involved in designing the pages, writing the stories and taking the photos. Youth service providers are also providing stories and photos which are compiled on two pages.

The Youth Chronicles magazine will be made available online at www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/youth. An electronic copy will be sent to each school to share and a limited number will be printed and distributed throughout the community.

As this is our first year of The Youth Chronicles, we would really appreciate your feedback on the content and quality along with your thoughts on the projects youth have been involved in. The feedback is valuable in ensuring continuous improvement as well as allowing the young people in our community to hear a different narrative about their contributions in the community they live.

To provide feedback or if you would like more information, please contact our Youth Development Officer on 1300 883 699 or youth@bundaberg.qld.gov.au





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Isis High Cattle Team On Show

In the early weeks of Term 2, the cattle yards at Isis High were in full swing as a team of nearly 20 students began breaking in and preparing cattle for the upcoming show season. The students in the team showed their commitment by attending two lunch times and one afternoon a week in order to prepare both themselves and the cattle for competitions in Childers and Bundaberg.



2018 Cattle Team at Bundaberg Show

This year Isis High is fortunate to have five (5) head of cattle for use by both the Cattle team and classes learning about livestock. We have three Brahamasin steers - named Loki, Thor and Zeus; one Speckle Park Steer named Blackie and one Speckle Park heifer known as Sunshine. The Brahamasin steers were purchased from Peter Illet and the Speckle Park cattle were kindly donated for use by the Warren Family. The students compete at the shows in Junior Handlers and Junior Judging.

Junior handlers is a competition where the students parade the cattle around the ring under the watchful eye of the judge and are placed on their ability to lead, present and stand their animal. The Isis team showed their talent with several students making finals and gaining ribbons across the two shows.

Junior Judging helps students to develop an understanding of cattle on a structural level, obtain a greater understanding of the cattle industry along with improving their public speaking skills. Students are asked to place a line-up of cattle in an order of first to

fourth based on their ability to either breed or obtain a high market value as meat, then explain why they have placed them that way. In Childers, the students were asked to judge a pen of steers and in Bundaberg, the students were asked to judge bulls. Once again students from Isis High competed well with several achieving placings. The team came home with a total of nine (9) ribbons from the two shows and several prizes for placings.



Bundaberg show: (Front) Alex (Back Left) Mitchell and Blackie (Back Right) Thor

The students wore the Isis uniform proudly and will now take what they have learned from the two shows to continue to train and improve their skills ready for Hook and Hoof competition later in the year.

We would like to thank Peter Illet for transporting the cattle to Bundaberg, the Warren Family for their support, feed donations and the use of their cattle for these shows and Riverina Stock Feeds for their generous support of our cattle team.



Clockwise from top left: Meg, Zac, Jess and Doc

Inspiring youngsters to enjoy reading:



Read to Me Day is on again this year.

For the past two years, the Childers community has come together to inspire under 8s to enjoy reading, to find the fun and sheer pleasure in escaping within the written words or pictures on the page. Isis High students form a fundamental part of this impressive community event.

In the lead up to the event, students within Business classes develop posters to be displayed around town and at local schools whilst those in Performing Arts subjects undertake courses in clowning, yes 'clowning about' in order to perform on the day. Their performances encourage the young children to see words come to life, spark their imagination and make reading fun. Art students complete the book bags distributed on the day whilst the Media students capture the day with both still and video images.



2017 Read To Me Day had a circus theme, with Isis High students presenting "Clowning Around".

In addition to this curriculum involvement, a strong contingent of students eagerly volunteer to assist with

the running of the day, whether that is through the manning of stations or to assist the groups of young children between each of the reading stations spread throughout the main street of Childers. It is a clear demonstration of the community mindedness Childers and Isis High is known for.



An example of a Reading Station from 2017 Read To Me Day with Isis High students reading to a group of visiting primary school students.

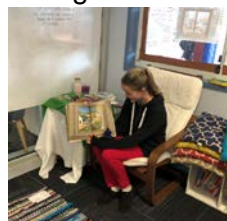
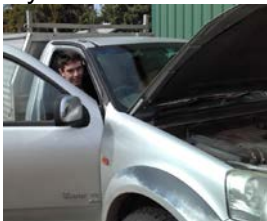
While Read to Me Day is a community inspired event, its success is the result of the commitment of many locals, staff and students who all believe in the cause – that is, to improve the participation in reading of our youngsters so they can develop a love for reading. Latest research suggests that young children who are read to 4-5 times a week are 7 times more likely to successfully complete their formal education.

This year the theme: "Fairy-tales: fractured or not" already has the students in a flurry working out their best frog kiss and Princess lookalike! Rumour has it that Isis High has their very own Princess Fiona visiting all the way from the Ogre Swamp.

The 2018 event is scheduled for the 29th August so be sure to find your frog prince, don't let the clock strike midnight and turn your little princesses into a pumpkin – see you all at Millennium Park, Childers.

Year 10's Learn the Ropes at Work Experience

Students of Isis High are fortunate to still undertake a week of work experience in year 10. This year's cohort have continued the very proud tradition of representing the school and themselves very well. The final week of Term 2 saw students investigate careers in fields as diverse as the locations they were placed. From IT placements working with drones and GPS tracking to cosmetic artistry or interior design, to working with animals as a Ranger, Marine Assistant, Bird Handler or Vet Assistant. Others were delving into the online world of a Brisbane restaurant review website or the inner workings of a five star Hotel Chain and everything in between. We received such rave reviews of our students, their presentation, their manners and their commitment to learning was outstanding. Again the commitment of the community also shone through with many local businesses in Childers and surrounds taking our students for the week – Thank You!





OUTSTANDING LEARNERS
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS
OUTSTANDING FUTURES

North Bundaberg *State High School* 2018

The students of North High are back...

Better Buddies: Anti-Bullying Committee

On Friday the 1st of June, the nation celebrated "You Can Sit with Me" day. The "You Can Sit with Me" campaign encourages inclusivity and kindness that strengthens communities of children at all ages while encouraging and fostering friendships across schools.

North Bundaberg State High School, in particular the Better Buddies Anti-Bullying Committee, has worked hard to create a welcoming community no matter what culture, religion, gender or age a person is. The committee decided to organise and host an inclusive "You Can Sit with Me" picnic and visit by Buddy Bear, our anti-bullying mascot. Buddy Bear spent the big lunch walking around the school in order to promote inclusivity through hugs and high fives.

*Thank you.
Claire Anderson.*



MAYOR'S CHAPLAINCY BREAKFAST



On Tuesday we attended the annual fundraising event for our Chaplaincy program – the Mayor's Chaplaincy breakfast at the new Multiplex. Our School Captains and two Year 11 leaders represented North at the

event and under the guidance of Ms Maidment, 6 senior students volunteered to serve the breakfasts to approximately 200 guests. Our Chappy Terry plays an invaluable role at North supporting our students 2 days a week and his work at North is very much appreciated.

