From the Principal’s Desk

The 2016 school year is well and truly underway at Wynnum High with assessment starting and Term One reports being prepared shortly.

This year we are living our new Strategic Improvement Plan 2016-2019. This plan details three critical areas for us to frame our improvement on for the next four years.

- High Expectations
- Quality Teaching and Learning
- Tracking Students for Success

Detailed explanations can be found on the school website (www.wynnumshs.eq.edu.au) but the priorities for students to focus on at this time are:

- PROUD learning – Positive, Respectful, On-Task, Unified, Determined
- 95% attendance at school
- Be fully prepared for all classes
- Commit to and prepare for all assessment on time
- Spend time each week reading

This week we have also celebrated Student Leadership. Our School, Sport, Community and Cultural Captains and House Leaders have received their “Blazers and Badges” but have also accepted their role in leading students at Wynnum State High School.
These fine young people have already contributed significantly to life at Wynnum High for our students and I am sure will have much more to do with making 2016 the best year yet at this wonderful school.

Cunningham House Leaders
Ibrahim, Paige and Nick with Head of House,
Mr Matt Shefford

Kennedy House Leaders
Adam, Jasper and Rose with Head of House,
Mrs Tenielle Lumsdale

Mitchell House Leaders
Hannah, Ayrton and Keelin with Head of House,
Mrs Shannon Redsell

Oxley House Leaders
Head of House Ms Angela Rees, with House leaders Taylor,
Mikayla and Ezekiel
A note from the School Chaplain

My name is Greg Deighton and I am the Chaplain at this great school. I am here and happy to chat whenever you need. The start of school can be tough for students as they are trying to settle in.

Forming friendships takes time and I encourage you to just keep supporting your child. Often we at the school are not aware if students are struggling, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like me to check on them throughout the day or have a chat. I am available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday on 3906 7315 or anytime via email gdeig1@eq.edu.au

Greg Deighton
School Chaplain

P & C Annual General Meeting
Thursday 10 March
6.30 pm School Library

This AGM will then be followed by a General Meeting. All parents and community members are invited to attend.

Term 1 Reports
will be emailed home in the last week of school this term.

Please ensure that we have a copy of your current email address. Alternatively, if you do not wish to receive your child’s report via email please let us know.

For all enquiries, we ask you to contact the School Office on 3906 7333.
STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL TARGET FOR 2016 IS 95%

There is a vast body of evidence that shows a clear connection between student attendance at school and success in later life. Regardless of the field of endeavour that a young person pursues after school, a pattern of repeated absence is nearly always correlated with difficulties in the workplace and in life more generally. It is therefore critical that a school seeks to bring out the best in young people and takes measures to ensure that students are at school as consistently as possible.

Our processes for monitoring and reporting on student attendance are an important part of our capacity to do the best that we can for your child. However, in order for these processes to be effective, we require the support of our families.

Practical ways in which you can support us include:

- Limiting the number of absences to those that are absolutely necessary
- Ensuring that your mobile phone number is kept up to date in the school records. If you have recently changed phone numbers, please contact the school office on 3906 7333
- Contacting the school to explain any absence that your child has from school. This can be done in one of the following ways:
  - Reply to the SMS message sent from the school regarding your child’s absence
  - Email
    studentabsences@wynnumshs.eq.edu.au
    stating your child’s name, year level and reason for absence
  - leave a message on the 24 hour Student Absence Line on 3906 7366 stating your child’s name, year level and reason for absence
  - a note from a parent or medical certificate (if appropriate) submitted to Student Services on the day the student returns to school.

We thank you for your support as we work together to help your child achieve their potential.

Kim Hutchinson
Deputy Principal

We have included a Ready Reference Guide that you can cut from this newsletter and keep in a convenient place.

Student Attendance
Ready Reference Guide

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Wynnum State High School
Proudly Building Futures Together
Teen Mental Health First Aid

School leaders were invited to participate in a Teen Mental Health First Aid course on Wednesday 17 February. The course was facilitated by trained mental health professionals.

