

Dear Community,

The Tasmanian Department of Education has spent the past few years developing a strategic plan by which its vision "...to develop successful, skilled and innovative Tasmanians" can be realised. As you would expect this includes intentional, focussed learning aimed at arming all members of the education community (and isn't that everyone?) to enact the plan. As a result I, other teachers, parents and students have been privileged to hear and work with a number of experts this year, building our understandings and stretching our thinking. On Friday I attended a Principals' Forum where leading scholar, author and speaker, Yong Zhao, challenged us to consider the implications of globalisation and technology. The way in which we met together, all DoE principals, was different to start with – rather than travelling to meet in one spot, we grouped in three regional locations – and interacted via Lync with Yong Zhao, being faced with ideas and asking questions that make personalised learning not only a possibility but a priority. Two Queechy student leaders, Fraser Rathmell and Alisha Lynch, along with four students from Kings Meadows and Prospect High Schools, also attended as another way of ensuring that today's ideas are carried forward into the future.

Similarly the workshops, and work, by Donna Cross as part of the DoE's *Respectful Schools, Respectful Behaviours* strategy, should have a profound and powerful impact on the health and safety of our young people. Donna Cross shared strategies and understandings re bullying, especially cyber bullying, and provoked much further questioning and thinking. One issue she highlighted was that the actions of bystanders make a critical difference - depending on how bystanders respond, they can either contribute to the problem or the solution. Some research indicates that in more than half the time bullying stops within 10 seconds of a bystander stepping in to help. When we think of bystanders and bullying most of us visualise people meeting in person but their power is just as potent via social media – "liking" a cruel, embarrassing status adds to, and compounds, the initial hurt and the ongoing suffering. One way in which we can support our children is to talk with them and think ahead about what they will do, how they will respond, when they witness or hear about bullying. We can provide examples of how helpful bystanders have shown courage and made a difference in real-life situations and in our own experiences – this allows our children to know that we understand and value behaviours which impact positively on others.

Our Interhigh Cross Country team competed on Tuesday and performed in the way we have come to expect from Queechy High School students, they did their best, encouraged and supported each other, and behaved in a manner which highlighted our values of Quality, Harmony, Success. In a field of eight local secondary schools we improved upon last year's result, achieving an overall fifth place and we congratulate all who participated but must single out Emily Heazlewood who was named the Grade 7 Girls Champion – well done, Emily!

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Teachers are finishing your child's report this week, results for the first half of the year are collated and comments written. We will now take another few weeks to ensure they are appropriately edited, read and signed by their grade leaders, read and signed by me, then printed and absence reports included. They will be ready by the end of term but we have decided to have the Admin staff place them in envelopes and then have students bring them home on Day 1, Term 3– 22nd July. That way the Parent/teacher Interviews can be held the following week whilst the content and implications of the reports are still fresh in minds, allowing robust discussions and plans to take place. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like further information regarding our reporting process or any other concerns, questions or feedback you might wish to discuss.



Kathy Davis

Inter High Cross Country Carnival

On Tuesday 10th June Queechy High School students participated in the Inter High Cross Country Carnival held at Kings Meadows High School. All students performed well on the day and should be very proud of their individual efforts. Some outstanding results were;

Emily Heazlewood- 1st Grade 7 Girls

Jessica Upton-Greer– 2nd Grade 7 Girls

Isobel Cameron– 2nd grade 10 Girls

Students now have the opportunity to represent the school at the upcoming Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country Carnival in July.





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NextGen Team Challenge

During the week of 2nd – 6th of June, twenty four students from grades nine and ten found themselves involved in a hectic week of challenges. Students worked in a team, nominating a C.E.O, who would ensure they were on track and keeping to deadlines. The teams met up at the Maritime College at the University campus, where they were given the challenge of deciding on a Tasmanian product and then marketing it internationally.

The teams had several items to produce: a business plan, two year profit and loss statement, logistics plan, sales pitch, marketing strategy and a trade display, as well as several challenges thrown into the mix! They would have two days of lectures and challenges at the campus then have two days to complete their work back at school and to return on the last day to the campus for presentations.

