17 February 2015

Ngar’a! Nar’a! Ar’un! Karibaman. Dha’gun karithin.
This greeting says, in Gubbi Gubbi, “Hello, come in, come in to this country”.

Principal’s Report

2015 Badge Ceremony and Roll of Honour

It was wonderful to have so many parents join us for our first celebration of student achievement this year. Our Badge Ceremony, where this year’s student leaders received their leadership badges, was a great opportunity to recognise the talents of the 2015 seniors and our new junior leaders. This year we also recognised our Senior Scholarship winners and awarded our Roll of Honour students from the last semesters reporting juncture. Congratulations to the huge number of students who are performing at the very highest levels of their studies.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in this year’s swimming carnival. The behaviour, participation and house spirit was a pleasure to witness. Phoenix took out this year’s carnival through sheer weight of numbers participating. The challenge is now set for the cross-country and the athletics carnival.

“Meet and Greet”

On Tuesday afternoon this week we provided the opportunity for new parents to our school to come along and have a chat to the staff of our school. It is very rewarding to have so many new families and hope as many as possible are able to join us in this informal setting to begin discussions that I hope continue for the remainder of your time at our school. We are very keen to work closely with families and encourage you to contact us at any time you think we might be able to lend some assistance in your child’s schooling.
This enables us to finalise our draft timetable and implement the permanent timetable for 2015. This year we experienced significant growth in the school student population but with the implementation of the Enrolment Management Plan, we managed to accurately predict the enrolments in all year levels. As a result I am pleased to announce that this stability means that there will be no structural changes to the draft school timetable as we move forward into week 4 of the term.

**Subject Changes**

Change of subjects have now been processed for all students who completed the school Change of Subject proforma, where class sizes and structures allowed the proposed change. Further changes may now only be made at the beginning of Semester Two in July. This applies to Year 9 electives, Year 10, Year 11 and 12 subjects. Policy Guidelines in this area are based on the Certification rules of outside agencies such as the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

Please note that in the timetabling process of the school, there is no provision for students to choose particular teachers and that apparently simple subject changes often result in several class changes.

**Assessment Calendars**

Assessment Calendars covering Semester One formal assessments have now been published for all year levels. Students in Years 7 through 12 have been issued with a paper version of their assessment calendar through their Care teacher. The calendars may also be accessed from the school’s website found under the Curriculum Tab, Testing and Assessment.

https://jamesnashshs.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Testingandassessment/Pages/Testingandassessment.aspx

Additional copies of the calendar are available through the Administration office for families without access to the school webpage mentioned above.

**Robert Doust**

Deputy Principal

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**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

**School Timetable Adjustment**

Staffing has now been finalised for this year based on the enrolment data collected over the first eight days of school.

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**P and C Meeting**

Our first P and C meeting for the year is on Tuesday the 24th February at 7.30 pm. All new members are welcome to attend. As usual, I will present my Principal’s Report and there are three items I will raise on the agenda for P and C consideration. There will be an updated P and C Constitution presented for adoption; we will present our Key Planning documents and budgets; and I would be seeking some feedback on our proposed “Great Results Guarantee”. I have posted these documents on our website for your consideration. If you are unable to attend our P and C meeting and wish to provide feedback then please contact me directly on dedwa40@eq.edu.au with your thoughts/suggestions.

The documents can be found at:
https://jamesnashshs.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/PandC/Pages/PandC.aspx
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SENIOR SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE – YEAR 12’s
THURSDAY 19TH OF FEBRUARY 2015 AT 11.25AM

A University Showcase is a travelling road show of representatives from Queensland Universities who will be visiting the school on Thursday 19th of February at 11.25am to deliver course information, answer student questions and provide a career market experience.

Participating Institutions are:

- University of the Sunshine Coast
- Central Queensland University
- University of Southern Queensland
- TAFE Queensland
- Defence Force Recruiting
- Australian Catholic University
- Queensland University of Technology

QCS PREPARATION – Year 12 Term 1

Students will sit the 2013 QCS tests as practice over the next month.

- Writing Task - Tuesday 3rd March
- Multiple Choice Test - Tuesday 10th March
- Short Response Test - Tuesday 17th March

The school pays for the Writing Task and Short Response papers to be marked by qualified QCS markers. Students will receive an individualised report on these two papers along with suggested areas for students to work on to improve their QCS performance.

Due to the fact that the QCS result is a group result, it is imperative that students are in attendance for all practice tests and sessions and that they are committed to giving their best effort.

Road craft

The booking dates this year for road craft are the 21st and 22nd of April or 15th and 16th of October.