During this worthwhile course we learned that a person’s mental health is about the wellbeing of their mind, including their thoughts, emotions and behaviours. The course explained how mental health occurs and how the relationships between thoughts, emotions and behaviours are linked. Research shows that one in four people aged 16-24 will experience a mental health problem and this can have a big impact on a person’s ability to get on with life and can disrupt a young person’s development in a whole range of area.

Through watching cartoons, playing games and reading, we learned how to approach appropriate help. At the end of the day our goal was to memorise the five steps of the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan:

1. **Look** for warning signs
2. **Ask** how they are
3. **Listen** up
4. **Help** them connect with an adult
5. **Your friendship** is important.

If you are experiencing some problems and need some help or even just someone to talk to, don’t be afraid to go to a responsible adult to seek help. Chaplain Greg, Gabrielle Nolan (School Health Nurse) and Karen Bowen (Youth Health Coordinator) are always open for a chat just to see how things are going. Your wellbeing is important to everyone!

Lydia Garsden
Community Captain

Valentine’s Day 2016

The leadership team for 2016 had devised new strategies and also drew from old ones in previous years to create the best Valentine’s Day that the staff and students at Wynnnum had ever seen. We started advertising early, getting the word out that the special time of year was coming, and that the opportunity to buy your special someone a chocolate or flower was on the rise. Wonderful posters were created that would soon be seen floating around school. Yet, that wasn’t enough – we also told everyone on assembly to come on down to the tuckshop and buy a chocolate or flower.

When we started taking orders on that first lunch break a week before the event, we got more people than expected. The students were lining up almost down past the tables! That following week was no different, there were students and staff lining up, and buying their chocolates and flowers for the whole time we were there. Once the final orders were taken, it was time to organise them and get them ready for the chocolates and flowers the next morning.
Our dedicated team gave up their time during the lunch break to organise all the cards into their house groups, and a few of us even stayed behind after school to finish them off. We all went home tired as anything, but we knew what we had to do the next morning.

All of us, the School Captains, House Leaders and Junior Secondary Captains, and some extra volunteers, came to school on that Friday morning at 7 am, eager to get this done. When the 200 flowers arrived, we knew it was “go-time”. We all got to work getting the flowers and chocolates paired up with their respective cards, double checking that all the orders were correct, and before we knew it, we had finished it all. Now it was just time to wait for that first House Group bell to go so that we could make a mad dash around the school and deliver all the chocolates and flowers in only 10 minutes. It sounded crazy and impossible at first, but with sheer teamwork and determination from everyone involved, we completed our first major event at Wynnum High for 2016 with flying colours.

Taia Green  
School Captain

Notes from Anonymous

The Valentine’s Day project. A day where we celebrate love in school. It was our first test as a team and most importantly as a group of friends. It tested our abilities as leaders, as team players and the level of dedication each individual had to the team. Did we do well or did we fall apart? Did I see a team or just a group of students.

What was displayed by each team member on this project was motivational and inspirational to me. Seeing a group of young, aspiring men and women working and communicating together gave me so much confidence in the potential and power of our team.

We are a big group of 20 members however we are already connecting, developing relationships, working and listening to each other. These qualities are crucial in a team. I watched for these qualities and tested each member throughout this project and saw that many already possessed these characteristics. I am particularly impressed with the efforts of our Junior Secondary captains and the execution displayed by the House Leaders. These students illustrated a great level of dedication from arriving early in the morning to sort out flowers and the making of the cards that came with each flower students ordered.

The captains also did a great job at the Valentine’s stall where they ordered students flowers, attracted customers with their fancy, red hats and their ‘pumping’ music from the 80s. I also saw leadership qualities in students who instructed and informed students where to deliver flowers and those who bought extra flowers to compensate for a miscount.

This is a very capable team. A team keen to participate; a team devoted to this school. Our members this year have potential, vision and each have their own voice. I believe that these visions will come to fruition simply because the team is a team! This was only one out many projects to come but, from what I saw throughout this project there is nothing to be worried about.