Thanks Chappy Terry!

Math juniors shine



On Monday, 23rd July, 6 of our best and brightest mathematicians from Years 7 and 8 competed in the QAMT (Queensland Association of Maths Teachers Competition). Two teams each consisting of 3 students competed against 9 other teams in the District. Byron Lerch, Sam Close and Ben Ormond were members of one team with Vanessa Van Rooijen, Jack Bradford and Chanel Lerch also competing. The competition consists of 5 rounds: speed, history and general knowledge, individual response, estimation and problem solving. In some rounds the competitors may only have 20 or 30 seconds to answer the question without pen, paper or calculator. All teams need to be congratulated on their efforts during the afternoon. A special congratulations must go to Byron, Ben and Sam who won the competition. The boys will now compete in the regional competition which will be held in a few weeks.

North brings home the medals!



The local rowing season has come to an end, as the final Murchie Construction Head of the River Regatta was held on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th June. North pulled out their strongest performance bringing home 5 x Gold, 10 x Silver & 3 x Bronze.

Special mention to Johanna Charubin & Richard Wake who only started rowing this year & made into their singles finals. Johanna also had a strong finish with just missing out on a bronze medal.

Great Results in Web Design

Two of our year 10 ICT students recently completed in a Grok Learning Web Design challenge against students from around the world. In the competition they learnt about writing their own web sites using HTML and CSS. Emily Kosten received a High Distinction whilst Maverick Pearce achieved a 100% result. Congratulations to these IT high fliers.

Work experience



Wow, what a week that was, one hundred and six Year 10 students from North Bundaberg State High School left their uniforms in the closet and donned work clothes to complete a week's work experience with the wonderful employers in the Bundaberg area.

The students participated in a wide range of occupations including government departments, building trades, childcare, health services, education, mechanical trades, hospitality, retail, business services and various other areas.

Feedback from employers on the whole was fantastic with several students being offered part time work and others being encouraged to apply for any future positions. Feedback from students was that they really enjoyed the experience but some were very tired from the long days.

North Bundaberg State High School would like to thank all the local businesses that assisted with placements and made the experience a positive one for our students.

Mrs Judi Nicholls, Community and Industry Liaison Officer.



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Quote of the term

"Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right." – Henry Ford



"Failure is an opportunity to grow"

GROWTH MINDSET

"I can learn to do anything I want"

"Challenges help me to grow"

"My effort and attitude determine my abilities"

"Feedback is constructive"

"I am inspired by the success of others"

"I like to try new things"

From the Principal.

The Burnett Youth Learning Centre is a Special Assistance School (SAS). The word "special" has different meanings in different contexts but one definition in the dictionary for "special" is simply, *that which is otherwise different from what is usual*. And that is exactly what I consider our SAS school to be, a different approach to schooling.

Given time and support, we at Burnett Youth Learning Centre believe that everyone can find their purpose. That is why we are committed to creating a healthy school community where young people are not underestimated for their potential to achieve, and teachers and support staff are supported to work towards and celebrate a shared vision for educational outcomes for students. That isn't necessarily different from what is usual, but our approach sure is – that's what makes us a *Special* Assistance School.



The Burnett Youth Learning Centre provides a supportive and nurturing environment, contributing to the development of students' sense of self-worth, enthusiasm for learning and optimism for the future. BYLC activities are committed to the re-engagement of disengaged youth. The Centre offers disengaged youth the opportunity to participate in education and training with support, so that when they transition from the program they are ready to gain employment and become a contributing member of the community. Carol Dweck's research and theory of growth and fixed mindsets is particularly important when approaching the intervention strategies that we use with disengaged and 'at-risk' students. Staff at BYLC take an approach to teaching where students are provided with positive affirmations and feedback based on their willingness to try new things, take risks, and grow.

Image sourced from <http://www.warriormindcoach.com/blog> 26.7.2018



Recently, students considered the idea of having “grit” as part of our focus on growth mindset. Grit is the strength of character to persevere even when things get tough. Upon reflection, many of our students realised that they do indeed have grit, when the focus is something they are truly passionate about. And, therein lies the key to success: finding their area of intelligence and blending it with their passion.



Rewards Days

Here at BYLC we like to celebrate our successes, so at given times in the semester we have a Rec or Rewards Day. Students who show strong attendance and positive participation at school were given a choice of activities this semester; including a professional photo shoot, beach day or outdoor adventure activity.

It is a great experience for staff and students to take the pressure off and connect on a different level. The relationship building opportunities on these days are so rewarding – jokes about who beat whom and the continued reign of teacher veteran teams versus young players are the talk of the school for days after. Days such as these are opportunities to connect but also give the students experiences they may not have in their own lives; a way to build their self-confidence, social connections and emotional fortification. It just goes to show learning doesn’t have to happen in a classroom.

There are so many reasons to celebrate the wins and reinforce those positive behaviours but really, sometimes it is just as simple as having fun, too (We just don’t tell students it’s also an “outside the box” educational experience for them as well – we don’t want them to think learning can be fun, right?).



Coffee and Chat

Each term we invite parents and carers to come out to the school and have a coffee and chat with us. It’s a great chance for students to share some of the great work they have been doing as well as an informal way for staff to meet with parents and carers of students. Our hospitality students and their trainer, Genny work tirelessly through the day to create delicious treats to share as a little added (delicious) incentive. It is an opportunity for students to showcase their skills but to also experience what working in the hospitality industry is actually like. Our next Coffee and Chat day is August 14th at 4pm. Looking forward to seeing our school community then!

Next edition will feature ‘A day in the Life’ articles showing what it’s like at BYLC from a student’s perspective...




SHALOM COLLEGE

Student News



Taking Action: Cara Mainwaring, Ella Boas, Cheryl Peterson and Simon Rathbone

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ENVIRONMENT IS IN THE BAG

BY SIMON RATHBONE AND CARA MAINWARING, YEAR 12

With Australian consumers currently using 3.92 billion plastic bags each year, Shalom College's very own YCS club recognised the need for action against the impact of waste and plastic on our environment. The Young Christian Students is an international movement, present in over 80 countries, that empowers secondary school students to take action based on issues within their community. The plastic bag ban, recently introduced state-wide on the 1st of July, served as motivation for the group to take action against plastic bag use. With the aim of combatting our dependence on single-use plastic bags, a reusable bag initiative began. In collaboration with an Australian promotions company, along with the support of the Shalom P&F, 500 personalised bags were ordered, to be sold within

the school and wider community. In the hopes of encouraging student involvement, a design competition was run, inviting students to submit their best hand-drawn or digital entries. Each entry had to match the criteria: containing an image that encapsulated the vision and values of the group. As well as winning a cash prize, Year 12 student Ella Boas will have her design printed on every bag sold. With the environment being such a pressing topic in today's society, Boas expressed her passion and love for nature. "I'm also really passionate about the environment so it was a cause that I wanted to support in any way I could, single use plastic is a serious issue in our community." As a talented local artist, Boas' hand-drawn entry perfectly epitomised the values and motivations behind the YCS movement. "I knew that something simple would be most effective, I also thought that the design should be harmonious which is why I wanted to hand draw the

YCS and Shalom College logos in the same style. I wanted to illustrate a relationship between humanity and nature, contrasting with the shocking statistics about plastic bags that I hope will raise awareness and encourage others to take action."

