

Dear Community,

This is the final newsletter for Term 1 and I can't believe how quickly this first quarter of the year has passed; it seems only a few weeks ago that we were welcoming new and returning students back for 2014. However we have achieved a huge amount in the past 10 weeks including providing powerful, focussed learning for both staff and students. The learning is probably more obvious for our young people – camps, assemblies, option choices, FI in schools, the V8s, our annual swimming carnival, Relay For Life, MARSSS and Catering – all these and more add to the carefully implemented core curriculum we provide for all students. Our teaching staff are always learning as well, seeking to continuously grow and improve their practice. This year we have taken the unusual step of organising ourselves into subject staffrooms, believing that improved student outcomes will result when we are grouped together and can meet, formally and informally, in our learning areas.

As I drive to school of a morning, coming up Queechy Hill I am impressed by the look of our students entering our school. Throughout Term 1 they have been appropriately and proudly dressed in full school uniform providing a strong message about the quality of our learning institution. As the weather cools and we move into second term I would hate for this to change. Please remember we have a number of uniform options suited to our winter conditions, at affordable prices and designed to be hard-wearing (certainly more so than some of the brand name items!) so there is no need to add non-uniform pieces. Would you please support us by ensuring your child does not come to school wearing:

- Ugg boots – as well as giving the impression that students are at home and/or on holiday they present a safety issue as they do not protect feet in workshops, labs and the grounds and wearers tend to shuffle and stumble.
- Brightly coloured hoodies – these should not be worn with our uniform - whether over or under, our rugby tops or jumpers they detract from the neat, pride-inspiring look we have developed.

Last year we introduced the idea of wearing a plain black puffer jacket in particularly cold weather – this remains an option and does not detract from our Q-branded clothing. Wearing uniform has many short and long term benefits and is a part of our culture, locally and nationally. I am happy to talk further with parents and students who might want to discuss this issue and make suggestions as to how we might improve our look. We will continue, as a school community, to encourage and expect those who attend Queechy High School to uphold our policies and wear the uniform appropriately at all times.

Our Interim Reports went home last week and the Parent/Teacher Interviews on Tuesday evening were also important events. Hopefully all of you have spoken with your child/ren about their progress, recognising their strengths, acknowledging growth and discussing how they might address specific needs. We know that a strong partnership between home and school supports best possible learning outcomes for students so I would encourage parents to talk often with their child's teachers, especially if you have questions or concerns about their learning. Our teachers foster open and clear communication and will contact you via phone, letter, the school diary or email to ensure you are well informed.

I hope everyone has a relaxing, restful holiday and I look forward to continuing our positive partnership, achieving the best possible learning outcomes for your child, in Term 2.



Kathy Davis



# Formula One Racing Team



Red Storm Racing returned from the National FI in Schools Nationals' Final, already planning their attack on the 2014 Tasmanian finals in September.

Travelling to Canberra with the two other Tasmanian teams allowed all the students to discuss different aspects of their approach to the competition. Saturday night was spent making sure that the cars were ready for the scrutineers on Sunday. Once they were handed over it was back to the hotel and checking the rest of the presentation material.

Monday started early with all material having to be at the convention centre before 8.00am, with set up beginning at 9.00am. It was at this time that all the teachers were locked out of the presentation hall and we had 2 hours to set up the pit display in readiness for judging. Looking at the other setups, completion was going to be tough.

In the first lot of racing we were able to see that our car was the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest in the development class, however we soon came down to earth a little as one of our measurements on the car was out by 0.12mm and we received a 0.200sec time penalty. This however, only dropped us to 7<sup>th</sup> overall; however we were successful with Sam Walley recording the fastest reaction time for the Development class for the competition.

Over the next three days we had verbal presentations, portfolio and pit booth display and the all-important engineering judging. This was difficult as our design engineer wasn't able to attend, but the judges were impressed that we had made a video of him explaining what he had done and were still able to include him as part of the team.

Wednesday night arrived with the presentation dinner and we were able to relax and talk to some of the judges. One of these was our engineering judge who worked for defence and offered to help us design a wind tunnel to test our car.

Queechy did not leave the presentations without being recognised as our teacher, Mr Djacic received the Founders Award for services to the FI in Schools Program over the last 7 years.

