



NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

I have been heartened by the obvious love and enjoyment of books and reading that all the students at Cameron Downs display. It is so good to see the pleasure that they get from books, reading stories themselves or being read to.

This is such an important way of building a strong foundation for literacy skills. A feeling of comfort with books and a desire to read or to source information from books or written material is essential for future growth in literacy, and it seems that our Cameron Downs students are progressing very well in this area. Parents who regularly read to their children are giving them an important foundation in literacy. Thanks parents!

This term, the students at Cameron Downs have been working on developing routines that will help increase their levels of reading proficiency.

The Daily 5 literacy structure teaches independence and helps the students to develop the skills needed to create a lifelong love of reading and writing.

Students work on 5 tasks which are gradually introduced to the literacy program: "Read to self", "Work on writing", "Read to someone", "Listen to reading" and "Word work".

Together with explicit instruction, guided practice and goal setting, our students learn the skills to become successful readers and writers.

The students are encouraged to self-monitor their behaviour and make thoughtful choices during periods of independent work. Together we are creating an environment where reading and writing are highly valued.

No peace at Cameron Downs lately

In the days leading up to the athletics sports day the peace has been shattered at Cameron Downs. What with the practice for the war cry and practice for marching to band music, things have been noisier than usual. As the war cry shouts, "we're small but tough" - this really comes out when you hear that forceful war cry. Go Cameron Downs.



Marching practice

Sports day practice

On Thursday 12th June, we went to Hughenden for a sports practice day prior to the Sports Day on June 18th. All five students travelled in to town with Mrs Crocos, so it was a bit of a novelty enjoyed by all. Amelia led the games and discussions while Mrs Crocos concentrated on the driving. It was a happy, laughter-filled trip.

We first went to the Hughenden school oval where Amelia participated in the final of the 800m. Then on to St Francis school where the students did sprint and relay practice and practised their skills in events like high jump, long jump, discus, and shot put. Then came practice for various ball games. This practice session topped off Mrs Townley's much appreciated efforts in teaching these sports' skills at Cameron Downs.

The energy expended during the day was reflected in the children's demeanour on the trip home – quiet snoozing was the order of the day.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival – Hughenden

The sports day on Thursday 18th June in Hughenden was a lot of fun with our students competing in all events. It was so good to see the enthusiasm and concentration of the students trying so hard to do their best for the school. Just look at the effort and determination shown in the photos! The list of successes (below) is very impressive and everyone who participated is to be congratulated for their efforts. In particular, thanks to Mrs Townley for her efforts in training the students for their success.

Special congratulations go to our age champions:

Boys 6 years – Brodie.

Girls 6 years – Zoe & (Yana).

Boys 8 years – Daniel W.

Here's how we performed:

Brodie McConachy

50m sprint – 1st -13.87

Target Throw – 1st - 2m

Long Jump – 1st 1.20m

High jump – 1st - 50cm

Zoe Thomson

50m sprint – 1st - 11.75

Target throw – 2nd - 1m

Long jump – 1st - 1.43m

High jump - 2nd - 45cm

Daniel Wearing

60m sprint – 1st - 16.22

Discus – 2nd - 9.56m

Shot put – 1st - 4.02m

Long jump 1st - 2.14m

High jump 1st - 72cm

Daniel McConachy

80m sprint – 3rd - 17.35

Discus – participation – 6.67m

Shot Put – 3rd -2.86m

Long Jump – 2nd - 1.89m

High jump – participation – 70cm

Amelia Wearing

100m sprint – 2nd - 22.17

200m – 2nd - 49.81

800m – 2nd - 5.00.43

Discus – 1st - 10.25m

Shot put – 1st - 4.41m

Long jump – 2nd - 1.91m

High jump – 2nd - 80cm







Electronic Data Board

As reported last month, we are in the process of purchasing a touch-screen electronic data board for the classroom. To make way for the board, we have completed the relocation of the power points and data points on the wall on which the board will be mounted. We now anticipate delivery and installation of the new board early next term, according to the supplier's schedule.

Prep shed clean-up

The prep shed has such a wide range of educational toys and activities that it is quite easy for things to get muddled up. We have cleaned out and rearranged the shed during June. All of the items have been sorted, washed and put into some sort of order, while hopefully making everything as accessible as possible. We hope this will assist



both the Preps and Playgroup to make best use of these excellent resources. We don't expect this "order" to last, as the young users will no doubt have much more creative ways of reorganising the items than us boring adults! Good on 'em.