With the world around us suffering at the hands of humanity's careless use of plastic, Boas urged the community to take a stand and support the use of reusable products in day-to-day life.

"Plastic, especially single use plastic bags, are a massive contributing factor to the degradation of the state of the environment. They have been normalised in our society to the point where they are used and wasted to the extent stated in my design, and that is not ok." Projects such as this one highlight just how passionate young people in the Bundaberg region are about making a positive impact on the world around them. It reminds us of our responsibility to protect and fight for our planet. After all, it's the only one we've got, and isn't she beautiful!



SHALOM
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Student News



Shalom College ESL Program: Mrs Parton with ESL Student Rose Jose

DIVERSITY NO BARRIER TO LEARNING AT SHALOM

BY BROOKLYN DEVINE, YEAR 10

Picture this – you have just moved away from all you have ever known and are placed in a school with not a single person you recognise. But that’s not the scariest part. You are in a foreign country and everyone speaks a different language. For some students, that is the reality of going to school each day. To assist in this situation, Shalom offers the English as a Second Language program for

students born in a foreign country with varying levels of English proficiency. Mrs Parton, the coordinator and teacher of the program helps ESL students in numerous areas, including English, social skills and everyday life necessities, which require literacy and comprehension skills. Depending on the students’ needs and their enrolment level, Mrs Parton says they ‘do some functional grammar then we move onto genre based and structure of English.’ which can include how to structure language in subject areas with unfamiliar styles such as science reports, essays or oral presentations. Rose Jose, who

participates in the ESL program at Shalom, was born in Kerala, Southern India and has been at the school since she was in Year 8. Now in Year 11 she believes she has benefitted immensely from the regular sessions with Mrs Parton and is looking to study in the medical field when she finishes school. Shalom’s ESL program helps students achieve in school and into university, but also helps with their immersion as literate citizens of Australia. Mrs Parton says: “I think that one in four Australians statistically, has parents born elsewhere if not themselves born overseas. Nearly 20 % of Australians speak a language other than English in their homes. So we’re a really multicultural nation that’s only going to increase”. As she says, “ESL students, such as Rose bring a rich cultural diversity to the community of Shalom and our college life.”

SUPPORTING YOUTH

BY BROOKLYN DEVINE, YEAR 10

Some people may believe that school is just about doing homework, finishing assignments and passing exams. However, students face a range of other challenges in their day, which can inhibit them from completing these tasks, such as: family issues, to ‘interpersonal problems’, anxiety and depression. Recognising this, Shalom has developed an amazing team of qualified staff who are on hand to assist their students. Shalom College offers two full-time counsellors on site daily,

qualified social worker Mrs Karen Miller-Smith and qualified psychologist Mr Gavin Hill, as well as part time counsellor, Mrs Chaplin. Together they see students, at their discretion, assisting them in any issues they may be facing, which said by Mr Hill: ‘might go unchecked due to various reasons such as access to professional assistants, like psychologists, or financial restrictions.’ These issues were noted as ‘diverse’ and differing in respect to year level, told Mrs Miller-Smith, whilst Mr Hill reported to have seen an increase in anxiety related issues. Collectively,

the counsellors agree that they believe they can give more immediate support in this environment rather than a clinical one. Appointments can be scheduled before, during and after school. Additionally, ‘if someone needs to see someone every day, they’re seen every day’, even if only for ten minutes, noted Mrs Miller-Smith. This can make a huge difference in students’ day-to-day mental wellbeing. Wholly, the accessibility provided by Shalom College’s counselling services to students and families make it, as said by Mr Hill, ‘an invaluable service to improve student’s wellbeing and health.’



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Term 2 at Gin Gin State High School has been very busy and successful with students and staff participating in many school and community activities.

The term started with our annual ANZAC ceremony which was held at school. This was attended by many community representatives and RSL members. The town ceremony was also well attended with almost 100 of our students participating in the key community event.

The annual school musical was another huge community event with more than 350 people attending the musical which was held over 2 nights. This year's musical was titled "Sheerluck Holmes" and was a witty story of murder, mystery and love. This production involves many of our students and staff and is very much appreciated by the school community.

Our school is also heavily involved in supporting our Chaplaincy committee in raising money for these vital support personnel. This year our students assisted with catering and serving for the Chaplaincy Dinner which raised in excess of \$50 000. The school is very proud of the students who gave of their time to assist in making the evening such a success.

Over the last 12 months students from our Special Needs Department have been involved in a program using Alpacas to engage students to communicate and follow a training program for the animals. The program has had a great deal of success in lowering student anxiety and increasing communication and has been recognised through an ABC news item which was televised during the term. As a result of this publicity, staff are being invited to speak on radio programs across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. Our key teacher has also been invited to speak at the national conference of the Special Education Principal Leaders Association in Sydney.

There have been many other highlights from Term 2 such as the Ski Trip, Incentive Day, Road Craft, Athletics Carnival and our contribution to the Gin Gin Show. I am very proud of the contributions our school has made to the community and to the learning experiences of our students.

Regards, Paul Stehbens

GIN GIN STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Student Leaders 2018

ANZAC Day

Gin Gin State High School celebrated the traditional ANZAC Day Commemoration. The Gin Gin and Mt Perry services were incredibly well supported by our students, staff and parents.



Mount Perry Service

The school service consisted of a special presentation that celebrated the Centenary of the end of World War 1, "The Great War", "The War to End all Wars": when the guns fell silent on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month 100 years ago. We also reflected on four Victoria Cross recipients and their remarkable stories of courage in the face of great adversity.

Karyssa Rofe in her vote of thanks, reminded us of the song "*The Green Fields of France*" which depicts a tourist sitting by the graveside of a young soldier who died in 1916. In a beautiful line from the song the visitor asks, "*Did you leave a wife or a sweet heart behind, in that faithful heart is your memory enshrined. And although you died back in 1916, in that faithful heart are you forever 19. Or are you a stranger without even a name, enclosed forever behind a glass frame*". This is why we celebrate ANZAC Day every year, not to glorify war, but to ensure that those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country are forever remembered, and never forgotten. LEST WE FORGET.

Leaders meet Leaders

Towards the end of last term, Connor Boon, Karyssa Rofe, Tessa Wochnik and Ben Robertson had the pleasure of attending a 'Leaders meet Leaders' luncheon.



