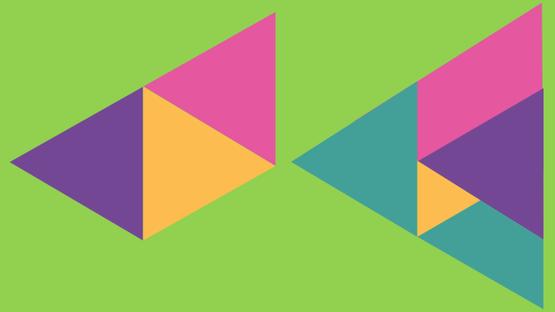


Youth *chronicles*

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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.

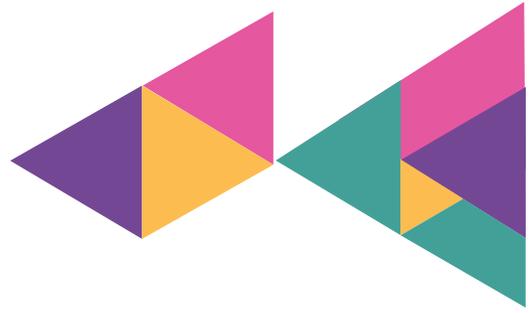
Through region-wide collaboration stories are shared not only from our regions high school students, but also from those young people who are no longer attending school. Every high school in the region is given the opportunity to provide two pages for each edition, with many schools getting the students 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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ISIS DISTRICT

State High School

PREPARING PATHWAYS, HONOURING TRADITIONS

Ballerina to Dragster

Kaylee Bugden races between these different worlds

My name is Kaylee Bugden. I am a Year 11 student at IDSHS, and I am a drag racer. I've been around drag racing since before I was even born as my father was a successful driver until he had a huge crash at Willowbank in 2006 and then, drag racing disappeared from our lives for some time.

When I was about 4, my mum put me into dance, along with many other girls my age. That was all I had ever known for quite some time; the pretty costumes, make up and music. When I was about seven, I started soccer and that became my favourite sport, as it was what my brother was doing, and I have always looked up to him.

I had always played with my brother in the dirt, racing our toy cars and having plenty of bike or running races; it was kind of just in my blood.

By the age of 12, I had found something else to do, I was, playing guitar, trombone, singing, clarinet and bass clarinet. My brother had just started his drag racing career and that's when my interest began. I started racing in early 2017, at the age of 14, and although one of the eldest, being the new kid on the track was hard.

I had started dancing again in 2015 and it got to the stage where I had racing one night and dancing the next, and the bruises that came from racing were very visible in my costumes for dance. Although I have what might be considered a "boyish" side, I still loved to put on makeup and do my hair up for my competitions. I may be covered in dirt or grease with dirt under my fingernails and bruises everywhere, but I still make sure my hair and makeup are good even when wearing my helmet. The best thing about drag racing would be how



much I'm looked up to by younger kids in the racing community and the friends I've made over the years. It's great to connect with people with the same interests and of all ages.

I'm good at what I do and have been in plenty of finals and had many wins. Over Easter 2019 I raced in Roma, it was first time racing away from my home track. I wasn't familiar with the track or the people, but despite the bumps I made the finals. Unfortunately it rained and we couldn't finish. But it shows that wherever I go, maintaining consistency and focus can lead me to where I want to go.

As someone with anxiety, I have dealt with a lot of the struggles associated in the things I love, but I grew to love the attention I received. I found my peace in the noise of racing. The loud engines and the smell of burning rubber makes me feel at ease and once I'm in my car, everything just stops, and it's all clear. I zone out and then it's only about me, my car and my race.

I also hope to buy my first horse at the end of this year and start barrel racing. I have a diverse taste in things, but it's always good to have a range of different activities and live life to its fullest.



After I step out of my junior dragster, I hope to step into a bigger drag car and in the future, I would like to go into NASCAR, supercars or into one of the biggest and fastest drag cars there is. But I won't get far if I don't finish my schooling and get a good job to be able to afford all my dreams.

Commitment is an act, not a word. My advice to young women is not to be stereotyped, do what you want to do – try everything and commit to doing things well.