Cost is $200 and students can apply for a subsidy. Students are to see the Head of Year 12 Mr Brennan for an application.

Year 11 & 12 Date Claimers

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Bessie Nilon

Deputy Principal Senior Schooling

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL JUNIOR SECONDARY

The Year 7 & 8 students have continued to make a wonderful start to high school. It was especially pleasing to see them so involved in the Swimming Carnival and showing such house spirit. Congratulations to all the swimmers who ‘got in’ and won points for their houses. Once again, our new students were demonstrating what we value most at James Nash, which is, striving for their own personal excellence.

Year 7 & 8 parents are reminded that the camp closing dates are coming up. Please ensure that your child has returned all the necessary paperwork as soon as possible. Camps are a great opportunity to meet new friends and to get to know teachers well also. We understand that the start of the year is very expensive for families, but please consider the benefits of the camping program for your child.

All Year 7 – 9 students are undertaking extensive literacy and numeracy programs. We put enormous value in ensuring that all James Nash students are literate and numerate when they leave our school. Literacy and numeracy are taught in every
lesson by every faculty, but these additional programs we have in place, enable us to target individual students in identified areas of need.

**MEET & GREET AFTERNOON TEA**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Meet & Greet on Tuesday afternoon. It was a great opportunity for both parents and teachers to put names to faces. Remember teachers appreciate calls from home if there are any issues that affect the students and their learning.

**Cheryl Greinke**  
**Deputy Principal Junior Secondary**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL STRUCTURED LEARNING**

Carers Queensland is undertaking a Transition Preparation Support program for secondary school students with disabilities and their families to progress their thinking about life after school, funded by Centacare.

Workshops are aimed at parents, disability professionals and educators of secondary school students with a disability. Through storytelling, information and resource sharing, these workshops will build on participants’ knowledge and capacity to support students to be able to identify, capture, plan for and pursue their goals for life after school.

**Eligible students are from Year 7 – 12, with a focus on those students from Years 7-10.**

Students and their families will be supported to develop their vision for a meaningful and inclusive young adult life at school and after school through conversations about the future and undertaking a person centred planning process.

**This program will:**
- Provide information, resources, tools and strategies to help a student plan
- Offer support to increase student’s confidence, knowledge and skills to plan for life after school by exploring various options
- Focus on engagement and empowerment
- Strengthen informal networks and community support
- Provide inspiration for families and students to turn dreams into reality.

**Who will this program benefit?**
- Students in years 7-12 who have a disability
- Students who are not sure what they may want to do at school or after school
- Students who would like to have a greater say on what they may wish to do in the future
- Families who would benefit from some support discussing transition
- Families who would like some support considering options for their young adult

Application forms are available at the office to pick up. Please call 54806333 for any additional information. The number of students able to be supported under this stream is strictly limited for each area.

**Shelley Gauld**  
**Assistant Principal Structured Learning**

**Business Services Manager**

**2015 Student Resource Hire Scheme Invoices**

Invoices for the 2015 Student Resource Hire Scheme were posted home to all parents/carers on Monday 10th of February. If you have already paid these fees in the period of sending and receiving the Student Resource Hire Scheme invoices/s please ignore this invoice/s.

If you ticked **Full payment** on the signed Participation Agreement to pay the Student Resource Hire Scheme fees please note the due date for these fees to be paid is the **27th February 2015.**

If you ticked **Instalments** on the signed Participation Agreement to pay the Student Resource Hire Scheme fees please note the due dates for these fees to be paid:

- **27th February 2015:** Text Book Deposit $35.00 (new students only) and/or $100.00 (students Yr 10-12 for school laptops) and $75.00 Text & Resource Hire.
- **8th of May 2015:** $37.50 Text & Resource Hire.
- **31st of July 2015:** $37.50 Text & Resource Hire.

**Debra Paige**  
**Business Services Manager**

**Staff News**

**From the Technology Department**

**JNSHS BYOd Community Information Sessions**
- **I Block**
- **Tuesday February 24; 6pm-7pm**
- **Thursday March 5, 4.30pm-5.30pm (repeat of previous session)**

**JNSHS BYOd Expo**
- **I Block**
- **Saturday May 2, 1pm-4pm**

**Karen Swift**  
**Head of Department – Information Technology**

**Sports News**

The annual school swimming carnival held last Friday and was a very successful event with students displaying house pride through both the clothes they wore and participation in events. There were many success stories on the day however there can only be one winner. In 2015 it was Phoenix the victors of the pool!!