Leaders meet Leaders

The luncheon was conducted in the Civic Centre, involving school leaders from high schools and primary schools across the district. The lecture that was presented informed the students of what it meant to be a leader in a community. This lecture was given by the Mayor Jack Dempsey and the sub-division Council Members who themselves have had to work together to improve the region in many ways. After the lecture was finished we were invited to have lunch and meet the other leaders of district schools. Councillor Wayne Honor invited us to the council office to show us how meetings are conducted. All in all, we had a great day of learning at the function.

Ski Tour

During the last week of the winter school holidays a group of eager Gin Gin State High School students headed south towards the Perisher Snow Fields. Many were treated to seeing snow for the first time and a snowball fight ensued. The rest of the week was filled with invaluable ski/snowboard lessons, exploring the slopes together and bonding over skiing stories and games. Perseverance was key to continue improving their skills, with students venturing far and wide to experience new terrain with their teachers and instructors. Overall, the school Ski Tour was a huge success and a big thank you to the teachers involved: Mr Perry Atkinson, Miss Kirsti Wigginton and Miss Mayocchi, as well as our skilled drivers Mr Jeff Bradley and Mr Jeff Skilton.

2018 Ski Trip



37th Annual School Musical – “Sheerluck Holmes

On 11 and 12 May sixty Gin Gin High School students took to the stage with a further twenty behind the scenes to present the 37th annual school musical, “Sheerluck Holmes”.

Sherlock, capably played by Michael Thiemann, led his team, namely one bumbling Watson (Ceda Ruhl) to solve crimes too numerous to repeat. Dartmoor Plains was indeed a shady place. Greed was the chief source of the crimes and it seemed everyone wanted a slice of the old man’s (Lord Huntington- Smythe - Nathan Quinn) estate.



2018 School Musical

When the family learnt that the old ‘fossil’ died penniless, another side of the family which included daughters (Virginia and Cynthia - Fiona Johnson and Abbey Davis), sisters (Clara and Martha - Cheyenne Hinton – Pryde, Emily Howell), was shown. Then in the mix of pirates (Macy Heron, Briana Clark, Emily Skilton), Chinese (Stephanie Brooks, Cole Wenzel, Elai Pugh, Sebastian Schulke) and good Samaritans (Frank - Sion Hinton, Greasy Pierre/Angus – Bohdi Wochnik) love is kindled.

The unique characters were an entertaining mix complemented by very strong singers and dancers. Indeed the show ticked all the boxes so a huge thank-you to all involved.

Fanfare

On Monday 21 May the Concert Band and String Ensemble along with our conductors, Mr Dale Lockley and Ms Beeka Smith, travelled to Bundaberg North State High School to play at the biannual Bundaberg Fanfare. This opportunity enabled the students to pitch their musical skills against other schools in the region. Congratulations to the Strings Ensemble for receiving a gold award for their performance.

Alpacas

The Alpaca programme that started at school in 2017 with support from Fiona Laughton (Australian Alpaca Association Qld President) and the owners of Zamzook Alpacas and Ivory Park Alpacas (Bev, Sandi and Nicole) recently received great recognition through the media.



The students were demonstrating the skills that they had acquired through the Friday sessions when a freelance journalist approached Fiona about doing an interview. The

interview was completed at school and generated an ABC Television news story which to date has had over 9,000 hits. The response has been overwhelming with radio and magazine interviews in Melbourne and Sydney.

We have been invited as a school to share our story at the Special Education Principal Leaders Conference (SEPLA) in Sydney. Our school and our community can be justifiably proud that our students, staff and partners have made an important contribution to the education of students with diverse abilities and the recognition that alternative approaches can produce surprising outcomes.

Biggest Morning Tea

A spectacular range of delights was cooked and prepared with the highlight being the beautiful array of sweet delights prepared by Jane Acworth (Hospitality Teacher) and the senior catering class.

A special thanks also goes to Year 10 Catering who put on a cup cake stall for the students. These combined efforts demonstrate the commitment to fundraising by our students.

This year we raised \$384.80 to support cancer research, with \$185.30 contribution coming from the cupcake stall.

Agricultural Roundup

Our Senior Agriculture students enjoyed being part of the setup at the Gin Gin Agricultural Show and, as usual, they were busy putting up panels, shovelling sawdust and doing anything else they could to help get ready. This year we entered the ‘largest pumpkin’ competition, however we were beaten by Gin Gin State School.

The Agriculture and Art students produced a display of local produce to celebrate this year’s show theme, “Farmers Feed Families” and it was a great success.



We hope this will be an ongoing contribution to the Show from the High School community.



Kepnock at a Glance



From the
Principal



Welcome to Kepnock State High School, a great school and an excellent place to learn and grow.

Our school vision is based around the future needs of all our students, and strengthening their ability to deal with new and changing situations. Our school has a strong direction underpinned by three core values – learning, responsibility and respect. We maintain high expectation in all that we do.

Through respectful and supportive relationships between parents, teachers and students, every child is encouraged to be the very best they can be. Our motto 'Success is Earned' reflects our belief that every child can achieve success, regardless of personal circumstances.

In 2019, the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) is introduced in Queensland. There will be no more OP score, no QCS test, new names for maths subjects and the introduction of external exams in all General subjects. At Kepnock SHS we will be offering over 50 subjects in Year 11 in 2019 including the new subjects of **Psychology**, **Cert II Engineering (Build and Fly a drone)** and **Early Childhood Studies**.

We will have the use of a state-of-the-art multi-purpose hall currently in construction by local firm, Murchie Constructions. This purpose built facility will be a great addition to our school and we look forward to the opening in term 4, 2019.

Nicholas Howkins 100% Proudly Kepnock

1 We are the only secondary school in Bundaberg to offer all five Arts and all five Technologies areas from Year 7 to Year 12.

2 We provide a safe and supportive, inclusive learning environment that caters for diversity.

3 We are a Gateway School in Agribusiness and the only state school in Bundaberg to offer training in the Agricultural Sciences.

4 We pride ourselves on our extra-curricular involvement including Instrumental Music, Cheerleading and Fish Tank program.

What's On

- 15-Aug United We Stand - Youth event promotion
- 16-Aug Year 9 Social Entrepreneurship
- 22-Aug Year 06 ACE Camp
- 24-Aug Shock Therapy performance and workshop
- 28-Aug Year 7 enrolment
- 4-Sep Qld Core Skills Test
- 18-Sep Winter Finals Day
- 24-Sep / 05-Oct School Holidays
- 8-Oct School Resumes
- 22-Oct Student Free Day
- 25-Oct Annual Awards Night
- 30-Oct Arts Night
- 31-Oct Indigenous Celebration Night
- 12-Nov Kepnock Sports Awards Night



A trip filled with laughter, budding relationships, "roast beef" and great views, the 2018 senior ski trip will be a memory that all of us will take throughout life. 25 hours on a bus and a hectic game of cards against humanity (featuring Mr Holt) later, the students finally saw snow at Perisher Valley. After a hectic hour sorting out heavy boots and puffy jackets the students couldn't be more eager to hit the slopes. 6am starts, numb toes and heavy skis were worth the hassle after we finally clicked into the skis, ready and keen for our first ski lesson.

