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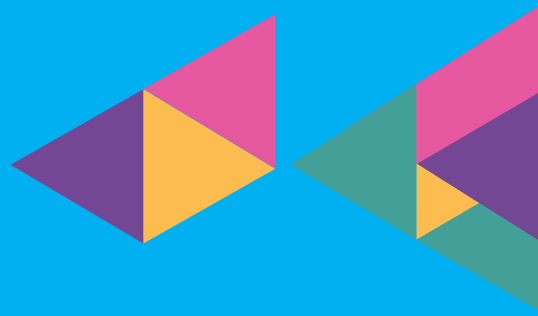
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“Stories of young people achieving great things in our region”





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 Bundaberg Regional Council, our region's high schools and youth service providers. The Youth Chronicles is released three times a year in May, August and November and contains stories about some of the great things our region's young people are doing and achieving.

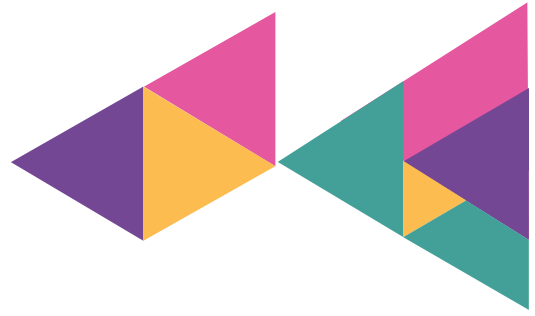
Through region-wide collaboration stories are shared not only from our regions high school students, but also from those young people who are no longer attending school. Every high school in the region is given the opportunity to provide two pages for each edition, with many schools getting the students 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 is made available online at www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au/youth. An electronic copy is sent to each school to share and a limited number are printed and distributed throughout the community.

This is our second year of this initiative and 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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Line Dancing Myth... Exposed

The myth about Line Dancing- how you have to have grey hair, be old, retired and have to like country music to line dance has been torn apart by a group of young ladies from Isis High.

Shayna Kurtzer – Childers Country Line Dancers' unofficial Ambassador was inspired to try this genre of dance after watching the latest release of Footloose. Shayna turned up to an afternoon class designed for kids to line dance, unfortunately for Shayna it was the last class that was being run by Childers Country Line Dancers as there wasn't enough interest. Shayna was determined to keep trying so she joined the adult's class.

Shayna had been dancing a short while, when she suggested to a few of her friends from school to come along and try line dancing. Before too long we had over 10 students from Isis High dancing on a Wednesday evening. The group was progressing nicely with their abilities to do the harder routines. Their instructor, Lorrae Goding suggested they should try out for the Australian Line Dance Championships in Tamworth. This was in June of 2018, we had six months to sort out routines, costumes, accommodation and transport. The next six months was a whirlwind of sausage sizzles, raffles to fundraise, shopping trips for costumes and endless practice sessions to get the group "competition ready". The girls worked hard with the fundraising and achieved the goal of \$5000.00 Tamworth or Bust!



In a 12 seater bus with trailer in tow and a packed sedan, 4 adults and 9 students (2 primary school) headed for Tamworth on the 17th January 2019. We were all brimming with anticipation, nerves and excitement as our "Childers Country Chaos" team competed in the Australian Line Dance Championships. Only one of the team had done competition before – Clancey Pryor and that was music at Eisteddfod. The team; Shayna Kurtzer, Trinity Hill, Ella Ham, Caitlin Stringer,

Kaylea Bishop, Clancey Pryor, Teigan Oliver, Jasmine Hill, Pheobe Bishop and Lorrae Goding, who had never competed before in line dancing, brought home 67 medals- 10 gold, 36 silver, 21 bronze.

The team, Childers Country Chaos are putting in the effort again this year with a couple of training sessions a week and attending regular classes to see if they can top their magnificent effort again in 2020.





'What a Wonderful World'

Travel the world through reading

By Sam

The local Childers "Read to Me Day" is fast approaching. This unique joint school and community event is a highlight on the Childers calendar, attracting under 8s from across the district. We are expecting over 300 children in the main street of Childers on Wednesday 28 August. In preparation for this day, different subjects have gained real life experience.



The small Year 12 Visual Arts in Practice class of 7 students at Isis District High School have spent 8 weeks in Term 2 creating publicity posters and artful hand screen-printed book bags for the community event.

The theme for this year's Read to Me Day is **'What a Wonderful World'** and centres on cultures from all around the globe.



