Farewell Mrs Craig
There was a strong sense of achievement, pride, emotion and respect as students, staff and community members farewelled Mrs Craig. Read more...pages 3 & 4

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Congratulations Adam Hungerford
State Winner - Queensland Training Awards

Adam will now represent Queensland at the Australian Training Awards to be held in Darwin on Thursday, 17 November, 2016. The Australian Training Awards are the culmination of the State and Territory Awards with winners from each state and territory competing in the national final. Winners from the Queensland Training Awards (in aligned categories) have the opportunity to compete with other states and territories to be named the best in Australia at the Australian Training Awards each year.

We are extremely proud to have Adam representing our school at this level and wish him every success.
From the Principal

Term 3, Week 10 and it certainly feels a surreal experience as I write not only my final column for the term but my final column as Principal of Clifton SHS. In Term 4 I will commence duties as Principal at Warwick SHS and Clifton SHS will be welcoming a new Principal to join its Red Car Journey.

It is with great pride that I reflect upon our journey of the past seven years. In my time at Clifton SHS our facilities have certainly expanded including the establishment of our Trade Training Annexe, the refurbishment of G Block as part of the Flying Start Initiative, the refurbishment of our textiles room and the future refurbishment of our Home Economics kitchen. We have also had our Science labs upgraded, established an equine area, including the building of a shed for Agriculture and also established a dedicated Special Education Centre, which involved the renovation of 4 rooms. We certainly have much to celebrate in this area. It is in the area of curriculum and innovation that we have really excelled. We were one of 20 High Schools in the State of Qld chosen to participate in the Flying Start Program which paved the way for Year 7s into High School. Our work in this area has been outstanding and recognised as such via the Showcase and MYSA awards. In 2013 we were State Finalists for Junior Secondary and we won the MYSA Team Award for our work with the Clifton Cluster of Schools in transitioning students to High School. We were also winners of the NAB Schools First award for community partnerships in 2013. In 2014, we were Regional finalists for Junior Secondary with our Agricultural Excellence program. In 2015, we were again Regional Finalists in the Showcase Awards for our Agriculture and Equine program. This year we have received recognition from the DDG for our impressive gains in NAPLAN and we are all very proud to celebrate student Adam Hungerford winning the State Finals of the Queensland Training Awards for the category of School Based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year and we wish him every success for the National Finals.

In the area of curriculum we are busy preparing for the changes to Senior Schooling and assessment which will commence in 2018 in Queensland for Year 11 students. In addition to my role on the QCAA Steering Committee and as a member of the Combined Classes Working Group, we have teachers involved in assessment trials such as ‘endorse before use’, ‘external assessment’ validation and calibration trials. Our approach is similar to the approach we took with regards to Junior Secondary. At Clifton SHS we prefer to learn, lead, share and influence the agenda when it comes to quality teaching and learning outcomes for all students.

In the area of Agriculture, Sport and the Arts we also have much to celebrate. Increasing Regional and State sporting representation, participation in Creative Generations and our successful Arts Nights are just a few of the events we can take great pride in.

Congratulations and best wishes to students Jackson Free and Lauren Smith who will be competing in Athletics at the State Competition in the near future!

Our School Review concluded on Wednesday 14th September and it presented a fantastic opportunity for a celebration of our practice. The Review Team affirmed our Red Car Philosophy and noted our School’s strong improvement agenda. The breadth and depth of our curriculum, particularly for our Senior Students was acknowledged as was the strength of our many and varied community partnerships including the RSL, the Chamber of Commerce, Wattle Brae Stud and the Show Society to name a few. The Review Team also provided some helpful recommendations to assist with the School’s planning for its next four year cycle as part of the Quadrennial School Review Process. Sincere thanks to all of our staff, students, P & C and community representatives who participated in the Review process. Your commitment and passion for Clifton SHS was evident and a credit to our school community.

It has been my very great privilege to lead Clifton SHS since 2010. My sincere thanks to Deputy Principal Charlotte White; Business Services Manager Carole Welch; Heads of Department Margaret Miller, Tina Kahler and Alice James; Master Teacher Tracey Kirby; and Head of Special Education Services Amy McCulloch. Our Admin Team is a united and committed team dedicated to achieving the very best for Clifton SHS.

A huge acknowledgement of our dedicated and committed teaching staff, our wonderful teacher aides, our amazing office staff, our dedicated cleaning team, our grounds staff, the amazing Mandy Beatson and of course the self-proclaimed heart of our school, Mr Peter McKenzie.