All students involved found that they had to work together responsibly as a team, to complete their challenges on time and to electronically transfer documents via DroppedToMe. Generally, instructions, feedback and challenges were communicated via Twitter.

As a teacher I was put in an uncomfortable position of supervisor. I could not contribute any suggestions or ideas and teams had to deal with any problems along the way by themselves. It was nerve racking for me, having to sit back and watch and not offer guidance or suggestions at all!

All teams worked incredibly hard at keeping to their deadlines and producing top quality work that they all should be proud of. In the business world you may take 3 months minimum to put together a business plan! Congratulations to them all for their efforts and dedication.

Mrs Oliver
Business Studies Teacher



Psychology and Sociology Career Day

On 3rd June Keely Seaman, Stoya Taylor, Lucy Howard, Taillah Green and Caitlyn Ware represented Queechy at the psychology and sociology career day held at UTAS and Newstead College. This day was all about introducing students to behavioural studies and learning the differences between psychology and sociology. Students were given a great opportunity to update their knowledge on careers within these fields and to explore two great learning facilities in UTAS and Newstead College.

The day started at UTAS by listening to Sue Musgrave talk about the courses available within psychology and associated fields. This was a great question and answer session where information was given to students on subjects to study at college if you want to enrol in psychology/sociology, duration of courses, ATAR requirements and support structures available at UTAS for academic help.

Students were then treated to a presentation by Dr Matt Palmer, a psychology lecturer at UTAS. Here he went into detail about the differences between psychology and sociology, areas of study within these fields and conducted a few activities focusing on forensic psychology. The activities he organised were very engaging as students had to witness certain clips of crimes happening and provide information as a witness. It was interesting to see how hard it was to provide accurate information and select the correct suspect from a line up. Other activities included figuring out pattern tests and learning about why people develop phobias.

Students then listened to guest students who were studying psychology at UTAS. These presentations gave students an idea of what UTAS study load is like, the content of the courses, accommodation facilities, personal costs and how to balance university studies with work and social life.

After the UTAS session, students then returned to Newstead College to listen to Jeff O'Brien, the Newstead College sociology/psychology teacher. Here he went into detail about what to expect from these courses at a college level, what marks students should aim for to enter at a pre tertiary level and that having an open mind is important for these subjects. Students then engaged in practical tasks about what has influenced them over their life time and determining whether it was genetic or environmental. An activity was conducted about morality and students had to decide if an individual's actions were appropriate depending on the situation, this created great discussion. The last activities were about watching clips to see how much the brain actually takes in and remembers. This concept is about change blindness and is an area students will study in psychology, if you are interested in viewing these clips they are available on YouTube under "The Monkey Business Illusion" and "Experimental Psychology – Change Blindness".

This career day was run with great professionalism and really gave students an insight into what professions lie within these fields. The girls selected represented Queechy High School to the best of their ability and were given information that will allow them to make informed decisions for their first year of college. If any students are interested about the information delivered on the day about psychology and sociology, come and see me in my office.

Matthew Battle
Pathway Planning.





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Do you know a teacher or volunteer that deserves to be recognised?

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MS Readathon Tasmania has aligned with the National program and welcomes your school to get involved!

Sign up period is NOW and please send me an email or call on 0409 295 158 if you would like information sent to your school or classroom for MS Readathon 2014!



CONGRATULATIONS!

On 13th April Adam Harvey competed in the 2014 Tasmanian All Styles Open Invitation Karate Tournament at PCYC.

His outstanding results were:

- 1st in Under 16 Junior Kumite
- 3rd in KYU Plus (Sparring)
- 2nd in Under 16 KATA (Forms)
- 1st in Men's A division for Black Belts

Fantastic effort - Well done Adam!

FROM THE OFFICE

SMS ABSENTEE SYSTEM: The main contact will receive an SMS if your child is absent from Tutor Group as this is where absences are generated from. To avoid receiving an SMS please phone the school office on 6341 4455.

