Family (two adults, two children): $40
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Adults: $15

Tickets
18th and 19th of August.
school Hall.

countdown is now until we perform the whole production in the make well.
catchy tunes!
cast and band showed off all their hard work in full costumes with Thursday the 21st of July.
performed a scene from "What's New Pussycat" at the Cairns Show on Gordonvale State High School’s stage band and part of our musical cast: Miss White, Mrs Van Rissen and Miss Arena. The show will start at 6:30pm. See you there!

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On Monday, the 25th of July the Commander of the 3rd Brigade in Townsville, Brigadier Chris Field AM, CSC, Lieutenant Nicholas Waugh and Lance Corporal Lachlan Hyland delivered presentations focussing on their reflections about military life. Lt. Waugh spoke about forms of courage, endurance and challenges. He explained that there are two descriptions of courage; one of which is physical and the second encompasses the moral component. That latter is something that not only involves doing the right thing, but always doing the ‘best that you can do’. He provided his own journey and pathway to joining the military before sharing that we should ‘Do the right thing with the right intent’.

Lance Corporal Hyland explained that he vividly remembers when he was at school and watched the army trucks driving past. He always knew that this was exactly what he wanted to do. Upon the completion of High School, Lance Corporal Hyland managed a business. He went on to share the challenges faced when his unit was deployed to Iraq. These included the oppressive and stifling heat as well as the language barriers that he experienced when training locals. Lance Corporal Hyland’s presentation was incredibly positive and he shared with us that he would be getting married in two weeks. All members of the audience cheered.

Commander of the 3rd Brigade, Brigadier Chris Field AM, CSC outlined to school aged members of the audience that their education was just beginning and as humans, learning would be a lifelong journey because education does not end. He also explained that resilience is the ‘capacity to maintain a loss’ while ‘stoicism’ is reflected in our school values. Such qualities give us the mental armour to spend on our own hearts and minds. He said that everyone should have the courage to change the things that can’t be changed. Brigadier Field explained that leaders should take advantage of diversity and do the difficult things; they should also be devoted to leading people and displaying exemplary qualities.

Teamwork was a message that featured heavily in all montages along with recommendations on being humble and not wishing to get the ‘credit’ for successful ventures. Brigadier Field aptly explained the reality that ‘Victory has many parents; but defeat is an orphan.’

Our Year 10 History Extension students ran the entire proceedings and also warmly welcomed guests. They were sensational ambassadors for our school and along with the Year 11 Administration class made an attentive audience. All guests commended them on numerous levels. The final highlight of the day was the delivery of A Day in the Life of a Soldier, by Brigadier George Mansford AM. This was well received by all members of the audience and then a visit from the poet and Australian hero completed the afternoon for guests and students alike.

In an effort to keep you all updated with news from the Science department and our promotion of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) which is the fastest growing careers discipline; you may wish to review our article from last month. Additionally, last week; representatives from Engineers without Borders, were invited to GSHS to provide a workshop for students. Engineers without Borders Australia is a member-based non-profit organisation that creates systemic change through humanitarian engineering. This is achieved through working with community partners in developing countries to address the lack of fundamental human needs and basic human rights, such as clean water, sanitation and hygiene and basic infrastructure. With the generous support from the Business Liaison Association, a team from Brisbane has been sent to the Cairns district and this has undeniably been an incredible experience for students.
Gordonvale State High School's musical: 'What's New Pussycat?'

Where: 17th, 18th, and 19th of August

Where: Gordonvale State High School hall, 85 Sheppards St, Gordonvale

Time: Doors open at 6pm, show starts 6:30pm

Gordonvale High's 2016 musical is a hilarious adaptation of the classic tale 'Puss in Boots'. 'What's New Pussycat?' tells of how earnest young Harry's life changes when he realises his cat can talk. Not only can she speak, Puss promises to make recently jobless and homeless Harry a famous billionaire (as long as he follows all of her instructions). The charismatic duo embark on an adventure across the land; during which they meet many interesting characters including: a tightly strung witch with identity issues, a sooky King who whinges about everything, and three loveable senior citizens who have surprising taste in music. This heart-warming, hysterical musical features a talented cast and crew of students in grades 7 to 12, who, along with their creative teachers, are proud to present this must-see, family-friendly production.

Adults: $15
Students/children: $10
Children (under 5 yrs): $2
Family (2 adults, 2 children): $40

Senior Hospitality students will be preparing and selling refreshments at the musical. There will be treats both sweet and savoury, soft drinks and espresso coffees.

These will be available before the musical starts from 5:45pm and again at intermission.