Thursday and Friday allowed us to visit both old and new Parliament houses and although we did not get to meet our local member of Parliament, however we did get to debate the issue of conscription in a role play at old Parliament House. Sitting in the actual chamber where the actual debate took place in the late 60s. However this time we didn't actually have to send anyone to war.

Friday we visited the Australian War Memorial where after 4 hours we still wanted to look at more and see what others have done for us in the past. These two days were made possible through the PACER program which allows interstate students to visit Canberra to view and relive important aspects of our nation's history.

Saturday was a 2am start allowing us to drive to Melbourne and several hours of shopping for those all-important gifts before boarding the boat for home.

Over the last 6 months we have learnt a lot about ourselves and each other. On team work, cooperation and collaboration. In order to do this we have had the assistance of a wide range of people and businesses (as above) and would like to thank them all for their support and assistance.



## CALL FOR MEMBERS QUEECHY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Nominations are called for the following positions to serve on the Queechy High School Association.

POSITION/ NO OF VACANCIES	DURATION IN YEARS
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Parent (2)	2
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Nominations open on Monday 7 April 2014 and close Monday 6 May 2014.

Those interested in nominating should complete the section below and forward to;

The Returning Officer, School Association Elections  
Queechy High School,  
PO Box 678,  
Kings Meadows TAS 7249

If the number of nominations exceed the number of positions in any one category elections will be held in line with Schedule I of the Queechy High School constitution for that/those particular categories.

TANYA SMART  
Returning Officer

NOMINATION FORM QUEECHY HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINEE)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION:(if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I (Nominator) \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominate the above (name)

\_\_\_\_\_ for the position of committee member on the Queechy High School Association.

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_  
accept/refuse the nomination.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator



# Hospitality and Tourism Career Day - Pathway Planning

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of March Isabelle Claridge, Daniel Hogben, Rebecca Gentle and myself took part in the hospitality and tourism career day.

This day provided these students with information about the hospitality and tourism industries. Information was delivered on potential career pathways, training, potential job opportunities and how to become involved whilst studying.

We explored the Country Club Casino especially in the areas of customer service and food preparation. A guided tour of the Casino kitchens was a highlight as you don't realise how big they actually are, and how many customers they have to cater for.

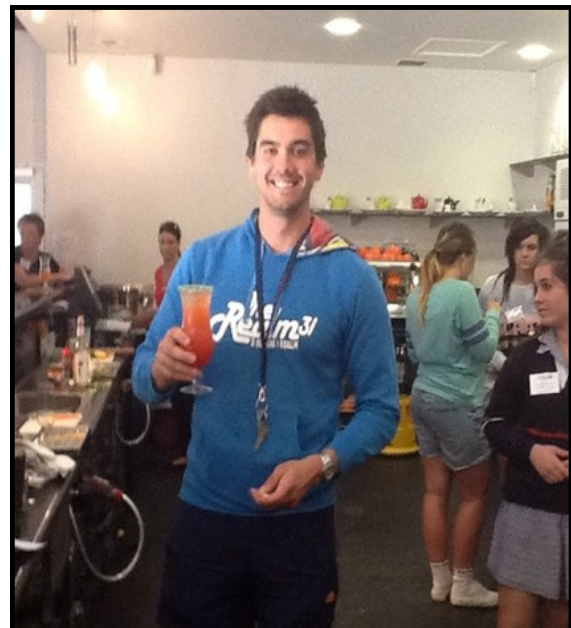
Another highlight was exploring JJ's Old Mill Bakery in Longford. Presentations were given by the owners and it gave the students a great insight into running a business, supply and demand and how to expand a business state wide to maximise profits.

The end of the career day was held at Drysdale Campus which gave students information on TasTafe and what courses they offer. A practical exercise was conducted by a TasTafe teacher on how to make non-alcoholic beverages. This gave Isabelle, Daniel and Rebecca a chance to get behind the bar and experiment with flavours to create their own unique drink.

In all, the day was a success and provided an insight into these industries. Feedback from Isabelle, Daniel and Rebecca was great and they strongly recommend becoming involved in future career awareness days.

**Matt Battle**

Pathway Planning Officer



**Please Join us for our**

## **Girls Night Out**

**Friday April 11th, 2014  
5.00 pm**

D Block Science rooms (D31-D32)

Come and enjoy a night of female company with a variety of clothing, jewellery and accessory stalls to look forward to.