Written by Kaylee Bugden, Year 11



International Women's Day Breakfast

By Sarah Onoprienko, Year 8

The annual International Women's Day Breakfast here in Childers is a wonderful morning where our community comes together to celebrate women. I was lucky enough to attend my first ever breakfast this year and I loved it.



I was asked to give a small speech about the theme "Balance for Better" and even though I was nervous, others who also gave speeches helped me

overcome them and were supportive of me. The key address for the morning was from a local Principal whilst our school String Quartet performed several songs.

At school I have learnt about the challenges that women have faced in the past and I am so relieved that I was born now, in this day and age where women are celebrated, and the barriers are slowly being brought down. I am grateful for all the women who have gone before me and created the world I live in.



I know that by the time I am looking for a job, women will be exact equals to men. The International Women's Day Breakfast means so much to so many women and it is a great chance to get out in the community, met new people and carve the way for women in the future.



Acceptance Week

By Chloe Duguid, Year 9

In such a diverse place such as a school, acceptance is vital. That is why our school celebrates **Acceptance Week** as part of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

As a Year 9 Ambassador and Student Councillor, I participated in a large variety of events across the week. A highlight for me was the Aspire Choir, where we sang 'This Is Me' from The Greatest Showman. Our performance was recorded and shown on the school assembly. It was so much fun to be a part of!

I also participated in a special event put together by the Year 9 Ambassador team. Every Year 9 student was given a cut out of a person and on it they wrote what acceptance was and how it is important in our modern world. The cut outs were all placed together in the shape of a larger person and was displayed in the school office.



Ambassadors from other year levels organised events such as the Year 7s who organised a game of four-way soccer or the Year 8s who held craft sessions in lunch times.

Personally I found the activities enriching and I gained a deeper understanding of the importance of acceptance.



North Bundaberg *State High School* 2018

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

OUTSTANDING FUTURES

The students of North High are back...

The Life-Shavers of Bundy North



On Friday 29th of March, the students of North Bundaberg State High School participated in 'Shave for a Cure'. With a total of 15 brave students, 9 boys and 6 girls, registering to shave their heads and over 100 students colouring their hair, some brave boys even waxed their legs for the cause! All together the students managed to raise over \$6800, which is no small feat.

Many more students came to see the event and support those who went through with shaving.

The teacher responsible for organising the event is a man named Ricky Hogan. Ever since he lost a brother to leukaemia, he has been very passionate about Shave for a Cure saying, "It is fantastic to be part of such a worthy cause".



Ricky Hogan emphasises that, “It is great for the students to involve themselves in a cause in which the joy is being involved. It is not ‘what do I get out of this?’ or ‘what’s in it for me?’ it is about ‘how can I help those who are suffering?’.”

The event was not promoted as a ‘who raised the most’ event, however students that deserve special mentions are Byron who managed to raise over \$1000; Sam raising over \$600; Shelby who was just shy of \$600; Caylee and Latoya raising over \$400; Jade, Hunter, Nahra and Leanne (over \$300); Matthew and Billie (over \$200) and Lachlan, Sam and Jessie (over \$100).

One student that participated in the event, Dean Noffke, has stated that, “It was gratifying to raise money for such an important cause.” While not quite raising as much money as those mentioned prior, he claims to be satisfied with his efforts.



“Fifty years ago,” Ricky Hogan says, “being diagnosed with leukaemia was a ‘death sentence’” but, thanks to organisations like the Leukaemia Foundation, the chances of surviving leukaemia have improved dramatically. Everyone who raises money or just spreads awareness by participating in events like Shave for a Cure, assists greatly in the progress of cancer research. All the support that these students have given for the event surely would have made some sort of impact.

Taking Care of Business

The Bundaberg North State High School Business team has topped the Wide Bay region in the first round of this year’s prestigious Schools Business Challenge. The team was headlined by year 12 students Jackson Paul, Billie Morgan and Isabella Murdoch and managed by Mrs Jensen.

Dozens of schools compete in CQ University’s Schools Business Challenge each year. This is the fifth annual Schools Business Challenge conducted by CQU. Bundaberg North State High School have previously won the competition in 2015 and last year were runners up in the competition.





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Does time fly?