Nathaniel Laurel (aka Anonymous)  
School Captain
News from the Senior School

As we approach Week 7 of the first term, senior students have already been involved in various activities which aim to complement their formal, curriculum learning. Some of these activities are outlined below:

**QUT Get Ready for Uni Day**

Eleven Year 12 students participated in the QUT Get Ready for Uni Day in February. Students were able to select faculties of interest to them and attend presentations to learn more about university study next year. Feedback from the students was positive and the day inspired their goals for next year.

As the year goes on, all of the universities will host Open Days, so there will be lots of opportunities for students to visit the various campuses and talk to university staff and students about courses for next year. We will advertise these through this newsletter and by emailing senior students at the appropriate times.

**Eric Bailey Presentation to Year 11 Students**

Recently our Year 10 and 11 cohorts were privileged to participate in a presentation by Eric Bailey, the well-known international speaker. Eric both entertained and motivated the students with his unique combination of storytelling and student participation. Inspirational stories relating to both his childhood and more recent events were recounted by Eric in order to reinforce the strong message that came through of ‘Don’t ever give up.’

Also, as part of the student participation Eric performed a series of handshakes with Jack Cowan, not an easy task with such a difference in height, Eric being 198 cm tall. We were also very fortunate to be the recipients of Eric’s new book ‘Bring Your A Game’, a very welcome addition to our school library.

**Upcoming Events for Senior Students**

**QCS Seminar Day – Wednesday 9 March 2016**

As a part of the QCS preparation program for Year 12 students who will sit the QCS test in August, we will be hosting the first of three QCS Seminar Days next Wednesday. All QCS students will rotate through three different sessions run by external QCS consultants. Our three consultants are experts in their fields of QCS knowledge and the day will allow students to extend their QCS skills. Students have already been advised of this day and the need to attend. *This means that Year 12 QCS students will need to attend school until 2.40 pm on Wednesday 9 March.*

**Assessment, Deadlines and Stress**

It is not uncommon for senior students to feel the extra pressure of a lot of assessment deadlines which will be looming over the next few weeks at this point of the term. Strategies for dealing with these deadlines include creating a time management schedule, speaking to teachers earlier rather than later if there are difficulties with a task and being prepared to put in that extra effort for the last few weeks of term. Should students need extra assistance they are welcome to see myself, Mrs Marina Williams in F24 or make an appointment with our Guidance Officer, Mr Rob Inglis.

**Student Exchange Program Opportunity - WEP Australia**

If you’re interested in discovering the world, WEP Australia is holding a student exchange info session this month in Brisbane! RSVP now to receive event updates.

[https://www.facebook.com/events/1120083394703629/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1120083394703629/)

WEP Student Exchange – Free information evenings for students/parents in Yrs 9-12
World Education Program (WEP) offer high school exchange to 25 countries across the world. The opportunity to apply for exchange is open to all students aged 15 – 18 years regardless of whether they have studied a foreign language or not.

Benefits of going on exchange with WEP
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6IPThN6iRA&index=7&list=UUbvTVjRIYhpFYosnpivCndA
- WEP guarantee the student’s country of choice and program duration.
- It’s not a competition! WEP are able to accept and place all students who meet the selection criteria.
- Most non-English speaking countries do not require prior language learning.
- WEP is a registered student exchange organisation, meeting the State Government registration standards in QLD.

Senior Pathways

Job skills you will need in 2020
According to the World Economic Forum, in five years from now over one-third of skills that are considered important in today’s workforce will have changed. According to a new Forum report, ‘The Future of Jobs’, the following skills will be in demand (the list is in order of priority):
- Complex Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity
- People Management
- Coordinating with Others
- Emotional Intelligence
- Judgement and Decision Making
- Service Orientation
- Negotiation
- Cognitive Flexibility

Making career decisions
In Years 10 and 11 you are expected to begin the process of exploring what you might like to do in the future. Year 12 students are required to make decisions about what they are going to do next year.