**\$10 entry includes complimentary refreshment.**

**Hope to see you there!**

Come and support our World Challenge Team



**Stall Holders include:**

Close To My Heart (Paper crafting)  
Eartheessence Natural Therapies  
Tea Cake Stands  
Grace Adele Consultant  
Handmade cards by Cheryl  
Polly Blossom Jewellery  
U2U Jewellery  
Lavender Grove Quilts

Make Up for You/ Bomb Cosmetics  
Chefs Toolbox  
Scentsy  
Jewellery by Julie and Janet  
Handbags by Christine  
Kids clothing  
SilvaGem

**If you would like to have a stall, please contact Kylie Jago on 6341 4455.**

## **Queechy High School is going hi tech with the QNEWS**

*All going well this will be the last paper copy of the newsletter as the Queechy APP will be available from the beginning of next term. We will send an SMS when you are able to download the APP. It will be available both for iPhone and android.*

*We wish to reach as many families as possible with our newsletter so if you will still require a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the main office 6341 4455 otherwise we hope that you will read the QNEWS via the webpage or via email.*

*The web address is [education.tas.edu.au/queechyhigh](http://education.tas.edu.au/queechyhigh)*

*If you wish to have a copy emailed to you, please email your email address to our public email address [queechy.high@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:queechy.high@education.tas.gov.au)*

*We hope you enjoy accessing the newsletter and other important information via the APP, and we welcome any feedback about the APP in regards to what you would like to see.*

**Tanya Smart  
School Business Manager**



# Olá Brasil!

Enrich your family - host a Brazilian student



Government Education and Training International is thrilled to announce that, in July 2014, we will once again welcome students from the North-Eastern Brazilian state of Pernambuco to our island.

## Win the World

Following on from the extremely successful Brazilian program of 2013, in which Tasmania's Government Colleges hosted 50 Brazilian students as part of the Pernambuco State Government's 'Win the World' program, we, this year, have the privilege of welcoming 100 highly-deserving students to colleges across Tasmania for terms three and four.

The 'Win the World' program rewards the academic success of 1,000 students from disadvantaged backgrounds in Pernambuco, and provides sponsorship for these students to study internationally in English or Spanish speaking countries.

These vivacious and engaged students, aged 16-18, will attend Year 11, with between seven to twenty students attending each of the Tasmanian Government's eight 'international ready' colleges.

To give these students a truly Tasmanian experience, we are recruiting families who will offer a caring, supportive homestay environment, in which these students' studies, language skills, and personalities can thrive. In return for providing these students with support, and showing them as much of our beautiful state as possible, you will receive a weekly homestay fee to cover food and board.

## Ganha o Mundo

Pernambuco's Ganha o Mundo or "Win the World" program arose from a desire on the part of the local government to improve foreign language studies in its public high schools. Brazil, and in particular the Brazilian Northeast, is undergoing rapid economic growth. The country is preparing to host the 2014 Soccer World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games. Foreign language skills – particularly English – are a vital priority for increasing international commerce as well as receiving tourists for these events.

1,000 students were selected in 2013 for the *Ganha o Mundo* program, from 20,000 applicants, of which Tasmania was host to 50. And these are no ordinary students! All of them scored results at the top of the list in their State for an Academic test they sat before being selected for the Win the World program.

## Pernambuco

Pernambuco is a diverse state in the North-East of Brazil. Its location near the equator ensures a great amount of sunshine throughout the year, with an average temperature of 26 degrees. Portuguese is the official national language, and thus the primary language taught in schools. The economy is driven by agriculture, livestock farming and industry. The state is home to 8.7 million people, and boasts 187km of some of the most beautiful beaches in the Country.



**Students will be arriving in Tasmania mid-July, and departing in early December, 2014.**

If you are interested in becoming a Homestay host, or would like more information on hosting a student, please contact Helen Maddox, the Homestay Coordinator for Southern Tasmania on **6165 5732** or email **[helen.maddox@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:helen.maddox@education.tas.gov.au)**



## HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!

Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in July 2014, and you'll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light. Carefully selected students will arrive in July for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email: [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

### LEVY PAYMENTS VIA CREDIT CARDS

Please be advised that the normal day for the above is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Due to this day falling within the Easter break the next credit card transactions will be processed on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. If you have any concerns regarding this date please contact the office to discuss further.

