16 February 2017

College Principal News

“We believe that the quality of one’s leadership springs from the quality of one’s heart – the values, virtues, priorities and hopes.” Lambert

There is always such a bubble of optimism and hope at the start of every school year at Stretton, and 2017 is definitely no exception to that spirit! I would love to capture and seize that bubble for the remainder of the year, and with the standard of student leadership which we have witnessed at this week’s Student Leadership Induction ceremony, I remain very optimistic that it will surely happen. We’re only in Week 4 of a very hot and busy term, and already there has been a beautiful outpouring of energy, positivity, futures planning and excitement from our student leaders.

It was significant that this year’s Leadership ceremony coincided with Valentine’s Day, where we focus on matters of the heart and love, because educating our students’ minds without educating their hearts and souls is really no education at all. We want our students to put their hearts into everything they do. There can be no doubt that the quality of anyone’s leadership springs from the quality of their values and their beliefs.

I reminded our Student Leaders that they have been given a unique opportunity for both personal and social growth, and to make every moment count for themselves and for their school. As Dr Suess would say: “There is no-one yourer than you!” Of course, we encourage all of our students to embrace their individuality and uniqueness. As students experience leadership in a variety of roles across the College, we want them to become ‘real’, to become ‘authentic’ people. Becoming real will not only ignite their passion, but will also ignite the people around them. As students develop their sense of authenticity, they will have a greater impact on the people around them and leave footprints which will be long remembered.

The challenge was presented to our students to have a great understanding of their ‘chimes’ – their ‘buttons’ – the things that get them fired up, angry, passionate, or perhaps all three emotions! Their chimes may be about inclusion, diversity, social justice, inequality, bullying or belonging. But in 2017, we want their chimes to ring loudly. Of course, there will be people who will push their chimes. Some people will push their chimes to get a selfish outcome, whether for good or not. Some will push their chimes to motivate them, and some may push their chimes to derail or even discredit them. However, knowing what their chimes are and how to bring them into their role as a student leader will have the greatest impact for good.

Of course, not everyone will agree with their point of view. Some people will love it, and others will hate it, but you have to be prepared to be strong and resolute. Let other people make their own call, but it is important to be strong and clear about your values and beliefs. If no one is upset by what you’re saying and doing, well, you’re probably not pushing hard enough!

Reality may bite, but it can also ignite! I look forward to watching leadership sparks burning brightly in 2017. Above all else however, I want all students to show humility rather than arrogance; to show compassion rather than selfish disregard; to show respect rather than disrespect; to show a generosity of spirit within their circle of influence.
I look forward with great confidence that our 2017 Student Leaders will be an inspiring and dynamic team. Leadership is all about influence; about doing good; and about bringing your boldest self to your biggest challenge. I want them to seize those large, beautiful, powerful parts of themselves – the ones they love and believe, because they are theirs for the taking!

I know our students are up for any challenge that lies ahead in 2017!

 Until next time,

Jan Maresca
Executive Principal

Illaweena Principal News

School life is certainly in full swing now. A quick look at the calendar will show you how busy and dynamic school life is alongside the learning happening in classes. Last week included three parent workshops and presentations, school photos and the Interhouse Swimming carnival. The swimming team selected at the Interhouse Carnival swam at the Karawatha District Carnival on Wednesday this week, defending their District Champion title. We will have their full results and story in the next newsletter.

On the weekend, 15 of our dedicated staff gave their time to work with the over 160 students involved in the Wizard of Oz. They will all have very full schedules right through to the performances on the first days in June.

This week the Year 7 and 9 students are sitting NAPLAN practice tests as part of their preparation for the test in May and to provide us with some information regarding the progress of each student. Teachers will use this information to adapt their teaching in classes.

Our Year 12 OP eligible students have a breakfast this week to provide them with more information about their progress and to link them to their chosen teacher mentor for the year.

On Tuesday morning our student leaders were inducted into their positions. Our College and Junior Secondary Captains very proudly received their blazers (thank you to the P&C for supporting this) and led the ceremony very well. Our College Captains spoke collectively about their vision of leadership as service to the Stretton and wider community. This aligned very nicely with Mrs Maresca’s speech about igniting their passions and working collectively to leave a strong legacy of service. These students have already shown they are ready to build on the strong foundation provided by previous leaders and lead a strong, proactive student body.