After just one lesson Jaye thought he would give the Olympic skiers a run for their money and accidentally went down an expert only slope, snow ploughing the whole way, he quaked in his skis... but that was nothing compared to the wrath of Miss Roth when he was late for the bus. Apparently, Koen hadn't seen Jaye go through enough, taking it upon himself to run him down, face first in the snow, dislocating his knee.

The ski trip is a bi-annual event a Kepnock and has been running for over 30 years. We look forward to the 2020 trip in the June/July holidays. A special thanks to Mrs Munro, Mr Holt and Miss Roth for taking us on this once-in-a-lifetime trip!



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Bundaberg Special School

Building Futures Together

Term 2 2018

The Senior Stars Take Over

Work Experience

As a senior school student I participate in work experience. We have the opportunity to go to a number of different places. I go to the Branyan Gardens. When I am there I help with the maintenance of the gardens by pulling out the weeds, watering the plants and look after the seedlings. One of the best parts about work experience is getting to have lunch with all the workers. Some of the other places we get to go to are Impact Recycling, Endeavor, Meals on Wheels & Simpsons Farms. Below is a picture of Tim working at the toy library.

By Hayden– Magpies Sports Captain Year 12



The Bundaberg Regional Show

For the 28th Bundaberg Regional Show the Senior Students from Bundaberg Special School entered a range of cakes and other baked goods to be judged. One student in senior entered a drawing into the fine art disability section. We were all excited to go to the show to have some fun, pet the animals and see if anyone had won anything. We were all amazed when we saw all of the ribbons and prizes around our entries. I won the disability packet cake section, and Stuart came 3rd in the same section, Zane won his category for disability fine arts too. My favourite part about going to the show is spending time with my friends and seeing everybody having fun. Below is a photo of me standing next to my winning entry and Zane's fine art piece.

By Rushell– School Captain Year 12



Year 10 in Review

All the year 10s from Bundaberg Special School we able to go on an excursion to the YMCA to find out what they offer there. We were able to have a go at the boxing bag, wear boxing gloves, use the weights and we were able to jump in the foam pit. I jumped so hard I lost my sock in the foam pit. I can't wait until we go there again. We also had some people come from Bundaberg Table Tennis and show us how to play table tennis.

By Curtis– Year 10



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Soccer Carnival



On Friday the 15th June a selection of Senior Students from Bundaberg Special School participated in the Maryborough AWD Soccer Carnival. It was so much fun because we got to play 3 games of soccer against different schools. We won one game against Maryborough Special School with a full time score of 7-3.

By Brendan – Student Council Representative Year 12

Year 12 Court House Visit

As part of our SAS unit on “The Law”, year 12 students went to visit the Bundaberg Court House to see firsthand how the law works. They showed us where the judge sits and we all had to wait our turn to have a go pretending to be the judge. We also got to see the holding cells. I would not like to have to stay in them. The last place we got to visit was the sentencing room, where you get to sit behind a glass screen and wait for the judge to read out your sentence.

By Ayla – Magpies Sports Captain Year 12



Dream Cricket

When the Dream Cricket team came to our school we got to hit the ball for a 4. They taught us how to bowl the ball towards the stumps. I loved this day as cricket is my favourite sport. My favourite player is Dave Warner. I really enjoyed the Dream Cricket team coming out to our school. Beside is a picture of me just after I took some stumps and a picture of Shianne having a go at batting.

By Brendan – Kookaburras Sports Captain Year 12



Sports Day

Things were a little different at the Bundaberg Special School Sports day this year. Like always sports day was super fun. This year we were able to take part in Shotput and Long Jump as well as running races, ball games and tug of war. The tug of war between the parents and the staff was really funny. Everyone who participated received a ribbon for good sportsmanship as well as a special ribbon for people who came first, second and third. I really like that a number of parents come and attended this event. This year the overall winner was the Magpie house.

By Zane – School Captain Year 12



Year 11 in Review

Every Monday, during term 2, year 11 students travelled around to different parks in the Bundaberg area. As a team we investigated and compared the differences in the parks that would suit their needs, such as which parks are suitable for wheelchairs access.

At the end of term we celebrated by having a sausage sizzle at Lake Ellen. Lake Ellen was the park the class chose would be most suitable as it had BBQs, picnic tables, wheel chair access, toilets and a fun playground. It was a great way to end the term!

By The Year 11 Team





Bundaberg Christian College

Education with Wisdom

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BEEF 2018

Bundaberg Christian College was represented at the Beef Australia 2018 Expo in Rockhampton by a team of eight students from Year 10 and 12. The team prepared for some months for this excursion, training and grooming the cattle and studying their judging notes. Students were kept busy, rising at 4:30am to muck out stalls, wash and groom cattle, feeding and watering.

Monday was the first day of serious competition. Our students put their handling skills against more than 400 other students from across Australia.

The team certainly can be proud of their professionalism and competitive spirit receiving extremely positive feedback from other breeders attending the Show. The team were working with the "Oakwood Limousin" stud. The Limousin stud made a clean sweep of the category at the Show receiving first in the class, fifth in the class, Champion female calf and Grand Champion female.



BUNDABERG SHOW

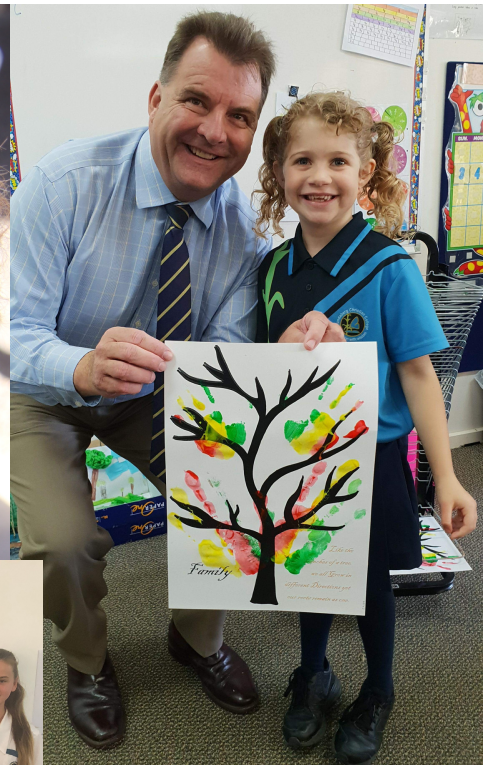
The judging of our group of stud cattle started on the Thursday of the Show. In this section Our students led a bull in the first class of bulls (under 12 months) winning the class. In the steers competition one of our steers was awarded champion steer against the heavy weight. Avah Murdoch placed third in the 12 to 15 years handlers' competition.

