WELCOME HOME TO OUR WORLD
CHAMPION STEM 4X4inSchools Team
WOMBAT WARRIORS

We were very happy to travel out to Brisbane International Airport early on Saturday morning to welcome back our 2016 World Champion Team, Wombat Warriors, who took out the crown in the 2016 STEM 4x4inSchools World Championships held in Coventry, England, earlier this month.

The team competed against 21 teams from 13 countries. Our team, Wombat Warriors, took out first place, beating the other Australian entry, Zircon (from Dubbo NSW), who came second and Portugal, who came third.

The Team comprised of six students:-

- Lily Eiseman  Team Manager  Year 11
- Taj Gieskens  Graphic Designer  Year 11
- Grayson Lamprecht  Design Engineer  Year 10
- Marcus Solman  Design Engineer  Year 11
- Lucas Stephens  Marketing Engineer  Year 9
- Kienan Wagner  Design Engineer  Year 11

The Team was supported in Coventry by their Mentor and Lead Coach, Mr Corey Gieskens, and Mentors, Carmela Watts and Luke Ferdinands. The team was also supported by Design Technology Head of Department, Mr Shane Needer, and staff of that faculty, especially Mr Rod Cronin.

Support for the team took many forms and one of these is the support of their sponsors and donors. The picture below has the names of those businesses who made a sizeable contribution to the team and their endeavours to travel to Coventry, England. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts and trust that our school and community will support these businesses, most of whom are local.

To view the highlights of the competition:-
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKigEBIvU6Km5ZAX5KlKOxQ
Select this video - Land Rover 4x4 in Schools World Finals 2016 Highlights

To follow the team and their journey on Facebook:-
https://www.facebook.com/wombatwarriors/?fref=ts
To view one of the stories written regarding their win:-
PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT INTERVIEWS ON WEDNESDAY

Last week, Semester 1 Academic Reports were emailed to students and parents/caregivers or handed to the student to pass on to the parent/caregiver. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to use this report as the basis for booking interviews with the relevant subject teacher via the Parent-Teacher Online (PTO) booking system. Student specific PTO information was also emailed home/sent home with students on this day.

It is vital that the student is in attendance for the Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews. All interviews will take place in the Assembly Hall, from 3:00pm – 7:00pm. This will allow for convenient access of multiple teachers where required. It is important that parents take advantage of this opportunity to have an in-depth conversation with the relevant subject teacher after studying the academic report.

Parents/caregivers will also have the opportunity to complete a school survey in order to register their level of satisfaction with a number of areas on which our school is focussed in our journey of continuous school improvement.

SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING
Wednesday 27 July 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Our Subject Selection Evening will be held on Wednesday 27 July 27 in the Assembly Hall from 6:00pm. This evening will discuss the range of options available for students, overview important details within selecting subjects and provide the opportunity for you to approach specialist teachers to discuss subject areas within more detail.

A Junior Subject Selection presentation will take place in the Assembly Hall at 6:00pm, followed by the Senior Selection presentation at 7:00pm. Subject displays will be hosted in the library, with specialist teachers available to answer any questions you may have.

Looking forward to seeing you there.
Mellissa Fennell
Head of Department Senior Schooling

THE USE OF PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES

Personal Technology Devices include items like iPods, iPads, Android Tablets, gaming devices/consoles, Apple Watches, earphones, ear buds and mobile phones. From the start of Semester Two this year a new policy will apply for all personal technology devices being used by students.

This policy complements our existing Education Queensland policy for the Acceptable Use of Information Technology.

The main points of the policy are:-

- Students may use devices for learning, under the direction of their Teacher
- Student devices may be confiscated if the policy is breached – they will be handed in at the Office
- Parent and caregivers are not to contact their children via personal devices during the school day - all contact must be via the office
- Text communication or phone calls are not to be made by students at school on their mobile phones
- Students should have all non BYOD Personal Technology Devices switched off during school hours, unless otherwise directed by their class teacher
- Students may access BYOD compliant laptops (only) during break times in the Resource Centre, the CyberCafé and other designated areas
- Headphones/Earbuds may be used in classrooms with the permission of Teachers. They may be used during breaks only with BYOD devices in designated areas
- Students are not to use devices to threaten, bully or harass others
- Students are not to take photos of others or record other people’s voices on personal devices. Personal devices may be used to photograph work, but not people.
- Power cords are not to create tripping hazards
- Students are responsible for the protection and safety of their device

Students who have a personal technology device confiscated:

1st Offence: will be returned at the end of the day
2nd Offence will require a Parent/Guardian to collect it from the Office
3rd Offence: will require a Parent/Guardian to collect it from a Deputy Principal. Further consequences may be imposed.
**ANNUAL SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY**

Queensland Government

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted from 11 to 29 July 2016. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students this week. Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers will be available during Parent / Teacher Evening in the Library on Wednesday 20 July.

