THE DEPUTY REPORTS... 

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and staff who contributed to the success of the Interschool Swimming Carnival on Thursday and Friday of last week. Although State High did not place, I was impressed by the fantastic effort and attitudes of everyone involved.

This was the first time Year 7 students have been involved in the Inter-High School carnivals and they represented themselves with both enthusiasm and school pride.

It has been fantastic to hear the positive comments from both the community and other schools about our students’ attitudes, effort and performance on the night and I look forward to our school’s participation in Cross Country and Athletics later in the year!

I would like to thank all the parents who were involved with the night, encouraged their student’s participation and helped make the night a success for all.

A reminder to please explain your child’s absence from school by contacting the 24 Hour Absentee Line on 4754 6560.

I encourage you to find a voice in the school community by joining the P&C and remind you that the AGM is on this Tuesday 10th March from 6.30 pm in the office block. All existing and new members are welcome. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in Education, **Derek Copelin**, Deputy Principal
indigenous constitutional convention

On Friday 20th February three students, Teagan Melville, Luahna Kris and Makayla Edgerton travelled to Townsville to participate in the Indigenous Constitutional Convention. Students listened to a lecture by the inspirational senior Law professor from JCU. One student from each school gave a 5-minute speech on the topic “Constitutional Change: Including Australia’s First People in the Constitution.” Teagan Melville represented State High and received a Mini iPad. Leigh Middleton, Coordinator

interschool swimming carnival

The interschool Swimming Carnival held on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th February was a huge success. Participation from students was the best that it has been in over 8 years. Students showed great enthusiasm in their events which was fantastic to see. The atmosphere at the town pool was admirable, and it was wonderful to see so many parents and students turn up to support our school. Together with more than a dozen of our dedicated teachers who gave up their time to help out with the carnival, State High had over 100 supporters cheering on our swimmers.

Thursday night’s carnival held all 200m events, in which we saw a truly inspirational effort and courage from Taliesin Pankhurst. Stand out performances from the following students saw them receive Age Champion and Runner Up Champion at the Interschool Carnival:

Girls Open - Keesha Whyte – Age Champion
Boys 13 Years - Jordan Dietrich – Runner up Age Champion

Congratulations and well done to all who participated!

interhouse cross country

Our school’s Cross Country event will be held Friday 20 March. All students are to be dropped off at the Charters Towers Airport by 8.30am and will be transported back to school by bus by 11.30am. This is a compulsory school day and all students are expected to attend whether participating or supporting. If it is raining at 8.00am the event will be postponed/cancelled and students should attend school for normal lessons. Students are required to bring a drink bottle, hat, sunscreen and wear covered shoes.

Students who travel to school by bus will be dropped directly to the airport. Please note there will be no teacher supervision prior to 8.00am. All parents are very welcome to attend.

Matt De Brenni, Sports Coordinator
International Women’s Day

The ladies of State High wish to thank the gentlemen of State High for a delicious breakfast this morning to celebrate International Women’s Day (8th March). Thanks guys!

Mrs King decorated the library with the colours of purple and green, a true-blue modern voting booth (many thanks to the RSL), a true-blue old-fashioned ballot box (many thanks to Brenda Chappel) and posters (copies of originals) advocating for and against women’s right to vote. In 2015, some of the posters were found to be hilarious—especially those against: “The great majority of women do not want the ballot … because in political activities there is constant strife, turmoil, contention and bitterness, producing conditions from which every normal woman naturally shrinks.”

Students participated in a placard competition with 3 sections: overall IWD placard, Yes for women to have the vote, and No for women voting. The placards were well researched and showed students understood their subject. Winners were: Amber Farraway and Grace Glenwright; Tylah Stanton; Kelly Polsen and Grace Williams. Well done!
This term the Year 7s are getting creative with their spelling. Students have been completing a variety of hands-on activities to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding about towns and communities in History and are working on a wall display exploring ancient Rome. In English students have been writing persuasive letters and have completed their multimodal deconstruction of the Clean-up Australia Day advertisements, via PowerPoints. In Maths students have been achieving 90% accuracy in their daily multiplication timetables and are encouraging one another to reach their goals. Weekly homework has started this week and I encourage parents to read nightly with their child. At the moment we are having issues with bullying and I encourage families to talk with their child at home around being respectful and inclusive of others.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

If you are considering applying for an executive role, or a general member, with the P&C the following links might be helpful:

http://www.cmsolutions.org.au/home

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 29 April from 5.30 pm to 6.30pm

Sausage Sizzle available. Please save the date.
70 Instrumental Music students from ASSG, CCC, BTC, State High and Richmond Hill once again combined for the 4th Annual Senior Music Workshop. The inclusion of Year 7 into high school brought a range of new talent to the mix. This is one of the many workshops which are held throughout the year, which have been set up to provide an avenue to further our students’ holistic development. Parents were amazed at the work the students had achieved during the day, with many positive comments on the ensemble work.

The ensemble learnt five works during the day, with Funkytown and Whirlwind conducted by ASSG Instrumental Teacher Ms Leslie Croker, Jazz classic Zoot Suit Riot conducted by BTC Director of Music Mr Caine Wager and Ancient Voice and Celtic Air and Dance No. 3 conducted by State High Director of Instrumental Music Mr Haddon Mossley.

### Senior Music Workshop

| Flutes | Sophie Baron*, Abi-Gail Thomas, Kelsey Stibbs, Danielle Stover, Lara-Jane Kimber, Harmony Barath, Ruby Boundy, Angela Walker, Rhys Rafter, Emma Eberle, Kelli Brandis, Makenzee Hansen |
| Clarinet | Concert Master: Amelia Richards*  
Clarinets 1: Chantelle Reynolds, Georgina Day, Georgina Foster,  
Clarinets 2: Makayla Killick, Kendrah Barrett, Ben Harris, Brianna Leppien, Joseph Reid, Nicholas Sturmfels, Sophie Webb, Hannah Goodwin |
| Bass Clarinet | Hollie Pianta |
| Alto Saxophone | Alto 1: Nikita Oliver*, Kurtis West, Jordan Dietrich, Rhylie Thompson, Caleb Hill-Warner, Sinead Cowan  
Alto 2: Colby Coffison, Jayde Miller, Jackie Koglkia, Georgia Richards, Jed Smith, Jordan Rafter, Faith Whelan |
| Tenor Saxophone | Lidia Laulau, Joshua Mitchell-Wilson, David Walsh |
| Bari Saxophone | Emily Pankhurst |
| Trumpet | Trumpet 1: Harry Kempster, James Smallwood, Sam Shadbolt, Liam Geary, Emma Brandis, Finlay Niemi  
Trumpet 2: Alex Lauder, Bailey Duffin, Aleisha Langburne, Brianna Eberle, Riley Parrish, William Scott, Kuage Koglkia, Dylan Gillard, Peter Walsh |
| Trombone | Rhys Pankhurst*, Emma-Jane Poustie, Connor Neville |
| Euphonium | Vanessa Richter* |
| Keyboard | Kassidy-Rose McMahon* |
| Percussion | Caleb Tweedie*, James Lowe, Taliesin Pankhurst, Mikalah Alloway, Noah Niemi, George Wehrman, Matt Smith, Mana Hill |

*Denotes principal seats.
The Junior Secondary House Challenge

This year Junior Secondary students will face different challenges to find out which school house rains supreme over the rest; this House will be awarded with the covered house challenge trophy and the glory that will last a lifetime. This term the challenge is half-court basketball. It began last week with Mosman versusing Clarke and Friemann versusing Fraser. After round one Friemann and Clarke are tied on the top of the ladder but with three more rounds and the extra points up for grabs in the final rounds it’s still anyone’s game. This week’s draw:

Friemann 7s v Clarke 7s
Mosman 7s v Fraser 7s
Friemann 8s v Clarke 8s
Mosman 8s v Fraser 8s
Friemann 9s v Clarke 9s
Mosman 9s v Fraser 9s

LOUISE HALFPENNY, YEAR LEVEL COORDINATOR

Year 9 History

In History this term students are learning about the Industrial Revolution. This unit is a study of the history of the making of the modern world from 1750 to 1918. It was a period of industrialisation and rapid change in the ways people lived, worked and thought. This week students were taking a creative approach in their investigation of continuity and change and have been making dioramas to illustrate what life was like in Britain before and after the Industrial Revolution. They seem on the right track for their exam.

LOUISE HALFPENNY, TEACHER

Deb Brownson is retiring after 22 years at State High and 34 years of service to the Department of Education.

We invite you to show your appreciation of Deb’s dedicated service and say farewell. The school P&C will host an afternoon tea $10 (includes donation to a gift) on Saturday 14 March from 2 pm to 4 pm in the school’s community hall.

For catering purposes RSVP with payment to the office.
Our first science assignment in Year 8 is to design a poolside chair. Before beginning that investigation, students needed to know the differences between physical and chemical properties. So far they have crushed ice, altered the form of gas in balloons, seen hydrochloric acid react with different substances, played with static electricity and created carbon dioxide.

From left to right, Kendrah Barrett, Colby Coffison, Jayme Oakley and Serenity Flanagan put their clothes on the line to demonstrate the chemical reaction of Diet Coke and Mentos. If you want to repeat this experiment at home simply ask any of our qualified Year 8 science students why Diet Coke works better than normal Coke.

CARL BROUGH, TEACHER

It is full steam ahead in the Year 10 Visual Art class as all students have begun creating their final artwork for the term. These final artworks consist of the students changing a plain book through a range of techniques. The students have had three weeks of experimenting with drawing, watercolour, mixed media and acrylic paint to assist them in creating their final piece.

At the moment, all the artworks are at the basic stages, as students have just completed planning their final designs.

The Year 10 final artworks will reflect a part of the student’s life and I am looking forward to showing you their final creations in the near future.

MICHELLE STEWART, TEACHER

1. (l to r) Skye Gormley, Taylor Wilson, Rhys Pankhurst, Dagne Bering, Jye Geary.
2. (l to r) Jemma Farraway, Harmony Barath, Maddie Power, Tahrea Briffa.
Centenary Park Charity Markets

The members of the Holden Cars Club from Ingham and Townsville will be visiting Charters Towers on the weekend of March 21/22, and will have their cars on display for Charters Towers people to view them at the Markets on the Sunday morning in Centenary Park.

Also at those markets we will have a display and demonstration of machine embroidery, by market regular Rhonda Allan.

The usual good variety of stalls will be there for visitors to check out, plus hot/cold drinks and the local Men’s Shed will have their regular burger and chips stall for those who are hungry and/or thirsty.

State High, via Mrs Carol King, has been the recipient of funds from the markets recently, as acknowledged in their February newsletter. The $300 will be spent on teenage contemporary novels.

Proceeds from the site fees of this market will be donated to Soldier On – the group looking after the welfare of soldiers who return home from deployment overseas.

Val Cragg, Organiser