And just like that, Term 1 in 2019 has come and gone! We have all heard the saying "time flies by when you're having fun" but how true is that? We measure time by the ticking of the day but how we *feel* time passing is different to how it actually passes, one tick of the clock at a time.

Did you know that our awareness of time is not necessarily dependent on just having fun? Rather, our time "flying by" comes from being engaged in an activity where we are motivated by an end goal. Another thing about time perception though is how we remember those moments – our memory changes our idea of time passing as well. When we remember events, they seem to be reversed; the "boring days" passing by quickly and the "fun days" seeming to last longer than we thought they did at the time. That is because we remember the activities we were engaged in – "boring days" have little worth remembering and so seem shorter than the fun, activity-filled days we remember.

We have had a busy start to the year with many activities to share with you. So could we say that at the time, time flew by – but now as we remember those times – time did not fly by?

What do you think - does time really fly?

Summer fun!

At BYLC, we work hard and we play hard. Some of our favourite moments at school do not always happen in the classroom. Beach days, Recreational days, Rewards days – all part of our holistic approach to supporting disengaged youth by building relationships and sharing positive experiences – give us wonderful opportunities to soak up the sunshine and appreciate the amazing part of the world we live in.

Here are some snapshots from our summer fun days...



Fun on the inflatables at the pool



Soaking up the sunshine at Woodgate beach



ReLink paying us a visit for a sporty afternoon.



Farm (is) life



Yes, on the farm, we cover aspects of science, agriculture, animal husbandry, etc. but to trainer, Phil that is not entirely what makes the farm so special – what makes the farm special is that the animals give him a unique way to connect with students and teach them things about life.

A beautiful analogy Phil shared:

Gandolph, our big Brahman bull, was getting a little cranky about us (the students) pushing to move him onto another pasture one day. Gandolph did not understand we were pushing him for a good reason; trying to move him onto somewhere where the grass was greener (literally and figuratively). Students were getting frustrated and could not understand it. Phil was able to use this teachable moment to say to the students, hey – sometimes when we (teachers and trainers) are pushing you, and you're getting cranky, just like Gandolph is, you need to understand that maybe we are trying to push you for a good reason: to move you on to somewhere where the grass is greener, too.

So sure, our students are learning great technical skills along the way working on the farm, all that comes into it – but, more importantly, it is an opportunity to build life connections. Farm life *is* life.



YWAM Visits

YWAM (Youth with a Mission) came to visit the farm in term one. They are a global Christian movement united in the common purpose to know God and to make Him known. We always enjoy having our YWAM visitors come and help around the farm, join our classes and connect with our students.



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



GIN GIN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Gin Gin State High School Investiture Ceremony

The 2019 School Leaders received their badges of office during the annual Investiture Ceremony at Gin Gin State High School on Thursday 28th February. Special guest Councillor Wayne Honor (Bundaberg Regional Council) along with Principal Mr Paul Stehbens and Head of Department Mr Mick Findlay presented the new leaders with their badges.

The School Leaders 2019 are: Ceda Ruhl and Keziah Mitchell (School Captains), Briana Clark (Student Council President), Bohdi Wochnik, Emily Crossan, Macy Heron and Luita Cislowski. House Captains 2019 are: Emily Skilton (Baranga), Kalista Duke (Corang), Conley Inskip (Manumbar).

Band Leader for 2019 is Sebastian Schulke and Strings Leader is Keziah Mitchell.

The Year 12 students received their Senior Badges and recited their Senior Commitment to present as positive role models, work as a cohesive group, commit to success in their studies and achieve a high attendance rate during their final year of school.

Junior School Captains Dea Milton and Destinee Lythall-Webb, as well as Year Level Representatives and House Vice Captains were also presented with their badges during the ceremony.

Year Level Representatives 2019: Year 10 Casey Johnson and Holly Karavalos-Dymott; Year 8 Braxton Cook and Tanina Bradley; Year 7 Ryder Lythall-Webb and Natalie Horwood.

House Vice Captains 2019 : Dann Kitt (Baranga), Nicole Tucker (Corang), Harrison Mahon (Manumbar)

Congratulations to all our Senior Leaders, House Representatives, Year Level Representatives and Year 12 students of 2019.