Please contact us if you have any concerns that you wish to discuss please don’t hesitate to contact us either by phone or email.

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Term 3 is underway at a fast pace with many functions and activities planned. The major focus for all Junior Secondary students this term is **RESPECT** and **EFFORT**. It is an expectation that all students should be practising respectful behaviour both in and outside of the classroom, as well as being “Ready to Learn”. You can assist us with making sure that your child has the correct equipment in their bag each day.

**Academic Support Interviews**

Support Interviews are being scheduled for students identified as performing below expectations after Semester 1. These interviews will be conducted over weeks 2 and 3 in the hope to assist students to improve their learning outcomes. A Parental Information Letter will be given to each student prior to their interview after which a record of contact will be issued.

**High Resolves**

The aim of the High Resolves Program is a reflection of the School Vision “global citizenship”. This program operates in Years 7, 8 and 9 during term 3. Students in Year 7 will have a half day program in Week 6; while the Year 8’s have two half day programs in weeks 5 and 9. The Year 9 program will operate on multiple days throughout the Term.

**Ushering**

All Junior Secondary students are encouraged to assist their school through community service. Ushering for Student/Parent Reporting Evening on Wednesday 20 July is an opportunity for students to volunteer. We look forward to having numerous Juniors on board.

**Multi Media Presentation**

Junior Secondary students will attend an inspirational Multi-Media presentation “Everyday Heroes” in period 4 today, Monday 18 July. There will be a $2 charge which will be collected on Monday morning during Form Class.

**Walkathon**

“Walking with the Stars” is the theme for our 2016 Walkathon on Friday 5 August. A minimum $5 per student charge to participate must be paid before the day. Sun safety is a priority for every participant as is sensible/protective footwear and respectful/safe behaviour.

**Academic Presentation**

The Junior Secondary Academic Presentation Assembly will take place this Friday, 22 July starting at 8:40am. Students receiving an award should have received an invitation inviting parents and caregivers to help celebrate their achievements. We look forward to as many parents as possible joining us.

**PLEASE CONTACT US**

Please remember that if you have any concerns that you wish to discuss please don’t hesitate to contact us either by phone or email.
EXCITING LIVE THEATRE EXCURSION OPPORTUNITY

All students have the chance to see a fantastic new production, The Wider Earth, on Friday 29 July. This magical performance features a bevy of astonishing puppets, from a tiny longhorn beetle to the majestic southern right whale, and recounts the tale of scientific visionary Charles Darwin’s voyage on the HMS Beagle. More details: http://www.queenslandtheatre.com.au/Whats-On/Mainstage-2016/The-Wider-Earth

Come aboard for a magical journey with the curious naturalist! Contact the school office to purchase a ticket (either over the phone - 3881 4700 - or via the payments counter) and return the permission slip to the Performing Arts staffroom, J Block.

GenR8 Northcoast Region 2016 School To Work Transition Program

Student Spotlight - Bianca MacFayden

YEAR 8 And 7 STUDENTS HAVE SUCCESS IN BASEBALL

John Lemm (Year 8) and Leroi Largo (Year 7) and their Brisbane North Little League team competed in Lismore, finishing 11th out of 20 teams. They had finished in 19th place last year so this was a fantastic result.

John went on to trial for the School Boys competition being held in Cairns in June. John was selected to play in the Met North baseball team (14 years and younger). The team played some fantastic baseball and walked away with the silver medal. John was awarded MVP for their team in the game against Met West.

Congratulations, John and Leroi, on your success.

FINANCIAL LITERACY INFORMATION

Your First Tax Return

Most students will not know that the financial year ends in June of each year. Students who are working casually may also not know about their taxation responsibilities and the need for a tax return.

The Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) is one of the numerous entities that provide young Australians with information about their taxation responsibilities. Parents and carers may wish to show and discuss these links to their teenage children, especially if they are working casually. Your child may also like to view the video links on the following webpage.


The Wealth Academy also provides articles and videos that relate to taxation. Our student ezine Teenfinca® Issue 2, 2016 has two articles that help students understand responsibilities related to paid work. They are:-

- Your first job, and your first pay (written by Taxpayers Australia), and
- A new job — What about tax and super? (written by Dr Toni Chardon, Lecturer USQ)

Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss these articles with their children.

Provided by our partners Precision Wealth Management and H&R Block Aspley

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