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Mr Rob Slater

Head of Senior Campus

Mr Chris Pocock

Head of Residential Campus

Mrs Cath McGrath-Jeffrey

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 – 12 September

YR11 Camp

13 September

Last Day of Term 3

30 September

First Day of Term 4

9 October

Water Bomb Wednesday at
Senior

5 November

Awards Night

P&C MEETING

Our P&C meeting will be held at the
Junior Campus: Staff Meeting
Room

**Wednesday, 16th October
at 7:00pm**

All parents and community members
are welcome and encouraged to
attend.

As I was preparing to write for this month's Newsletter, I was thinking about how communication between homes and school can be improved. Coincidentally I received an email reminding me to promote the QParents app.

I will include some information for parents and carers who have not yet downloaded this useful tool.

What is QParents?

QParents is a user-friendly portal (accessible via app or web browser), that provides parents with secure online access to information about their child's schooling.

How will QParents help me?

QParents enables you to access and manage information about your child online.

What information is available in QParents?

You can access information about:

- attendance details
- timetables and upcoming events
- report cards and assessments
- invoices and payment history.

What are the benefits of using QParents?

QParents provides:

- greater transparency with online access to your child's information
- ease of viewing and updating your child's details (including address and medical conditions)
- anytime, anywhere access on a smart phone, tablet or computer
- access to the latest information in one centralised place
- improved administration efficiencies and reduced printing and mail-outs.

How do I register for QParents?

Your child's school will send you a letter or email inviting you to register for QParents. You will then be able to register via the secure QParents website (qparents.qld.edu.au) using the unique invitation code contained in the letter or email.

You will need each child's unique EQ ID and you must verify your identity by providing 100 points of ID. If you cannot verify your identity online, you should contact your child's school for assistance.

The school will review your registration and approve your account. You will then be able to access the QParents app and delegate read-only access to another parent, carer or family member (known as a 'Delegated Viewer').

Refer to the QParents Registration fact sheet for parents for more information on registering and verifying your identity.

Where can I find help using QParents?

If you need assistance using QParents, you can:

- check the help page at qparents.qld.edu.au/#/help
- call 13 QGOV (13 74 68)
- contact your child's school.



[Visit our school website](#)



Regards,
Mr Rob Slater
Principal



[Find us on Facebook](#)

Cross Country

Well done to all the students named age champion at the cross-country in week 5.
Congratulations **Rifle House** for being the cross-country house champions.

Age Champions	
12 Years Boys – Kalel Kose	12 Years Girls – Addison Wernowski
13 Years Boys – Beau Eatts-Rankine	13 Years Girls – Havarni Lailey
14 Years Boys – Anthony Wallace	14 Years Girls – Yasmin Wyld-Hill
15 Years Boys – Justin Bell	15 Years Girls – Mariaha Barry
16 Years Boys – Billy Donovan	16 Years Girls – Sydnee Cleeland
17 Years Boys – Dustin Willetts	17 Years Girls – Ella Schmidt - Chelsea Stephens



P&C General Meeting

Parents and Citizen Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month. The meetings are a great way to make a positive contribution to the life of our school. The P&C General Meeting will occur Wednesday 23rd October in the Junior Campus Staff Meeting Room starting at 7:00pm.

2024 Next Step Year 12 Completers Survey

All our students who completed Year 12 last year will soon receive an invitation to do the Next Step survey. The short five-minute survey asks graduates about the study and work they have been doing since finishing school. The results from the survey help our school improve our senior programs and prepare students for work and further study.

We ask parents, siblings and friends to encourage our graduates to complete the survey. If their contact details have changed, please assist survey interviewers with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Graduates may receive an invitation by mail, email or phone. The survey can be completed online or by phone.