PRINCIPALS REPORT

Gin Gin State High State High School has commenced the year by celebrating the 100% QCE attainment by the 2018 Year 12 students. This cohort is only the second group from Gin Gin State High School to achieve such outstanding results. Our school community is very proud of the achievements of the 2018 Year 12 cohort.

The 2019 Year 12 cohort are also a very special group of young people. These students were the first group of Prep students in Queensland which meant they needed to have turned six prior to the end of June, rather than by the end of December. This has resulted in our school, along with all other schools, having a half cohort of students in this year level. Our Year 12 cohort is the smallest we have had at Gin Gin State High School at 43.

Our 2019 Leadership team have taken their Oath of Office early in the year and have gone on to show strong leadership thus far. All Year 12 students have committed to upholding the values of the school and to be strong role models for the other year levels.

Gin Gin has had a very positive start to the year and we look forward to seeing the wonderful outcomes from our students throughout the remainder of the term and year.

Paul Stehbens

Term 1 Reflections - 2019 saw an enthusiastic group of 43 students commence their final year of school at Gin Gin State High School. Year 12 brings with it many hours of study but also many opportunities for involvement in the school community as leaders of the school. The 2019 Seniors began the year with their Senior Camp and this is where they interacted in many activities designed to develop their leadership skills, while nutting out those all important decisions about senior jerseys and graduation possibilities. The Swimming Carnival was next on the calendar, and this event saw many Year 12 students throw themselves into the Division 1 and 2 races in an effort to support their team and each other. The Student Investiture at the end of February was the formal ceremony for our school leaders and all the Year 12 students who pledged to be role models as they received their senior badges and badges of office. The first Student Council event, the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence in March saw the 2019 Student Council launch their fundraising efforts, by collecting donations for the Dolly's Dream Foundation, which had been founded in memory of teenager Dolly Everett. The term finished with a flurry of exams, assignments and the customary and much anticipated School Social, with a theme of the 80's bringing out the groovers in many students and teachers. Term 1 has been a busy and successful for the Year 12 group and Term 2 will also provide many opportunities for our seniors to lead our school in 2019.

Year 7 - The Year 7 students of Gin Gin State High School have made a great start transitioning into high school in 2019. Their amazing learning opportunities kicked off early in the year with Yr 7 Camp at Bucca Retreat where they were immersed in learning experiences that included drug and alcohol education, hygiene and health, relationships and working together, leadership and problem solving. This cohort has also been the first at Gin Gin to have a 1:1 laptop program. While this has been challenging at times, students have been developing skills to prepare them for the knowledge economy. An inter-house sport competition takes place each Friday afternoon. This permits students to blow off some steam at the end of a hard week, through exercise and competitive games and develops their house spirit, preparing them to participate in a number of carnivals throughout the year. The hard work and persistence of the teachers at Gin Gin will help the students to succeed going forward and prepare them for their senior years of school.

Alpaca Programme - The Year 7 SEU students have completed the first part of the Alpaca Programme with visits to each of our partners' properties. A highlight of the term has been the overnight camp at the school where handling techniques have been practised, health workshops attended and craft activities completed. We will have our last training session on Friday before competing at Agro Trend. The older students have commenced work experience at our partners' properties and will also compete at Agro Trend.



Senior Agriculture 2019 - The Agriculture Department has had an exciting start to the year with the inclusion of two new agriculture subjects for senior classes. Agricultural Science and Agricultural Practices now form part of our senior curriculum offerings at Gin Gin State High School. The Year 11 Agricultural Science students are busy recording raw data using GPS Cows tracking collars. These collars come from CQ University's Agri-technology partnership. The Yr11 Agricultural Practices class and the Certificate II Agriculture class have been concentrating on Animal Welfare and low stress stockhandling.

Following on from our highly successful 2018 Road Trip we are busy planning our 2019 Road Trip to the South Burnett and also a highly anticipated trip to the EKKA. These opportunities are made possible with funding from the Agribusiness Industry Schools Partnership. We are very grateful for all the help and support that we receive from our Industry partners both local and Australia wide.





Bundaberg Christian College

Education with Wisdom

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A GREAT START TO 2019

2019 certainly kicked off with a great start, packed with significant moments: new families, fantastic weather, morning assemblies, camps, excursions, sports and most importantly learning. The building constructions are well underway and the extension of the oval is certainly the most talked about. We had many recent award winning events and special moments that we're proud to share in this Youth Chronicles Edition and excited about more wonderful events coming up this year, so watch this space!



