



It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 3. I know I have said it so often, but I really cannot believe how fast the weeks fly by. The year will be over before we know it. Planning for end of year functions and 2018 have well and truly begun. Mr Pharaoh reminded students yesterday about the importance of staying focussed for the last few days and about how quickly term 4 will go.

Our year 9 and 10 students have been involved in their 2018 subject selections over the past couple of weeks. Please feel free to contact Brad or myself if you have any questions about the process etc. We are very keen to support you and the students in any way that we can. Year 7 and 8s will begin the process for choosing their electives in the coming weeks.

It has been very rewarding to see the students engage in the programmes that Mr Pharaoh has introduced and it is very obvious that the students are getting a lot out of it. Students are also actively participating in the activities that the staff have organised as well. Yesterday saw some students 'brave' the pool. A little too cool for me yet! We are in the process of investigating how much a pool blanket will cost. This, added to the solar heating would certainly extend the 'use time' of the pool and given the cost of the upgrade, it is something we need to look towards.

Facilities Upgrade

Our bathroom / kitchenette upgrades have been painfully slow but are near completion. Basically all that is left to do is some 'touch ups'. The saying "patience is a virtue" has certainly been tested and I must commend the students on their understanding with the hold ups that have come our way. We will have students moving into the upgraded dorms for the start of Term 4.

Then we will begin the staged process to complete other upgrades.

The outdoor Ping Pong table has been ordered and the painting of the Chess-Set in the outdoor area has also been arranged. This will be a nice addition to the student's activities.

Music Lessons

Guitar and piano lessons will be available to Bunya Campus students in Term 4 students will participate in 1 lesson per week with an instrumental music teacher. Students can borrow campus instruments or use their own and will be expected to commit to the program and follow a practice schedule. Please let Sue Burrowes know if your child is interested in participating.

Residential Activities

Students have enjoyed all activities on and off campus this term. They have participated in trips to Toowoomba, movies, clay target shooting, horse riding, colour run, laser skirmish, kloud9, Toowoomba language and cultural festival and Stocksy's pyjama party was a highlight. Term 4 activities will be on the website by end of next week which will include a 2 night camp to Maroochy River Resort where students will participate in swimming, kayaking, fishing and a trip to Coolum Aqua Park in week 4. Final numbers will need to be in by next week and invoices will be sent to those students who have committed to the outing. **Payment will be due week 1 in Term 4.**

Livestock Department

Wondai show was the first show outing for the Dalby State High Limousin Stud, showing 3 stud heifers and a stud breed steer. It was a great show with heifers all getting excellent feedback in big classes. Wondai Show had a large number of schools showing with DSHS achieving third place in the school competition. An incredible result given we only took 3 students. Britney Moodie,

Marlee Grady and Brock White all having success in either the Young Judgers or Paraders competition. Britney Moodie was successful in winning the 15 to 25 years Paraders and is now qualified for the 2018 regional finals. Well done to the team.

Spring is here and that means calving and lambing season is upon us. We look forward to seeing our next line up of school bred show cattle and prime lambs.

Production Department

Things are very dry, as is everywhere. We are well and truly prepared to plant our summer crop after the good spring rain!

Our oats crop is currently being grazed with some oats going through to hay production.

The Horticulture area is undergoing an extensive planting. Between the agricultural classes and the campus plantings, there is going to be a plentiful supply of vegetables. If you have driven down Ashmore Street, you will see the small crops being 'protected' by a number of scarecrows that were kindly made by the students participating in the SEP program.

Q-Parent app for your smartphone

QParents is an online portal that provides parents with secure access to their child's student details. Anywhere, anytime you can:

- View and update attendance and student details
- View and download report cards, timetables and invoices
- Make payments online (**this includes residential fees**)
- View other important information

Term 4 Commencement

Campus reopens on **Tuesday, 3rd October at 7.30 am**. For students able to return before 9am, a bus will transport them to school. (Please note the 2nd is a Public Holiday and there will be no staff on campus)

Please note that all students are expected to return to campus **before 2.30pm on this date**. It is not acceptable for students to be returning on the Wednesday. One travel date is provided for students. Obviously, if transport is an issue, then please discuss directly with Sue or myself.

A Parent Meeting/ Morning Tea will be held at 11am on this day.

Check out the website for news and details about weekend activities. And like us on facebook.

www.dalbyshsbunya.eq.edu.au

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Dates to remember:

- 24/10 – DSHS Sports Award dinner
- 13/11 – DSHS Annual Awards night
- 14/11 – Gold and Silver awards (am)
- 14/11 – Bunya Campus dinner and awards
- 15/11 – Senior Formal
- 16/11 – Valedictory
- 17/11 – Year 12's break- up (9 -11.30am at Dalby Pool (compulsory))