The Junior Judges competition was a particular highlight with Lachlan O'Sullivan Blanch being awarded Champion Junior Judge and Megan Terry after one lesson on judging winning her 12 to 15 years section and reserve Junior Champion. It was a fantastic effort by our Hoof 'N' Hook team.

SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

Recently, our Year 8 & 9 Sustainable Solutions students were given a rare privilege to work alongside the CQ University pre-service teachers here at the College. Education Lecturer's Karena Menzie & Michelle Vanderberg, brought along twenty of their students who are currently studying 'Sustainability through Active Citizenship' & 'Design Technology', to gain some insight as to how BCC are approaching Sustainable Design with Self-Directed learning. This session provided students the opportunity to discuss their designed solutions one on one, share their insights & gain valuable feedback. It was a wonderful follow on from our visit from Anthony Hill of Plastic Pollution Solutions and the founders of Boomerang Bags, who presented a highly relevant and thought-provoking session for our Year 4-9's. Student's Cooper Madden, Bella Conard, Brandon Ivers & Lily Mason guided our visitors who were keen to discover the many features and actions are school has taken toward sustainability as part of their national tour.

Grandparents Day



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Congratulations once again to our debate teams for their continued success! With all five teams winning Round 1, they have done it again with four of the five teams winning Round 2.
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AMANDA KELK

LACHLAN SMART VISITS BCC

Lachlan Smart became the youngest person to circumnavigate the globe solo in a single-engine plane. The world record holder visited our Middle and Senior School students to speak with them about his adventure. Lachie, through sharing his adventurous story, encouraged students to embrace adversity and setbacks on the journey towards achieving goals and dreams. Students enjoyed an opportunity to ask questions of Lachie at the end of his presentation.

YEAR 10 CAMP

On Tuesday 22 May an excited group of BCC students headed to the Kenilworth region for their annual Year 10 Camp.

The energy amongst the students was tangible as they headed for a week in the outdoors. It was a cool first morning that greeted them and strenuous day of adventuring and doing activities including water canoeing, hiking, initiative tasks, map reading and if lucky seeing a bull clash with Mr Ivers car. In addition, students were required to carry all their food for the week which they had to cook and CLEAN UP after each meal. One of the other challenges was living without technology and some students coped with this better than others! The group returned tired and happy, having spent 4 days testing themselves in the great outdoors. New friendships were made, bonds were forged and a lot fun was had. All of the teachers and instructors were impressed with how well our students supported each other through the tough times and pushed themselves to do things outside of their comfort zone.





Spotlight on Youth

ANZAC 2018

On Tuesday 24 April, our students did us very proud during our ANZAC Ceremony and excellent feedback was received from our invited guests who praised the maturity of our students and their behaviour.

Continuing our proud tradition, on 25 April, BSHS students and staff turned out in large numbers for the ANZAC Day March.



BSHS GIRLS ACADEMY LAUNCH

The Bundaberg Girls Academy was officially launched on 23 May 2018 at Bundaberg State High School. Mr Ricky Grace, CEO and Mr David Batt MP officially opened the event after the smoking ceremony by Mr Byron Broome, a proud Taribelang man and his daughter Nikkiya. Just like a song line, the Taiko Drummers quickly followed to signify the cultural inclusion and embracement within the school community.



Aunty Cheri Yavu-Kama-Haruthunian conducted the Welcome to Country and closed with a Blessing song in language. Taya and Ikeisha were the Masters of Ceremony and they shared the spotlight with their Year 12 peers – Baylee, Jemma, Keely, Zareen and Brooke. Guest speakers included corporate sponsors of Role Models and Leaders Australia from the Cummins Group, however the day belonged to the girls and each were presented with a Certificate of Enrolment, Academy pin and trusty new school water bottle to signify inaugural membership of the Girls Academy.

The Girls Academy would sincerely like to thank all the parents, the P&C members, the local business services and invited guests for sharing the day in the spirit of mutual respect. The event closed with a powerful presentation of 'This Is Me' accompanied by the AUSLAN Signing Choir. With the motto "Develop a Girl, Change a Community" we look forward to students reaching their full potential as they share their educational journey alongside staff, friends and each other at Bundaberg State High School.

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

BSHS staff and the drama and dance students SHOWCASED the collaborative nature of the different Arts strands for an enjoyable evening. The night (entitled "All the World's a Stage") was a real celebration of students from Year 7 to Year 12.

During the evening Year 12 Drama and Drama in Practice students performed physical theatre adaptations of Macbeth, while Year 10 Drama students performed an adaptation of Romeo and Juliet called "Ramona and Juliet". The night itself was also an opportunity for parents to watch their students perform in short pieces that have won awards at our local Eisteddfod, in recent months, including Year 7 Drama Excellence students who performed their winning Eisteddfod Choral Verses and Senior Performing Arts students who performed their winning Eisteddfod item "The 7 Ages of Man".

In addition our new Arts strand of Dance was well represented when the Year 7 Dance Excellence students performed their number called "Evolution of Dance".



Through hard work, the stars



SHINING BRIGHT



Congratulations to the 14 Girls Academy students who were recognised in Term 2 with a Shining Bright Award for their attendance of 90% or above!

The girls, Aaliyah, Caitlin, Chloe, Elise, Jacinta, Lluana (Year 7), Delysha (Year 8), Reyna, Zenaya (Year 9), Ijavia, Skye, Teneka (Year 10), Rheanna and Tulleah (Year 11) celebrated their achievement at Bundy Bowl & Leisure. Well done ladies!

Making Sweet Music

Our talented String Ensemble, Band and String Brillantes achieved Gold all round, with the Brillantes moving on to the next level. They placed FIRST in the Region!



HPV Racing

In Term 2 Bundaberg S.H.S. successfully held its second Twilight Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) racing event.



This year the race attracted 20 different schools from the Central and South Coast regions.

On the day, 40 teams lined up for the first round in the Queensland HPV racing calendar. The Bundy High Hornets entered 5 teams with our first ever Multiclass team made up of 7 students from our SEP, coached by Mr Byrnes in the newest edition to the Bundy High Hornets family, The Green Hornet. And just like the superhero, these students were fantastic.

Our debut team, 'The Green Hornet' did BSHS proud, finishing 2nd in both the Multiclass and Open B Class Boys categories.

The Senior girls team took out 1st in their category whilst the Senior boys finished 2nd in their category and claiming 2nd overall and the Junior mixed team finished 2nd in their category.

Table Tennis Championships

Congratulations to the students who travelled to the Gold Coast with their coach, Mrs Drury, at the end of June, to compete in the Queensland Schools Para Table Tennis Championships at the Gold Coast Table Tennis Centre.



All participants played very well, with BSHS winning the competition overall. Johnny B and Danny R received Gold Medals whilst Taylah S received a Bronze Medal.