Selected for Prestigious STEM Program with QUT



Rachel Dingwall has been invited to be a part of the STEM Program with QUT. The feature of the program is a week-long experience in QUT's state-of-the-art science and engineering facilities where students work in small groups on a research project of choice based on the work of leading QUT STEM experts.



College Alumni Joins BCC ANZAC Service

"There is no part in life, where our RISE values don't apply" ~ Captain Bradley Jasch.

During the 2019 BCC Anzac Service, the College was incredibly honoured to welcome back a 2011 Alumni, Captain Bradley Jasch. Currently serving in the Royal Australian Artillery,

Brad recalls his fond memories in beginning his learning journey as a member of the WHITE & BLUE in 2007. He later served as College and Sports Vice-Captain in his graduation year of 2011.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence



BCC took time to renounce bullying within our community on Friday, March 15. In a spectacular display, our whole College came together to proclaim that we as a community, "SAY NO!" to bullying.



Lest we forget...

ACHIEVEMENTS

Bundaberg District Music Eisteddfod

A number of the students performed extremely well at the recent Bundaberg Eisteddfod. The conduct of our students both in the audience and backstage was of the exceptional standard we always expect. Thank you to the parents who came along to support the school, it was fantastic to see you there. Many awards were won by a number of our students. We are proud of Alice Daniels and Ainsleigh Morgan who won the 18 years and under vocal duet section, and Daniel Haaksma and Andrew Udal who won the 18 years and under Instrumental duet section.



Special mention must also be made of "Kokoro" our senior small strings ensemble who won the Year 12 and under Instrumental Ensemble trophy in a very competitive section. Congratulations to all the competitors.

BCC Hoof 'n' Hook Team

The BCC Hoof 'n' Hook team attained great satisfaction at the Murgon Show in March and more recently the Kingaroy Show in May.



Results from the Murgon Show:

- Under 15-year Handling: Avah Murdoch 2nd, Lily Mason 4th, Cody Muller 5th
- 15years - 25 years Handling: Matt Kelly 4th and Ella Sterling 5th

Results from the Kinaroy Show:

- Under 15-year Handling: Avah Murdoch 1st
- 15 years - 25 years Handling: Matt Kelly 1st
- Cattle achieved Champion Euro Bull and Champion Euro Female



Mayors Telstra Innovation Awards

Two teams from BCC have been announced as among the top 10 finalists in Bundaberg for the Mayors Telstra Innovation Awards. These teams now enter phase 2 of the competition which will include further opportunities for the teams to develop their ideas as well as working with industry mentors.

The awards are exclusively for Secondary schools in Bundaberg. The competition requires teams of students to develop an innovative and creative technology-based solution to a problem.

The teams that have reached the finals include:

Medi-Checker team: Jun & Ashley Jang and Jachin Luttrell.
Safe Place team: Justine Harper, Broden Spanner and Tayla Larsen.





Spotlight on Youth

GOVERNOR'S VISIT

BSHS was on display in February when the Governor of Queensland and his wife Mrs de Jersey paid a visit along with Cr Jack Dempsey and Cr Bill Trevor.

Thank you to all the staff and students who showcased some of what is on offer at our school. Our students' enthusiasm and the dedication of our staff shows in the classrooms and throughout the school.



OUTCOMES FOR OUR 2018 SENIORS

Our 2018 Celebration of Student success.

- Two OP 1 students – congratulations Indy & Shannon. Indy Burt received \$86,000 in bursaries and a scholarship from USC and was also offered a place in the 2019 Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarship Program from QTAC, and was recently announced a TJ Ryan Scholarship recipient for 2019 of \$100,000
 - Alice & Tiarn - OP 3
 - Samuel & Harry - OP 4
 - Rachel, Jayden & Paris – OP 5
 - Congratulations Year 12 students who earned their QCE/QCIA/VET qualification
- 58% of our exiting OP eligible students received a C or better on the QCS test
 - 58.9% of OP eligible students achieved an OP 1 to 15



All Year 12 OP students who continued to focus to the end, resulting in a focused shift upward in OP scores. This did not just happen but was the result of staff support and ongoing program refinement to ensure we meet the needs of our individual groups.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chelsea Z, Year 9 for her selection to join the U/15 Australian Softball Team after playing for Queensland earlier this year.