New concrete around the classroom

We were having trouble with a muddy section forming along the path in front of the classroom after the lawn sprinklers had operated. It was decided to add a concrete strip to prevent this puddling from happening, but as with all good projects it grew a bit from the original need. So now we have a much wider path in front of the classroom, which will provide a place for our pot plants. We also have an increased concrete cover in front of the water tank. All in all, we now have a much bigger area for the bikes with no muddy areas, and a much nicer non-gravel area for pedestrians.

You may well ask who did all this work? Well, for a start, Stacey did most of the preparatory excavation of around 100mm deep for the proposed concrete. She did such a good job with her wheelbarrow, pick & shovel over a couple of days. Alan McConachy, Alan Thompson and Ashley Smith, ably assisted by Stacey, were our Master Concretors. They mixed, laid and finished the concreting in an afternoon last week.

Many thanks for all your efforts, which are much appreciated.



Mrs Townley's piece

It is the end of term and the students and staff can have a well-deserved break. It has been a busy term with lots of learning, participation and fun. Congratulations to all the students who participated with pride at the athletic sports day, putting in 100% to every event! It was great to see exhausted, but smiling students at the end of a big day! The semester's Physical Education lessons have focused on athletic events and it is great to see the students put this training into practice. Congratulations to Amelia who will compete at Flinders and District in week 1 term 3 in every event (another big day!).

In Term 3, after consultation with Mrs Crocos, we have decided that in our Technology key learning area, we will enter a competition for students where they will need to interview people to show how the drought has affected people in our community. The interviews will be recorded and edited into a documentary style video. This will provide some real life learning with a personal interest, so we are looking forward to some great results from this project.

I hope everyone has a great holiday to recharge their batteries ready for Term 3.

Chappy Corner



Chappy time

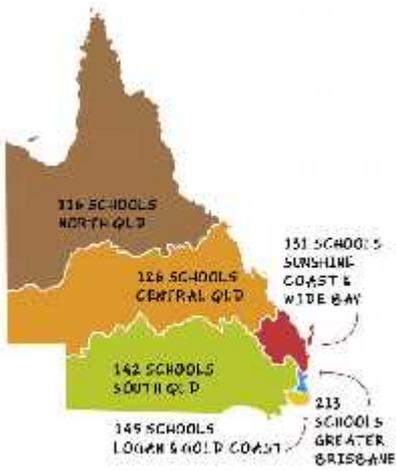
Scripture Union Queensland (SU QLD) is the accredited employing authority for chaplains in Queensland schools. Throughout 2014, SU QLD collected information on the demographics, activities and impact of Queensland school chaplains. I'd like to share with you some of the data from that survey.

So who are the SU QLD chaplains? The data shows that 57.6% of chaplains are female, and the remainder (42.4%) are male.



The average age of chaplains is 41 years old, with 39.7% of chaplains falling into the 36 to 50 bracket (GenX); 34.8% falling into the 21 to 35 bracket (GenY); 23.7% falling into the 51 to 69 bracket (Boomers); 1% falling into the 70 to 90 bracket (Builders); and 0.8% falling into the 20 years old or younger bracket (GenZ).

Chaplains are located throughout the State of Queensland, with 873 schools in total who have chosen to have a school chaplain as part of the student support staff.



Of these schools, 116 are located in North Queensland.

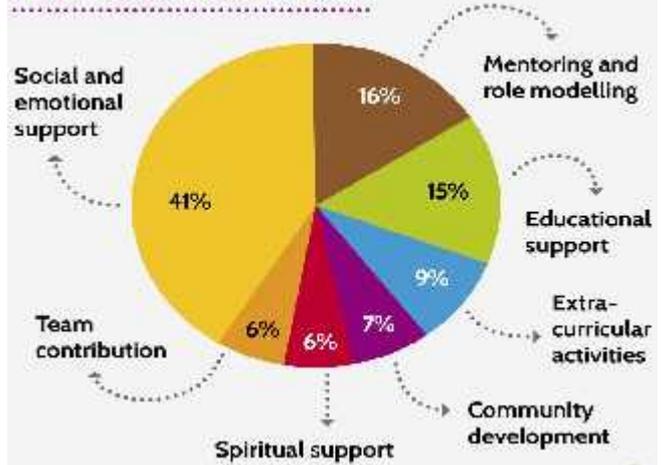
In terms of qualifications, all school chaplains meet the minimum standard set by the state and federal governments, however 90 % of SU QLD chaplains exceed these requirements with qualifications at the Diploma level and above across Youth Work, Human Services, Education, and Theology/Ministry fields.