College Captains
Aarushi Chadha, Neilesh Maharaj, Erin Ross, Sophie Smerdon

Junior Secondary Captains
Rishabh Bhat, Jake Clements, Ella Potts, Lucinda Stevens

Prefects
Hamza Al Ansari, Tatum Ashworth, Liana Chris, Jordan De Voogd, Tameka Johnson, Oliver Kingdon-Coutts, Ella Klewin, Samantha Lei

I look forward to discussing all the positive elements of a Stretton education and showing parents through the campus where they can see this in action next Tuesday 21 February at the Tour and Talk. Parents of new and continuing students along with parents of Gowan students are welcome to join this tour, which occurs every term. Tours start at 9:00 am at the Illaweena office and will finish around 10:30 am.

Geoff Latta
Illaweena Campus Principal

Gowan Principal News

What a wonderful start to the year! We have already had a number of celebrations including our recent Student Leadership Induction Ceremony and Assemblies which have highlighted our wonderful student achievement. Our Student Leaders for 2017 are to be congratulated and I wish them well in their endeavours as leaders throughout the year. Our Student Leaders on Gowan Campus are:

School Captains
Max Boyd, Lauren Della Bosca, Yagya Neekhra, Bailee Williams

Prefects
Georgia Dean, Isabella Escobar-Lang, Paris Hill, Isha Mahmood, Brody McLaren Nisitha Sachdeva, Saajneet Singh, Angelina Tomic

I would encourage all our families to attend one of our regular Assemblies on a Monday at 2:00pm to see student achievements being celebrated. Prep to Year 6 Assemblies have been split, as the Gowan Campus has grown in enrolments. We will alternate each week between Prep to Year 3 and a Year 4 to Year 6 Assembly. We have discovered that this has now eased the congestion and made it more comfortable for all students, teachers and parents attending the assemblies. Please note the dates of our scheduled Assemblies below.

Week 5, Monday 20th February – Year 4 to Year 6 Assembly
Week 6, Monday 27th February – Prep to Year 3 Assembly
Week 7, Monday 6th March – Year 4 to Year 6 Assembly
Week 8, Monday 13th March – Prep to Year 3 Assembly
Week 9, Monday 20th March – Year 4 to Year 6 Assembly
Week 10, Monday 27th March – Prep to Year 3 Assembly
A FINAL NOTE

- This is a very busy, tight car park space for Gowan Campus. The SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN is paramount at all times. LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT! THERE ARE CHILDREN ABOUT!
- Please remember the rules!
- Please be vigilant, patient and courteous at all times!

Racheal Jones
Gowan Campus Principal

Year 8 Deputy Principal News

We have had a hot and busy start to the year and I am pleased to see that students and teachers are very settled. Remember to keep hydrated and in the shade when possible. I advise all students to bring water bottles to school and into classrooms to help keep themselves cool.

Last week after school, I had the great pleasure of taking some of our Lighthouse teachers to the “Puzzled Room Escape”. This was enjoyable and challenging for our teachers. Trying to escape our themed rooms within an hour proved both challenging and rewarding.

Teachers went through feelings that students experience every day during the learning process (whilst trying to escape):

Confused, challenged, competitive, excited, frustrated, proud and excited when the goal’s achieved.

Heather Boreland
Year 8 Deputy Principal

Gowen Tour and Talk

All families are invited to come along next Tuesday 21st of February at 9:00am for a Principal Talk and Tour of the Gowan Campus. We will begin this tour at the front of the Administration space near the flag poles, then make our way to the Illaweeena Campus Coffee Shop, Bean Scene for a light morning tea where any queries you have can be addressed by the Campus Principals. We look forward to meeting many of our Stretton families at this special event.

GOWAN CAMPUS CAR PARK – DROP OFF & PICK UP PROCEDURES

To assist with the smooth drop off and collection of students into/from the Gowan carpark, please adhere to the following procedures:

- Parents who wish to collect their child from the classroom will need to park and proceed to the undercover area to wait until 2.45 pm. At this time, parents may move to the relevant classrooms to pick up children. Parents are not to wait directly outside or near classrooms. The undercover area is the afternoon waiting space.
- PICK UP/DROP OFF ZONE - This pick up/drop off zone is a designated 2 MINUTE NON-STOP area. You must remain in your vehicle in this zone and under no circumstances are you allowed to park your vehicle and get out of the car. Police officers and BCC officers regularly patrol this area, and any illegal activity will result in a fine and loss of points.
- If you are collecting students from the pick-up/drop off zone, parents must have their surname clearly displayed on the visor of your car, so teachers can easily identify the vehicle and move the child towards your car.
- Students who are waiting to be picked up must wait behind the front gate until a family member arrives to pick them up.
- Gowan staff will provide supervision of students in this area until 3.15pm and will assist with the direction of students to waiting cars.
- After 3.15pm, any students who haven’t be collected will be taken to the foyer of the Administration Block until parents arrive.
- Students who are catching the bus will also be supervised by teachers and escorted to the bus stop.
- Parents are reminded that Gowan Road (near our Gowan Campus) is a strict 40 km speed zone from 7.00 am to 4.00 pm.
- This year we are fortunate to have the services of Crossing Supervisors for the pedestrian crossing located near the C & K (Gowan Road). These supervisors will supervise the safe crossing of Gowan Road at that point from 7.50 am – 8.50 am and 2.45 pm – 3.15 pm.
This week I had the opportunity to spend some extended time in all the Year 2 classrooms and I was very impressed with the high quality teaching and learning activities occurring in every class. I witnessed students mastering partitioning in mathematics, learning to take notes by looking for facts in large texts, using notes to write their own sentences, using correct punctuation and knowing when to use ‘r’, ‘rr’ and ‘wr’ when spelling. This week I will be spending more time in the Year 3 classrooms.

We have some exciting excursions and incursions happening next week for Year 2 and 3. Year 2 students have the opportunity to visit the Scenic Rim 4 Real Robotics Dairy. This unique experience will provide students with a firsthand understanding of the changes to the dairy industry from hand milking to machine milking and will demonstrate the farm’s LELY robotic milking system. Year 3 students have the opportunity to participate in an incursion on cyber safety. This excursion will cover cyber ethics, building positive relationships both online and offline and cover strategies to remain safe online. Both of these excursions signify the advances in science and technology that are changing the way we live day to day.

Our attendance levels for the last fortnight are:

**Year 2**: 94.3%
**Year 3**: 94.4%

It is great to see these percentages increasing. Hopefully we can make the 95% target in the next two weeks.

**Emma McBain**
**Year 2, 3 Deputy Principal**

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**Home Readers**

At Stretton we have reorganised our home reading system and have made some exciting changes! Home reading boxes with a variety of titles now reside in each classroom. This means that all students will be able to borrow home readers more frequently. The purpose of home reading is to develop confidence as they practise decoding the words, fluency and comprehension.

Mem Fox an Australian children’s author has outlined 10 read-aloud strategies that parents can use at home to foster a child’s love of reading.

1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud. From birth!
2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read. Or the same story a thousand times!
3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don’t be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
5. Read the stories that your child loves, over and over, and over again, and always read in the same ‘tune’ for each book: i.e. with the same intonations and volume and speed, on each page, each time.
6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games.
7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child’s name and yours, remembering that it’s never work, it’s always a fabulous game.
9. Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.
10. Please read aloud every day because you just adore being with your child, not because it’s the right thing to do.

These strategies were taken directly from Mem Fox’s website: [http://memfox.com/for-parents/](http://memfox.com/for-parents/)

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**Prep – Year 1 Deputy Principal News**

**Aimee Keylar**
**Deputy Principal Prep - Year 1**

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**2018 Enrolments**

Enrolments for 2018 have opened. Our Enrolment Office is available to accept all enrolment enquiries:

Monday – Friday, 2.00pm – 4.00pm on our Ilaweena Campus.

This period is allotted exclusively to receive enrolment applications to streamline the enrolment process.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter and appreciate you taking the time to conduct your enquiries during this period.

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**Prep Enrolments**

Prep is the first year of school and provides the foundation for your child’s education. From 2017, it is compulsory for Queensland children to undertake Prep prior to Year 1. Prep is a full-time program in primary schools. Children attend Monday-Friday from 8.45am to 2.45pm.

Children must be 5 years old by 30th June in the year they enrol. Children born between July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 are
eligible for Prep 2018. If you know anyone that has a child that is commencing Prep in 2018 and permanently resides in our Stretton catchment, please advise them to enrol. Stretton has a Pre Prep program that will commence in Term 2, 2017.

Should you have any queries regarding enrolment, please contact our Enrolment Officer Sharon Lau on 3723 0222.

**Sharon Lau**
**Enrolment Officer**

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### P&C News

A sincere thank you to our 2016 P & C Executive, Morgan Bryant, Louise Nann, Sharyn O’Brien and Emriye Yildiz. This team have created a very positive and harmonious relationship between the P & C and the entire College community. We appreciate everything you have done throughout the year for our students and staff at the College and thank you for your commitment and support in a volunteer capacity. It has been a true partnership which is at the heart of successful outcomes for students.