CQ University Workshops

Last Monday, Central Queensland University engaged senior Indigenous students interested in tertiary study in the second of three workshops.

Students were made aware that not only does CQ University offer Bachelor and Diploma degrees, they also deliver Certificate III VET offerings. Under current government arrangements, school-leavers who have not completed a Certificate III already, are able to enrol in CQ's VET courses for free.

CQ University also offers tertiary entry courses, for non-OP students. These courses are TEP – Tertiary Entry Program and STEPS – Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies. TEP is an enabling program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to assist them with gaining the skills, knowledge and confidence to undertake university studies. The STEPS course is very similar but is open to all non-Indigenous applicants. These courses generally last between 1 and 2 years, depending on the needs of the participant.

If you are interested in finding out more about Central Queensland University, please visit B4 for a brochure. We also have a full listing of all courses offered.

CQ University will be holding an ‘Open Day’ at the Cairns campus on Saturday, 27th August.

National Computer Science School Challenge

We have over 40 students signed up for the National Computer Science School Challenge which starts on August 1st. The challenge goes for five weeks and is a great way for students to learn to code like ninjas! Students can work on the challenge during lunch times with Miss Lo Schiavo, before and after school in the library, or at home if they have a computer and the internet.

Health News

There has been one case of Leptospirosis at GSHS. Leptospirosis is primarily a disease of males, linked to occupation. Common occupations include agriculture, such as in the banana industry, meatworkers and dairy farmers. The disease is also a recreational hazard for hikers, campers and sportspeople with exposure to contaminated waters. Outbreaks occur among those exposed to river, stream, canal and lake water contaminated by the urine and tissues of infected domestic and wild animals.

Clinical illness lasts from a few days to three weeks or longer. Generally, there are two phases in the illness: the leptospiroaemic or febrile stage lasting 5 to 7 days, followed by the convalescent or immune phase which generally lasts 4 to 30 days. Recovery in untreated cases can take several months. The early phase of the illness is characterised by fever with sudden onset, headache, chills, and severe myalgia (calves and thighs). The pathognomonic finding of leptospirosis, conjunctival suffusion, occurs in about 30% of cases. Other symptoms may include: nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, cough, photophobia, and rash.

The above information was taken from Queensland Government, Queensland Health web site: https://www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/lepto.asp.

For further information visit the web site.

However, if your child presents with some of the above symptoms see a doctor ASAP. Your child should also ensure cuts and skin abrasions are covered by watertight dressings and encourage frequent hand washing when handling animals as a preventive measure.

The agriculture staff will provide soap and time at the end of each lesson to ensure students wash their hands. While the school has a rodent control program in place to prevent any more cases.

Markus Honnef - Acting HOD Science and Agriculture

Pathways to a Successful Future

When I was seven, I wanted to be a policeman. When I was 12 I wanted to be an air force pilot. When I was 15 I still wanted to be a pilot, then I learnt that I would need to get my hair cut… so I decided I wanted to work with computers. In year 12 I realised I wasn’t much good with computers, but I was good at science… so now I’m none of those things.

I guess my point is, that we all change our mind when it comes to planning our career path. In fact studies show that most of the current generation of students will change their jobs 2-3 times more than their parents did. Many of them will also be in jobs that don’t even exist yet.

Selecting subjects is important. The key is to choose what you like to do, while also developing the skills and knowledge that are going to help you to achieve your goals.

In 2017 we are going to be changing our approach to our electives. Our timetable will also change so that students have more time per week in their elective subjects.

- Our current year 7 students will be able to choose two elective subjects that they will study for one semester each in year 8.
- Our current year 8 students will select three elective subjects that they will study for one semester each in year 9.
- Our current year 9 students get to choose two year long elective subjects in year 10. In 2017 HPE will no longer be compulsory. Students may choose to be part of the Rugby League Program or the Netball Program or they may choose to study Human Movement Studies. They may also choose not to do HPE at all.
- Our year 10 into year 11 subject selection process begins with students selecting 6 subjects that they think they would like to study in year 11. From this initial subject selection the school organises the subjects into “lines”. Then a more formal subject selection interview occurs to finalise the students’ choices for 2017.