Through hard work, the stars

“The Time is Now”



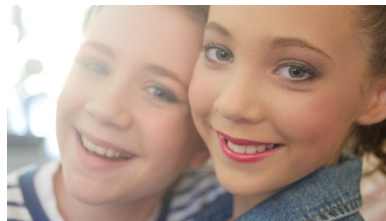
Student cast of “The Time is Now”, the 2018 Musical written and performed by St Luke’s students and staff

Congratulations to all our students and staff (and parents) involved in performing ‘The Time is Now’, the St Luke’s Anglican School Musical for 2018. The performance was a wonderful example of the magic that can happen when students and staff come together in an area of passion.

The Musical was a wonderful and important experience for our students; collaborating with staff to write, develop and choreograph the performance, showing dedication and commitment to rehearsals and performances, and resilience to support their friends during the demanding times. These are all important attributes needed to help flourish as an adult later in life.

Some fun facts from the Musical:- 100 hours of rehearsals, 71 lighting changes, 90 costumes, 60 entrances and exits, 42 students in the cast, 14 backstage crew and staff.

The Musical was a great example of the strength of the Performing Arts program at St Luke’s Anglican School, and the highly talented and dedicated students in our school.



Happy faces at a Musical rehearsal, from left, Poppy Derbyshire and Reese Dart

Nepal Expedition – Helping Others

Later this year, a team of students and teachers from St Luke’s Anglican School will travel to Nepal on an expedition coordinated by World Challenge Australia. Apart from the obvious attraction of Nepal’s natural beauty, the team are focused on working alongside local communities in poor rural areas of the country to help rebuild some of their old school rooms that were destroyed in the 2015 earthquake. This work is arranged through the Mother and Children Art Foundation, a charity whose mission is to raise rural living

standards in Nepal by empowering women and children with a quality education. Students will also spend time with the Seven Women Foundation.



Readers Cup

Readers Cup is organised by the Queensland Branch of the Children’s Book Council of Australia as a statewide competition for young readers. Teams of students together read a set of books over a period of weeks or months, and then compete with other schools to answer comprehension questions from the multiple books. Together as a team they have to try and remember as much as possible about all the books.

The St Luke’s Anglican School team of Emily Hocking, Renee Tu, Klaire Hodgetts, Darcy Tanzer, Keira Bosch and Lily Stone, competed strongly at the Regional Finals of Readers Cup, winning their way to the State Finals to be held in September. This is a truly wonderful achievement, and builds upon similar results for St Luke’s students in previous years.

Through this competition, students were challenged to read widely, work collaboratively and continue developing a love of reading. It also allowed them to meet other students with an equal passion for books. Well done to the St Luke’s Readers Cup team!



Victorious Readers Cup team, from left, Klaire Hodgetts, Darcy Tanzer, Keira Bosch, Lily Stone, Emily Hocking and Renee Tu

This World Challenge expedition helps students to build confidence, skills and resilience, by considering other perspectives, overcoming obstacles and building self-assurance. It aims to build the life skills that our young people need to live a life of courage, kindness and adventure. As Bonny Treloar, one of the St Luke’s participants, so aptly put it, *“this will be an expedition that will expand my sphere of knowledge, experiences, and personal awareness to challenge my character...”* Our best wishes go with our St Luke’s team as they head off on this most worthy expedition.

Athletes are Among the Best in Australia

Oar-some Rowers

The St Luke's Anglican School Rowing team dominated the Bundaberg District High Schools Head of the River Regatta again in 2018. After five wins in five years over the other schools in the region, the great spirit, determination and sportsmanship of the St Luke's rowers was showcased at this event once again. Nine out of a possible 12 trophies were won by our rowers.

These outstanding results were also backed up at the Central Queensland Rowing Regatta and the Southern Queensland Regatta, where our students claimed a total of 38 medals. Georgia Weston later went on to achieve a Silver medal at the Queensland Schools Championship

Regatta, and Montanna Clarke has been selected in a Queensland Pathways Squad in the Eights as her team came third at the National Time Trials. Both of these rowers, along with Joseph Black and Cameron Macpherson, also competed at the International Rowing Regatta in Sydney this year.

But don't think these achievements come easily for our students. They train hard very early in the morning and late in the afternoon most days of the week and on weekends. Their determination and commitment is a real tribute to their personal character, and allow us to appreciate their success on an even higher level.

Tremendous Triathletes

When Charles Liebenberg started triathlon about five years ago, he didn't really know what the sport involved, and he certainly didn't know how much commitment and effort was required or how much pain he would have to endure. But, he took to the event with a determination to succeed, and now, almost 100 triathlon events later, he is a master of the sport.

Charles' achievements this year include 3rd in the Individual Senior Male Division and 2nd in the Senior Mixed Relay Division at the School Sport Australia National Championships 2018. He has also been selected to represent the Australian Age Group Triathlon team to compete in the 2018 ITU Triathlon World Championships. Charles competed in these World Championships last year in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

But, Charles is not alone at St Luke's Anglican School in his desire to succeed in the world of Triathlon. James Thomas and Ellen Thomas are two other students with the same passion for the sport. In 2018, James was awarded 2nd place in the All Ages Mixed Relay at the School Sport Australia National Triathlon Championships, and he has been selected once again in the Queensland Schools Triathlon team for 2018. James also competed in the World Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands, last year.

Ellen Thomas was awarded 2nd in the All Ages Mixed Relay at the School Sport Australia National Triathlon Championships, and has been selected in the Queensland Schools Triathlon team for 2018.

Well done to these fine athletes who are wonderful ambassadors for the youth of Bundaberg!



The St Luke's Rowing team after their medal winning haul at the annual Head of the River Regatta

Amazing Athletes

After being awarded a range of gold and bronze medals at the Queensland Junior Athletics Championships earlier in the year, four St Luke's students then competed at the National Athletics Titles, all of them finishing their events within the top 10 in Australia.

Marianna Konopka came 8th in the under 16 girls 400m race. "The atmosphere at the event was amazing, and I loved being there. For a long time it had been my goal to make it to Nationals," she said. "I couldn't believe that all my hard work had paid off. It was also great meeting a whole new group of fantastic competitors; they were all amazing."

Nicholas Newton came 4th in the under 15 Boys Javelin competition. Hendré Kirchner earned a place on the podium coming 3rd in the under 16 Boys Javelin, while his brother Jano Kirchner achieved a 2nd in the under

14 Boys Javelin. Marianna and Hendré also competed in the 800m and 1500m respectively.

The four athletes participate in St Luke's High-Performance Program, which supports students in their academic and sporting ambitions. The program includes attendance at the University of Sunshine Coast Sports Clinic, screening, pre-injury identification, as well as strength identification by physiotherapists.



