



SHALOM NEWS

Term 1 Week 5

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Bright futures for the Year 13s
Every year, some graduates make the choice to return to Shalom and complete "Year 13".

This is a program coordinated by Mr Weise, who supports and mentors the young people who aren't quite ready yet to move into the workforce.

This year, we have: Gordon Garawirtja (Gapuwiyak, NT), Kholan Mairu-Kazmarek (Townsville), John Tom (Boigu Island, QLD), Rhonda Dow (Townsville), Rikkisha Gaykamangu (Darwin, NT), Bethany Gondarra (Galiwinku, NT), Aaron O'Brien-Johnson (Townsville), Cody Sturt (Townsville) and Curtis Parry (Peppiminarti, NT). This is one of the biggest groups of Year 12s returning as Year 13s that Shalom has had.

Mr Weise said "The students have been very busy with work

experience, further study, gaining new experiences and doing a great job mentoring students in the younger grades.

Each of the students has identified areas of work or study that they want to pursue and we are working on achieving the steps needed to get them where they want to be.

It has been a great start to the year and we are very impressed with the maturity and focus of this group of young men and women."



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The term has started very well. We have a large number of returning students from the communities, and it is really great to see them. Thank you for continuing to support their education.

Most students are attending class and learning. Please encourage your students to attend class.

Kind regards,
Chris England



FAST FACTS

40%

Active men and women are 40% less likely to suffer from depression

25%

Men and women who climb 50 stairs or walk 5 city blocks a day may lower their risk of heart attack by 25%

Apprenticeships are taking off!

Monny Costello (Yr10) received an offer to take up a school-based apprenticeship in tiling through Matrix Tiling.

Monny will be completing 3 days on campus at school, and two days on-site completing his apprenticeship.

When Monny is on-site, his day starts at 7am, and he finishes up around 3:30pm.

His jobs include grouting, mixing glue, and cleaning up the work site.

AFL kids are kicking goals already!

With the year only just started, the young men of Shalom are already out and about, getting fit for AFL season.

The Townsville Eagles Summer Development Program, run by AFL Townsville, is a chance for the best young players at Shalom to train with the best local players.

The Eagles program is a great opportunity for our young men to meet local boys and get to know

more people in the area, as well as get high level, Suns Academy standard coaching.

Confraternity Shield team takes shape

Shalom is again taking a team to the Confraternity Shield Carnival, this year being held in Rockhampton.

Unlike previous years, this year Shalom is joining with St Anthony's Catholic College, Deeragun to put together a strong team with a good chance of placing well within the division.

Confraternity Coordinator and Head of Sport, Melissa Sotheren, said "It's really exciting to see lots of young boys enthusiastic about getting active and involved in rugby league". The trip is subsidized by the college, which means students wishing to participate do not suffer significant financial hardship.

**Lance taking leaps and bounds!**

Last week, Lance Hudson (2015, Kalumburu) relocated to the Gold Coast to pursue a career in AFL.

Lance is a Level 3 Gold Coast Suns Talent Academy member, who played in the victorious Queensland State u16 Team last year, and hopes to position himself to be eligible for draft selection at the end of the year.

Lance has attended Shalom since 2011, and all the Shalom staff are extremely excited to see Lance pursuing his dreams with such commitment.

Sports Academy Camps showing juniors teamwork

Mr Burgess and his Sports Academy staff this year have already run overnight camps at Crystal Creek campus for Year 7/8, Crystal Creek, Ollera Creek and Alligator Creek classes.

As mentioned in last issue, the young people develop teamwork and a sense of belonging in their class. And get to go tubing behind a speedboat! Check out the photos – do you recognize anyone?



Curriculum Corner

by Sharyn Ive (Head of Curriculum)

Taking an interest and understanding what your child is learning at school is one of the most important ways to support your child's success at school. This week have a talk with them about what they are doing in their English classes.

This term in the high School the English classes (7-10) will focus on teaching our students what it means to be a successful writer. An effective writer thinks about what ideas to include, what words to choose, how to compose sentences for meaning and impact and how best to organize the text in an appropriate and engaging way. There is a lot to think about when developing a piece of writing that has purpose, meaning and engagement. We are developing a common set of language throughout the college which offers a framework to guide the students' thinking as they write, evaluate and edit their writing. We are adopting the 6+1 Trait Writing Model which has 6+1 key qualities that define quality writing. These are: Ideas, Organisation, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, Conventions and Presentation. Colourful wall charts that explain each trait that will be displayed in each class for students to refer to when needed.

Year's 7-10 classes are developing their narrative, story writing skills through the investigation of language used by authors. The students will read one of Roald Dahl's books and examine and analyse the language features and techniques used by the author. For the end of term assessment the students will create a new chapter for the narrative. The expected length of writing will vary with each year level. Ollera Creek and the Crystal Creek class are investigating persuasive language and techniques used to sell everyday products. Students will write a short advertisement for their own breakfast cereal and present it to the class using a PowerPoint presentation.

The young men and women who are in the Lit girls and Lit boys class are developing their Functional English Skills. This term they are working on organising, planning, creating a performance for an audience. They have to present a 2 minute performance to the class for their assessment this term.

The Year 11 students in the English Communication classes are reading various articles from "Creative Spirit": Stories of the Stolen Generation and reflect on who they are, where they have come from and where they are going. The students are to write a

300 word "reflective journal" as their assessment this term.

The senior students in the English Communication classes are exploring the world of work. Focus will be on job suitability, workplace scenarios, documentation and problem solving. For their assessment they will be preparing a resume, letter of application this term.

AROUND SHALOM



Djuki Dancers touring already

Jayden Dhamarrandji (Year 11, Galiwinku) and Kyle Yunupingu (Year 12, Galiwinku) joined the Djuki Mala for both local and international tours at the start of this year



Reanne the All-Star

Reanne O'Keefe (Year 11, Mt Isa) travelled to Brisbane as the Cowboys delegate for the All Stars Youth Summit

Keep Supporting Our School

Supporting us can look like:

- Ask your young person did they get to class on time today?
- Ask your young person "What is The Shalom Way?"
- Ask your young person "What time did you go to sleep last night?"
- Ask your young person "Have you had some fruit and vegies today?"

Shalom would love to hear from families how their young people are doing at Shalom.

Sometimes they might feel shame or embarrassed to talk about these things with us-they might be a new student and not know staff very well.

Call and have a talk with one of our PC teachers or Health and Wellbeing Team



Miss Di Yr 7/8



Miss Mary Yr 9/10



Miss Allison CC



Miss Lorraine OC



Miss Tegan Yr 11



Mr Ryan Yr 12



Miss Sharyn Yr 12



Miss Merwez Lit Women



Mr Jonny Lit Men



Mr Neil Yr 13



Miss Sandy - Deputy Principal



Mr Bruce - Liaison Officer



Mr Tom - Liaison Officer



Aunty Sandra - Liaison Officer



Aunty Jenny - Liaison Officer



Uncle Tom - Liaison Officer



Miss Christine - Nurse



Miss Shelley - Health Worker



Miss Jess - Counsellor



Miss Hayley - Counsellor



Miss Leesha - Counselling Programs

Important Dates

Friday 19th February - College Opening Service at Northreach Baptist Church

Saturday 5th March - Columba College Rugby League carnival

Friday 11th March - Secondary Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 23rd March - ABSTUDY Travel Day

Want to send your family to Shalom?

Give our Registrar, Jodi McLean, a call to talk about what Shalom can do to help your young person



Changed your sim card? Call Aunty Kylie or Aunty Fiona and let Shalom know your new number!