What is career decision-making?
- Career decision-making isn’t magic.
- It is a process during which you develop some job ideas, research them and prioritise them.
- It is a complex process. Many factors must be considered (e.g. your interests, values, abilities). There are also many influences on the decision (e.g. what your parents and friends think, availability of jobs, education pathways).
- You are not making lifelong decisions. You are deciding on your first step after completing secondary school.
How do I develop job ideas?

- You probably already have some ideas (don’t discount those ‘dream’ ideas!).
- You can develop more ideas by doing a questionnaire – examples of these:
  - myfuture [http://www.myfuture.edu.au/](http://www.myfuture.edu.au/) ('Sign-up' the first time you use this website)
  - Career Quest [http://www.careers.govt.nz/tools/](http://www.careers.govt.nz/tools/) - this is a New Zealand site that has a career quiz

How do I explore my job ideas?

- Use your research skills.
- Talk to people already in the jobs (go prepared with questions).
- Try the job – see the Guidance Officer/Workplace Co-ordinator, Tanya Moore in F24, about doing work experience.

Updates from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

START QUT – High achieving Year 12 students can study a university subject and experience university life through this program. Applications for Semester two 2016 open on 1 March and close on 13 May. Find out more at [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/high-school-programs/start-qut](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/high-school-programs/start-qut).

Prerequisite subjects for Education degrees – Unlike most courses at QUT, Education courses have prerequisites for entry in 2017. Students who wish to apply for these courses but don’t meet the prerequisites have an option to gain them through bridging courses. See [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/prerequisite-subjects](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/prerequisite-subjects) for a list of the prerequisites and information about bridging courses at QUT.

Updates from the University of Queensland (UQ)

2016 UQ Science Ambassador Program – Through this program, science teachers nominate up to four current Year 11 students to interact with UQ and assist science teachers to raise the profile of science in your school. If you are in Year 11 and are interested in being a part of this program, talk to your science teacher and visit the website at [http://www.science.uq.edu.au/science-ambassadors](http://www.science.uq.edu.au/science-ambassadors). Applications close on 21 March 2016.

FEAST in 2016 - Interested in agriculture, animals, vet science, food or the environment? Consider attending FEAST (Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology). FEAST is a five-day residential program held at the UQ Gatton Campus for students in Years 10 – 12 (preference is given to Year 11 and 12 students). In 2016, it will be held from 26 - 30 June (during the school holidays). Registrations open online on 1 March and close on 24 April. At this time, you can submit an expression of interest on the website at [http://www.science.uq.edu.au/feast](http://www.science.uq.edu.au/feast).

Experience Science 2016 - If you are in Years 10 – 12, the Experience Science 2016 program at the St Lucia campus provides an opportunity to find out what it is like to study science at UQ and how science is applied in industry and everyday life. The event will be held in July. Contact your Science teacher or Guidance Officer if you are interested in attending this program as registrations are usually made through your school. You can read more about the program at [http://www.science.uq.edu.au/expsci](http://www.science.uq.edu.au/expsci). On this site you can join the mailing list to be notified when registrations open.

Architecture Workshops - Senior high school students are invited to a hands-on workshop held at the Queensland State Library on Thursday 10 March 2016. Students will have the opportunity to work through the design minds process (inquire, ideate and implement). For information, contact Helen Burdon on phone 3365 2382 or email h.burdon@uq.edu.au. More information will be made available soon through an email directly to schools.
Year 7 Camp - Girls

Our story begins on 17th February when the fabulous Year 7 girls, went on school camp. Their journey began by boarding a bus. After a long and perilous trip filled with tears cascading from girls watching ‘Red Dog’ and being inspired by the ‘Sapphires’. We arrived at Emu Gully Adventure Camp where we were split into three groups: Alpha, Bravo and Charlie.

One of the challenges the groups had to face was the Malayan Campaign 1, where the girls took on the role of the Allied Forces struggling through the Malayan jungles in heavy artillery trucks. In this activity the girls learned to trust each other by letting another girl drive them through the winding track and challenging obstacles in buggies which was a new experience for many of the group.