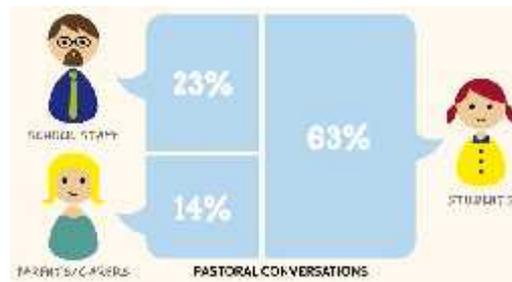
Nearly 50% of chaplains hold a diploma level qualification, and nearly 3% hold qualifications at a masters level, with most everyone else falling somewhere in between.

Chaplaincy activities are divided up into seven key roles: social and emotional support; mentoring and role modelling; educational support; extra-curricular activities, community development; spiritual support; and team contribution. The biggest part of that is in the area of social and emotional support.

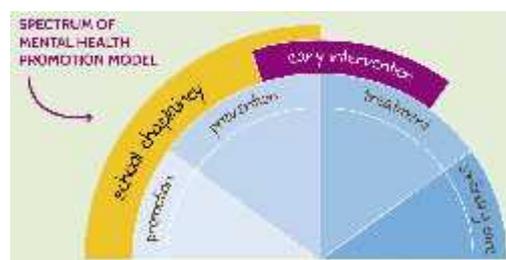
7 KEY ROLES OF A CHAPLAIN



Chaplains complement other school support services by offering support through pastoral care conversations. On average, a chaplain will hold 43 pastoral care conversations during their (average) three day week. Most of these conversations are with students, but a significant portion is with staff and parents/carers.



With respect to mental health, school chaplains operate in the “promotion, prevention, and early intervention” space rather than the “treatment and continuing care” space inhabited by many other helping professionals. They work in a support role, rather than in a counselling or case management role, referring complex issues onto other professionals and specialists.



Students approach chaplains for support across a broad range of personal, family, friendship, and school issues, the top 5 of which are: issues with friendship and peers; bullying; school behaviour; family breakdown/parent separation; mental health, depression, and anxiety.



Some of these contacts may require ongoing support from a chaplain for a period of time, while others may not need any follow-up support at all. Every contact has its own set of needs and resultant outcomes. Support is therefore tailored to the individual needs of the student, staff member, or parent/carer as required.

I hope that you've found these statistics to be both interesting and enlightening.

It's been a great first semester. Enjoy your school holidays everyone!

Playgroup

The first Playgroup session for Term 3 will be held on Monday 13th July at 9:30 am.

Dates to Remember

26th June – Last day of Term 2

13th July – Term 3 begins

28th July – Principal's Meeting, Townsville

29-30th July – Principal's Forum, Townsville

31st July - 1st August – School excursion to performance workshop in Hughenden

8th August – Variety Bash morning tea, 8 am

21st August – Flying Doctors Clinic, Barenya

9-11th September – Excursion, Bush Poetry Competition, Winton

18th September – Last day of Term 3

5th October – Labour Day Public Holiday

6th October – Term 4 begins

Commemorative Pavers – Order Now

Our school is creating a paved area to celebrate past students, staff and grazing families in the district. This project will enable us to create a commemorative paved area for our 50th anniversary in 2017. We are calling for everyone in the community to take the opportunity to purchase a paver. This will ensure that your family remains a part of the history of Cameron Downs State School.

Full information and the order forms are included below.



SINGLE NAME PAVER ORDER

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SINGLE NAME PAVER: \$30

Your donation of \$30 entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver (size: 230 x 115 x 40mm) as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed at

Cameron Downs State School

ENGRAVING DETAILS

Please print clearly in block letters. Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). Max 14 characters per line, three lines per brick. (No hand drawings.)

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Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cash, cheque or money order to: **Cameron Downs State School**
PMB Cameron Downs Station

Company/Contact Name

Street

City State Post Code

This round of orders closes on the 28th August 2015

The ICPA Hughenden Branch,



Please copy and pass on to any friends & family.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



HAND DRAWN ORDER

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OFFER: \$30

Your donation of \$30 entitles you to have your hand drawn image engraved into a brick as a lasting record of your valued support. The paver will be permanently installed at

Cameron Downs State School
proudly showing your donation.

HAND DRAWN DETAILS

Please follow the instructions below and overleaf to ensure your drawing details are not lost during the engraving process.

1. If you do not use the template over the page, keep your drawing within the dimensions of 190mm wide x 100mm deep.
2. ONE NAME PER PAVER.
3. Artline 70 'High Performance' permanent marker is the preferred and recommended marker to use.
4. NO colour pencils, colour textas, Biro's etc will be accepted.