We are pleased to announce the P&C Association Executive for 2017.

- **President:** Louise Nann
- **Vice President:** Hayley Geraghty
- **Treasurer:** Donna Longworth
- **Secretary:** Esther Stuart

We look forward to working together in the SPIRIT of cooperation and goodwill with the incoming Executive for 2017.

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### Student Wellbeing

**Year 11/12 Pastoral Care**

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Allison Smith and I am the Year 11 and 12 Coordinator. 2017 saw an extremely busy start due to the significant uptake of our BYOD program across both Year levels, however, this did not stop students starting the year in a positive manner. During the first week pastoral care classes completed a range of activities which enabled teachers to start to develop an understanding of their student’s needs as well as create a supportive environment in these vital years of learning. The pastoral care program for Term 1 has been broken up into three areas:

1. Student goal setting for seniors,
2. Senior researching requirements, time management and studying skills habits using BYOD (presentations by our Librarian, Maria Kapa and HOD e-Learning, Deb Harris are pictured below),
3. Preparing young adults in becoming a responsible local and global citizen.

Each week students will be able to find all of the relevant resources via ELearn which can be easily accessed from any type of device. ELearn will also be used as a tool where students can share their own thoughts, acknowledge each other’s achievements, upload their work as well as read student announcements.

Year 12 students will also be offered a mentoring program which will provide academic support throughout the year. Students will nominate a teacher mentor and they will meet regularly to discuss:

- **Student Wellbeing**
- **School/work/life balance**
- **Assessment completion**
- **Academic success**
- **Action and Reflection**

This valuable program has been put into place to support our senior students and provide them with the tools to enjoy success!

**Allison Smith**
**Year Co-Ordinator – Year 11/12**

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### The Arts

It has been a busy start to the ARTS year. Already by the close of Week 4 we have had our first musical rehearsal and a quick learn performance item for the Student Leaders’ Induction Ceremony. In other areas assessment tasks are rolling out, excursions planned and classrooms prepared for the year.

Our Drama department have moved locations from the top of Senior Learning to the KLC space and although this is a general learning area, our Drama classes now have a little more room to move with a dedicated space that has small stage areas, drama blocks and plenty of small break out areas for students to rehearse. Also this year for the first time we are trialling Drama in our Junior Arts Program.

On what was one of the hottest days on record, a large group of approximately 70 students and 15 staff turned up to school to attend the first weekend musical rehearsal for this year’s production “The Wizard of Oz”. The clay was very successful with our Gowan students auditioning with just so much enthusiasm and heart for minor speaking roles. At this same rehearsal our Illawena students worked on two chorus numbers and then buddied up with their younger counterparts to teach them the notation and choreography. All roles have now been cast and we are well on the way to getting this show ‘on the road’. Keep the 2nd and 3rd of June free as we head towards these performance dates at the Logan Entertainment Centre.
As also mentioned above, Tuesday saw many of our students perform for the Student Leadership Induction Ceremony. Both the Symphonic Winds and Senior Classroom Music students performed on this day with just a few rehearsals each. Students performed what was essentially quite difficult pieces of music and were able to pull together convincing and very enjoyable performances. A short video snippet of the Senior Classroom Music performance is attached as well as some photos taken on the day.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqrkdmF8igA

Please also enjoy the Visual Arts Article and accompanying images, written by one of our highly motivated and talented Visual Arts staff Ms Jane Martens.

**Leona Dangaard**
**Head of Department – The Arts**

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**Visual Art News**

We have had an exciting start to 2017 in our Visual Art Department with students engaging in a range of interesting and innovative activities! Our Year 12 Visual Art students have begun to delve into their first unit of work which explores the concept, “Art as Navigation and Documentation”. Referencing Pablo Picasso’s practice of drawing with light, students have navigated darkness and movement, documenting their explorations through long-exposure photography. This artistic practice saw students engaging with innovative ways of creating art – it was wonderful to see students maximising on creative potential and loving every minute of it!

Next came a navigational exploration of movement and the body, documented through processes of gestural drawing. With nearly the entire art room floor transformed into a canvas, students listened to various musical compositions, from Mozart to Britney Spears, and responded to what they heard through moving their bodies accordingly. All movements were documented through charcoal markings which produced some beautiful, abstract works. We even saw some students drawing with their feet!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_drsGZdtcE

The excitement continues in our Year 10 Visual Art class with students becoming talented photographers exploring notions of the self and ways of manipulating photographs through post-production techniques. Their photographic portfolios are sure to be a sight to behold.

In our junior classes, our Year 7 students have been exploring Street Art, practising processes of stylisation and iconography. We look forward to seeing their sculptural works installed throughout the Illaweena Campus nearing the end of term as we ‘yarn-bomb’ the school!

Exciting times are also on the horizon for our Year 9 students as they prepare to create living Cubist portraits through the practice of face-painting!

With the school musical upcoming, we also have students in our Year 11 Visual Arts in Practice classes preparing to take on the roles of set and prop designers, creating the sets for what is sure to be a spectacular production.

What a year it is shaping up to be for our Visual Art Department at Stretton!

**Jane Martens**
**Visual Arts Teacher**

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**Gowan Parent Workshops**

As you are aware last year we started running parent workshops specifically targeting literacy and numeracy. The proposed schedule for the 2017 literacy and numeracy workshops was published in a previous newsletter.

Due to the success of the workshops we would love to expand the topic areas to include wellbeing, parenting and ICTs.

If you would like to have a say about specific topics within these broad headings, please follow the link below to complete a short survey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P8B5FFD

Thank you for your ongoing support of the parent workshops.

**Tracey Blackman**
**HOD Maths/Science Technology**

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**Japanese Study Tour**

Stretton will be hosting a Japanese Study Tour in March and we are looking for homestay families.

The group will be here from March 14th – 22nd, with students aged from 14 to 15. Homestay families need to provide the following:

- Full board in a clean and tidy household with adequate sleeping arrangements
- English needs to be the first language spoken at home
- Three meals a day as well as snacks
- Transport to and from school
If you would be interested in hosting for this tour or having your name placed on our data base for future tours please complete the International Study Tour Document and return to our Administration Offices.

Carolyn Zalewski
Study Tour Co-Ordinator

Library News

Gowan Library News

Students are now borrowing in the Gowan Library. It has been great to see how many students have brought their library bags to school. Please remember, you must have a library bag in order to borrow. If you don’t have a library bag they are available to purchase from the Uniform Shop on Illaweena campus.

The library is open for students at first break. The computer lab is now open, games and our drawing corner are both up and running. Get out of the heat and enjoy the air conditioning in our fun filled library.

On Tuesday mornings at 8.15am we have ‘Books for Breakfast’ in the library. Each week we have a staff member reading one of their favourite books to our students. All students and siblings are welcome to come along. Thank you to Mrs Karger for organising such a fun activity for our students.

All students at Stretton State College now have access to the Ebooks online digital library. Students can borrow a range of online library books on their devices from school and home. It is a great way to extend students reading. To access this resource students need their current username.

https://eduqueenslandau.libraryreserve.com/

Happy reading,
Sara Effron
Teacher Librarian

Gowan Choirs

We had very exciting and enthusiastic turn outs for both Junior and Senior Choir last week. It is not too late to join so if any students would like to join the times are listed below.

Students are to meet Mrs Perry outside her room at first breaks of the designated rehearsal day with their lunch. If any students need a reminder card please contact Nicole Perry via email (ncrew3@eq.edu.au) and she will ensure your child receives one.

Gowan Senior Choir: Wednesday First Breaks
Gowan Junior Choir: Thursday First Breaks

We look forward to sharing our first performances later this term.

Nicole Perry
Music Teacher

A Message from Duncan Pegg MP

Dear Students

Nominations are now open for YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament and I would like to invite local students to nominate to represent my electorate of Stretton. Now in its 22nd year, YMCA Youth Parliament offers young people between the ages of 15-25 the opportunity to speak up for their communities and learn first-hand about the parliamentary process.

This program has a strong history of empowering young people and challenging them to become leaders of the future. Each year the program brings together 93 young people representing each electorate in the state, along with four indigenous representatives.

I have been impressed with the high standard of young people who have represented my electorate of Stretton in the past and I look forward to meeting this year’s representative.

Participants in Years 11 and 12 are also able to receive one point towards their Queensland Certificate of Education.

Regards
Duncan Pegg MP
Member for Stretton
Stretton SC Football Academy

A very warm welcome from my fellow Stretton State College Football coaches and I to not only our returning students but to the new additions to our program for 2017 as well.

We have many things in the pipeline for the year ahead, leading off with the National School Futsal Championships which kicks off in Week 6. With 11 teams entering the competition this year, our largest representation to date, we have our sights set on surpassing our excellent performance in the 2016 Tournament. We have a tough challenge ahead of us, facing off against some of the best schools in South East QLD, but I am confident that our athletes will represent the College to the best of their ability and do Stretton proud.