CHINESE NEW YEAR



Through hard work, the stars



STUDENT LEADERS INVESTITURE

Our 2019 investiture saw the induction of student leaders. More than 150 special guests, including family members, who were proud of all of our students, joined us. Our Junior Representative Council (JRC), Senior Representative Council (SRC) and Indigenous leaders have many responsibilities across the year.



MENTORING PROGRAM

2019 Queensland Resources Council (QRC)/Women in Mining and Resources Queensland (WMARQ) Girls in Resources Mentoring Program

Two of our students – Brooklyn D and Rochelle S were selected to participate in the Women in Mining and Resources Queensland (WMARQ) Girls in Resources Mentoring Program which is supported by the 2019 Queensland Resources Council (QRC).

Our students were matched with female mentors - Lori Hurley from BHP Billiton and Nishara Lyons from Interlate who have exciting careers within the resources sector. Their role is to provide our students with guidance, support and advice as they navigate through Year 12 and on to further education and/or training.

SISTER-SCHOOL VISIT

Shijonawate High School - Osaka

December last year saw Bundaberg High Students fly over to Japan to visit our sister school and be immersed in the Japanese Culture. Luckily for us 25 students from Shijonawate returned our visit when they arrived in sunny Bundaberg in early March for 2 weeks.

Our Japanese friends engaged in an array of activities such as beach days, bowling, HPV and Japanese classes. Some of their highlights were the different foods they were able to try including, but not limited to, fish and chips by the water and their other true favourite, Lamingtons. Our students also benefited from the exchange and had such a great time developing friendships that will last a lifetime.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Clean Up Australia Day and Shave for a Cure/Crazy Hair Day, raising money for the Leukemia Foundation, were a huge success this year with one brave student SHAVING his locks in front of his peers. A BIG thank you to all students and staff for making a difference!



Through hard work, the stars



St Luke's Celebrates 25 Years!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

8 JUNE 2019 | 6pm

ArtFeast Gala Night

Tickets available from
www.artfeast.org.au

8-9 JUNE 2019

Creative Arts Workshops
Gallery Exhibition

Tickets and information
available at
www.artfeast.org.au

17 AUGUST 2019 | 12pm

St Luke's Community Fair
Free public event

13 OCTOBER 2019 | 9am

St Luke's Golf Day

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Submissions are now being accepted for art to be displayed at the ArtFeast Gala and Gallery. Artists of all ages are encouraged to apply. Please contact Tim Sayre on 07 4132 7586
artfeast.org.au

INVITATION TO ARTFEAST GALA AND COMMUNITY FAIR

To celebrate St Luke's Anglican School's silver jubilee, a number of exciting events have been planned that include an Art Gala, Community Fair, Golf day, and "Foundation Day." According to our principal, Mr. Craig Merritt, these events have been planned to celebrate our past and present students.

ArtFeast is a community event, bringing together esteemed artists from far and wide, art lovers of all types of disciplines, and building an inclusive community spirit. The event will once again include a weekend exhibition of Regional feature artists, workshops and a cocktail evening on Saturday 8 June with drinks, canapés and live music in the beautiful garden setting that is St Luke's.

For ArtFeast 2019, we will be incorporating music, sculpture, felting, singing, weaving, drama and more. Our aim is to encompass many different aspects of the Creative Arts. This year we will have approximately 15 different workshops from across



the creative arts spectrum.

The next event in our 25th Anniversary celebrations is the St Luke's Community Fair on 17 August 2019. This fun-filled family fair will be held in the grounds of St Luke's Anglican School, with side show alley rides for all ages, food, drinks, entertainment and market stalls - to name just a few of the attractions of the day.

The school student community will also feature heavily on the day, with the Rock Pop Mime show, school bands, sports events and guided tours of the school.

Our Memory Room will allow past students to relive memories of their school years, sharing those memories with the current and future students.