See over for further instructions and template.

Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cheque, cash or money order to:

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PMB Cameron Downs Station

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For engraving details please complete the form on the reverse.

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HAND DRAWN TEMPLATE

ENGRAVING DETAILS

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE STEPS WHEN CREATING YOUR IMAGE.

1. ONE NAME/Brand PER PAVER.
2. Draw your image using a good quality medium thickness black marker pen (about 2mm thick).
eg Artline 70 'High Performance' marker.
Do not use a ballpoint pen, coloured text or pencils!
3. Make sure you rub out any pencil lines as these will show up on the finished paver.
4. Do not include computer-generated or pasted pictures.
The hand drawn image engraving process is set up to engrave hand drawn images only.

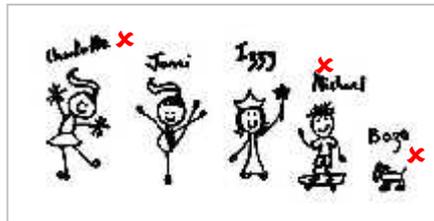
SAMPLE 1



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- Good clean writing
- Simple illustrations

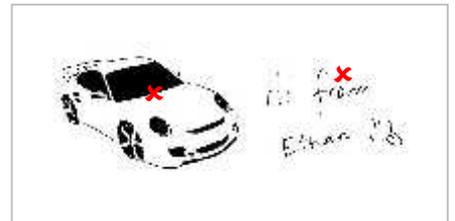
SAMPLE 2



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- Too many names
- Illustrations too detailed
- Information gets lost

SAMPLE 3



THIS IS NOT OK ✗

- Do not include computer-generated or pasted pictures
- The process is set up to engrave hand drawn images only

Administrator note: Please photocopy this page for your records, cut out the drawing below and send the ORIGINAL to Signature Engraving.

PHOTOCOPY THIS PAGE FOR EACH HAND DRAWN PAVER.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR DRAWING DOES NOT TOUCH OR GO OUTSIDE OF THE BORDER

From the P&C

On the 29th and 30th of May, Cameron Downs P&C had their Show Café at the annual Hughenden Show. A massive thank you to all those who contributed to the running of the café. As usual the cafe was inundated with delicious smokos from the P&C which left the customers spoiled for choice. Also, thank you to the McCarthy family for lending us the coffee machine for the weekend. With everyone's efforts we made a profit of over \$1360. A special mention to our very-organised secretary, Ann-Marie for ordering and arranging all the bits and pieces for the weekend. It was a lovely weekend and I hope to be part of it again next year.

Chelsea Smith

“Weather or Not - Kooroorinya Ladies Weekend – Where the Rainbow Meets the Water”

The ICPA Hughenden Branch, will be hosting this event.

The event is to be held on the 29th and 30th August, 2015 at the Kooroorinya Race Reserve. We are planning a full weekend of workshops and activities and a few keynote speakers to entice ladies from surrounding areas to come along and have a break from their everyday lives. Our aim is to rejuvenate and inspire these ladies who are working tirelessly, either on their own or with family to continue their life's legacy.

We are asking that you/ your organisation may be able to help us make this weekend an enjoyable and unforgettable experience for those attending. Our hopes are to have at least 100 women from the surrounding areas joining us.

Sponsorship and Donations of any kind would be greatly appreciated. Sponsorship can be any amount (we would like to suggest \$1000; but, will be happy with \$100).

Donations needed for the event include items to raffle, items to Auction and also small items to fill out “take home goodies” bags.

Your name/logo would be on all our advertising promoting the event and also displayed at the venue throughout the weekend.

Also, if you/your organisation would like to contribute with a workshop/activity session or hold a market stall, we would love to accommodate you.

I have forms available for:

Sponsorship/Donations/Workshops/Market Stall. Please feel free to give me a call or email, if you would like further information about this event. I will be happy to answer any of your queries.

Thanking you in advance for your kind generosity and support.

Nicole Dart, Coordinator

email : dpckeengea@activ8.net.au

ph: 07 47417184

Variety Bash visit and morning tea.

The Variety Bash Rally will visit our school for an early morning tea put on by the P&C on 8th August. We will expect about 400 participants to visit, so it will be a big day. Cars will start to arrive from 8 am. Come along to see the rally cars and join in the fun.

Last Saturday we had a visit from the Variety Bash final survey team who were travelling the route and checking out each stop. They were impressed with Cameron Downs School, as are all our visitors.

The Variety Bash raises money for children's charities.