The Year 12's created designs for the bags prior to turning them into stencils. The stencils were cut out by hand and screen-printed on 250 bags, the old-fashioned way, in a fun and eye-catching variety of colours.

Posters depicting different cultures have been created to advertise this wonderful community event and the book bags, that have been colourfully decorated, will be sold on the day by the Year 12's who volunteer to attend.



The Big Shift

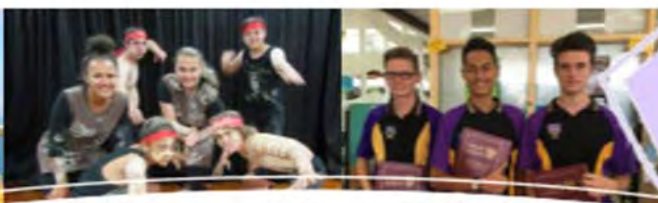
It is not every day that you see classrooms complete with their desks and chairs in them, being moved down the street! Yet in June that is exactly what happened in Childers!



In order to create a consolidated, state of the art Agricultural Facility on the Annexe grounds, eight of the classrooms were loaded onto trucks and bought over to the main campus via Pizzey St.

We are very excited by the unification of the buildings onto one campus and the prospects and opportunities available to us with the further development and enhancement of our Agricultural Department on the now expansive Annexe grounds.





OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

OUTSTANDING FUTURES

North Bundaberg *State High School* 2018

North Points the Way...

Council of cool



The first year of the Mayor's Telstra Innovation award was a frigid affair when Bundaberg North State High School's 'Council of Cool' pitched their idea to a panel of judges.

Over ten weeks the 'Council of Cool', Alexander White, Joshua White and Xander Pearce attended mentoring sessions with organisations such as Bundy Brewed Drinks, CQU and Queensland TAFE to progress their idea of a portable air-conditioning unit called the FlexCool. The 'Council of Cool' set up a display at the Bundaberg Multiplex where they persuaded a panel of judges that their innovative FlexCool air-conditioning device could stand the heat of any competitor. The 'Council of Cool' represented Bundaberg North State High School proudly and their creativity is just the tip of the iceberg.

Workin' nine to five

Our Year 10s got their hands dirty, with a week of work experience at the end of term 2. These hard-working individuals experienced work in vet nursing, fitter and boiler-making, hospitality, childcare, grocery retail, custom kitchens, and mechanics. They gained hands-on experience in their job placements, including operating machinery, serving customers, and even observing vet surgery! Congratulations Year 10's!



Accounting on you

North knows who it can count on! Year 11 Accounting and Business students attended the ECOMAN program at Ulton at the beginning of this term. ECOMAN is a three-day program facilitated by business experts and is highly sought after across Queensland. Ulton Accountants have generously sponsored bringing the program to Bundaberg annually and Mrs Cowan and Mrs Jensen look forward to ECOMAN as part of our education calendar.

At the end of the program, the winning coffee company was Best Brew. Two out of the four staff of Best Brew were students from Bundaberg North, Jess and Tyler, and our other students, Tyler, Peter and Ben also put in outstanding efforts in their companies. Well done to our students and a huge thank you to Ulton and the ECOMAN facilitators for their continuing support of our students!

Mrs Cowan, Business Teacher



Achieving dreams, stopping goals

Ryan Maclean represented Wide Bay at the recent Queensland School Sport 13 – 19 Years boys hockey State Championships. The Wide Bay team competed on the Gold Coast over four days, 30th May to 2nd June, playing 7 games in the tournament. Ryan was selected as a goal keeper and had to defend roaring hockey shots and drag flicks from some of the top hockey players in Queensland. Wide Bay just couldn't finish off their attack against the Met East defending team in the grand final match, going down 2 – 1. This is the first year Ryan has been selected in the Wide Bay team and he had an exceptional tournament, managing to save numerous shots on goal to assist his team to the grand final. Congratulations on your silver medal Ryan.