I wish all of our staff and students every success for the future. I extend warm wishes to the incoming Principal and I sincerely thank each and every one of you for sharing this journey with me over the past 7 years!

Clifton SHS is a fantastic school and it has a fantastic future ahead.

Yours in learning
Joy Craig
Principal
Farewell Mrs Craig

Students, Staff and community representatives gathered at the school this morning to pay tribute to our Principal, Joy Craig.

The crowd was welcomed by Student Council Representative Dylan Baker who briefly recounted the Craig family’s journey to Clifton almost seven years ago, some major milestones of Mrs Craig’s career at Clifton, and wished her well in her new endeavours.

P & C representatives, Joe Doepel and Kevin Flynn also praised the work that Joy has carried out at Clifton SHS noting that she led (and lived) the vision rather than just driving it.

Victoria Harris presented a heartfelt address on behalf of the Student Representative Council:

Every moment that a student spends in school is a moment of education, but not every school is driven by someone as dedicated and passionate as Mrs Craig; someone who is willing to do whatever it takes to offer the best and most plentiful opportunities for their students. Clifton High while at times stressful and slightly chaotic is second to none and having a leader like Mrs Craig has given students, the community, parents and staff the opportunity to truly see how excellent our school is. Over the past five years I have been on the Student Representative Council three time including my role as the Vice President and this has given me the chance to get to know Mrs Craig and understand the values and beliefs that she shares with this school. The SRC embodies hard work, dedication, passion, and drive and we have been taught by the best; taught by someone who represents all of these traits and strives to be the best and strongest role model for every student that she can possibly be. Over my time here, I have gotten to know Mrs Craig and I know that she is a courageous principal, loving mother and wonderful friend. She has brought to our school things like the Red Car philosophy, given us the opportunity to be a pilot school for the Year 7 transition and so many other opportunities that have allowed our small rural school to grow into a highly regarded and admirable educational institution. But every journey must at some point come to an end and branch off into another and for Mrs Craig, that time is now. It is her time to take the skills and passion that she has shared with us to another equally deserving school. But now is also the time to show her how truly she will be missed and that her work here will never be forgotten. No person is the same and no two principals can bring the same set of cards to the table and we are truly grateful that as a school we have had the opportunity to be lead by one of the best.

Finally I would like to thank Mrs Craig on behalf of myself, the community, the SRC and the entire student body for the utter dedication and strength that she has shown us in the best and worst of times a Clifton State High.

Deputy Principal, Charlotte White, in describing Mrs Craig, quoted T.A. Armstrong, “Champions do not become champions when they win the event, but in the hours, weeks, months and years they spend preparing for it. The victorious performance itself is merely the demonstration of their Champion Character.”

Mrs White went on to note the lasting legacy that Mrs Craig leaves at Clifton SHS: This quote is one that can be applied to the character of our Principal Joy Craig and also to the journey that she has led at Clifton State High School over the last 7 years.

She leaves us today with a legacy from an outstanding performance – At the heart of this journey and as its leader, Joy innately knew that it does indeed take a village to raise a child. She has from the beginning of this journey recognised and forged strong and lasting relationships.

Staff were treated to team building in services and celebrations where we worked and played together. At the same time Joy led the development of our strong community and parent partnerships through her embracement of the community and the forging of partnerships which reflect the truism that ‘it takes a village to raise a child’.

We here today all recognise that it is through her vision, her planning, determination and example that she has all the characteristics of ‘Our Champion’.

Thank you Joy and farewell.
Farewell Mrs Craig cont.
Master Teacher, Mrs Kirby, recited a poem summing up Mrs Craig’s time at Clifton:

Farewell, But Not Good Bye
Six years ago you arrived, with family in tow
to embark on a new challenge and little did you know,
the impact you would have, and the success you’d bestow.

Your mark began, with a red cars race “focus on what we want to see more of” you said, c’mon we’ll set the pace
A pioneer in many ways Not afraid to lead the pack
Junior Secondary, the Arts, Sport and Thinking all vision and never looking back.

You’ve led with your heart, caring for each and every one Building relationships from the start
Your passion and just ways Always making us feel valued and a part.

So as you saddle up your horse Ready for your next ride
We thank you for all you’ve done And hope you’re bursting with pride

In our year of Thinking Take away our growth mindset Don’t ever forget the red car journey And the many friends you have met.