The mobile/txt number is
0427 016 460.

Tutor Group commences at 8:45 am.

Wednesday & Thursday Afternoon Activities:
Payments are now due to the school office via cash, EFTPOS or by cheque.

Queechy Website:
<http://education.tas.edu.au/queechyhigh/Pages/Home.aspx>

CLOTHING POOL BARGAIN!

Just in time for winter
Queechy Spray Jackets
NOW \$20.00

Available from the Clothing Pool



Student Free Day

Monday 21st July



Esk Valley Orienteering Club Tour de Trevallyn

Saturday Orienteering Series, June 14-28, August 2-16
Starts from 1.30 to 3.00, Courses close at 4.00



It may not have the global following of the Tour de France but a group of orienteering juniors are hoping that the Esk Valley Orienteering Club's Tour de Trevallyn will bring out the crowds to participate rather than to spectate.

An initiative of the EVOC's older juniors, the aim is to have their own version of the French cycling classic but this time on foot and closer to home and open to public participation.

The venue for all events will be Trevallyn Reserve.

The Long Course (5-6 kms) and Medium Course (3-3.5 kms) will be moderate to hard in navigational difficulty, with the Short Course from 1.5-2 kms and easy navigation suitable for newcomers.

Members of the **public** including **family** groups are welcome to participate, with only casual registration required on the day.

All enquiries about the event to Ken Saunders: 6396 6069 email: kpsaunders@activ8.neet.au



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2014 IGA TASMANIAN SECONDARY ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

- DATE** Tuesday 1st July 2014
- VENUE** Symmons Plains Motorway, South of Launceston
- ENTRIES** All entries are to be submitted on the correct entry form. Team entries are to be submitted on the excel spreadsheet available from the Athletics Tasmania website.
- ENTRY FEE** **INDIVIDUAL** Entry fee is **\$10.00** (incl GST) per person per event
TEAM Entry fee is **\$40.00** (incl GST) per team
- LATE ENTRIES** Late entry fee is \$20.00 (incl GST) per person per event and will apply to all entries submitted after the closing date.
- REFUNDS** No refunds will be issued for any reason.
- CLOSING DATE** **WEDNESDAY 25 June at 5.00 PM**
Late entries will be accepted until one (1) hour before the scheduled starting time of the particular event and must be accompanied by the late entry fee of \$20.00 (incl GST).
- MARSHALLING** Athletes must report to marshalling area **no later than 20 minutes** before the scheduled start time for the event.

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must be age eligible and bona fide primary or secondary school students enrolled at a government or private school/college or are engaged in approved home schooling on the day of competition. All competitors must wear their approved school athletic uniform during competition. If one is not available, competitors must wear a white singlet or top.

SCHOOL TEAMS

Three runners constitute a scoring school team. There is no requirement to pre-nominate the three runners who make up a school's team(s). If there are more than three runners in any event from any one school, the school's first three runners to finish will constitute the first team, the next three runners from that school, the second team from that school, and so on. To make up a team, all runners must be from the same school. Composite teams are not permitted.

NB: Age of competitors will be taken as at 31 December 2014. In order to compete in this competition, athletes must be born between 1995 and 2002 inclusive.

MEDALS / AWARDS

Gold, silver and bronze championship medals will be awarded to the first three individual place-getters in each event. There will also be a teams' championship in each event with medals being awarded to the first three school teams to finish. For teams only, three medals will be given to the team. Some delay can occur with team results and medal presentations will not therefore be made on the day in these categories.



