

RGS Newsletter



Monday, 3 June 2024

@ The Rockhampton Grammar School, Term 2, 2024



RGS Secondary and Primary students produced amazing performances at the RGS Music Festival on Saturday night.

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General News



Rockhampton Eisteddfod

2024 Rockhampton Eisteddfod - Vocal Presentation Night

Tom Hogan Trophy – School Choir Encouragement Award – Selected by the Adjudicator –
The Rockhampton Grammar School

Jodie MacDonald Trophy - Highest marks obtained by any competitor competing in Musical Comedy Age Solo & Duo/Trio section Under 18 years –
Grace Killion-Fisher

Pauline Colvin Trophy – Awarded to the female singer under 18 years showing natural stage presence, feeling and personality – Tonina Nezc-Moon



SPEECH AND DRAMA AGGREGATE TROPHIES

KERRYE COWLRICK TROPHY – Verse Speaking, Light Verse, Australian Poem, Prose, Mime or Character under 10 years.

Scarlett Casey

SCOPE CLUB OF ROCKHAMPTON INC. TROPHY – Verse Speaking, Light Verse, Australian Poem, Prose, Mime or Character 10 and under 12 years.

Joshua Attokaran

J & P BOWMAN CUP – Verse Speaking, Light Verse, Prose 12 and under 14 years.

Fern Leslie / Radinka Jayasuriya

JUNE WREN TROPHY – Drama, Improvisation, Mime, Shakespearean excerpt 14 and under 16 years

Tonina Nezc-Moon

C.Q.S. & D.A.CUP – Verse Speaking, Light Verse, Australian Poem, Prose, Impromptu Reading, Drama 14 and under 16 years.

Tonina Nezc-Moon

WALLS FAMILY TROPHY – Verse Speaking, Light Verse, Australian Poem, Prose 14 and under 16 years.

Tonina Nezc-Moon

PETA HORNEMAN-WREN TROPHY – Drama, Improvisation, Mime, Shakespearean excerpt 16 and under 18 years.

Millie O'Brien

HELOISE HALSEY TROPHY – Verse Speaking, Light Verse, Australian Poem, Prose 16 and under 18 years.

Millie O'Brien

YEPPON FAMILY PRACTICE TROPHY – Female competitor in Drama or Character Recital, Verse Speaking, Prose – under 18 years.

Millie O'Brien

ANNETTE FARRER TROPHY – Mime, Improvisation under 18 years.

Millie O'Brien

HIGHEST MARKS TROPHIES

RENTON POWER TROPHY – highest marks in Drama under 18 years

Millie O'Brien

NOLA McClymont Trophy – highest marks in Australian Poem Under 18 years

Isabella Smith / Tia Weerakoon / Isobel Ellis / Tonina Nezc-Moon / Millie O'Brien

STEPHEN SCHWARTEN TROPHY – highest marks in Character Recital under 18 years

Joshua Attokaran

TROPHIES SELECTED BY THE ADJUDICATOR

MARISE MURPHY TROPHY – Most Outstanding Speech and Drama competitor

Millie O'Brien

JOHN DUTHIE MEMORIAL TROPHY – Most Promising female performer of Speech and Drama under 18 years

Tonina Nezc-Moon



General News



MACNEVIN FAMILY TROPHY - Most Outstanding Performer in Mime: Prepared Mime, Group Mime, Improvisation

Millie O'Brien

SHUCKSMITH FAMILY TROPHY – awarded to a male or female performer under 10 years

Scarlett Casey

BURSARIES (SELECTED BY THE ADJUDICATOR)

ROCKHAMPTON LIONS CLUB BURSARY- Most promising Speech & Drama performer

Tonina Nezic-Moon



Elise Attokaran, Josh Attokaran, Scarlett Casey with Ms Peta Horneman-Wren



Upcoming events:

Friday on the Fitzroy - 7 June

RGS Primary and Secondary school families are invited to drop in and support the RGS Rowing Club.

RGS Netball Centre Circle - 16 June. Tickets available [online](#)

An opportunity for current RGS netball families and players, along with RGS netball alumni, to celebrate all things RGS Netball - away from the netball courts. Table sponsors and raffle donations can email netball@rgs.qld.edu.au



RGS Calendar

Visit [Parent Lounge](#) for the most up-to-date events and activities at The Rockhampton Grammar School.



General News



RGS Music Festival



Head of Primary



Mrs Kate Harris
Head of Primary

This term, we've focused on living our values of Courage and Resilience. We've seen wonderful examples of children courageously showing up and trying new things - from the sporting fields to the Pilbeam Theatre, our children have displayed their best selves and given their all.

Courage is evident when the risk of failure is high, but we continue to try anyway. Our resilience is tested when things don't go as planned, and we start to wobble. Parents and teachers then step in to ensure our children feel the emotion and plan their next steps. If we shield children from the vital steps of sitting with the emotion, brushing themselves off, and creating a new plan we are unable to build resilience. As parents, we feel every hurt and disappointment our children experience, but pulling them out of teams or events because they may not win or get the lead role does not show your child that you believe in them. It simply reinforces the idea that they can't do the job and that it's better to avoid the risk of disappointment than to learn new skills.

We are about to witness the courage of some young performers in Year 5 and Year 6 as they take to the stage for the Primary School Musical. Students have been working very hard and attending weekend rehearsals. Be sure to come along and embark on a magical journey through snow-capped mountains and icy realms as The Rockhampton Grammar School's Primary students proudly present Disney's Frozen Jr.! Tickets went on sale today and we would love to have your support. Visit the Pilbeam Theatre [website](#) to purchase your tickets online.



Primary - News



Mrs Janet Spark
Deputy Head of Primary
(Operations & Students)

Courage / Resilience / Change the Colour of your Day

This past week in Year 3 and Prep lessons, we read through the book “The Blue Day Book for Kids” – a Lesson in Cheering Yourself Up by Bradley Trevor Greive.