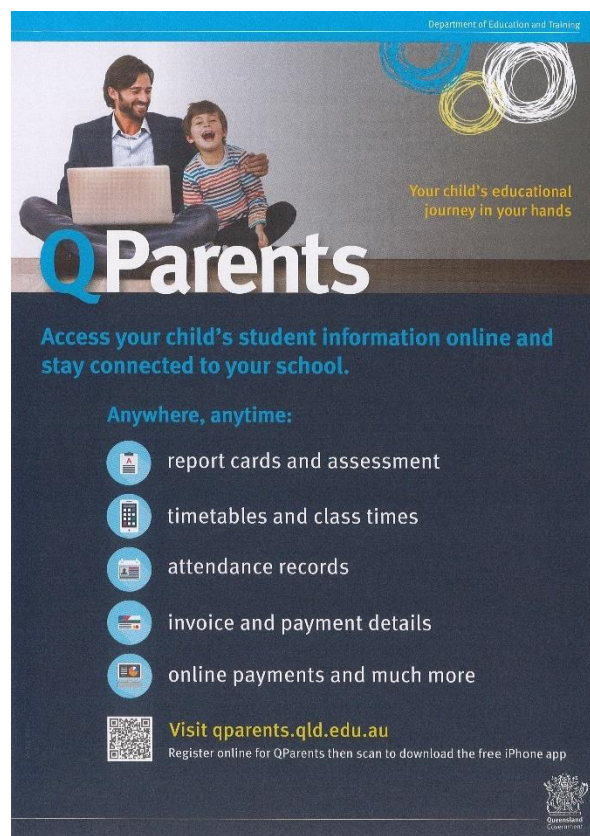
For more information about Next Step, including previous results, visit www.qld.gov.au/nextstep.

QParents & BPOINT Payments

We would like to encourage all parents to join QParents. Letters with codes are making their way home year level by year level and an information sheet has been attached to the end of this newsletter. The preferred method of payments for school fees is BPOINT and this is easily accessible through the QParents App or <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>. We also accept direct deposit, or payment at the school offices.

When making BPOINT payments, please pay each invoice line separately as it appears on the statement, do not pay one total amount as this will delay processing the payment. Please see the attached flyer for instructions, or visit the school office at either campus for assistance.

The QParents app can also be used to view and update attendance and student details, download report cards, timetables, invoices and view other important information. We highly recommend using QParents, if you are interested, please contact our Offices.



Department of Education and Training

Your child's educational journey in your hands

QParents



Access your child's student information online and stay connected to your school.

Anywhere, anytime:

- report cards and assessment
- timetables and class times
- attendance records
- invoice and payment details
- online payments and much more

Visit qparents.qld.edu.au

Register online for QParents then scan to download the free iPhone app



QKR APP

QKR app is a secure method to order and pay for a variety of non-invoiced school items at a time and place that suits you. The app also keeps receipts and allows you to send by email if required.

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

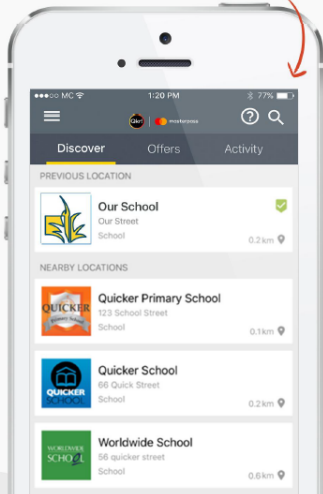
Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name



School GP Clinic

Our free GP Clinic located at the Junior Campus Office and will have a GP from Gidgee Healing available to ALL Spinifex students for appointments every Friday from 8:30am to 12pm.