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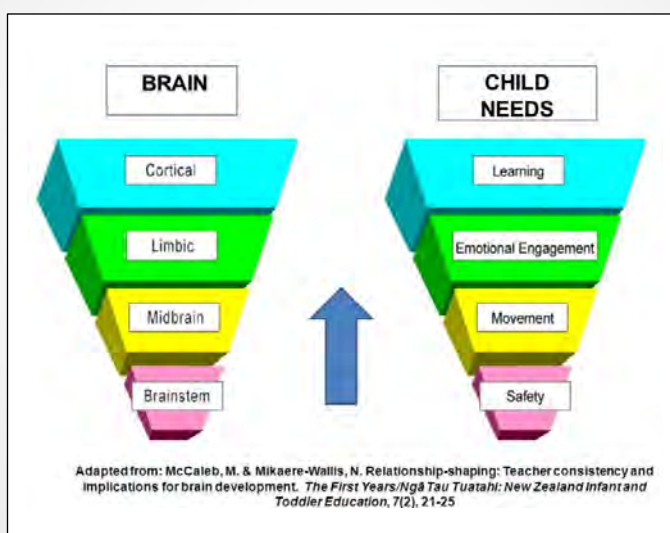
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The Teenage Brain

At the end of June, staff from BYLC travelled to Brisbane to attend the annual SAS Conference. It was a wonderful day where Special Assistance Schools come together to connect, collaborate, celebrate and learn. This year we were fortunate to have special guest speaker, Nathan Wallis present to us about the neuroscience behind the teenage brain.



Essentially our brain develops over stages, across four areas (as the picture above shows). As educators, this helps us to understand that each element of the brain must be cared for in order for a student to be learning.

New work under foot

Over the holidays building work commenced at BYLC.

We will be getting an extended Administration building and an extension to one of our practical areas to make room for a purpose built music room!

Exciting times ahead for our staff and students.



3128 Push Ups! How many can you do?

The Push-Up Challenge is a unique way to engage people in mental health



This term staff and students have participated in The Push Up Challenge in aid of mental health awareness. Over 21 days staff and students are challenged to complete 3128 push ups. Why 3128? Sadly, that is the number of deaths by suicide in 2017. Each day we are given a number of push ups to do. Each number corresponds with a fact about mental health.

It has been a fantastic way to open the door for conversation with students about mental health as well as build some competitive team work as we challenge each other to get through the push ups.

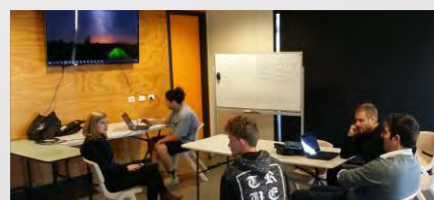
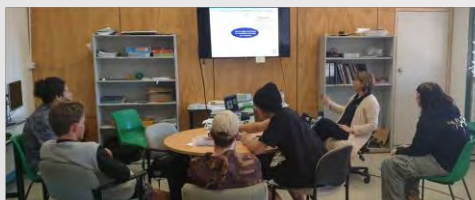


We are so proud of our staff and students for participating in a worthy cause for mental health!

Guest speakers – thanks for visiting!

This term our senior students are participating in two competitions – Heywire and BuySmart – as part of their literacy and numeracy units. Heywire is a storytelling competition run by ABC which gives students in regional communities a voice. BuySmart is a government initiative to teach students skills and knowledge for consumer awareness.

As part of these two programs, we had guest speakers from both ABC and the Office of Fair Trading come and talk to our senior students. It was such a pleasure to welcome them to our school. They inspired our students to have a voice in their community and accept the challenge of participating in these national competitions.



Burnett Youth Learning Centre – 'Accept the Challenge – Succeed with Hope'



GIN GIN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Musical - Grease was the word about town in May when the school staged their 38th musical production, "Grease". With its rock and roll songs and the ageless plot of the alpha lad being tamed by the 'new age' girl, its popularity was assured, but still staging an iconic show meant that the cast and crew had to get busy from day 1. The musical was a huge success thanks to all involved -over 80 students ... 60 on stage and over 20 backstage, painting and organising the props, staff and community helpers in managing, feeding and outfitting the performers.



Biggest Morning Tea - Every year our school comes together to raise their cup in support of cancer research. Students take to the kitchen to cook up a storm for a divine morning/afternoon tea for all staff. This year was yet another outstanding display of culinary talent from our senior catering students.



A special thanks to Jane Acworth for her tireless efforts in making this event so memorable and to her catering classes for helping to raise funds for such an important cause. The cupcake stall raised \$145.70 and the morning tea raised \$215.00.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Term 2 has been very busy at Gin Gin State High School. I was very proud of our students at the commencement of term and the way in which they represented our school at both the school and community Anzac services. More than 80 students marched with the school and many more students marched to represent various community organisations. Our school leaders also played a large part in the ceremony by reading the names of the fallen.

Our school musical was very popular this year with the remake of 'Grease' with a Gin Gin State High School flavour. This is the second time the school has performed 'Grease' with many of the original cast from 1987 returning to see the production.