We talked about the different feelings you might have during a day. Happy, sad, lonely, scared, grumpy etc. and how you can change the colour of your day from a ‘blue day’ to a ‘new day’ just by having a few strategies in your toolbox.

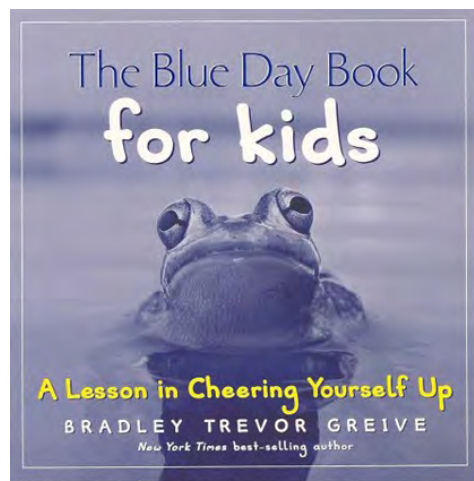
Some people change the colour of their day by listening to their favourite music, others by resting or having a well-needed nap. Some change the colour of their day by going for a walk / run or patting and playing with their pets.

We talked about strategies we can use from our own toolbox (inside our brain) if we are feeling overwhelmed, frustrated or annoyed.

We also talked about changing some words we use when we are having a ‘blue day’. Instead of saying, “I have to go to swimming lessons” you can say, “I get to go to swimming lessons”. This feeling of gratitude can change the colour of your day.

With the Athletics Carnival coming up, it will be a great opportunity to talk about the various feelings your child may experience. Some will be looking forward to showing their skills and talents. Others may feel apprehensive as they may not be quite so confident. Being grateful for the opportunity to get to do something might be a good place to start.

What tools do you have in your toolbox for when you are having a Blue Day? How do you change the colour of your day?



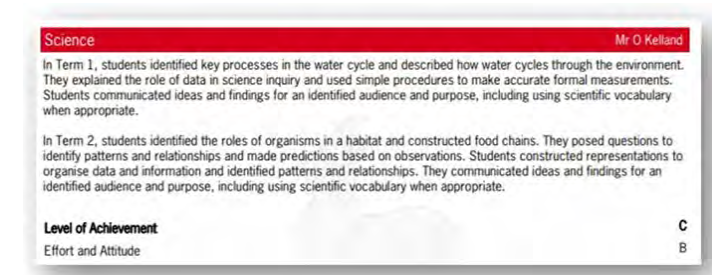
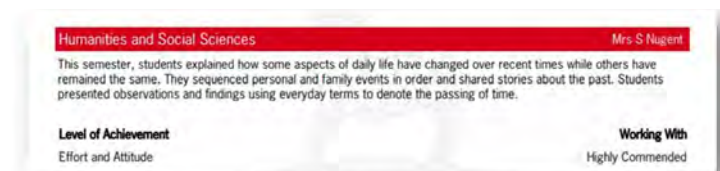
Ms Hayley Duggan
Deputy Head of Primary
(Academics)

Student Reports

Student reports are distributed at the end of each semester. These reports are to provide you with information about your child’s demonstration of learning aligned to the Australian Curriculum.

With the rollout of the refreshed Australian Curriculum – v9.0, we have made an amendment to our student reports in the primary school. There will no longer be sub-categories outlined on the student report to reflect an increased alignment to the curriculum.

What will be recorded is the overall level of achievement for each subject area indicating how your child is progressing towards full demonstration of the achievement standard. There will also be a mark reflecting on their effort and attitude. Please see below for examples of what this will look like:



Primary - News



National Simultaneous Storytime

On 22 May 2024, our whole Primary School joined together in Duggan Hall to hear Mrs Harris read the book *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker. Mrs Harris took the students on a familiarisation journey through the book before reading and sharing the illustrations with our students. It was a story of longing and connection, taking the bowerbird through the city, ocean and soaring into the sky. He was searching and collecting treasures along the way until ultimately, he found something much greater than he could have ever imagined. Our primary students thoroughly enjoyed Mrs Harris reading and sharing this story while millions of other children around the nation were engaged in the same book.



ICAS Testing

A reminder that the 2024 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) will be held on the following dates:

English: Tuesday 13 August 2024

Mathematics: Tuesday 27 August 2024

If you would like your child to participate in these optional competitions, the form emailed previously needs to be returned to Primary Reception by Friday 21 June 2024. Please note, these competitions are only open to students in Years 3 to 6 at RGS.

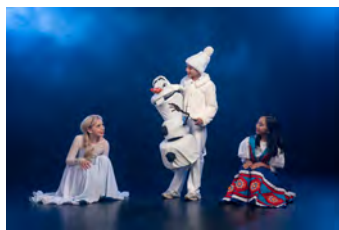


Primary Musical

Embark on a magical journey through snow-capped mountains and icy realms as The Rockhampton Grammar School's Primary students proudly present Disney's *Frozen Jr.*! Join us for an enchanting musical adventure filled with beloved characters, catchy tunes, and heartwarming moments that will melt even the iciest of hearts.

With dazzling performances by our talented young stars, this timeless tale of sisterhood, friendship, and self-discovery will leave you spellbound. Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of Disney's *Frozen Jr.* come to life on stage!

Book your tickets now and let the warmth of friendship thaw the coldest of winters.