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded age champions for 2015:
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There were a couple of outstanding performers individually in the pool last Friday with several new records set. **Declan Nicol, Harrison Parker, Alec Lee and Troy Carlson** were all able to swim into the records books. The new times are as follows:

**Declan Nicol:**
- 15 yrs Butterfly - 32:71
- 15 yrs Breaststroke - 40:24

**Harrison Parker:**
- 16 yrs Freestyle - 29:40
- 16 yrs Backstroke - 34:37

**Alec Lee:**
- 16 yrs Butterfly - 33:37

**Troy Carlson:**
- 13 yrs Freestyle - 28:68
- 13 yrs Breaststroke - 41:34
- 13 yrs Butterfly - 31:03 (Troy is the current national champion!!)

Well done to these boys on some outstanding results.

Good luck to all the James Nash swimmers who will now compete at the Gympie District inter-school Swimming Championships on Tuesday 17th February!

**Gympie District Cluster 1 Trials**

Over 50 students were last week involved in the first of the sports trials for 2015, vying for selection across a range of sports. Congratulations to those students who gained selection in Gympie District teams.

These athletes will now compete at the Wide Bay trials this Thursday 19th February throughout the region including Kingaroy, Nanango, Murgon, Hervey Bay, Maryborough and Bundaberg.

**Carmel D’Arcy**  
**Head of Sport**

**DIRTY DANCING**

The school has organised an excursion to the musical Dirty Dancing for 27 May 2015 at the Lyric Theatre in South Bank Brisbane. Tickets are $80 which includes bus and theatre entry; seats have been allocated in the front rows of Balcony 1. Permission forms can be collected from Mrs Doust in CO Staffroom. Should you wish your student to attend this performance, please ask them to see Mrs Doust. Tickets will be allocated on a ‘first in’ basis.

**Sue Doust**  
**Music Department**

**YOUNG CARER’S BURSARY RECIPIENT**

Year 12 student – Douglas Wall – has been successful in obtaining a bursary through Carers Australia, to help pay for his educational costs. This is funded by the Federal Government’s Young Carer Bursary Programme. You can find more information regarding the program by logging on to http://bursaries.youngcarers.net.au/

2015 is the first year of the programme with funding allocated for bursaries for two more years. The programme acknowledges that many young people are often carers for family members and it aims to support them in their own educational goals.

Doug lives with his father and younger brother and has been shouldering the family’s responsibilities as his father battles a serious illness. The bursary will help Doug with Year 12 expenses and the start of his university studies.

**From the Guidance Officer**

Please read this article on cyberbullying and the numbered response sections to dealing with this matter.

**Response 1**

This is the government website on cyberbullying - you should find all the info you need there.


**Response 2**

Depending on which police officer you speak to (and whether they have the time or inclination to get involved), kids sending nasty/threatening messages to each other can set themselves up for a number of charges—there are the normal harassment & intimidation ones, and also misuse of telecommunications devices. The kids need to understand that the other person could save all of those messages and thus have pretty good evidence that they have been threatening / harassing, but also that police can gain access to all records from the provider they go through. This can include copies of what the message said, how frequently they sent messages (which can be abusive in itself) etc.

This then becomes complicated if there’s an AVO applied for, as this can really mess with the student’s potential job opportunities (makes it difficult to get a blue card, will show up on criminal record checks etc). Also, if any of the messaging includes video footage/photos of sexual acts between students under 18 (as seems to be such a ‘cool’ and ‘fun’ thing to do) this can be classified as child pornography, and anyone caught with that can be charged with making/possessing/distributing it. That would then have MAJOR ramifications for the student’s potential job opportunities.

**Response 3 – Student (victim) to student (bully)**

**Action for harassment via text or SMS or phone calls:**
The person directly affected is advised to write a letter outlining the following information:

- That they want this communication to stop or cease.
- That they find this communication harassing or menacing.
- That the police have been informed.
- That if it continues a formal complaint will be made to the police under using a telephone or other carriage service to menace, harass or cause offence.
- Keep a copy of the letter written and make sure it is dated.
- It is advisable to have a third party present this letter to the person rather than post this letter, as this person can act as a witness that the letter was received; alternatively send via registered post.

Example Letter: Student (victim) to student (bully)

27th April 2009

To

You have recently sent me a number of harassing and menacing text messages. This letter is to inform you that I want this practice to cease immediately. The police have been informed and if this continues a formal complaint will be made to the police under using a telephone or other carriage service to menace, harass or cause offence.