Year 8, 9 and 10 subject selection key dates

- Friday 26 August – Subject selection forms for year 8, 9 and 10 in 2017 are due in at the Student Services Office (G01)

Year 11 subject selection dates

- Wednesday 3 August 6-7 pm
- Monday 8 August
- Monday 22 August
- Wednesday 7 September
- Wednesday 7 September 6-7pm
- Friday 9 September
- QCE/QTAC/Tertiary Entry procedures information evening
- 2017 Subject Survey to be completed online
- Final subject lines and subject selection forms available for students
- Pathways Day – information for year 10s on subjects offered at GSHS
- Parent Information Evening – Subject information
- Subject Selection Interviews – Each student and a parent is interviewed by a staff member to complete the subject selection process.
Mulgrave Shire Historical Society and History students of Gordonvale High School present
GHOSTS OF
GORDONVALE CEMETERY
Visit with and hear the stories of early Gordonvale inhabitants
Sunday 4 September at 4.00-5.30pm
commencing at Gordonvale Cemetery Shelter
To register - Phone Mulgrave Settlers Museum on 40561810 and leave message or email settlersmuseum@bigpond.com. Arrive at 3.45pm
Donation appreciated.

Mulgrave District Athletics Carnival
On Friday the 19th of July, Nine talented Grade 7s accompanied by Mr Hislop and Mr Troyahn headed down to Johnson Park to compete in the Mulgrave District Athletics Carnival. The students conducted on and off the field was exemplary with several helping in events, which was fantastic to see! Our students performed incredibly well landing them on the podium as well as breaking personal bests. Liam received Age Champion winning Long Jump, 800m and High Jump, while placing second in 100m, 200m and Discus. Ashton won Shot Put, Kaitlyn placed second in both 100m and 200m and Annalyce placed third in both 100m and 200m.

These four students have all qualified for the Peninsula track and field trials to be held on the 14th and 15th of August at Barlow Park and we wish them all the best of luck!

And to cap off a cracker of a day, the relay team consisting of Annalyce, Kaitlyn, Taleah and Isabella thundered to the finish line winning the 4 x 100m relay in a dominating display. Awesome job girls!

Two incredibly proud teachers
Mr Hislop and Mr Troyahn

Senior Secondary News - HOD SS - Mr Robbie Williams

Work Experience/Apprenticeship/Traineeship/Work
Parents are to be aware that for a student to undertake work experience, apprenticeships or traineeships, they must have completed the appropriate paperwork with Trish our Pathways Officer in the Senior School office. They must be provided with approval paperwork before students are allowed to attend the workplace.

Furthermore, it is illegal for a school student to be paid to work during school hours. This is Government legislated. The only time a student can receive payment for work undertaken is through authorised apprenticeship or traineeship which has to be organised and authorised by the school. Any questions please feel free to contact Trish on psing40@eq.edu.au.

Thursdays in the senior school
All senior students not completing authorised work experience, apprenticeships or traineeships must attend every day, including Thursday. Thursdays are utilised as revision days for seniors in class where no new content is delivered and the expectation is that they are attending school. Failing to attend school will reduce their attendance percentage which can affect their school clearance to extra-curricular events and activities.

Driving cars to school
Any student who drives a car to school needs to complete paperwork with the Pathways Officer Trish in B13. This document will record details of cars and registrations that are authorised as well as information regarding possible passengers of the car. Gordonvale State High School believes in, and encourages, safe driving and conduct as new drivers to the road. In order to support and monitor these students, this information is required.

Year 10 subject Selections
From the 1st of August, Year 10s have their first opportunity to begin their 2017 subject selection. As part of the SET planning process, associated with their admin lessons, students must have completed their selections on Oneschool by Monday the 8th of August. A letter, including the subjects available for selection and prerequisites required for selection, will be sent home with students and mailed to their postal address on Monday the 1st of August.

Year 12 Grad tickets
Tickets are available soon. Tickets will be approximately $110 + $120 and students are able to purchase up to 5 tickets. Grade 12 students will need to ensure they meet school clearance expectations to attend graduation. This is inclusive of attendance over 90%, no more than 4 behaviour referrals, no outstanding assessment and school fees paid. Any further questions please don't hesitate to contact the Pathways Officer, Trish on 40433223.

Next Wednesday the 3rd August from 6pm - 7pm there will be a QCE/OP/QTAC evening held in D08. The format is as follows:
6pm - QCE: Mr Williams (Head of Senior Schooling)
6.20pm - OP: Mr Brown (Deputy Principal)
6.40pm - QTAC: Mrs Parsons (Guidance Officer)

It is greatly encouraged that students and parents attend. In particular our grade 10 and grade 11 students.

SUMMIT
AIM HIGH, REACH HIGHER
Catering for Academically Talented Students in Years 7, 8 and 9
CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS
All applications for the 2017 SUMMIT program close on Friday 5th August. Applications are available from the school website. Interviews will commence Thursday 25th August.

For more information see our website www.gordonvalehigh.eq.edu.au or call 4043 3222.