The next challenge they had to face was the Malayan Campaign 2 where our girls had to ride push bikes through a small, rugged track to a shallow billabong where they had to create a bridge from four heavy blistering hot aluminium pontoons and six long aluminium walkways. One of our groups, Alpha, completed this task successfully.

The final day-lit challenge was Templeton’s Crossing which is a replica of probably the most challenging part of the Kokoda Track. This trail involved sticky, wet mud which most girls fell into. This activity involved tremendous amounts of teamwork and co-operation as we lugged boxes of ammunition to the front line.

The adventure did not stop when night fell we had plenty to do like setting up our tents, cooking our food and more activities. There were four night activities; one was making a bridge with two planks and two logs and getting everyone across without being hit into the water by sand bags being swung at us; the second one was crawling through a dark tunnel; the third was getting everyone across the billabong on a small boat; and the last activity was a giant slide where each group had five minutes to slide down as many times as they could. There was also the dam where there was a rope swing and a jumping tower.

All round we had an amazing time!

Ava and Amy
Year 7 students
Year 7 Camp - Boys

In Week Four, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the Year 7 boys went to the Emu Gully Adventure Education Camp. We said goodbye to our parents and set off on a two hour bus journey. On the way we watched the very thrilling movie 'The Incredibles'.

We arrived at camp via a long gravelly road, and were greeted by our camouflaged guides, who informed us of our mission as we stepped off the bus. It was to gain a greater understanding of respect. After that we were showed the equipment and food we would be using to survive our two night stay. We were then split into the groups that had been chosen by our teachers to set up our accommodation (an area with a tarp over the top of it) and started pitching our tents. After that we set off on our first activity.

We did dam swimming, bridge building, mountain biking combined with bridge building, flower bomb fights, Buggy driving (the kind with engines not the ones you push), Templeton’s Crossing (lots of mud) and just plain surviving. After we had cooked our own food, survived the night and dealt with the toilets (which were just buckets), we packed up our tents and dirty, muddy clothes and headed home on the bus, enjoying a little sleep.

The experience was amazing and helped us make more new friends, and learn a lot more about respect.

Jed and Bailey
Year 7 students
Junior Secondary News

Term 1 is over half way through and Year 7, 8 and 9 students are well into their first round of assessment. They are working hard and we have seen some excellent examples of their efforts already.

Over 330 laptops have been allocated in the Junior School. Students who have not yet received their laptop need to check the student notices for their name each day.

The Year 7s are coming to grips with their new machines through the laptop licence program in Pastoral Care. Don’t forget that course information can be found at [https://elearn.eq.edu.au](https://elearn.eq.edu.au) in each subject’s Virtual Classroom. Your child will need to enter their username and password. If you have any technical questions, please ask your child to see the Tech Team in the Library or feel free to contact Allan Nutley, our IT Manager on anutl1@eq.edu.au or Lisa Hawkin on lhawk7@eq.edu.au and we’ll be happy to help you out.

Decorate your door

Each year students in the Junior Secondary school participate in the ‘Decorate your Door’ competition with their core teachers. Student work is displayed and the doors are judged by our Junior Secondary School Captains. The winner of DYD this year was 8A with their Pac Man inspired door.
The Arts News

Instrumental Music Information Evening – Tuesday 15 March at 6:30 pm
On Tuesday 15 March at 6:30 pm in the Star Theatre all Instrumental Music Parents are invited to join the Instrumental Music Parents’ Support (IMPS) group for a meet and greet and information night. The Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Big Band will all be performing this evening. This year the Symphonic Band will be directed by Mr John Cosic. John has come to us from Central Queensland where he has spent the last five years working with students in Biloela, Rockhampton and Gladstone. You will have an opportunity to meet Mr Cosic at the Instrumental Music Information evening on Tuesday 15 March.

Instrumental Music - Band Tour
This year we are putting together a tour band made up of students from the Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Big Band. Expression of Interest letters have been handed out to students and emailed to parents and are due back to school by Friday 11 March. This year the band will be touring to Cairns and Yarrabah from Tuesday 9 August – Saturday 13 August.