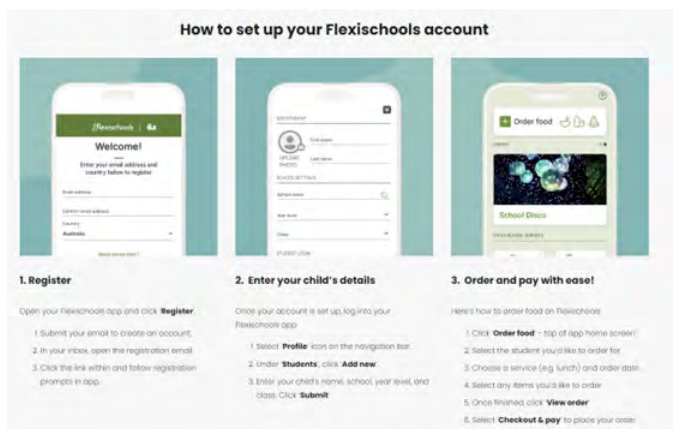


Primary - News



School Lunches

There has been an increase in the number of primary students coming to school without morning tea or lunch. Please make sure that you have packed lunch for your child/ren or placed an order for Tuck Shop. Tuck Shop can be ordered via the Flexischools App (www.flexischools.com.au) using the instructions below:



Please note that Tuck Shop orders need to be submitted before 8.30am each day.



Gardiner Chess Central Queensland Term 2 Inter-School Tournament

On Thursday 23 May 2024, RGS Primary entered four teams into the Term Two Inter-School Chess Tournament. It was held at Heights College, with a new record set; 221 students competing from across the region. As there were so many students competing this term, the Primary students were split into two divisions; Premier and Division A. RGS teams:

RGS Primary 1: Bahar Hosseinejad, Shubham Karthikeyan, Chase Tippett, Arya Udayaraj

RGS Primary 2: Boshu Chen, Joshua Attokaran, Harper McMillan, Anika Udayaraj

RGS Primary 3: Lexie Kirk, Elijah Rowe, Rishi Roopireddy, Richie Simpson

RGS Primary 4: Vedavyas Pillai, Alexander Knowles, Ishika Rathi, Anant Singh

Primary Premier Division Team Results - 1st: Frenchville, 2nd: RGS Primary 1, 3rd: St Peters, 4th: RGS Primary 2

Primary Division A Team Results - 1st: RGS Primary 3, 2nd: St Mary's, 3rd: St Peters, 5th: RGS Primary 4

Primary Individual Results: (Premier Division) 2nd: Bahar; (A Division) 2nd: Alexander, 3rd: Lexi; (Merit Awards) Shubham, Elijah, Rishi, Richie, Ishika.

Congratulations to all our Chess players.



Primary - News



Curriculum - 1N



1N has been learning all about ants! We enjoyed making our own ant colonies using pasta. Did you know the bullet ant is said to have the most painful sting in the world?



Book Week

Mark this in your calendars everyone.

Book Week will be held this year in the week of 19 - 23 August, 2024. The Book Week Parade will be held on Monday 19 August at approximately 8.45am. The theme this year is Reading is Magic! So once again a lovely broad theme which lends itself to lots of dress-ups. Time to get busy thinking about costumes!



RGS Garden Club

The Primary Garden Club will be holding their first fundraiser this year in week 2 of Term 3. We will be selling pre-loved books for super cheap prices from 50c onwards. Any donations of books or magazines suitable for children will be gladly received by us as we continue to fundraise for the purpose of purchasing chicken food, garden equipment and garden plants. Please send your pre-loved book and magazine donations to either Mrs Irwin or Mrs Donaldson.



Primary - Sport



CQ Challenge Cup

On Friday 10 May 2024, a team of our best 10 and 11 year old Rugby League players competed in the CQ Challenge Rugby League Carnival. The carnival was held at Kettle Park and consisted of teams from schools all around the Rockhampton area. The boys played well as a team and were very competitive against the other teams in their pool. Despite losing both of their games, they showed plenty of courage and resilience. They represented the school with pride and learned a lot from the experience.



As their coach, I was extremely proud of their efforts and performance in both of their matches given the minimal preparation that we had.

A special mention must go to Mrs Curtis for her assistance on the day, and also a big thank you to Mr Spark and the maintenance team for organising and setting up the shade for us on the day.

For their wonderful contributions, the team was recognised during our Primary assembly and players of the match certificates were awarded to: Oliver Krehlik, Brenton Gaka, Elijah Rowe, Camm Buckton and Max Tobin. The RGS player of the carnival was presented to Parker North.

- Mr Milburn



Sporting Achievements

Gymnastics

Naviah Cook competed at the Australian Gymnastics Championships on the Gold Coast on the 21st and 22nd May. With credible performances in Synchronised Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline, her highlight was winning the Bronze medal for Level 5 Individual Trampoline with personal best routines. Well done Naviah!



Primary School Athletics Carnival



Programme Includes:	
Tuesday 11 June 2024	Wednesday 12 June 2024
High Jump (6 – 12yrs)	Novelty Dash (Preps only)
800m (9 – 12yrs)	Novelty Throw (Prep – 8 yrs)
Ball Games (all)	Long Jump (6 – 12yrs)
	Shot Put (7 – 12yrs)
	Discus (10 – 12yrs)
	Sprints (6 – 8yrs)
	100m (9 – 12yrs)
	200m (9 – 12yrs)
	Open Sprint (Hindmarsh Trophy Race)
	Teacher Relay



Secondary - Head of Secondary School - Academic



Ms Reniece Carter

Year 12 QCAA External Assessment

On Friday, the QCAA issued the official External Assessment timetable. I have provided all Year 12 students with an electronic copy. Parents can find a copy at this [link](#).

The QCAA does not seek feedback on the schedule. Additionally, QCAA will oversee any clashes and RGS will be notified of specific details over the coming month. Relevant students will be notified once details are known.

Year 12 MOCK timetable

The RGS Mock timetable will be issued prior to the end of this term given the official EA schedule has been released.

Secondary School - Head of Year Reports

Year 7



Mrs Michelle Rundle

Assessments and Exams

Thank you for the wonderful support you are providing for your children as they tackle their semester exams. We are almost there but still have a few remaining exams in the coming week. If your child has been unwell and away from school, please contact us so we can help manage the catch up.

You will have received an invitation to our Year 7 Showcase to be held on the last day of this term. We will begin in the Auditorium at 10:00 am but if you cannot make that, you are welcome to visit our open classrooms from 10:40am until 11:40am. It is really important that all students are in attendance until the completion of School on Friday which is approximately 11:50 am. This allows us to remain as a team where every student is involved in the packing up of the Showcase material with their class.