The Gin Gin Show was also a major event for the students and staff this year. Many of our students competed in the annual event in various sections of the show. Along with this many of our staff and students volunteered their time to assist with the organisation and running of the weekend. Our students are heavily involved in setting up for the weekend as well as cleaning up in the following days.

Gin Gin was able to enter a team in the Mayors Telstra Innovation Awards which was held toward the end of term. Three of our students managed to make it to the finals and they were given great feedback on the innovative design by the judges.

In the final weeks of Term 2 we were informed that we were "Showcase" winners for the North Coast Region for the great work that our Special Needs department is doing with the Alpaca program they are implementing. We will find out early in Term 3 if we have been selected to compete in the state finals which are held in October. This is great recognition for the staff who have developed and implemented this program over the last three years.

Term 2 has been very successful with all students involved in many activities. I look forward to Term 3 and seeing what other great successes our school can accomplish.

Paul Stehbens

ANZAC Day – Gin Gin State High School celebrated the traditional ANZAC Day commemoration Wednesday morning in the first week back after Easter break. . The Gin Gin and Mt Perry services were incredibly well supported by our students, staff and parents. The school service consisted of a special presentation from our School Captains, highlighting the story of Joe Lalor, the grandson of Peter Lalor of Eureka Stockade fame, who was one of the first soldiers to set foot on ANZAC Cove on that bitterly cold morning in 1915.

We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Honor and the members of the RSL who took the time to attend our service, to add a special significance to the morning. Thanks also to Mrs Acworth and her Hospitality students who always provide a delightful morning tea. I would also like to thank the School Leaders for their outstanding conduct of the Ceremony; Dale Lockley for a stirring rendition of “The Last Post”; the Sound and Lighting crew for providing the back drop to the speeches; Kodie Stellan for his impressive military presence; and finally Lydia Pugh for her beautiful renditions of the Australian and New Zealand (both verses) National Anthems.

Destinee Lythall-Webb in her vote of thanks reminded us of the song “The Gift of Years” that tells the story of a digger revisiting battlefields and remembering those who did not return. He thanks his friends “for the time they bought and the lessons taught, tho’ often wasted and unlearned. Lest we forget cry the multitudes as if I ever could. So forgive an old man’s tears, and thank you for the years”.

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 remembered and never forgotten. LEST WE FORGET.

Cross Country - On Friday 26th April, GGSHS competed in Cross Country. Despite the weather, Manumbar, Baranga and Corang went into battle to be House Champions. It was very pleasing to see so many students supporting their house by earning points by running, walking and helping at water stations. The age champions for each age group were as follows:

Age Group	Boys Age Champion	Girls Age Champion
12 Years	Kash Thomas Brandon Witcher	Brodi Clark
13 Years	Jack Blackley	Mia Wochnik
14 Years	Drew Kitt	Tanina Bradley
15 Years	Zane Kruger	Tegan Wright
16 Years	Harrison Mahon	Tessa Wochnik
17+ Years	Joel Johnson	Sophie Pugh



Mayor’s Telstra Innovation Awards - The Mayor’s Awards is a new competition implemented by Bundaberg Regional Council this year to encourage the development of innovative ideas in our region. Twenty-three teams entered the competition this year with only 10 selected to move through to the next phase and participate in the final presentation evening on Wednesday 26 June. Moselle Findlay, Keziah Mitchell and Sebastian Schulke were exceptional in the final pitch of their flood multi-app idea explaining indepth the many benefits of investing in this type of information hub. There were many ingenious ideas presented on the evening and while we didn’t come away with a win, we were excited to be involved in such a great competition. We look forward to next year’s competition and are grateful to Bundaberg Regional Council for this wonderful innovative competition for our region.

Alpaca Programme - The Year 7 students in the Alpaca Programme have engaged in the Junior Handling Programme and achieved some impressive results last term. The highlight of the term was the competition at Agrotrend in Bundaberg, where each student received high commendation for their efforts. The judges were particularly impressed with the short time it had taken for them to acquire the skills. Several of the older students will be attending the Ekka and competing against other students in August. We are looking forward to some great results in this first ever competition for students from Gin Gin State High School. It is also a pleasure to let our readers know that following our presentation to the QASEL conference, a total of 6 schools have indicated an interest in implementing programmes based on what our school has developed.



Regional Showcase Award - Late in June we were advised that our programme has been recognised with a regional showcase award. In late July we will be advised if we have been successful as a state finalist.





