Visiting Author - Dr James Phelan

On Friday the 22nd April James Phelan, author of many young adult thriller novels presented, in person, to students from the Year 9 Summit and Year 10 English Extension classes. An entertaining presenter, James talked about his journey of becoming an author and how he travels extensively promoting his novels and inspiring young writers. As a follow up, Ms Hurst and the year 9 Summit group will be building on the work Dr Phelan initiated with them to complete their own short stories suitable for publication. Students are eligible to enter their final work into the ETAQ literary competition and the writeFun competitions.

For budding authors some simple tips provided on the day were:

**James Phelan’s Top writing tips**
- Know your ending. Where is the story going?
- Set the scene – introduce your primary characters straight away
- What point of view are you going to choose and why?
- When does your story start? Make it as close as possible to the end.
- Finally re-write, re-write and re-write.

Ms Janet Van Rijssen
English/Language HoD

Bell Shakespeare

On Tuesday 19th April, English and Drama students were entertained by the Bell Shakespeare company. The four ‘Players’ performed ‘Hamlet: Out of Joint’, using limited props, costumes and sets in a very creative and entertaining way. Students delved into the recesses of Hamlet’s mind as The Players performed key scenes interspersed with spirited, critical debate.

This entertained as well as provoked rigorous classroom discussion, and complemented the English and Drama units of study.

Upcoming Events

**Friday, 6th May**
- Year 12 BSC Holloways Beach Excursion

**Tuesday, 10th May**
- until Thursday, 12th May - NAPLAN

**Thursday, 12th May**
- Year 12 BSC Holloways Beach Excursion

**Friday, 13th May**
- NAPLAN catch up and Year 12 BSC Holloways Beach Excursion

**Monday, 16th May**
- P&C Meeting

**Thursday, 19th May**
- Year 10 English Extension ‘Aspirations Day’

STUDY EXPECTATIONS AT THIS POINT OF THE YEAR

By this stage of the year, all students should be completing homework and students in highly academic subjects should be studying at least an hour extra each night in Year 10, and up to 3 or 4 hours per night in Year 11/12, in addition to any assessment requiring completion at home. Good habits formed in Year 10 will assist students to set themselves up for academic success in Years 11 and 12. If your student states that they “do not have homework”, it does not mean that they cannot be studying. Students should be going back through class notes each day, summarising these into a study book for that subject, planning these study books so it best suits their style of learning and preferred ways to revise, then ensuring that they learn these notes in anticipation of the assessment piece. Students should familiarise themselves with graphic organisers which help organise the content or field knowledge of their assessment task. Their teachers can certainly support them here.
Temporary Part-time Teacher Aide Position at Gordonvale State High School until 24 February 2017 unless otherwise determined – 28 hours per week.

As the Teacher Aide you will contribute to the provision of a quality educational service by assisting and supporting teachers with the preparation and enhancement of learning materials and associated activities. To apply please go onto the Queensland Government Smart Jobs Online website and search by the Job Ad Reference FNR210713/16. If further information is required please contact the school on 4043 3222.

ANZAC Commemorative Ceremonies

Last week, Gordonvale State High hosted two ANZAC Commemorative Ceremonies for the Junior and Senior school.

Mrs Faulkner and her Year 7 Summit class worked together to facilitate the Junior ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony for students across years 7-9 and this was a resounding success. Brigadier George Mansford AM was the guest speaker and his inspirational poetry was seamlessly woven into the script. Students shared montages of Australia’s youngest ANZAC, Private Jim Martin, who was only fourteen years when he enlisted and consequently died just six months later at Gallipoli. There was also a focus on our Indigenous veterans and this undeniably engaged audiences. Former Gordonvale State High School student, Joshua Greenwood returned to play a stirring rendition of the Last Post.

Senior students across the Humanities and Business faculty worked together to deliver the Senior Commemorative Ceremony with passion and commitment. This event provided students with the opportunity to pause and reflect on the 3000 Australian soldiers currently on operational service. While the Dardanelles campaign happened more than one hundred years ago, it occupies a sanctified place in Australia’s history. 3 Brigade Deputy Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Firth from Townsville, delivered the ANZAC address which provided a tapestry of the service of local veterans, while some of the students shared the war experiences of members from their families. The infamous story of North Queensland’s cane beetles and service of women as well as the heroic tale of Australia’s first commissioned officer, Reg Saunders were included. Cairns Invited guests included the Adjutant and Regimental Sergeant Major from the 51st Battalion and 3rd Brigade, Townsville as well as the Commander of the HMAS Cairns. Local councillor Brett Moller, Lions Club and Cairns RSL Sub Branch presidents and board members were also in attendance as well as members from the Women’s Auxiliary. Many parents and grand-parents supported this very important event on our school calendar.