Photo above: Nicola Baldry serving at ArtFeast

Jonty Murdoch Sets Australian Record in Shot put

On 22 to 24 March, Jonty Murdoch competed in the Little Athletics State titles held in Townsville, where he won a three gold medals, in discus, javelin and shot put. Jonty now holds the Queensland best performance and Australian best performance in U12



shot put. Jonty says he sets his goals and trains 5-6 times a week in the lead up to major competitions.



Above: Poppy Derbyshire, Daina Harris, Tamryn Bosch and Danielle Robert, who won the Gold Coast Regional LitQuiz and are headed to Sydney for the National Competition

Four Students Compete in National LitQuiz in Sydney

On Tuesday 19 March, four of our Middle School students competed in the Kids LitQuiz at the Gold Coast Regional heat. The students were Danielle Robert, Poppy Derbyshire, Tamryn Bosch and Daina Harris. The girls were fantastic and managed to win the Gold Coast Regional heat.

The competition involved 10 themed rounds, each with 10 questions. Students can nominate one round as a double points round. Out of a possible 110 points, our girls scored 90.5.

The themes were Birds, Book Knowledge, Colour, Comics and Cartoons, Pop Culture, Rodents, Roald Dahl, Romance, Superheroes and Time.

The girls now travel to Sydney in May for the National Finals against approximately 10 teams. We have been told three of the five themes and they are: Authors, Titles and Opening Lines.

If they are successful in Sydney, they will participate in the World Final in Singapore in July.

Four St Luke's Students are Australia's Top Ten Athletes

Not one but four St Luke's students represented Queensland this month at the 2019 Australian Junior Athletics Championships. Not one but four of them finished their events within the top 10 in Australia. And all four athletes achieved new personal best results, some by a substantial margin.

Marianna Konopka came 8th in the under 16 girls 400m race. Nicholas Newton came an incredible 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 an outstanding 2nd in the under 14 Boys Javelin.

Marianna and Hendré also competed in the 800m and 1500m respectively, running excellent times.

Photos - Top: Nicholas Newton, Jano Kirchner, Hendre Kirchner, Marianna Konopka. Bottom: Hendre Kirchner



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

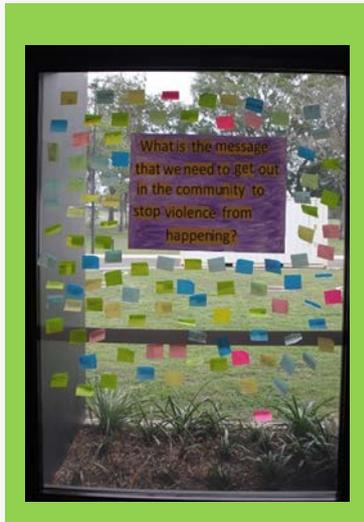
Young people achieving great things in our region

Youth Summit 2019



The Youth Summit occurred on the 30th of April. It was a event to help understand and collect ideas from the youth of Bundaberg and surrounding areas. The day was designed and presented by the Youth Action Team. Over 100 students from across the region came to the multiplex to help share their ideas of what they thought could be improved in relation to violence and bullying in the region. The event helped to create some very interesting and knowledgeable ideas in ways this could be achieved and what messages should be out there in the community. The Youth Summit attendees also took part in a series of activities to get to know each other. This included an environmental project which asked what was recyclable and what was rubbish and a very successful lunch! There was a special appearance of 'Dave' – the youth Action Team adoptive turtle to help promote reading – and Mayor Jack Dempsey and Councillor Peters also made an appearance. Overall, the youth summit helped to develop and create ideas from the youth to help improve the region in different aspects. The Youth Action Team is now putting this altogether to come up with a plan of action.

Talking about Violence and Bullying



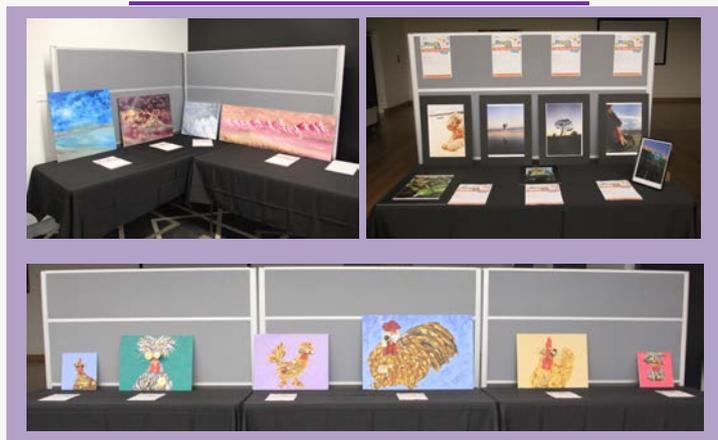
Youth Summit 2019 got young people talking about violence and bullying in our region.