For this place of opportunities, and many fields of growth, the staff, the students, the community Will certainly miss you the most

Today we say farewell to you, but we are not saying Good bye, as you will stay part of our community Just not as our “Boss”… We ask … But Why?

No Seriously Joy…
The staff and students of Clifton wish you every success in your new endeavour, we hope to see you at some of our school events in the future, and thank you from the bottom of our heart for all you have given to our wonderful school.

A slideshow, accompanied by the music “Simply the Best” illustrated Mrs Craig’s achievements, relationships and the fun times enjoyed with students and staff.

A great performance was given by our teacher band, “3 Days of Spring” with a rendition of “Cuts like a
From the Deputy

Today we farewell our Principal Joy Craig. To Joy I say thank you and farewell from the whole of the school community. You have, to the last week, followed your mantra of ‘finishing strong’. The very positive comments from the School Review Team reflect the culmination of the positive journey that you have taken this school on from 2010 until the present. This victorious performance itself is merely the demonstration of your “Champion Character”.

Congratulations to Adam Hungerford for his outstanding achievement in being awarded the Queensland Trainee of the year and now heads to Darwin in November for the Australian awards.

We must also congratulate Jackson Free and Lauren Smith, Darling Downs representatives heading to the State Titles in Athletics.

Next week a number of students and some staff members have decided to visit the Singing Kites School in Cambodia. We wish them all the best for their travels and congratulate them for their enterprise.

Please note that Reports will be in the mail by Friday afternoon so please look for them next week.

Charlotte White
Deputy Principal

Yr 12 Formal Father’s Day Raffle Prize Winners

Draw 1 - Broncos Prize Pack & $50 Steele Rudd Fuel Voucher...Winner - Luke Sutton C/- G West
Draw 2 - Darrell Lea Chocolate pack & $50 Officeworks Gift Card...Winner - Mrs McCabe
Draw 3 - Workbench, screwdrivers & $40 O’Shanley’s Meal Voucher...Winner - Libby Hungerford
Draw 4 - Esky, mixed goods & $40 Foodworks Voucher...Winner - Luke Sutton C/- G West
Draw 5 - Movie, mixed goods & $60 Bull & Barley Voucher...Winner - Tahlia McWhinney

Darling Downs Selection Trials

Last fortnight several members of our Clifton State High athletics team competed at the Darling Downs Regional trials held in Warwick. The carnival hosts many schools from across the region with athletes competing for selection in the Darling Downs team to go to the state carnival at QSAC in late October. This year Clifton State High was well represented with 11 students taking part in the two day carnival. This is a fantastic achievement which can be attributed to some good results at Warwick. All Schools and also the hard work put in at training. In varied conditions our athletes performed very well with two students, Lauren Smith and Jackson Free, gaining selection into the Darling Downs team. Lauren showed her natural ability winning her triple jump event with a jump of 9.15m. Jackson managed 2nd place in long jump, triple jump and high jump in rain affected competition. Well done to these students and all who competed on the day. Also thanks must go to Warwick State High School and Darling Downs School Sport for hosting the day and making sure the carnival ran smoothly. Special mention must go to pre-service teacher Amy Skinner and seasoned veteran Ian Craig who gave up their time to be officials on both days. We wish Jackson and Lauren the very best as they put their skills to the test against the state’s best.

Work Experience

Our Year 10 students participated in their second block of Work Experience this week giving many of the students helpful insights to make future decisions about a career pathway. Positive reports have been received from both employers and students. The school is grateful to all the employers who provide our students with this valuable opportunity A great collaboration between the school and business within the community.

Charlotte White
Deputy Principal
Writing with a Difference - The ‘Chocolate’ Planet

Bang! The Earth has just exploded. Tears rapidly ran down my cheeks. Ethan wrapped his long arms around me, comforting me by saying “everything’s going to be alright”. “Come on let’s go”. Grayson said, climbing into the space pod. Grace, Ethan and I followed him into the pod before launching and flying away with a large bang! Why are we here”? I asked Ethan, crying my eyes out. “You know why Penelope, we’ve been sent here to create a new generation of humans, a new world.

Being one of four on a planet named Mars, being forced to somehow create a new “Earth”...that won’t be easy. None of us were allowed to tell anyone that Earth was going to explode, before we left the dying planet.

We all went to have breakfast, after 5 hours of tossing and turning. We decided we would eat out on the veranda.