ANZAC Day is a time to reflect on our freedom and to thank and remember those who gave their lives to ensure it endures today. All students across the Junior and Senior school were incredibly respectful throughout both ceremonies and guests were very impressed with our school. Special thanks must also be given to Mrs Farnsworth and the school choir and stage band. Mr Troyan and Year 10 Agriculture also did a magnificent job of decorating the Hall.

REMINDER STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (SRS) PAYMENTS ARE DUE NOW

Our Term 1 records indicate that many families still have outstanding SRS fees. Unless families indicated otherwise at the start of 2016, they are part of the SRS scheme, and by now should have made final payments or be honouring their payment plan commitment. We ask families to contact the school business manager as a matter of urgency to finalise outstanding amounts and discuss this matter. As you would be aware, the SRS provides thousands of dollars’ worth of textbooks and resources for each participant, at a minimal cost. The school expends funds on resources based on the number of families enrolled in the SRS, therefore outstanding SRS payments are vital, in order for us to maintain all of our curriculum programs. We are hoping to save your child, and/ or yourself any future embarrassment, as they will not be able to participate in any further extra curricula activities or non-essential components until the outstanding amount is paid. This may include activities such as: camps, rewards days and end of year activities.

Australian Drilling Institute

There are currently sixteen students in years 11 and 12 who are completing their Certificate II in Resources and Infrastructure Work Preparation, through the Australasian Drilling Institute (ADI). The aim of this certificate is to provide students with basic knowledge and skills for entry level jobs and further training to commence successful career paths in the global resources and infrastructure industries. Most recently, these students attended an intensive three day camp at a work training site in Kuranda to sign off on a number of practical competencies. Ranging from conducting local risk controls and following WHS policies and procedures to working safely at heights and identifying and assessing environmental/heritage concerns. Students displayed their ability to put their theoretical knowledge into action with fantastic results. Along with achieving a certificate II qualification, which will assist them with future job applications, students also gain 4 points towards their QCE.
**Cross Country**

On Wednesday the 20th of April, students participated in our schools annual cross country event! Under 12s ran a 3km track, whilst the remaining years tackled the 4km track. Students powered through the rain for their chance to represent the school in TCS. Age champion winners will be announced in the following weeks on the school parade.

A good day was had by all, thanks to all the staff and students for another wonderful event.

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**Indigenous Gala Day**

Last Wednesday, 16 Gordonvale students travelled to Stan Williams Park to participate in the Indigenous Touch Gala Day.

The students played modified games of touch football against other schools from the FNQ region. The highlight of the day was a visit from former Cowboy’s legend Matty Bowen. Our students were given the opportunity to play alongside Matty to showcase their skills and spirit.
The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) and Gordonvale State High School invites applications from community members for the positions of chief community representative (CCR) and community representative (CR) in order to maintain the integrity, security and conduct of the 2016 QCS Test.

This year’s QCS Test will be held on **Tuesday 30 August** and **Wednesday 31 August**.

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The amounts shown below are for community representatives who attend **all sessions**. A pro-rata amount will be calculated for a person who does not attend all sessions.

- $468.85 (CCR)
- $303.80 (CR)

Please email Robbie Williams (Head of Senior Secondary) at rwill472@eq.edu.au or phone 40433248 to receive an application form and more information. Applications close **Friday 13th May**.

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**For Sale by Tender - Sewing Machine**

Gordonvale State High School has a Singer Quantum Futura CE200 sewing machine (purchased in 2007) for sale by Public Tender. The machine will be sold on an ‘as is’ basis. Any delivery charges after purchase are to be borne by the buyer. No warranties are implied or given.

Inspections can be arranged by contacting Mrs Brosseuk on 4043 3204 at Gordonvale State High School, 85 Sheppards St Gordonvale, to arrange a suitable time.

Tenders close at the school office on Wednesday 25th May 2016 at 3:00pm. Department of Education and Training reserves the right not to accept the tender. Paperwork for the tender of the sewing machines is available on the Gordonvale State High School website.

All written offers are to be in a sealed envelope marked ‘Confidential – Offer for Sewing Machine’ Attention: The Business Services Manager, Gordonvale State High School, PO Box 66, Gordonvale 4865.