On 30 April 2019, as part of Council's Youth Summit the Youth Action Team chose the discussion topics of violence and bullying in our region as priority areas.

The team asked 2 key questions on each subject: Violence – what are the messages we need to get out into the community to reduce violence and what ways can we get the message out there? On Bullying we asked – if we were to design an anti-bullying program what would need to be in

We gained a huge amount of information that we are now going through to build a picture and ideas on where to from here.

Youth Art Place Exhibit



As apt of Youth Month 2019, Council held the Youth Art Place Exhibition.

This was a great oppurtunity for young artists 12-25 years of age to put their art work on display for free and not as part of a competition.

There was no set theme, and artsist were given free reign to express themselves. With 23 artists placing works on display, we had a geat mix of paintings, drawing, photography, tech art and story writing that showcased the emerging young talent that we have in our region. Over 70 people viewed the exhibit and were very impressed with the work produced and hope to see this oppurtunity occur more often for our emerging artists.



YOUTHFEST GIN GIN

April, 2019

YouthFest Gin Gin saw about 250 community members come out and enjoy a youth and family friendly fun day. Throughout the day there was snacks, entertainment and information being provided by our 21 stallholders.

Stall Holders, Entertainment and Fun

The day saw a range of service and stall holders come out to share information and run fun activities. This included Gin Gin Library doing virtual reality demonstrations, Bundaberg Regional Councils Youth Development asking young people to help decorate their COW and TNT Dance studio putting on 2 performances with their very talented students. Bundaberg Regional Council's Youth Development also launched the "More than you think we are...." video and story board project that shares positive stories of young people from our region achieving great things locally, across the state, country and world.

DJ Vinc3nt kept the tunes playing as people also had the chance to take part in interactive activities with Headspace, Wide Bay Sexual Health, Taylor Street Community Legal Service, QCWA Country Kitchens, QCWA Gin Gin Young Leaders, IDSS, Rides and Slides, The Ice Cream Lady, Frivolous Faces Face painting, Gin Gin Scout Club, Home School, Gin Gin Karate, PM Employment Services, Gin Gin Lions Club, Kande Corner and Centacare.

So what's with the COW project? We were asking young people "What is the Good & the Bad of growing up in a rural community", their responses were written on the 'Good' and 'Bad' side of the COW. The COW was also decorated by some very artistic young people and their suggested names for the COW was given and will now be up to the Youth Development Action Team to decide which the most suitable name is. The COW will be on display in the community later in the year, so keep an eye out.

We would like to thank our Stallholders and Youth Fest Gin Gin Committee for helping the day be full of enjoyment and information for the community!

Chaney loves her new job at Muffin Break

Chanay is only 21 and was a little apprehensive when she started her employment journey. Like a lot of Bundaberg youth, Chanay felt it was never going to happen. At APM we believe in Empowering our Participants, to realise they have the power to keep going and never give up the search. When Chanay first joined APM she couldn't find a position with permanent hours within her chosen industry, Chanay eventually did find a position, but the work was very sporadic which made Chanay feel deflated. Chanay truly wanted the opportunity to work hard for an employer, who would give her a chance to prove herself.

EGC Jill Allison, approached Gary from Muffin Break to see if he would be willing to give people of all abilities the opportunity to finding work. Gary was happy to trial some of the clients from APM to see if he could find someone who would be a good fit for Muffin Break, their clients and their team. APM organised a paid work trial for Chanay at Muffin Break.

After working with Chanay, Gary could see how dedicated Chanay was to her work, that was when Gary decided to give Chanay a chance and decided to employ Chanay.

APM paid for Chanay's uniform so she could begin her new position at Muffin Break.

Gary is very happy with the service APM has provided and has described his experience as "Excellent".