### A Note from the Chaplain

I recently attended the grade seven camp, which was fantastic. It was a lot of fun, with the flying fox, the giant swing and the beach walk. But more than that, what I really enjoyed about camp was the opportunity to meet a wide variety of students. In a school as big as Queechy, it is always hard to take the time to meet everyone, and camp provided the perfect opportunity for just that. It was great to see the students mixing and making new friends. I was also extremely impressed with the grade ten peer support leaders, who really stepped up in looking after the grade sevens.

Jamie Bishop – Chaplain

*Jamie is at Queechy Monday's and Thursday's. If you have any question about the chaplains role, or if you do not want your child to have contact with the chaplain, please contact the office.*

## Uniform Shop

The following items are now available for purchase from the uniform shop:

- Size Medium Polo Tops
- Size 2-7 (Youths) Queechy Socks
- Size 10 Rugby Jumpers
- Size 14 Rugby Jumpers

**BARAGIN: Spray Jackets only \$20**

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## Enrol Now For Term 2!

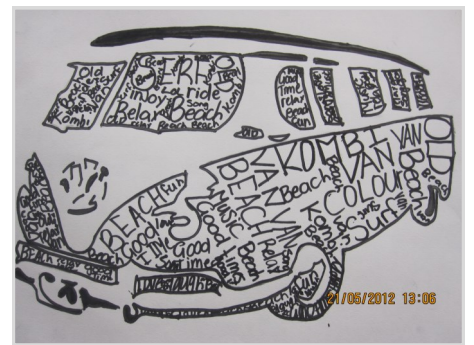
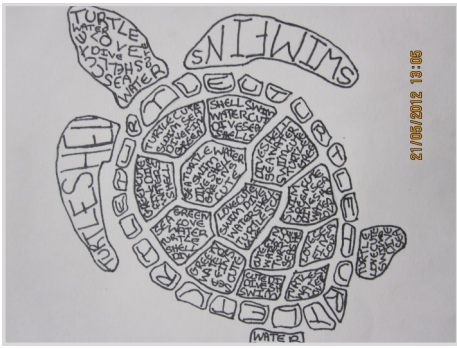
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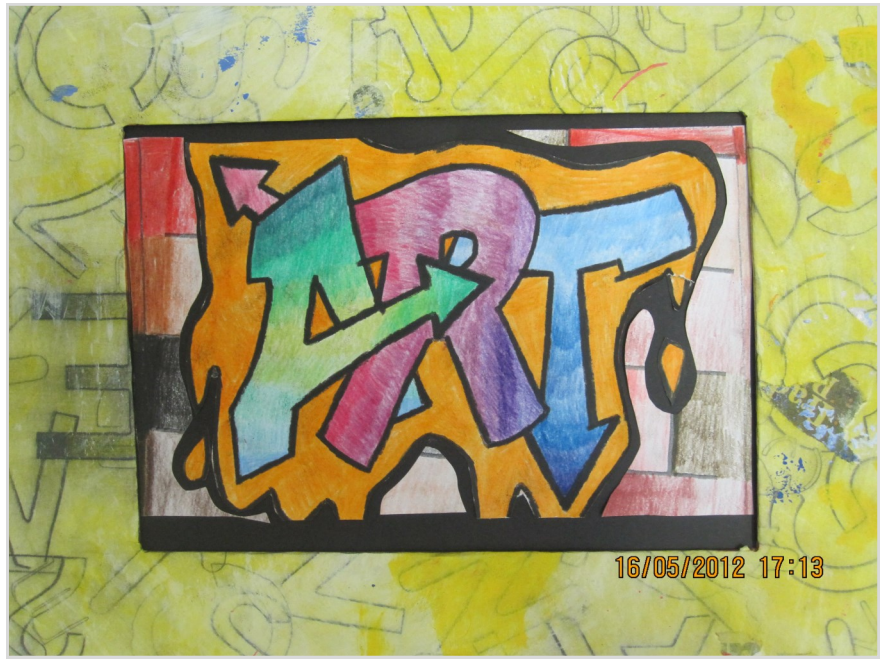
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## Term Dates 2014

### 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

<b>Thursday 17th April</b>	<b>Student Free Day (Day before Easter Friday)</b>
<b>Friday 18th - Tuesday 22nd April</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>
<b>Friday 18th April</b>	<b>Last Day Term 1</b>
<b>Monday 5th May</b>	<b>First day Term 2</b>
<b>Friday 9th May</b>	<b>Interhigh Swimming Carnival</b>

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