Kepnock Reef Guardians

This year the lovely Mrs. Amey, Humanities and English teacher has introduced the Reef Guardians program into Kepnock State High School. The Reef Guardians program aims to promote environmental awareness throughout the school and community by recruiting a group of enthusiastic young students to carry out a mission of reducing the massive impacts plastic and waste currently make on our society and environment.

So far this year, Kepnock has seen many passionate students show their eagerness to conserve our environment through their excitement to participate in new programs such as planting broccoli crops in the Agriculture farm, collecting the tuckshop's pizza boxes to turn into mulch and even spending some of their weekends at the *Boomerang Bags Sowing Bee*. The Reef Guardians have also made a special point to dive into action to reduce the amount of single use plastic that we use at our school.

The Containers For Change program has raised almost \$1000 dollars this year alone, a program introduced into Kepnock by our very own Reef Guardians that allows for the collection of plastic bottles and containers from food and drink items purchased from the tuckshop. The containers are then handed in for recycling, and money is fed back into our school! How cool!

When asked what the future holds for the Reef Guardians program, Mrs. Amey confidently replied with, "It's going to go from strength to strength." The amazing dedication these students have shown from day one is outstanding, and with their constant positive attitudes and determination to make a difference, these young inspiring young conservationists are undoubtedly set for great things.

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.



New Year

2019 and another new year rolls around but new facilities means Kepnock SHS has had a serious facelift!

Last year, Kepnock State High resembled a construction site but now 2019 sees the first use of our brand new Multi-Purpose Hall and newly renovated A block training facility.

From the very first signings to the finished building, the construction of the Multi-Purpose Hall took 12 months to become an amazing, resourceful part of our school community. In addition, by using all local contractors and suppliers, it benefited the larger Bundaberg community and provided jobs for Bundaberg locals.

Kepnock SHS Principal Mr Nick Howkins said that with the increased facilities in the new Multi-Purpose Hall, interschool sport competitions such as volleyball and basketball could now be held at Kepnock SHS and offer the broader community a diverse range of facilities.

A student in Year 8 commented that the MPH looked “absolutely stunning”. Not only are the facilities inside the MPH a significant upgrade of facilities, but there has been a lot of vegetation added to make the space outside the sports hall as friendly, peaceful and inviting as possible.

The upgrade to A-Block has given the school multiple brand new training spaces to use for a range of purposes such as a lecture about stress management and study organisation for all OP eligible Year 12 students during Pathways lessons and teacher training on the Pupil Free Days. In addition, the new conference, meeting and training rooms were the site for the roll out of the new iPads.

Kepnock State High school has been a part of the Bundaberg community since 1964, and these two new additions will certainly help to enhance our education and make Kepnock the great school that it is today.

Rachel

What's On

- 05 Aug - ACE, Bursary and SDP Applications Open
- 07 Aug - Year 5&6 Instrumental Music Transition
- 20 Aug - Enrolment Evening -1
- 06 Sep - ACE, Bursary and SDP Applications Close
- 17 Sep - ACE, Bursary and SDP Applications



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Making a Difference



New classrooms and Admin block for BCC



BCC has recently undergone major construction upgrades and it's looking amazing. The Junior School Development provide open-planned flexible learning spaces for our Year 6 students and with the new Administration block now also complete, provides enhanced student services, staff offices and a visitor reception area, catering for our fast-growing infrastructure and offerings to the BCC community.

BCC Missions Team visits Lomani Au Fiji



BCC Missions Team visited the Lomani Au Children's Home in Fiji during the June/July school holidays. The purpose of this bi-annual experience is to provide an opportunity for students and staff to demonstrate and grow in their faith by serving others. During the trip they engage in ongoing work projects to the children's home, relationship building through games and activities with children from the home, engage in cross-cultural church exchange and some sightseeing.

The Rite Journey - Mt Walsh



BCC is the only school in the Wide Bay offering the incredible Rite Journey program to the Year 9's & 10's - a unique educational opportunity designed to develop self-aware, vital, responsible, respectful and resilient adults.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Australian Honours for BCC students

Congratulations to Deakin Darby, Daniel Haaksma and Sarah Chuey for being selected for 2019 AHEP (Australian Honours Ensemble Program). This is a unique opportunity for Deakin, Daniel and Sarah to work in an intensive environment of musical excellence with their peers during October at Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University.

BCC own Modern Mozart Scores big!



he was three years old and began began composing last year after experimenting with a computer program, but also takes his seventh grade cello exam this year, sings, and does percussion for fun. No wonder he is called "modern Mozart" by his friends. In the film industry the youngest film composers are 26.