Students in the Big Band participated in a workshop in February with a great team of young musicians from the Jazz School demonstrating and performing Jazz styles and techniques. Thanks to Mrs Anderson for organising this educational demonstration for the students.

A series of lunchtime concerts have begun at Wynnum SHS where students are able to present their performance work. The first of the concerts featured The Rarest, an indie-rock band featuring Tamia Wade, David Lamont, Bernie Morgan and Brendan Dunstan. Thanks to these students for being the first cabs off the rank and doing such a terrific job. The crowd loved them.

We also welcome this year to Creative Arts team Naomi Doherty and Angela Michael who are leading the new Dance program here at Wynnum. We look forward to seeing the great work they have done with dance students from Years 7 – 10 at Junior and Senior showcase events.

On Wednesday afternoons Ms Ioannou has gathered an enthusiastic group of 15 young students to form the Wynnum SHS Drama Club. Drama Club is on Wednesdays from 3:00pm – 4:00pm in the Imperial Playhouse. If you are interested to know more about Drama Club please contact Ms Ioannou.

Date Claimer
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DON'T MISS THE BIGGEST THEATRICAL EVENT OF THE YEAR!
HAIRSPRAY comes to life like you've never seen it before at the Brisbane Convention Centre in this record breaking arena spectacular!

Starring Simon Burke, Christine Anu, Tim Campbell, Wayne Scott Kermond and Lauren McKenna as Tracy Turnblad alongside a cast of over 800 performers, including Wynnum State High School students Abbey Paterson and Keelin McLaren.

Don't miss the largest production of HAIRSPRAY ever staged in the world. With explosive choreography and stunning sets and costumes this will be a journey back to the 60's you won't forget when Harvest Rain presents this big fat arena production of everyone's favourite musical, HAIRSPRAY!

So get in quick as the season is limited and selling out fast! HAIRSPRAY plays for five performances only from 8 - 10 April at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

To book now visit ticketek.com.au or hairsprayarenashow.com

Languages Department - French

On Thursday, 18 February, six brave Year 12 French students travelled to UQ's St Lucia Campus for the Taste of French afternoon. The afternoon, sponsored by the university, encompassed a range of activities including a “Great Race” around the campus, French conversation practice, and tutorials led by UQ lecturers. Almost the entire afternoon was conducted in French and the students were encouraged to use their language skills as much as possible.

Madame McNeill was very proud of Alex, Alice, Caitlin, Harrison, Jess and Meghan for the effort they all put in to participating in the afternoon. They were very respectful on public transport and enthusiastic in their endeavours to get their meanings across without using English (including some very interesting gestures and interpretive dance moves!).
House News

House Reports
Our House Leaders received their official badge on Friday, however these wonderful students have already been busy organising and participating in school events.

The first official Oxley event for 2016 is Harmony Day and the National Day Against Bullying which will be acknowledged at school on the 18th March. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone; themes that link directly to the anti-bullying focus of the National Day against Bullying. We will be encouraging all students to join the leaders for pancakes before school, to sign the anti-bullying pledge and to wear the colour orange.

It’s been a great start to 2016 for Kennedy House who took out the crown at the annual Swimming Carnival. Thank you and congratulations to those Kennedy-ites who took to the pool and gave it their all! Our House Leaders Adam Guthrie, Rose Ellwood and Jasper Fahey are currently busy organising lunch time activities for Harmony Day. All students need to keep their eyes on the notices for the particular activities which will be running around Harmony Day for the whole school to come together and participate in. Our House Leaders have also been supporters, sideline coaches and players in this week’s touch tournament. Keep up the great house spirit Kennedy; you are doing us all proud!

This year as part of our new student leadership initiative each house will be leading an activity each term. Mitchell House is proud to announce that we will be holding a charity drive which aims to raise donations for The Salvation Army Homelessness Services. This service provides items to families who are experiencing Homelessness and/or Domestic Violence - families who may have left everything behind when escaping domestic violence and starting again with nothing.