To be able to see the Doctor parents must first complete a Gidgee Healing consent form. All students 15 years and under will require a parent or nominated carer to be present for their appointments. Students 16 and over will not need to have a parent attend in person but will still need to have returned a signed consent form. Appointments for this year can be made through Elsa Claassen at Junior on 4740 1111 or by emailing GP@spinifexsc.eq.edu.au

All consent forms can be found on our website:

<https://spinifexsc.eq.edu.au/>

Our school / Initiatives / Related Links



Proudly participating in the GPs in Schools Pilot

Spinifex State College Mount Isa

School GP Clinic is now taking Bookings

Junior Campus Clinic open Fridays from 8:30am -12:30pm for Year 7-12 students

To book an appointment:

Contact Elsa to book via Phone:4740 1111 or email: GP@spinifexsc.eq.edu.au

In and around school

Year 8 Science

This term, Year 8 students have been learning about the human body, focusing on the different body systems and how they work together to support the function of the organism. In Week 6, students had the unique opportunity to participate in a pig heart dissection, bringing their studies to life in a hands-on and memorable way.

During the dissection, students made a coronal plane cut, allowing them to explore the internal structure of the heart. They were able to feel the strength of the heart muscle tissue and the texture of



the veins and arteries. With guidance, students identified the four chambers of the heart, located heartstrings, and even found blood clots, deepening their understanding of how the heart functions. This practical experience was an invaluable part of their learning journey, giving students a tangible connection to the concepts they've been studying. They should be incredibly proud of their efforts and the knowledge they've gained throughout this term.

Miss Mikayla Cook
Teacher / Year 8 Co-ordinator

Book Week 2024

The Junior Campus celebrated Book Week from 19th August - 23rd August. Throughout the week, students were reminded of the magic of reading, the benefits of reading and the joy reading can bring. Shortlisted books were available for loan, with 'Scar Town' by Tristan Banks being a popular choice amongst the students. Two Book Week competitions ran during the week; a short story and poster competition.

Throughout the week, staff participated in a Department Challenge by creating some wonderful doors based around this year's Book Week theme, Reading is Magic. Our three Year 9 judges, Holly Jobling, Emily Wilson and Yone' Buys analysed each door carefully and declared the Science Department as our winners.

On Friday, we concluded Book Week with our annual Dress Up Day. A number of staffed and students arrived at school as their favourite characters from a variety of stories: Minecraft, Spiderman, Wizard of Oz, Anne of Green Gables, Rainbow Magic, Adventure Time and more!

Congratulations to our Dress Up Day Winners:

Year 7 - Brynn Lovelock

Year 8 - Jasmine Harvey

Year 9 - Rhys Munday

Staff - Miss Lauren Brown

The Short Story and Poster competition winners are still yet to be announced.



Miss Hannah Bridges
Library Teacher Aide

Western Wednesday Jeans for Genes Day!!

Western Wednesday was a big hit at both the Senior and Junior Campus, raising \$264.30 for the Jeans for Genes Research Foundation.

Thank you to all students and staff that participated and contributed. There was some great Western Wear on show!!

Congratulations to our 'Best Dressed' winners at Junior Campus, Mac and Kate.