Bundaberg Christian College student, Andrew Udal, is among the finalists in the Queensland Music Festival's Score IT! competition and gained the next step into film composing. Andrew will be learning directly from a Hollywood composer who worked on Spider-Man: Homecoming, and the Star Trek movies.

Andrew has been playing musical instruments in some form or another since



Debating Success

Once again our BCC Debating teams have demonstrated excellence in public speaking, with four of our five teams making it through to the Semi-Finals. Three teams secured their position in the finals held at St Luke's Anglican School. It proved to be an interesting showdown with our two Year 8 teams going head-to-head while our Yr 9 team argued it out with St Luke's finest! Congratulations to our Yr 8 & 9 champions for once again taking the District Debate title, along with all teams who have so honourably represented BCC this year.

2019 Equestrian QLD Interschool State Championships

Kate and her pony "Kennallywood Holly Golightly" gained 4th overall for BCC in the Intermediate secondary school show horse hack (event against riders up to year 9) and also gained awards in secondary school showman 3 phase, 3rd hack in hand, 4th rider workout and 5th in dressage, with a 7th overall placing for BCC in the 3 phase (event against riders up to year 12).



*I'm proud to represent BCC as part of the Equestrian Team and am so proud of Holly (my horse)
- Kate, BCC Year 7*



Spotlight on Youth

DR 4 A DAY



Medical Student Doctors buddied 8 of our students when they attended the DR for a Day Program, developed by the University of Queensland, to undertake two emergency department scenarios in a busy simulated Emergency Department.

As well as assessing and treating the 'patients', the BSHS students' buddies shared their medical and educational pathway stories and answered questions to assist them with their future journey.



ON THE TOOLS @ EVOLUTION



Students gained valuable insights into 'working in mines' from the experiences shared by Evolution Mining representatives currently working at Mt Rawdon through the QMEA 'On the tools @ Evolution' Trade Challenge.

After learning about embedding safe practices at work students then split into teams to being planning their project.

Working under the guidance of Evolution Mining personnel student learnt the importance of developing plans and began manufacturing their vehicles.



CHALLENGE ACCEPTED



Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Science and Engineering Challenge. We WON!



LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

A small army of BSHS students and staff worked tirelessly on our 2019 Musical production – The Little Shop of Horrors. Their efforts were rewarded with rave reviews. Well done to the cast and crew for their tremendous work!



PRIDE OF PLACE

BSHS Girls Academy students recently presented His Excellency, Governor Paul de Jersey with their artwork.



CULTURAL LENS



Congratulations to our team who placed third in the Mayor's Telstra Innovation Design awards. Well done ladies!



Through hard work, the stars



FOND MEMORIES



A group of combined years 10 and 12 students worked on a memorial project using recycled materials to pay respect to a teacher aide who passed away a few years. A garden chair was planned as a respectful reminder of the contribution made by the teacher aide who had a passion for the environment and inspiring young minds and sits proudly under a tree next to 'V' Block here at Bundy High.



The students worked with old discarded pallets, recycled decking and spent hours preparing and building the chair. Even the slab it sits on is made from recycled gravel and sand from the land preparation of the new long jump pit at the school. They said they hope to inspire more of their age group to do some thing similar which put a smile on many faces.

BEST ON SHOW

Congratulations to our SEP students (and staff) who won a range of prizes at the recent Bundaberg Show!

Amy W - 1st Raspberry Slice
 Danny R - 1st Butterfly Cakes
 Sandra Williams (teacher aide) - 1st Rocky Road
 Zac D -y 2nd Tea Cake
 Harmony H - 2nd Chocolate Slice
 Liam D - 2nd ANZAC Slice
 Zac A - 3rd Rocky Road
 Samantha S - 3rd Chocolate Chip Muffins
 Zara P - 3rd Ginger Cake
 Lachlan B - Highly Commended Slice



Lachlan B - Highly Commended Slice
 Chloe P - Highly Commended

The Grade 12 SUB Class won:
 Apple and tomato Chutney 1st
 Beetroot Relish 1st
 Pineapple jam 1st
 Apple jelly 3rd
 Sweet Orange Marmalade 3rd
 'Hot' sweet Chilli Sauce 1st and Reserve Champion for the whole section.



SPORTING SUCCESSES

Rugby League Well done to our BSHS Blue and White Sides who contested the



Karyn Murphy Cup (Year 7/8) Final. The teams couldn't be separated with a 16 all draw to finish.