MS RUNDLE AND THE YEAR 7 TEAM

INVITE YOU TO THE

Year 7 Showcase



Secondary School - Head of Year Reports

Year 8



Mrs Aleisha Tuaine

As we now move into Week 8, the Year 8's are still in full swing, and not yet slowing down towards the end of term. Between sports, Music Festival, Eisteddfod, Chess and, of course, exams, Year 8 has been a hive of activity!

We are now halfway through our timetabled exams. In Tutorial and Form this week, students had the opportunity to make the most of a study lesson, with most students making the most of the chance to squeeze just a little more study in. It is always a pleasure to watch the Year 8's study. Some work studiously through revision sheets, others prepare study cards and quiz themselves, whilst other students prefer to make the most of online resources to create fun ways to test their knowledge. What is often most encouraging to see in these lessons is the sense of camaraderie evident between students, as they support each other in their learning.

With so many events continuing over the last week, and with several students impacted by illness, there will be some students needing to sit make-up exams. In most cases, this can be negotiated directly with the class teacher, but where there are multiple exams, or other considerations, please contact me for assistance. I wish all the Year 8's the best of luck with their remaining exams and assignments.

Looking ahead, in Term 3, the Year 8's begin their Year 8 Form Camps. This is always an exciting, and highly anticipated time of the year. Camp letters will begin being distributed this term, so please make note of the dates. Camp dates are:

8D: 10/7 – 12/7 (Mrs Pelletier)

8A: 17/7 – 19/7 (Mrs Silcock)

8E: 24/7 – 26/7 (Ms Atfield)

8F: 31/7 – 2/8 (Mrs Moore)

8B: 5/8 – 7/8 (Mr Harris)

8C: 9/10 – 11/10 (Term 4) (Ms Russell)

Next week, we look forward to our Athletics Carnival. Not all students excel at athletics, and so, for some students, it can be tempting to take this day off. However, although we aren't all good at athletics, we can all support each other, and that's what really makes these events special.

I look forward to seeing all of the Year 8's on what promises to be a very fun day! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Year 9



Mr Nathan Doyle

Students have spent the last week completing exams and assignments and some will continue early into Week 8. If students have been unwell and missed exams, please make sure to check with your classroom teacher to negotiate a suitable time to complete this work.

Week 9 will be quite disjointed, with the Rockhampton Show Holiday on Thursday and our full Athletics day on Friday. Friday will primarily focus on the track events on the lower oval. The timing of events on Friday will coincide with our normal school routine, with the day beginning at 8.30am and culminating with the winning house being awarded the trophy at 3pm.

I encourage all our students to be there on Friday, both to compete and support your house and your peers.

During Tutorials in Week 9, the Year 9 classes will be looking at subject selection for Year 10. They will be given information about each of their potential subject choices and each student will be asked to nominate subjects of interest.

Week 10 of this term is the What About Me (WAM) camp programme. It is considered compulsory, and I look forward to all the Year 9 students participating and embracing all activities in a positive and productive manner. Like most of these opportunities – the value of the experience is linked with to the effort put in and the willingness to be challenged. I am sure all our students will have a great week leading into the mid-year holiday period.



Secondary School - Head of Year Reports

Year 10



Mr Nick Blevin

The Year 10s are wrapping up their busy assessment period for this term. I'm optimistic that their efforts, both in class and at home, have been fruitful and will be reflected in their semester reports in the weeks ahead. Unfortunately, illness has affected us as a cohort recently, leading to some extensions on assessment deadlines. If your child is unwell and worried about missing deadlines, please don't hesitate to reach out to me so we can make necessary adjustments. Thank you to those who have already been in touch. Furthermore, in circumstances where your child has accrued a number of absences across Term 1 and 2, please ensure that you are providing medical certificates to the school either directly to me or to the Secondary School Office so that those absences can be accounted for.

In our recent tutorial sessions, we have been delving into subject selections for Year 11 and 12. Students should now be more familiar with the key terminology and decisions they'll need to make in the coming weeks. I urge you to continue discussions with your child regarding their future and the subjects required for their desired career path. In the coming weeks, we'll begin the process of selecting subjects for the cohort in 2025 which will likely be a daunting but also exciting time for all Year 10 students.

I would like to congratulate the majority of Year 10's who have made significant progress in their volunteer hours, meeting at least half of the 20-hour requirement for the year. For those who haven't started yet, we are now halfway through the year, and I strongly encourage you to do so. As we approach the end of term, please submit any early leave requests with as much notice as possible. This will ensure your child has access to necessary learning materials during their absence.

Year 11



Mrs Amy Challacombe

Welcome to another action-packed couple of weeks for the Year 11s. This is our last week of scheduled exams, with catch up exams running this week as well. The Heads of Department and I are working together, to ensure that all students can complete their exam catch-ups in a timely manner.

We are still experiencing a number of illnesses circulating the campus. Please keep sick children home to rest and recover, and to keep the spread to a minimum. I would encourage all students to remember safe hygiene practices, and wash hands regularly to minimise the spread of germs while at school. If your child is absent, please notify the school and me so we can organise any catch-up work or reschedule of exams. Your support in this is greatly appreciated. All absences need a medical certificate to accompany them. This type of paperwork is necessary when submitting extension applications and explaining absences in case of an audit. We expect the Year 11s to ensure they are not taking time off unnecessarily. Our Expression of Interest Form closes Friday June 16, for any student who is considering applying for a Leadership position this year for their senior year of school. Please ensure you have spoken with your child regarding roles of responsibility, and how they will go juggling this with the academic commitments required for senior schooling. A great way students can begin their leadership journey is trying it out before they apply – there are many events listed throughout the RGS calendar students can assist with.

Friday, June 14 is our Secondary School Athletics Carnival, this would be a great event to assist with, our PE department will need assistance with set up, the Secondary School Office will welcome helpers on the day, and students willing to assist with odd jobs on the day. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. I hope you and your family are safe and well.