PBL Reward at Senior

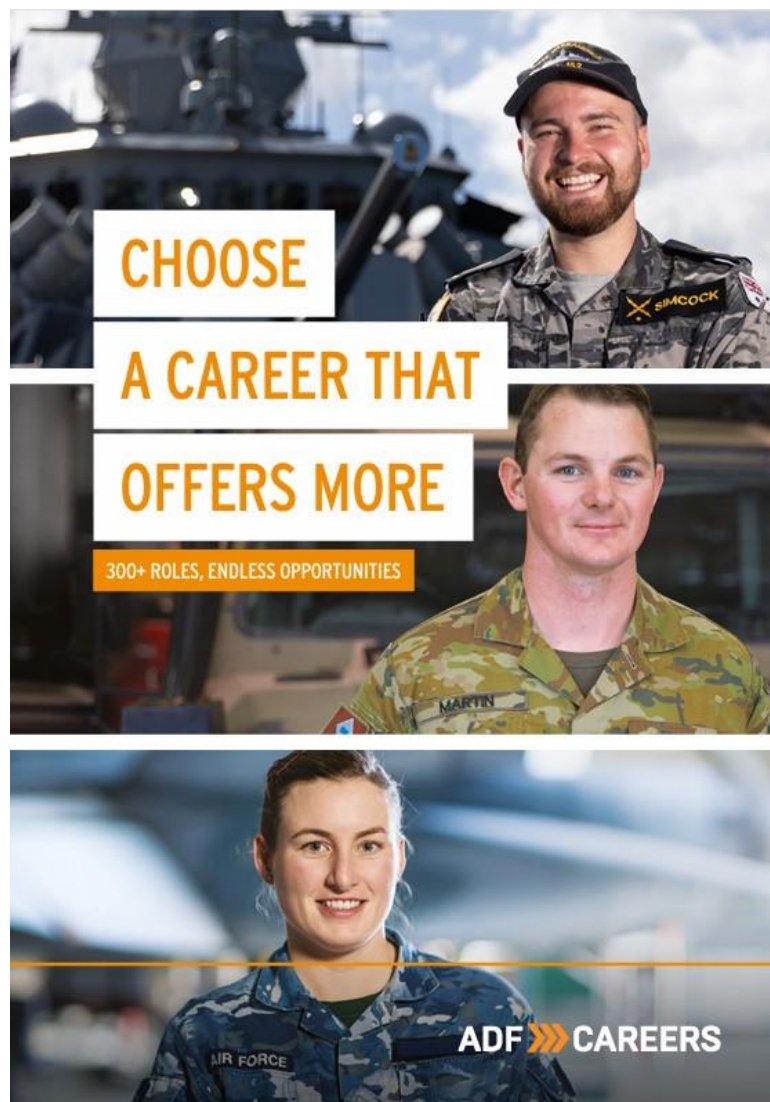
On Western Wednesday the Senior Campus were treated to their PBL reward. Ducks were hidden around the school and during lunch students searched, returning ducks for different prizes.



Careers

Interested in exploring the diverse roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force? Chat with current serving members about job roles, further study opportunities, or flexible part-time commitments at the Mobile ADF Careers Centre 6:00 - 8:00pm, Wednesday 4th September at Red Earth Hotel, Cnr Rodeo & West St, Mount Isa, QLD, 4825. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions you have about Australian Defence Force careers and opportunities.

Learn more about the roles on offer by visiting the ADF Careers website: <https://www.adfcareers.gov.au>



Community News

A photograph of three teenagers working on pottery projects at a table. One teen on the left is shaping a piece of clay on a pottery wheel. Another teen in the center is working with a piece of clay. A third teen on the right is also working. The table is covered with various pottery-related items like brushes, water containers, and pieces of clay.

Pottery for teens
trinket tray workshop

Workshop for Ages 12 - 17 years.
September 18th or October 12th,
bookings via:
www.eventbrite.com.au/o/arts-on-alma-87417235983

The logo for 'ARTS ON ALMA' features the word 'ARTS' in white capital letters inside four colored squares (red, yellow, blue, green). Below this, the words 'ON ALMA' are written in a white, stylized, outlined font on a black background.

MOUNT ISA JUNIOR CRICKET 11 TO 14 YEARS BOYS & GIRLS



TERM 4 - EIGHT WEEKS
THURSDAYS
5PM -7PM
FROM OCTOBER 10
@ BARKLY HIGHWAY SS
COST: \$80



MOUNT ISA BLAST CRICKET 5 - 10 YEARS BOYS & GIRLS

TERM 4 - EIGHT WEEKS
THURSDAYS 5-6PM
FROM OCTOBER 10
@ BARKLY HIGHWAY SS
COST: \$80 - INCLUDES BAT,
BALL, SHIRT & HAT!



FOR MORE INFO:
ANTONY.STEWART@QLDCRICKET.COM.AU

SEARCH: "MT ISA CRICKET ASSOCIATION"
AT WWW.PLAYHQ.COM TO REGISTER



JUNIOR PLAYERS

Junior Competition
24th August to 19th October
(no games during school holidays)

5-9 years \$40
10-12 years \$50
13-17 years \$70

Registration link for Come and Try Day & Junior Comp
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/mountisasoftball/registration/>