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ENTRY FORM - Individual Secondary All Schools Cross Country 2014

DATE Tuesday 1st July 2014
VENUE Symmons Plains Motorway, South of Launceston
TIME 10.30 AM START – marshallings finishes 20mins before each event
ENTRY FEE INDIVIDUAL Entry fee is \$10.00 (incl GST) per person per event. The fee includes membership of Athletics Tasmania for schools cross country competitions it conducts.
CLOSING DATE WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE 2014 at 5.00 PM

Tax invoice

Family Name		First Name	
D.O.B.	Day	Month	Year
Sex	M	F	
Parents Surname		Parents First Name	
ADDRESS	ADDRESS		POST CODE
	SUBURB		STATE
	PHONE HOME	PHONE MOBILE	AGE GROUP PLEASE CIRCLE
			14 / 15 / 16 / 17 / 18 / 20
Email Address			
School			

Waiver: (Entry can not be accepted unless signed)

- We, the undersigned, in consideration of, and as a condition of the acceptance of, the entry of the above named competitor in this event, for the competitor, the competitor's parents, guardians, executors and administrators, release the Event Organiser from all claims, demands and proceedings arising out of or in connection with my participation in the Event and I/We indemnify them against all liability (including acts of negligence to the fullest extent permitted by law) whatsoever and howsoever caused arising as a result of or in connection with my participation in the Event, including any loss whatsoever of personal property or otherwise.
- The waiver, release or discharge shall be and operate in favour of the Athletics Tasmania Inc, its affiliated Clubs and Branches as hosts for the Championships, any other associated organisation(s), members of the Association and all sponsors and officials, paid or voluntary and shall so operate whether, to the extent permitted by law, the damage or cause is due to any act or neglect of any of them.
- I/We agree to abide by the rules of Athletics Tasmania and the directions of its appointed officials. I/We consent to my/the competitor's name or image being used in Athletics Tasmania media releases, publications or displayed on the website of AT or its official photographer. I/We consent to receiving any medical treatment that Event Organisers think necessary during or after the event.

Signature of Athlete: _____ Date: ____/____/____

If you are under 18 years of age on the day of competition, this waiver must also be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

I certify that I am the parent of _____ who will be _____ yrs of age on 31 December 2014 and that he/she has trained for and has my consent to compete in this event.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____

PAYMENT DETAILS

I would like to pay by: VISA M/CARD CHEQUE M/ORDER CASH

Office Use Only	Card Details			
	Number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Name	<input type="text"/>	Exp. Date	<input type="text"/>
	Signature	<input type="text"/>		

Please return this form by 7 February 2014 to: Athletics Tasmania GPO Box 2051 Hobart, TAS 7001

Bank Account Details BSB 067 102 Account No. 0090 1979 Name: Athletics Association of Tasmania

Design Graffiti T-Shirts

Come and design your own graffiti style t-shirt at the Ravenswood Youth Health Space. Blank t-shirts provided but feel free to bring your own t-shirts or other clothing



Wednesday
June 18
3.00-5.00pm
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Ravenswood Community Health Centre

(39-41 Lambert Street)

For more information call 1300 364 277

Term Dates 2014

Term 1

Wednesday 5th February—Thursday 17th April

Easter Break

Friday 18th April—Tuesday 22nd April

Term 2

Monday 5th May—Friday 4th July

Term 3

Tuesday 22nd July—Friday 26th September

Term 4

Monday 13th October—Thursday 18th December

Student Free Days 2014

Tuesday 4th February

Wednesday 26th February (Launceston Cup)

Thursday 17th April (Day before Easter Friday)

Monday 21st July

Friday 24th October

Class Times

First bell 8:45am

Tutor Group: 8:45am- 9:00am

Block 1: 9:00am - 10:10am

Recess 1: 10:10am - 10:30am

Block 2: 10:30am - 11:40am

Recess 2: 11:40am - 12:00pm

Block 3: 12:00pm - 1:10pm

Lunch: 1:10pm - 1:50pm

Block 4: 1:50 pm - 3:00pm

For Your Calendar

Friday 20th June - Sunday 22nd June	Grade 8 Melbourne Trip
Thursday 26th June	Newstead College Grade 10 Orientation Day
Friday 4th July	Worlds Greatest Shave
Friday 4th July	Last day Term 2
Monday 21st July	Student Free Day
Tuesday 22nd July	First day Term 3
Wednesday 23rd July	School Association Meeting
Monday 28th July	Launceston College Grade 10 Orientation Day

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