Secondary School - Head of Year Reports

Year 12



Mrs Persephone Cook

It has hit that time of the year where we start to see student's energy, enthusiasm and positivity wane. It is a difficult time of the year where students have completed two internal pieces, working hard so far this year and with work commencing on the third, it can seem like there is still such a long road ahead with two pieces yet to complete. In addition to, and ironically contrasting, now is when students feel the 'realness' that the end of school is near and that they will soon be embarking on the wide world. This can be quite daunting and difficult for students to navigate as they make decisions that they feel need to be right even though they may feel unsure. Given these conflicting emotions, it is important for students' to ensure they are taking the time "to live in the moment" – spend time with friends, watch a good movie, read a good book, paint, draw, dance, sing, play sport, cook, create, write, go for a walk, indulge in some good comfort food, chat with friends, and practice positive self-talk – all of this helps to ground and find the positives in every moment in every day. Additionally, in order to keep motivated and positive around the journey towards goals, it is important to train your brain. This [blog](#) provides some tips on how to train your subconscious that students may find useful, especially the section that talks about paying attention to your thoughts and challenging them. This is also the time of year where students who are looking to attend university next year, may also be looking at colleges. Please keep in mind that I am more than happy to be a reference for these applications so students may put my details on their applications.

In the past couple of weeks, our students again have been busy across various co-curricular events. Our Cancer Awareness Committee put on a wonderful High Tea on Sunday 25 May and that same weekend saw many students compete in the annual Sullivan's Netball Carnival. Students in the Show Team headed to the Ridgeland Show, and others at the Eisteddfod during their final week of competitions. Year 12's also had a visit from Sam and Sam from the Fire Department to discuss Driver Safety and implications of making poor choices in cars – both being the driver and the passenger. This was a follow up discussion after their visit last year and I hope students were able to take away some key messages here to keep them safe in cars into the future. Talking about driver safety, we have also had a contingent of Year 12's head to Benaraby on the weekend just been to partake in a defensive driving course. Valuable practical and theory based learning to assist students to be more aware of the road and how to respond when things don't go so smoothly.

Looking ahead, ladies competed in the Vicki Wilson Cup today and gentlemen in the AFL QSchools Cup today. This Wednesday Year 12 students will attend Ritamada from 10am. Given my previous comments on student's energy levels, this is the perfect time of year to assist students to focus on their wellbeing. The hope is that this day will help students to have a focus on their physical health, social interactions, healthy eating, and mental health. I look forward to spending this final Ritamada Day for the Year 12 cohort with them.

Next week brings the main athletics carnival and I am thoroughly looking forward to watching the students in action over this day, both as competitors and in their leadership roles. This is always a perfect opportunity for students to have a day to relax, have fun and enjoy. I hope to see many of the Year 12's enjoying this, their final RGS Athletics Carnival!



Secondary - News



Secondary School: Term 2 events

13 June	Rockhampton Show Holiday
19 June	Secondary School Formal Assembly
21 June	Last day of Term 2



Secondary School Student Reports

Student reports are scheduled for release at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 25 June 2024. Parents will be advised through the Daily Notices if there is any change to the date that reports will be released.



Secondary School Parent-Teacher Interviews

Teachers of students in Years 7 – 12 will be available for parent-teacher interviews on Monday 8 July 2024. Parents will be able to make an online booking with teachers via Parent Lounge.

We will have two sessions:

Option 1: A face-to-face session at The Rockhampton Grammar School from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Option 2: An Online session (i.e. conducted in your home) via MS TEAMS from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm.

Bookings will open on Tuesday 25 June at 4.00 pm until Tuesday 2 July at 4.00 pm. Available interview times will fill quickly so we recommend booking your interview times as soon as possible.

Please confirm your email details are correct in Parent Lounge to ensure you receive all the necessary information about the interviews.



Careers



Ms Annie Belonogoff
Careers Advisor

Upcoming Events

GAP YEAR – Letz Live

A reminder to all Year 12 students wishing to take a gap year before commencing full time study or work in 2025, please see the Letz Live website for more information regarding their Activity Assistant and Hospitality Assistant paid gap year opportunities. Due to an increased number of students applying, the School Assistant roles are now at capacity. Apply now to avoid disappointment! Please see the [website](#) for more information.

RHINO Health Careers Presentation

Year 10, 11, and 12 students interested in:

- Nursing
- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Allied Health

Are encouraged to sign up for the RHINO Representative Presentation on **Wednesday June 5 in the MAH from 2:30 – 3:10pm**. Presentation topics include:

- Rural medical issues
 - Opportunities within various health disciplines
 - Indigenous and cultural aspects within healthcare across the central and northern regions of Australia
- RGS Alumni, and JCU 6th year medical student, Annabel Flockhart will be presenting. To sign up for the event please complete the form [here](#) Year 10 students are expected to catch up on missed work.

TAFE QLD | Nursing Information Sessions - Gold Coast

June 4 to June 6, 2024

Join us at TAFE Queensland on the Gold Coast for an upcoming Nursing information session. Learn all about starting your journey to a fulfilling nursing career!

Join our information sessions:

- State-of-the-art technology featuring augmented reality hologram patients
- Flexible study options and how they can work for you
- Find out about [fee-free](#) nursing (meaning that some or all of your course costs may be covered by the Queensland Government)
- Engage with our educators, inquire about Residential Schools at our Southport campus, and address any queries you may have
- Discover how TAFE Queensland equips students to deliver the best quality care for their patients, and includes vocational placement from stage one of our training.

[Find out more](#)

ACU | Regional and remote student information session and panel webinar

June 5, 2024

We will cover off entry programs, student accommodation

options, scholarships, support services, student life and more. They will also hear from current students who relocated to study at ACU. [Find out more](#)

Central Queensland Engineering Link Project 2024

June 8, 2024

Engineering Link Group are proud to continue to be associated with CQUniversity, and are excited to present the Central Queensland Engineering Link Project again in 2024 - an engineering experience that engages students in mathematics, science and engineering. For 2024, the Engineering Link Project will be a one-day event for Year 10, 11 and 12 students. Everyone will participate in two workshops in different engineering disciplines. Each workshop is designed to challenge your creativity and knowledge of maths and science. A professional engineer will outline their career and what a day in the life of an engineer is, then present you with a problem or scenario that you will have to solve in teams. You will test materials, complete design calculations, and submit a proposal. If approved, you will construct your solution. The engineer will evaluate each solution against the criteria and provide constructive feedback. [Find out more](#)

Important Future Events

The Hotel School | Brisbane Open Campus 2024

June 15, 2024

Join us for a day filled with excitement and exploration at our University Open Campus, where you'll get to experience life as a student at The Hotel School. Here's what awaits you:

- Participate in a special Masterclass
- Meet The Hotel School team and explore our diverse range of courses and application process
- Discuss career opportunities with the Work Integrated Learning team
- Connect with our current students and fellow attendees
- Enjoy light refreshments

[Find out more](#)

UQ | InspireU Health Science Camp

June 23 to June 28, 2024

Immerse yourself in a week-long (23-28 June) university experience to learn about health sciences. Year 11-12 students will get to explore potential study options and gain practical insights into a range of disciplines. You will:

- participate in a week-long on-campus residential camp
- attend sessions to further understand health science
- take part in practical, hands-on experiences
- explore UQ facilities and services
- connect with current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university students
- meet fellow secondary school students.



Careers

You're eligible if you:

- are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- are enrolled in high school at the time of application
- are enrolled in ATAR subjects /eligible for an ATAR score
- have a school attendance rate of 90% or greater.

[Find out more](#)

QUT | Future You Summit

July 1 to July 5, 2024

Held from Monday 1 – Friday 5 July at QUT's Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses, providing Year 11 and 12 students a taste of university life. Students will have the opportunity to expand their skill sets beyond the classroom and explore future career ambitions with like-minded peers. Participants will be treated like real QUT undergraduate students, with access to QUT's world class facilities across both Brisbane campuses, and participating in a program encompassing all QUT study areas:

- law and business
- creative industries, education and social justice
- science, maths and technology
- engineering and the built environment
- health.

Students will choose from discipline-based programme streams, which have been designed to inspire, engage and up-skill students in their areas of interest. Students will take part in interactive sessions that will unpack the importance of a future careers, with the help of industry speakers, researchers, ambassadors, alumni and more. [Find out more](#)

SAE | Create for a Day

July 6, 2024

The one-day programme is designed to expand your skills and get you working on inspiring creative projects in the fields of Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games or Electronic Music Production. Discover what it means to be a creative professional, in state-of-the-art facilities with industry experts by your side. Attendees will learn valuable practical and collaborative skills to build a creative piece of work. They will also receive a certificate of participation to acknowledge the creative project they have undertaken. [Find out more](#)

JCU | Open Day 2024

July 13 to July 27, 2024

Experience life on-campus for yourself! Check out the study facilities, meet your future lecturers and sample our North Queensland lifestyle! Chat with JCU Advisors about our top tips for moving from secondary school to university, explore your career change options and find the study pathway that suits you.

Townsville Open Day (Date: Saturday 13 July 2024)

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

[Find out more](#)

Brisbane Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo 2024

July 13 to July 14, 2024

Get expert advice for your transition from education to employment. Find out all of the information you need to kick start or redirect your career and find information all under

the one roof! Brisbane TSXPO is suitable for:

- Secondary school students and their parents,
- Mature age and post graduate students,
- Career seekers of ALL ages,
- Employers looking for staff training.

[Find out more](#)

Sunshine Coast Careers Expo 2024

July 16, 2024

The Expo is a must for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career, including secondary school students and their parents, mature age and post graduate students, career seekers of all ages, employers looking for staff training, and others. This annual event, at Venue 114 offers a wealth of information for visitors:

- Access the latest careers, course study and employment options.
- Advice on enrollment procedures.
- Talk to local and national employers.
- Opportunity to talk to admissions staff.
- Meet with interstate and overseas exhibitors.
- Info on bursaries, scholarship and application procedures.
- Compare courses from different providers.
- Students services, GAP and exchange programs.

[Find out more](#)

Queensland Police Service | Open Day - Brisbane

July 20, 2024

Learn all about a career with the Queensland Police Service. Take this rare opportunity to check out our state-of-the-art training facilities and chat with our specialist units like the Dog Squad, Road Policing Command, Dive Squad, Mounted Unit, Stock Squad, PolAir and many more. Policing can be a lifelong career with many different pathways, so take your time touring our training facility, driver training track and firearms range, and drop in to an information session throughout the day where you can ask questions about your future career. [Find out more](#)

UniSC | Open Day 2024

July 21 to August 4, 2024

UniSC Open Day is all about welcoming community and future students on to campus to check out UniSC's programme offerings, meet staff and explore UniSC's world class teaching and learning facilities.

Moreton Bay campus - Sunday 21 July 2024

Sunshine Coast campus - Sunday 4 August

[Find out more](#)

Bond | Open Day 2024

July 27, 2024

Open Day is the perfect way to learn more about everything a university has to offer – whether that's done through meeting students and academics, roaming our beautiful campus, or even testing out our facilities. [Find out more](#)



Careers

QUT | Open Day 2024

July 28, 2024

Explore the amazing facilities at Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove. [Find out more](#)

CQUni | Open Days 2024

August 3 to August 22, 2024

Explore our facilities and learn about your study options direct from our supportive staff. Open Day events are held across July and August at our regional campus locations.

- **Get your questions answered:** We're a friendly and passionate bunch who take the time to explain the nitty-gritty of starting study. Ask us about your pathway options, fees, scholarships, and support with your application.
- **Start planning your future:** With both TAFE and uni-university study options available, we'll help you discover your dream course. You'll even get the opportunity to speak with our teachers about work placements, graduate outcomes, and career opportunities.
- **Experience campus life:** Step onto our vibrant campuses and soak in the atmosphere.

Rockhampton Open Day:

Sunday 18 August, 9 am – 12 pm

[Find out more](#)

SCU | Open Days 2024

August 4 to August 18, 2024

Want to check out Southern Cross University campuses in person? Come to our Open Days at the Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, and Coffs Harbour campuses in August 2024:

- Northern Rivers Campus – Sunday, August 4
- Coffs Harbour Campus – Sunday, August 11
- Gold Coast Campus – Sunday, August 18

[Find out more](#)

UQ | Open Day 2024

August 4 to August 18, 2024

Explore your interests and study options, immerse yourself in university life and get answers to all your questions.

What to expect:

- Attend sessions to uncover your study area of interest and find out more about the degrees we offer.
- Enter a competition, grab some freebies, listen to live music, get hands-on in a workshop or come on a tour.
- Get to know UQ. Ask current students and teachers all your questions and find out about student life.

St Lucia campus Open Day - Sunday 4 August, 9am–3pm

Gatton campus Open Day - Sunday 18 August, 9am–3pm

[Find out more](#)

JCU | Virtual Open Day

August 6, 2024

An opportunity to learn more about the University ranked number 1 in Queensland for graduate starting salary. Get information on courses and support services in a relaxed and convenient environment, and have your questions answered via live chat with JCU advisors, current students, academics and alumni. [Find out more](#)

Careers for Net Zero QLD Roadshow

August 6 to August 14, 2024

The Clean Energy Council and Energy Efficiency Council, with support from the Queensland Government, is hosting the Careers for Net Zero QLD Roadshow in three regional Queensland locations this August – registration and entry to each event is free.

Australia's future clean economy will bring with it thousands of exciting local career and training opportunities for students, graduates, career changers and job seekers of all ages, particularly in regional Queensland.

This roadshow will provide the latest information about clean economy careers, including renewable energy, critical minerals and green manufacturing, as well as the opportunity to connect directly with local employers.

Locations and dates:

- **Toowoomba** | The Refectory, UniSQ | Tuesday, 6 August 2024, 9.00am – 3.30pm
- **Gladstone** | Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre | Friday, 9 August 2024, 9.00am – 3.30pm
- **Townsville** | TAFE QLD Trade Training Centre Bohle | Wednesday, 14 August 2024, 9.00am – 3.30pm

[Find out more](#)

Bond | Ideas Camp 2024

August 7, 2024

Whether you have a business idea that will set the world on fire, or if you want to blaze your own trail despite being unsure of your career path, then get ready to unleash your inner entrepreneur! Ideas Camp is a hands-on, one-day business workshop designed exclusively for our next gen corporate adventurers. Join us and as we bring together some successful young entrepreneurs and current Bondies to stir the embers of your business dreams. If you're in Year 10, 11 or 12, are dreaming of a career in business, and want to be inspired, you won't want to miss Ideas Camp.

[Find out more](#)

Griffith | Open Day 2024

August 11, 2024

Explore a world of possibilities! With over 150 activities, workshops, and information sessions to choose from, our Open Day is your ticket to an unforgettable experience. Whether you're curious about science, business, arts, or health, we have something for everyone. [Find out more](#)

JCU | Heroes in Sport

August 12 to August 13, 2024

Do you have a passion and desire to develop a career in physiotherapy and sports and exercise science? Gain unique insights into a career in sport. You'll go behind the scenes at the Cowboys Community, Training and High Performance Centre, and learn from industry experts in physiotherapy and sports and exercise science before hitting the field for a high performance training session.

Dates and locations for 2024:

Townsville - 12 – 13 August

[Find out more](#)



Boarding



Mr Mike Silcock
Director of Boarding

Being Different

Boarding has been in the “spotlight” this term, with National Boarding Week focusing all on our Boarders and their boarding journeys. Our Boarders have also been heavily involved in so much positive across the school, whether it be in the classroom, the playground, sports fields, auditorium or our boarding homes. I continue to interview a number of young, future boarders and am often asked by prospective parents what an atypical RGS Boarder looks like. The interest, I know, is to get a sense of what their son or daughter will grow to become. My response has a real simplicity to it. An RGS Boarder is what they want to be. An RGS Boarder will of course hold at their core the values and expectations that exist within our community, but they will do so within the framework of being themselves, of being the very best version of themselves. I want our Boarding Community to see, embrace and celebrate difference. In a world that often prioritises conformity and uniformity, celebrating difference can be a powerful and transformative act. Embracing diversity not only enriches our lives but also strengthens our community. Differences drive innovation. When people from various backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives come together, they bring unique ideas and solutions to the table. Diverse teams are more likely to think outside the box and challenge the status quo. Within a boarding context this ensures we are always looking for ways to improve our “offerings” and this is done in collaboration with our Boarders and their families. Interacting with people who are different from ourselves encourages personal growth and development. It challenges our assumptions and broadens our horizons, helping us to become more open-minded and empathetic. Celebrating differences teaches us to appreciate and value perspectives other than our own, fostering a more inclusive and compassionate worldview. It also prepares our Boarders for “life beyond our gates”. Diverse communities

are stronger and more resilient. They are better equipped to handle challenges because they can draw on a wide range of skills, knowledge, and experiences. Celebrating differences within a community helps to build trust and cooperation among its members, creating a more cohesive and supportive environment. National Boarding Week was the perfect, but not only, example of the beauty of bringing together people of such varied backgrounds. Celebrating differences is a crucial step towards achieving social justice and equality. Recognizing and valuing diversity helps to dismantle stereotypes and combat discrimination. It ensures that everyone, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to contribute and succeed. By embracing our differences, we can work towards a more equitable society where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. We say that a Boarding experience is so much more than what is offered in the classroom, it provides a critical platform to grow these important characteristics. Exposure to diverse perspectives fosters empathy and compassion. It helps us to understand the experiences and challenges faced by others, promoting kindness and solidarity. Celebrating differences encourages us to support one another and work together to address common challenges. This is the foundation of Boarding, creates the lifelong friendships that are so often spoken of and is the very best of a Boarding experience. Celebrating difference is not just about tolerating diversity; it's about recognizing the inherent value that diversity brings to our lives and societies. It is about creating a world where everyone feels seen, heard, and valued for who they are. By embracing and celebrating our differences, we can build a more innovative, compassionate, and equitable world. So, this is what it means to be an RGS Boarder. Be empowered. Be different.



Co-Curriculum - Secondary



Mr Todd Wells
Director of Co-Curriculum

Secondary School Athletics Carnival

Pre-Event Running Races

3000M – Students to nominate and TIC of Cross Country and DOCC to select runners to compete at District Trials.

1500m Races – Races to be run before the main carnival to reduce the number of track events at the full carnival to 100m, 200m 400m 800m + Relay.

Girls races were run last Friday. The Boys races are on Thursday 6 June.

7:30am – Open Division

7:35am - U16 Division

7:40am – U15 Division

7:45am – U14 Division

7:50am – U13 Division

7:55am – U12 Division

Twilight Carnival - Monday 10 June 2024 (Top and Bottom Ovals)

- 12:50pm-2:10pm U12/13/14 Boys and Girls Discus, Javelin and Triple Jump
- 2:50pm-4:10pm U15/U16 and Open Boys and Girls Discus, Javelin and Triple Jump
- Uniform – Students are to wear PE Uniform, save your House shirt for the Friday Carnival.

Main Carnival – Friday 14 June (Top and Bottom Ovals)

Time: 8:00am – 3:00pm

Track Events – 100m/200m/400m/800m and 100m Relays plus High Jump, Shot Put and Long Jump.

- Day students will be required to be dropped off between 8:00am - 8:15am and picked up between 3:00pm - 3:30pm. Students are to assemble in House areas for a roll to be completed between 8:15am-8:30am.
- Food - While there will be food available for purchase on the day, we are encouraging day students to bring their own lunch. Boarders and staff will be provided with morning tea and lunch.
- Uniform – Students are asked to be dressed in House shirts and RGS hat and bring with them sunscreen and a water bottle. Year 12s can wear a themed costume, but they must compete in school uniform.

The event schedules for both days are available in the daily notices on Parent Lounge and Student Café.

Australian Rules Football

The School Year 7-9 AFL team played in the AFLQ School Cup last week. The team had a lot of fun and enjoyed the experience on the day. The Year 10-12 team plays today.

Chess

A new record was set with 221 students competing in the Central Qld Interschool Chess tournament. All students played well representing the school proudly and it was lovely to see some parents attending to support their children. In Secondary, Basilu Hewavithana and Prahaz Peddireddy received Ribbons of Merit with Basitha Hewavithan achieving individual third in the A division, and his teammate, Siyuan Liu achieving individual second place. Their team, which also included Basilu and Lachlan Bell, also placed first in the A division. The Premier division (the top one) was very competitive with a 6 way tie for individual 3rd with Shivam Karthikeyan just missing out but receiving Ribbon of Merit. Primary were very successful, placing first in the A division and 2nd in the Premier division (as well as individual placings and Ribbons of Merit).

Football

The RGS U15 Football team defeated Emmaus College last week in the Rockhampton Final of the Bill Turner Cup. The team won 3-1 and will now play Shalom College on Wednesday at 12:30pm on the top oval in the Central Queensland Final. The winner of this match will go on to play the Sunshine Coast winner.



Music Festival

Congratulations to all the students and staff who participated in the 2024 Music Festival at the Pilbeam Theatre on Saturday evening. This event once again showcased the amazing and talented students here at RGS that work so hard in rehearsals and practices.

Netball

Congratulations to our 12 netball teams who competed in the Sully's carnival, with 3 teams coming runner up. The School was represented by 3 teams in the Vicki Wilson Cup District Championships in Yeppoon today - First VII, Seconds and Year 7-9 Storms teams. The winning teams in the Cup and Shield divisions qualify through to the State Finals in Brisbane during August. Good luck to RGS teams



Co-Curriculum - Secondary

playing in the RDSS semi-finals at Jardine Park on Thursday afternoon. Winning teams will qualify for Friday night's grand finals.

Vicki Wilson

Congratulations to RGS Magic on qualifying for the Vicki Wilson Cup State Finals in Brisbane after a 5 goal win over TCC in today's regional championship final at Yeppoon. RGS Storm and RGS Meteors teams also represented the School well today.



Rowing

All RGS Families and supporters are invited to the RGS Rowing Club Friday on the Fitzroy, June 7 from 5pm. This is a fundraiser for the Rowing Club and meals and drinks will be available.



Rugby League

The 2024 Dolphins Cup and Challenge Competitions start for the School this week with matches against TCC at Rugby Park on Tuesday afternoon.

4:30pm – Dolphins Challenge Boys (Year 9-10)

5:30pm Dolphins Cup Girls First XIII

6:30pm Dolphins Cup Boys First XIII

Notifications of Achievements

Due to the vast array of core and non-core sporting activities that students participate in, can all students' sporting achievements be emailed through to Mrs Coetzer, the Sports Administrator – RGSSport@rgs.qld.edu.au

Student Achievements

Water Polo

Congratulations to Alice McDonald who competed at the 2024 Australian Country Water Polo Open Championships at the Gold Coast from 8 - 11 May. Alice played in the Maroon team that placed second, bringing home the silver medal. Congratulations to Maddy Lynch who also competed, playing in the Gold team which came fifth.

Rockhampton District Representatives

(Please note that all Rockhampton and Capricornia representative recognitions are updated in the newsletter once final teams are provided to the School)

Rugby League

Sophie Dendle, Madison Smith.

Softball

Lucian Hume



Photo Gallery