Breakfast consisted of a cafe breakfast, not very appetising. “You finished?” I asked Grace, collecting the dishes. “Yes” she replied staring deeply into the dark black sky. Small meteors suddenly hit the surface of Mars, causing the ground to shake. That’s when everything went black.

A small ash floated onto my face, waking me. “Honey are you ok?” Ethan asked with concern. “Where am I?” I asked sitting up looking directly at my loving husband. The planet around me was on fire, and the place we had called home for the past 50 days was now destroyed. Everything felt like a dream, nothing seemed real. “Where are Grayson and Grace?”, I asked with hesitation.

“They are dead”, Ethan replied solemnly, tears running down his face.

I stood up to feel the red soil under my feet. My vision was blurred, I thought I was spinning.

I did a turn to see if I could stabilise my sight. Spinning, spinning, spinning, and then finally it stopped. I reached out for Ethan’s hand, as we both dropped to the ground. Things were shrivelling up around us and dying. The light disappeared. It was pitch black once again.

Memories of our last love on Earth, flashed back...beautiful memories. I closed my eyes, for the last time, knowing this was the end.

By Kaitlyn Hughes, Hayley Becker & Abbey Fallbrown (Year 7)

State Rep - Polocrosse

Congratulations to Terry Burchell Butcher who represented Queensland at the recent Cubbaroo USA Tour. It was a successful carnival with Queensland coming out overall winners.

Plenty to do and see during 2016 DisABILITY Action Week

DisABILITY Action Week will be celebrated in the Southern Downs from September 9 to 20 and focuses on the ‘ABILITY’ in ‘disability’.

Southern Downs Regional Council’s Mayor, Cr Tracy Dobie said a DisABILITY Action Week committee had been working hard for several months to organise the week of activities in the region. “The committee has broad community representation across Southern Downs’ services in Stanthorpe and Warwick, and is led by Southern Downs Regional Council. “Everyone involved has contributed great ideas and the result is yet another fabulous program of events and activities,” she said. This year’s program will kick-off with a very special event on September 9 with Granite Belt Support Services’ “21 years of Celebrating Ability”.

“This event marks a tremendous milestone for Stanthorpe, having celebrated and focussed on ‘ABILITY’ in the community for 21 years; something they and the community should be extremely proud of,” said the Mayor.

Regular favourites like the Buddy Up Golf Day, River Walk, Sharyn Rowen Memorial Walk, Indoor Bowls and ‘Shimmy Shimmy Shake’ are back on the program, and the Community Choir Concert, Sportsability and Family Fun Day bring a new range of fun activities to be enjoyed by all.

The Mayor also highlighted that one in five Queenslanders has a disability of some kind, and disability touches the lives of most Queenslanders in some way.

“DisABILITY Action Week is aimed at empowering people with a disability, so it’s an important celebration” she said. “It’s also about raising awareness of disability issues, encouraging positive attitudes towards people with a disability, and improving access and inclusion of people with a disability throughout the wider community. We all have a role in creating a truly welcoming and inclusive community…”
A very successful arts night was held on September 1. It was a feast for the eyes and the ears with students artistic and musical talents on display.

People’s Choice awards were won by Toni McKee (Senior) and Lachlan Harris (Junior).
## Community announcements

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Free or discounted dental treatment options for the entire family:

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Your family will be treated in our clinic by talented dental students (professional dentists also available), supervised by experts in all areas of Dentistry.

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Book your appointment today — call 4667 1312

* Children 4 years and older but who have not yet completed Year 10 at school are eligible for free treatment under the QLD health agreement.
Community announcements

Clifton and District Amateur Swimming Club invites All existing and new Members to sign on for the 2016-2017 Swimming Season!!!
Monday 3rd October 2016 at the Clifton Memorial Pool, King St Clifton.
Sausage sizzle (Gold coin donation) and ‘Come and try’ night

Our focus is on bettering your own times and having fun! Regular club nights are held every Monday at 5.30 pm.

Come and try nights are free for the first 2 nights Membership payments are required after this to comply with Swimming Queensland’s membership and insurance policies. 7 ys & under free, 8 yrs half price, 9 yrs and above: Competition and Recreational Memberships available. Adults welcome to join. Membership is paid directly to Swimming Queensland Clublane. We are registered for Get Started vouchers to assist with payment of membership fees.

Carnival of Flowers Open Garden
9 am - 5 pm, 16 - 25 September
Ainslie Gardens
24 Stark Drive
Vale View

Congratulations Miss Rolfe On your prize winning garden. WINNER: 2016 Acreage Garden RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION