



Newsletter

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Year 11 Leadership Camp

Calendar

- M&D 12 Cricket Boys & Girls
Fri 24 Aug
- World of Maths
Years 7-9
Thu 30 Aug
- QSS 12 Softball
Rockhampton
30 Aug-2 Sep
- World Teacher Aides and Support Staff Day
Fri 31 Aug
- QCS Tests Year 12
4-5 Sep
- Hospitality Parent Dinner
Thu 6 Sep
- SW 10-19 Track & Field,
St George
6-7 Sep
- SW 12 Boys Cricket
Chinchilla
9-10 Sep
- SW 12 Girls Cricket
Chinchilla
10-11 Sep
- SW T&F Training Camp
Roma
Sat 15 Sep

Year 11 Camp...where should we start?



We had to get up early and drive to Runaway Bay Sports Centre. Let's just say the bus ride there was interesting... we discovered that the majority of Year 11 should not pursue a career in singing.

On the first day we went sailing, bike riding and ate fantastic food. We discovered that we work great as a team,



communicating is our strong point. The activities such as stand-up paddle boarding, the Spartan course, initiative games and volleyball brought out everybody's unique leadership qualities.



Leadership camp was a blast and everyone who went on it would highly recommend it.

Carla, Bec & Mitchell



A/Principal: Michael Pflaum
Head of Senior: Steve Hardy
Head of Junior: Raelinda Allwood

Please email all absences to absentee@milessh.eq.edu.au
(prior to your child's absence)



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From the Principal...



Mr Michael Pflaum

We are already more than half way through Term 3, time is flying and we are having fun while working hard.

Last chance to participate in this year's School Opinion Survey, it is currently underway and you can have your opportunity to contribute until Friday this week, 24 August 2018. Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* has been mailed to you. The survey can be completed via computers, tablets or smart phones with internet connection.

There has been talk around BYOx at Miles SHS. Bring Your Own 'x' (BYOx) means : students bring their own digital devices to school, for the purposes of learning. So instead of using school-owned ICT, students use their own.

The BYOx concept recognises that students and their parents and caregivers would like to use the same digital devices at school and at home. There isn't a one-size-fits-all approach to implementing a BYOx program at a school and as a consequence of this I need to gather some information from you. Attached to this newsletter you will find a quick survey. I would greatly appreciate it if you could take a couple of minutes and complete and send it

back to school with your child.

Preparations for the move to NAPLAN Online are underway. Some of our staff will be attending training in August/September to learn how to use the national assessment platform. The department is also supporting our school to ensure we are technically ready to participate in a National School Readiness Trial in October 2018. The trial allows us to check our technical readiness and provides our students and staff with an opportunity to become familiar with the types of test items and online assessment process.

The teachers are supporting students to become familiar with the ICT skills needed for online assessment. These skills are a regular part of lessons and are described in the Australian Curriculum.

The tailored test design adapts to each student's level of performance, and another benefit of online assessment is that students can listen through their headsets to the questions (except in reading).

The national demonstration website features test items that support students with a disability.

There is an opportunity for us to apply for some funding to further enhance our now fully enclosed Multi-Purpose Area (MPA) to make it an even greater Indoor Sporting Facility for the Miles Community through the Community Sport Infrastructure. This funding is looking to support small to medium

scale projects up to \$500,000 to improve local community sport infrastructure which will support greater community participation in sport and physical activity and/or offer safer and more inclusive community sporting hubs. There is no guarantee that we will be successful however you have to be in it to win it.

We are wanting to apply for funding that will allow us to have better lighting, floor surface, maybe some seating. In order to make the best use of the facility and to give the community of Miles an Indoor Sporting Facility we are planning to remove the stage area which is in some disrepair and would take a huge financial effort to get into somewhat working order. I invite you to think about the proposal and join us at our next P&C meeting – 13th August – where we are seeking the support for a potential funding application to progress this project.

At our last P&C meeting we reviewed the school's Uniform Policy to ensure that it aligns with the updated Student Dress Code. Some minor amendments were made including stockings being permitted in navy and black. The school's Uniform Policy is available on our website and will be reviewed again for currency in Term 3, 2019.

I will be away in the last week of this term on Long Service Leave. Mr Hardy has kindly agreed to take my place for that week.

Take care

Mr Michael Pflaum

Recent Student Achievements

Harriet Y and Rebecca joined the Drillham SS students on Wednesday of Week 5 to conduct a science activity promoting STEM during National Science Week.



Congratulations to Harriet B in finishing her Certificate III in Individual Support with Miles Health Service. We thank Miles Health Service

for their support in being a Partner in Learning and providing these amazing opportunities for our students.

Congratulations also to Georgina who was a finalist in the Qld Training Awards - DDSW region, for the School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year.



QAMT Mathematics Competition

On August 8th, two teams of Year 7 and 8 students from Miles travelled to Chinchilla to take part in the local round of the QAMT Year 7/8 Maths quiz. Miles Team 1 consisted of Harper, Cory and Jacob and Team 2 of Lachlan, Charlie and Rosanna.



the day Team 2 finished in 2nd place overall, and team 1 in 5th place, an excellent effort from both teams.

Well done to all students involved!

Mr Dave Robertson



Both teams did an outstanding job of answering some very tricky questions which included topics such as estimation, geometry, time calculations, and roman numerals and problem solving. At the end of

Sports Update

Congratulations to Caitlin and Lucy who represented the South West



region at the Qld State Rugby League Championships in Maroochydore over the weekend. Congratulations also to Martyn who represented the South West region at the Qld Touch Football Championships in Townsville at the start of August.

In other news, Miles SHS hosted the Miles & District Athletics carnival last week. All students from around the region put in their very best efforts, with several of our stu-

dents successful in gaining age champion. 12 years girls, Daniela; 12 years boys, Travis; 14 years boys, Martyn; and 15 years girls, Amity. Well done to you all.



Students who have qualified for the SW Track & Field Carnival in St George will receive their paperwork by the end of this week.

Jeans for Genes Day

On average, each classroom in Australia will have a student affected by a genetic disease or birth defect. This not only impacts the student but the whole family. With that in mind Miles SHS staff and students donned the denim and showed their support to all children affected by genetic conditions by joining in the



Children's Medical Research Institute's Jeans for Genes Day. A total of \$150 of vitally needed funds has been raised by Miles SHS which will help scientists con-

tinue their lifesaving research into cures and treatments for cancer, epilepsy and a range of genetic diseases. Thank you to everyone for making this day happen, let's set the goal to double our donations next year!

Mrs Kirsty Quinn
YSC



Position Vacant - Administrative Officer (AO2)



- Position:** Administrative Officer (AO2)
Temporary Part-time in Term 4 2018 (with the possibility of extension)
32 hours (5 days) /week
- Location:** Miles State High School
- Key Duties:** Contribute to the effective and efficient management and administration of the school by providing a high level of administrative support.
- Application:** Application packages (including a detailed role description) are available from the office at Miles State High School, Phone 4628 5111. Please submit a cover letter with Resume (including 2 referees – one work related) and one page addressing the 5 selection criteria in the role description.
- Closing Date:** 3.30pm Friday 7 September 2018 and returned to:

Lisa Buhse
Acting Business Manager
Miles State High School
PO Box 21
Miles 4415

Please mark “Private and Confidential”

Or Email to bsm@mileschs.eq.edu.au

The Commission for Children and Young People Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a Working With Children Check.

Education Queensland actively supports and encourages workforce diversity and equity.

WIN A REMOTE PILOT LICENSE TRAINING COURSE VALUED AT \$2,000

In the lead up to the second annual **Dalby Drone Industry Forum**, the *Western Downs Regional Council* (WDRC) is inviting senior high school students to submit a short proposal with their vision for drone usage in the future, especially in the agriculture, mining and resource industries.

Remote Aviation will provide a two-day drone training course for the best male and female student proposal. Upon successful completion of the training, the students will receive their Remote Pilot License (RePL).

How to enter

Simply answer these two questions:

1. How do you believe drones could be used to assist an industry in the Western Downs region - now and in the future?
2. Why do you want to obtain your Remote Pilot License (RePL) and how could you use this license to help the Western Downs become "the drone capital of Australia"?

For more information including entry form, terms and conditions: visit www.wdrc.qld.gov.au or call 1300 COUNCIL

Applications close Sunday 9 September 2018

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