Did you know………
Over 100,000 Australians will be homeless tonight:
- Half are under 24 years old and 10,000 are children
- 1 in 40 children under five use a homeless service each year
- The largest single cause of homelessness in Australia is domestic and family violence, which overwhelmingly affects women and children.

Homelessness can affect anyone you know - your neighbour, your friends, even your family. There is a wide diversity of people looking for help for many different reasons. Broken marriages, disabilities, domestic violence, mental illness or breakdown may all contribute. Homelessness is one of the most distressing things for a person to experience. The Salvation Army relies on the compassion and generosity of people like you to help the homeless and desperate in our community.

With your support we can help The Salvation Army Homelessness service give the homeless a new start. Please support our charity drive by bringing in any of the following items listed below on Thursday 10th March. These items will then be assembled into packs for families who have nothing.

Please note: All items must be new. No second hand items please.

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This term Cunningham has the privilege of organising and running a series of sporting events for the whole school. The newly elected House Leaders Paige Baker, Ibrahim Al-Zagezoug and Nick Bishop, wasted no time and quickly set out planning an inter-house touch tournament that would promote and encourage sporting participation across all year levels.

The Touch tournament is currently underway and over the course of the next two weeks students in Oxley, Cunningham, Kennedy and Mitchell houses will compete for the coveted title of ‘Touch Champions’. We have had a great first week with huge crowds eager to watch the close games and see all of the action unfold. We look forward to the finals next week and wish all of the teams playing luck!

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**Interhouse Cross Country/Walk for Health**

**Date:** Thursday 24th March (weather permitting)
**Time:** 9.00 am – 11.20 am
**Place:** Wynnum SHS – (Map is on all school noticeboards)

On Thursday 24th March students can wear their house colours or sports uniform. Students must wear sport shoes – **NO Bare Feet.**

Cunningham - Light Blue       Kennedy - Yellow       Mitchell - Red       Oxley - Purple

The school canteen will operate as normal.

Parents are welcome to attend the Cross Country carnival. All students are expected to participate either as a runner, walker or student helper. Student helpers can sign up on the Sports Centre noticeboard.

**Upcoming Cross Country Events:**

- Bayside District Cross Country – Thursday 21st April
- Metropolitan East Cross Country- Tuesday 17th May

Don’t forget your hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and water-bottle
Maths Department News

Mathletics 2016
Students in Years 7-9 Mathematics have been enrolled in Mathletics this year. These students have been given a Mathletics login and password to use at home and at school.

Mathematics Competitions

• Students are welcome to enter the Australian Mathematics Competition with entries closing on 5 May and the competition held on 28 July.
• Students can enter in the Star Brisbane Mathematics Competition
  Date: Sunday, 10th April 2016, at 10:00 am
  Venue: Queensland University of Technology, Gardens Point, Block Z, Theatre 304
Enter online at http://www.astarmathscompetition.com

There will be two categories; Junior (Years 8–9–10) and Senior (Years 11 and 12). Entry is free, but students must register prior. There will be 25 multiple choice questions with one hour to complete. Each correct answer is worth one point. For each incorrect answer 0.25 points will be deducted. It is a great way for students to obtain certificates to put in their resume. The top three students will receive a trophy and every student will be given a participation certificate. These will be high distinction, distinction, credit and merit certificates.

Some thoughtful reading follows.

Opportunities for Engineers as the Fourth Industrial Revolution hits
Originally Posted by Engineers Australia – Wednesday 27 January 2016

• Engineering specialists in materials, biochemicals, nanotech and robotics will become critically important to the industries by 2020, claims new research by the World Economic Forum.
• According to the report, the rate of change means that at conservative estimates, 7.1 million jobs could be lost through redundancy, automation or disintermediation over the next five years, while 2.1 million new jobs will be created, mostly in specialised areas such as Computer and Mathematical or Architecture and Engineering.

Peter Wilson
HOD
**Upcoming Events**

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<td>Thurs 24 March</td>
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<td>Mon 25 April</td>
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*All WSHS students welcome to come!*  
Tuesday and Thursday 3 to 4pm in the WSHS library.  
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