With so much planned for this year, keep your eyes peeled for all of our upcoming events; plus as an added feature we will be putting up player profiles in each newsletter to highlight our student athletes, so watch this space.

Until next time, stay cool and train smart!!

Damien Tobin
Director of Football

Gowan Sports News

Sunnybank District Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 8th February saw a quick turnaround for our swimmers backing up from the Interhouse Swimming Carnival on Monday to compete at the Sunnybank District Carnival. This quick turnaround didn’t seem to affect our athletes with fifteen of Stretton’s finest competing at the Sunnybank District Carnival. The Stretton SPIRIT engulfed the Runcorn swimming pool making it a very enjoyable day. Congratulations to Nikita Frommolt, Joshua Beetham and Stephen Luong who made the Sunnybank District Team. We wish you all the best at the Met West Swimming Trials on 22 February.

Term 1 2017 – Important Sporting Events to Remember:

WEEK 5: Monday 20th February – District Basketball Trials Boys & Girls
WEEK 5: Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd February – District AFL Trials Boys
WEEK 6: Monday 27th February and Thursday 2nd March – District Rugby League trials

WEEK 6: Tuesday 28th February and Friday 3rd March – District Netball Trials
WEEK 7: Monday 6th March and Thursday 9th March – District Football Trials Girls
WEEK 7: Wednesday 8th March and Thursday 9th March – District Football Trials Boys
WEEK 8: Wednesday 15th March – District Football Trials Boys
WEEK 9: Monday 20th March – District Touch Football Trials Boys
WEEK 9: Thursday 23rd March – District Touch Football Trials Girls
WEEK 9: Friday 24th March – Gala Day 1
WEEK 10: Monday 27th March – District Touch Football Trials Boys
WEEK 10: Thursday 23rd March – District Touch Football Trials Girls
WEEK 10: Friday 31st March – Stretton Cross Country

DISTRICT TRIALS -

• District teams are for 12 years and under (Year 5, 6 & 7).
• Only 4 students can be selected to represent Stretton State College to trial for a district team
• Students must nominate by adding their name to the district sport they would like to trial for in the district book located in Ms Hutson’s office next to the Gowan Hall. This MUST be done at least 2 weeks prior to the trial date.
• Students can nominate for more than one sport.
• It is imperative that students who nominate to trial have experience in that sport e.g. plays at club, district, state or national level.
• Students must have their own equipment to take to the trials e.g. Shin pads, mouth guards etc.

Bianca Hutson
Gowan HPE Teacher & Sports Co-ordinator

Illaweena Sports News

Stretton SC held the inaugural 10-19 years Interhouse Swimming Carnival on 6 February at the Parkinson Aquatic Centre. The day was a huge success with house spirit flowing right through the College age groups. It definitely was something to be proud of seeing our Year 12’s leading our Year 4, 5 and 6s through house chants, songs and overall support during their races.

Even though the day is about inclusion and having a great time there was still the serious aspect around who would take out the overall house champion. After a day where Karawatha looked like they were going to retain their 2016 Champion swimming status Barakula pipped them in the last couple of races of the day.

We also had some outstanding individual results with our College Swimming Age Champions. This year was one of the closest years in history between a few age groups with one
point separating a couple of our champions from their runner up. Congratulations to the following students:

10 year boys - Ronan Wong and Max Bryant
10 year girls - Emma Taylor
11 year boys - Stephen Luong
11 year girls - Jessica Pollard
12 year boys - Jack Scott
12 year girls - Nikita Frommolt
13 year boys - Kode Lawrence
13 year girls - Kelsey Beetham
14 year boys - Josh Frommolt
14 year girls - Jenny Luong
15 year boys - Ben Roberts
15 year girls - Kathy Luong
16 year boys - Lleyton Revie
16 year girls - Alex Dean
17 year boys - Jonathan Friend
17 year girls - Tatum Ashworth
18 year boys - Mato Suvaric
18 year girls - Mikaeleigh Marsh

Jason Tobin
Sports Coordinator

Community Notices

St George Club Levy Rebate
Our friends at St George are currently offering a sports club rebate to assist in sports club fees. Further details on the following brochure.

ALGESTER GIRL GUIDES
Vacancies available in our 5-9 year Tuesday Unit
Please contact Lyndie for more information
guidespinkee@gmail.com