BDSSRL Congratulations to our Year 9 (26-4) & 10 (20-4) Rugby League teams for taking out the Grand Finals!



And to our Year 8 team who were defeated by Shalom in the Grand Final however their determination, grit and positivity made us very proud.



AFL

Congratulations to Cadence T, competing at the QLD School Sport U12 Girls AFL Championships.



Rowing



Well done to our rowers on their recent successes at the South East QLD Regatta and Head of River.



Futsal



Congratulations to our school Futsal teams.



Basketball



Congratulations to Reagan and Ava at the 2019 QLD School Sport 10/12 years Basketball State Championships.



Table Tennis Taylah S and Hayden B took home the Bronze at the recent QLD Schools State PARA Table Tennis Championships.

Through hard work, the stars



The Bundaberg Region's Inaugural Mayor's Telstra Innovation Awards

Three teams from St Luke's Anglican School participated in the final of the Mayor's Telstra Innovation Awards at the end of June.

The top 10 teams were required to submit a 2nd round video entry, set up a 'booth' and then give a 5 minute pitch to three judges followed by a Q&A about their product, all in front of a crowd of about 40 people.

All of our teams achieved outstanding results. Mercedes Thomas, Tessa Bryden and Nawshaba Ahmed, from the team Melior Terra, took out first prize for the inaugural event, with their product CLEARN. The app they designed will help people discern whether their rubbish can be recycled or not, using a rewards system to add incentive.

Second place went to Team KYOOR, made up of students Joshua Marinelli, Hein Kuyler, Logan Tinney and Hendre Kirchner, with their product 'Patch-a-life.'

Tyler DeBeen, Aiman Rahman, and Zain Aslam also deserve a special mention as they



placed in the top 10 finalists with their product called 'U Drive.'

All teams are to be congratulated on their hard work, preparation, and innovation in designing and pitching their products. Also, a special thanks to Mr Matthew Hughes for his excellent advice and coaching. Both finalists were given four mentoring sessions with organisations across Bundaberg (Bundaberg Brewed Drinks, Community Lifestyle Support, TAFE, and CQU.)

Above: Mercedes Thomas, Nawshaba Ahmed and Tessa Bryden with Mayor, Jack Dempsey, and a judge from the Innovation Awards

ASPIRE MUSIC FESTIVAL

During the July holidays a large team of St Luke's music students attended ASPIRE International Youth Music Festival in the Gold Coast, accompanied by their teachers, Mrs Leanne Hutchings, Miss Sarah Ferguson and Mrs Amanda Roche.

Students had an exceptionally busy time attending workshops, masterclasses, public





performances and performing for adjudication. Eleven schools from across New Zealand and Australia participated. St Luke's placed in all instrumental sections, winning second place in both Symphony Orchestra and Senior Concert Band, and third place in Senior String Ensemble. Congratulations to all involved!

Previous page: Tess Murray and Hein Kuyler at the ASPIRE Festival

Left: St Luke's staff and students at the ASPIRE Festival

St Luke's Community Fair

On Saturday, 17 August 2019 St Luke's Anglican School will celebrate our 25th anniversary with a community fair. Entry to the fair is free, and if you get in quick, you can buy an unlimited rides and slides pass for \$20. Otherwise, these passes will be available on the day for \$25. Make sure to check out our Facebook page for more details or to buy tickets.

Some of the highlights of the event include a super slide, rides, laser tag and rock climbing wall, musical performances throughout the day, and a Food Truck Lane. Don't miss the Rock Pop Mime performance in the evening that students have been rehearsing for over the last term, followed by an epic fireworks display.

The Fair is open to the whole community, so we encourage you to invite your friends and family to join in on the fun.

HIGHLIGHTS

Date: 17 August 2019

12:00pm Gates Open

12:00pm – 5:00pm Rides and Slides Open

12:00pm – 5pm Laser Tag Open

12:00pm – 5:00pm Food Truck Laneway Open

4:00pm – 7:00pm P&F Bar and BBQ Open

4:00pm – 6:45pm Rock Pop Mime Concert

6:45pm – 7:00pm Fireworks Display



Bundaberg Region Youth Service's Stories

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

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YOUTH NEWS

Young people achieving great things in our region



17 year old Billie Morgan from North Bundaberg State Highschool has been volunteering at the Bundaberg Riding for the Disabled Centre with her family for 4 years.