Yours sincerely

Response 4 – Scenario 1

A (grade 10) was sending text messages to another student, threatening to kill him. The student receiving these then informed the HOD at school who advised him to see the police as this was happening outside of school.

The boy informed the police, showing them the actual messages which he received. The police then confiscated the sending boy’s mobile as evidence for the court case which took place 2 weeks ago. He was found guilty and received a Community Services Order. His mobile was then destroyed by the police.

Response 5 – Scenario 2

There is a case in Sydney of a family having to sell their house to pay legal bills due to their child bullying another via mobile.

Task Force Argus based in Brisbane can check what messages have been sent on phones and via the internet.

Diane Joseph
Guidance Officer

School Musical

James Nash students and staff will be involved in putting on a school musical this year in Term 3. Rehearsals will be held in Term 1 on Monday afternoons, and in Term 2 and 3 on Monday afternoons and Sundays, along with some lunch times. A meeting for those interested in being involved was held last week. Anyone who missed these meetings and would like to be involved, need to see Mr Colley in GS staffroom, or Mrs Colley in D Block staffroom. There are many roles in the musical, so students can get involved as an actor, singer, chorus member, dancer, gymnast, musician in the band, backstage, or by making costumes.

Auditions will begin next week, so students should keep their eye on morning notices.

The musical is a great thing to get involved in at school. It is loads of fun, many good friends are made and you learn heaps. It is however a very big commitment by both students and parents (the drivers). We would love to see as many students involved as possible. See Mr or Mrs Colley for more information.

Year 12 Students & Parents - Senior Jerseys 2015

The next order for the 2015 Senior Jersey will be placed on the 27th February, 2015. Final payment is due on this date. The cost of the jersey is $90, which arrives at the school in mid to late May of 2015.

Students wanting to purchase a jersey need to inform the Senior Jersey Co-ordinator, Mr Jenkins, of their size (sizing jerseys provided) and the name to be printed on the back of the jersey (Christian or surname only) in advance of the order being placed.

At this stage, the school is not considering another jersey order, so students wanting one should do so as part of this process.

Any queries regarding the senior jerseys should be directed to Mr Jenkins in the L Block Staffroom (54806353).

Rod Jenkins
Senior Jersey Co-ordinator

School Newsletter

If anyone would like to receive the school newsletter by email please log on to http://jamesnashshs.schoolzinenewsletters.com/subscribe and fill out the subscription form. If you have previously subscribed and have stopped receiving the newsletter, please submit the Schoolzine ‘Email Deliverability Support’ Web form from http://jamesnashshs.schoolzinenewsletters.com/subscribe. We will continue to make available a printed version of the newsletter at the office for those who still prefer to receive their newsletter in this format.

Suesane Walker
Administration Officer

Community News

Guides Queensland - Gympie District

Camping, abseiling, canoeing, crafts, archery, arts, outdoors, personal development, awards, achievement, leadership, friendship, cooking.

7-9 years, Wednesday 5pm-7pm
10-12 years, Thursday 5pm-7pm
13-17 years, Tuesday 3.30pm-6pm

Guide Hut, 19 Shanks St, Gympie
Come and visit us!
Email - leonora.cox@gmail.com
The Gympie Show Society Stud Beef Committee would like to take this opportunity to offer agriculture and all other students a chance to participate in a show preparation and handling School.

This school will have something to offer both new and existing cattle exhibitors.

For old hands, it will provide further education in preparing their cattle for the showing, handling and parading training and judging Stud Cattle.

New handlers will get an opportunity to get some hands-on time with cattle from the very basics of washing and brushing to leading and judging.

This introductory event will be limited to the first 30 applicants from local Schools.

Date: February 28th & March 1st
Venue: Gympie Showgrounds (Stud Cattle Stalls)
Cost: $30 per person

Programme:

February 28th:
- Arrive 12.30pm
- Introduction from Mrs. Paula Warren
- Prepare stalls and bedding
- Washing cattle
- Pre showing grooming
- Feeding and bedding down
- Dinner (BBQ provided by Stud Beef Committee for course attendees)

March 1st:
- 6am Stall cleaning and feeding
- Breakfast (provided by Stud Beef Committee for course attendees)
- Show day preparation
- Stud cattle parading
- Stud cattle judging
- Presentation of ribbons
- Departure – 1pm

Sleeping accommodation will be in Comets Stadium. Just bring your sleeping bag/swag and mozzie repellent. Some cattle will be provided but attendees are welcome to bring along their favourite animal. They must however be quiet as this camp is for both new and more experienced handlers.

Enquiries via the Show Office on 07 54821721 or Paula Warren on 0438866213 by February 18th.