Top Athletes, from left: Nicholas Newton, Jano Kirchner, Hendré Kirchner and Marianna Konopka



Triathlon Stars, from left: Charles Liebenberg, Ellen Thomas and James Thomas

BUNDABERG REGION YOUTH SERVICE'S SECTOR STORIES

The following stories have been provided to us with the permission of the services and the young people they relate to.

THE GENERATION OF TODAY

YOUTH NEWS

Young people achieving great things in our region!



17 year old Jack Marshall from Gin Gin State High School is our first young presenter in our Youth to Youth program.

An initiative we put in place as part of our commitment and support of Bundaberg Regional Council's Youth Development Program.

Gin Gin's own 104.9FM found there is a lack of any type of forum for our youth in Gin Gin. With that in mind we have started a training program to introduce some of our local youth to the radio environment, to train as radio presenters, not only to connect with their peers but to create a medium where they can reach older residents as well and help bridge that 'us and them' attitude.

This, we hope will develop some mutual respect and show the potential of our youth.

We are hoping this initiative will remain an integral part of Gin Gin's Own radio to not only take us into the future but to offer alternative career options for our youth.

If you would like to learn more about this program you can contact the **Radio station** on 4157 1049 or **Trevor, the Program Development Officer** direct on 0418 716 271.



HEADSPACE

A lot of how headspace is delivered in the community is influenced by our Youth Engagement Committee (YEC), after all, they are the experts at being young and knowing what is important to them in their peers. Our current YEC Chair is Kay, she is a passionate volunteer, who also brings a true community spirit and dedication to changing the narrative of mental health.

Tell us a little about you first?

Hey, I'm Kay, I have lived in Bundy for about 12 years, I went to school at Kepnock, I work shifts, and spend lots of my time volunteering. I'm a mad comics and Harley Quinn fan, but mostly I love my time at **headspace**.

How did you get involved with headspace?

I knew a few young people who were already involved with the YEC, and they invited me to come



along, and I'm terrible at saying no. I attended my first meeting around May last year, in February I was appointed Chair. We have a great team of volunteers and staff that make all our time at **headspace** fun.

What do you like most about volunteering with headspace?

For me it's about supporting other young people with their mental health. It's OK to not always be OK, we need to encourage others to talk and listen. **headspace** allows us to spread a positive message and continue conversations around early help seeking.

What are some key tips for young people around looking after their mental health?

To know they are not alone, many others struggle too. Talking to someone really is a great relief and if you don't have friends or family to talk to, headspace can really help. Self-care can be easy, we just need to take little steps like eating well, getting a good amount of sleep and positive thinking. Not every day is glitter and rainbows though and that's OK too.

How do we get more young people to seek early support?

I think it's about conversations, if we continue to talk about mental health there won't be so much shame. It's about breaking the taboo and stigma associated with mental health. If we learn to listen, have genuine discussions and encourage them to talk then we are taking really positive steps in supporting them. Some people seem scared to talk about mental health.

HEADSPACE is open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm. To make an appointment you can drop into the centre or call. All young people aged 12 to 25 years are welcome and it's free to attend. Phone 4152 3931 to find out more or stop by the centre at 66 Woongarra Street. If you're on Facebook or Insta look for

headspace Bundaberg 😊

Buddies day Program Kick Starting in Bundaberg

This year, University students, High School Students and **Vinnies Youth Bundaberg** are joining forces to support young children in the Bundaberg Community, through the **Buddies Day** program.

On a volunteer basis, these students give up their talents and time to provide children in need of a hand up with a positive role model for one Saturday each month. During these Saturdays, the volunteers and children participate in a range of fun activities from trips to the beach, arts and craft and checking out activities and events that are in town. Youth volunteer Jenny said "it's important to give back to the community and this is a fun way of doing it". Another youth volunteer; Sam said "I enjoyed helping as well as learning valuable skills in planning and working with children, which will put me in good stead for becoming a teacher".

Buddies Days are a community engagement program designed to give families support by providing their kids (aged 8-12) with a fun day out. The **St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) Queensland** program is also a great opportunity for young volunteers to become active leaders and positive role models within their local community.



If you are looking to find out more, contact **Michael Siccama** on 0408 527 917 or alternatively via email: michael.siccama@svdpqld.org.au



Georgina Hull

commenced with APM as a direct registration job seeker on 27th April 2018 after completing ESAt with Centrelink. Georgina has been diagnosed and treating autism ASD and ODD (oppositional

defence disorder) anxiety, depression, Asperger syndrome, OCD all being treated with medication and specialist intervention. Once Georgina completed initial appointment Nicole Allison Bundaberg direct registration consultant created resume and began working with Georgina and marketing for potential positions. Direct registration consultant Nicole did take Georgia out to see 7 local employers reverse marketing as Georgina was looking for employment in hospitality, childcare or retail. Direct registration consultant Nicole approached EC Shane Olive if he had any employers that Georgina could be marketed to as direct registration consultant Nicole expressed that Georgina really wanted to work but was lacking in confidence and anxiety levels with interviews.

EC Shane Olive contacted a local retail employer he regularly deals with Tracy Harrington from Cool Stuff 4 Kids as EC Shane Olive thought this employer and the retail business would be a safe environment for Georgina to be employed in. EC Shane Olive began negotiating over several days visiting and phoning the employer up to 6 times a day taking gifts of coffee and chocolates attempting to secure employment for Georgina. Originally Tracy advised she could not create the position for the WBM hours required for Georgina and there could be no position and was very sorry.

EC Shane Olive continued to negotiate and market Georgina for a retail position and worked closely with his regional manager Ulanda Cannon to have approval for wage subsidy and then paid work trial for Georgina to be secured into employment. Georgina commenced employment on 30th May 2018 working 15hrs per week and is loving her job and has thanked EC Shane Olive for getting her dream job in retail.

This was great team work from the Bundaberg office Direct Registration Consultant Nicole direct registering and preparing Georgina, EC Shane Olive marketing and negotiating with employer contact and regional manager Ulanda Canon approving increased wage subsidy and work trial payments urgently. The photo was taken at Georgina work place with employer Tracy Harrington and EC Shane Olive.

Get ahead Building your future

Designed by
for *young people*
young people

During the July School Holidays Councils **Youth Action Team** volunteered their time to host the Get Ahead Building Your Future Lifeskills workshops. The team identified 13 lifeskill topics that young people had shown interest in knowing more about. Workshops covered resumes, cover letters, how to dress for an interview, tax, budgeting, renting, health food options, looking after yourself, mock interviews, apprenticeships and traineeships, insurance and workers rights. The team worked with a range of local businesses and services to develop a program that was specifically for young people. Over the 13 workshops we had 103 young people attend with many attendees gaining valuable information – even on boring subjects. The team will now look at what worked well and what didnt and think about hosting more workshops like this in the future. If you would like more information on the Youth Action Team, please contact Council's Youth Development Officer on 1300 883 699 or youth@bundaberg.qld.gov.au.