Billie won 2 National Riding for the Disabled Australia (RDAA) Awards for her volunteer involvement with the RDA organisation just after 2 years as an Assistant Coach. These awards took her to the RDAA National Coaches Workshop in Geelong VIC, and the 2018 RDAA National Awards Ceremony in Adelaide SA.

More from Billie

I have a huge passion for the equestrian sport, Trick Riding which I started about 3 years ago with HLS Trick Riding on the Gold Coast and have since been lucky enough to attend clinics with American Trick Riders on their tour of Australia. My dreams and future plans are to travel to America to learn from some of the best Trick Riders in the world and to bring the unique sport to the Bundaberg Region. I love being actively involved in the community and have loved being a part of the Youth Development Action Team for almost 12 months now. This year I had the honour of being nominated for Young Australian citizen of the Year Award for the Bundaberg Region and won, this award got me an invite to have afternoon tea with the Governor of Queensland.



Kay's on the national stage for youth mental health



19-year-old Kay now sits in a prime position representing the voice of Young people as a member of the headspace National Youth Reference Group (hY NRG). Headspace Bundaberg centre manager, Dean Hyland, said Kay is well deserving of her place within the youth mental health foundation and believes her new role has been the culmination of commitment, passion and good energy.

"Kay always bring her passion to the table, and as a youth led service, we need that," he said.

"Young people truly are the voice behind headspace and when they bring their energy and ideas forward, we can in turn provide the best support for all young people in Bundaberg and around Australia."

As a hY NRG member, Kay aims to encourage more young people to listen to themselves when they know something is wrong and to seek help. Kay also hopes to use this opportunity to learn even more about youth mental health and grow with the other members of the group.

"I am passionate about breaking down the stigma of mental ill health and ensuring every young person knows they are not alone, especially when it feels like they are," Ms Wright said.

"When I was growing up, I experienced being bullied and suffered severe anxiety. It wasn't until I started volunteering with headspace Bundaberg where I started to gain confidence and realise I could be a voice and help others. The opportunity to sit with another 21 young people is amazing, I am so excited for what we can achieve. I love how headspace truly listens to what matters most."

Young people around Australia are chosen to sit as hY NRG members for an 18-month period. Kay was successful in gaining a position to represent alongside 20 other young people, from more than 140 applicants. Young people from all walks of life and varying lived experiences are chosen to represent headspace on the national committee, so that the voice of young people advise and influence the best service for all youth.

If you are aged between 12 and 25 and you have the desire to influence youth mental health support in Bundaberg while gaining valuable skills and having fun, and potentially on a national scale, please get in touch. headspace Bundaberg welcome new members to **join the Youth Engagement Committee. Please get in touch on 4152 3931 or email headspacebundaberg@unitedsynergies.com.au**



Mayors Telstra Innovation Award winners:

Nawshaba Ahmed, Tessa Bryden and Mercedes Thomas from Melior Terra team, St Luke's Anglican School.

Mayors Telstra Innovation Awards

May, 2019

2019 has seen the first hosting of the awards, where school students from across the region were encouraged to share their innovative ideas. 23 entries were received in Phase 1 and these were then broken down to the top 10. The top 10 teams attend 4 mentoring workshops with Bundaberg Brewed drinks, CLS, TAFE and CQU where they were provided with advice and information on developing their ideas before the Final Pitch and Presentation night held on Wednesday 26 June.

At the pitch night teams pitched their ideas to the judges: Mayor Jack Dempsey, Scott Mullaly from Telstra and Tom Corpe from Ulton. The judges put the teams through their paces asking hard hitting questions about funding their ideas and why the community needs it or would want it.

After seeing all pitches the Judges tallied up all the results to our winning team Melior Terra with their idea to help save the environment and entice people to recycle correctly. All teams walked away with prizes with the support of Queensland Computers. The winning team will also now have the opportunity to travel to Sydney to visit the Telstra Innovation Hub later this year.

Overall standings were:

- 1st: Melior Terra – St Luke's Anglican
- 2nd: Kyoor – St Luke's Anglican
- 3rd: Alpha – Bundaberg State High
- 4th: Medi – Checker – Bundaberg Christian College
- 5th: Swift Phoenixes – Shalom College
- 6th: Council of Cool – North Bundaberg State High
- 7th: Safe Space – Bundaberg Christian College
- 8th: Raksha – St Luke's Anglican
- 9th: Travel Aider – Conscious Nomads – Shalom College
- 10th: Ever Onwards – Gin Gin State High

We congratulate all the teams on making it to the Finals night and hope that they take the information provided to them not only on the night but also through the mentoring sessions on board and enter again next year.



