FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

I extend a warm welcome to all students, families and staff who are new to our school and a big welcome back to those returning members of our school community. I wish every student success in their academic, vocational, sporting and cultural endeavours during 2016 as they benefit from our school’s caring and supportive approach and strive hard to meet our high standards and expectations.

I welcome our new staff members joining our team this year. I know they will find our students, staff, parents and community very friendly, respectful and committed to learning.

Our new staff include:
- Ms Peta Jackson (Acting Deputy Principal – Year 7 & 8)
- Ms Joni Cameron (Acting English Head of Department)
- Ms Danielle Merrett (Film & TV / English Teacher)
- Ms Tamara Devlin (Science / Maths Teacher)
- Mrs Rhiannon Walsh (Home Economics Teacher)
- Mrs Nicole Williams (OPAL Alternative Program Teacher)
- Mr Greg Sells (Senior Schooling Liaison Officer)
- Mrs Mandy Dean (Administration Officer)
- Mrs Gabrielle Nielsen (Administration Officer)
- Mrs Tanya Darney (Youth Support Coordinator)

Outstanding Successes from 2015

I am very pleased to advise that 2015 was a very successful year for students and staff at Laidley SHS. It is important that we take the time to celebrate the achievements of our school community as it motivates us all to strive for further improvement and proves to ourselves that anything is possible with a sharp focus and hard work. Key performance highlights from 2015 include:

**OP 1 Success** - Congratulation to Ayanna Pocock for achieving an OP 1. A thoroughly well-deserved outcome.

**OP 1-5 Success** - 81% of our OP Eligible Year 12 students achieved an OP 1-15, a key measure of the academic success of a school. This is the best result ever achieved by the school.

**Attendance Success** – The school lifted its attendance rate to 88.3%, an improvement of 2.3% during 2015. While this is an outstanding improvement in a single year, more work needs to be done by students, parents/guardians and staff to ensure that every student is attending school every day.

**Indigenous Student QCE Success** - 100% of our Indigenous Year 12 students earned their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or QCAA (for selected students with a disability). This is the best result ever achieved by the school.

**Vocational Education Success** - More than 55% of Year 12 students graduated having successfully completed one or more nationally recognised Certificate II, III or IV level qualifications.

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**ASPIRE Awards Celebrate Success** – More than 268 students received Silver or Gold ASPIRE medallions for consistently high or outstanding performance in Achievement, Learning Engagement or Attendance during 2016. 200 Bronze Improvement Certificates and more than 2300 Silver High Performance and Gold Excellence Certificates were issued during our four ASPIRE Awards parades during 2015.

**NAPLAN Success** – Strong improvement continues to be achieved in having students achieve the NAPLAN National Minimum Standard. Further work is being undertaken to lift the proportion of students who are performing highly and reaching the Upper 2 NAPLAN Bands.

**Junior Academic Success** – Significant improvement has been made in Junior Secondary with the proportion of students achieving a pass (A-C grade) in Maths, English and Science. This is a strong indicator of the stronger culture of learning that continues to be developed by teachers in our school.

**Strategic Focus for 2016**

Each year our school focuses our work in some key areas to continue to improve our school performance and our student’s achievement and life opportunities. Our strategic plan identifies four key action areas for action in 2016. These include:

**Expert Teaching** – investing in coaching, mentoring, feedback and professional development of our teachers and support staff to provide high quality teaching and learning.

**A Strong Learning Culture** – ensuring that our school is focussed on high academic achievement, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy and 100% school attendance.

**Successful Transitions and Destinations** – expecting, enabling and supporting senior students to achieve success in appropriate learning pathways so that they are able to make a range of choices about participation in further education and employment upon leaving school.

**A Positive and Productive School Community** – further enhancing our positive school culture where learning is highly valued, students feel safe and well supported, effort and success is celebrated and our school community values and participates in our school.

This year is the final year of our current strategic plan. During 2016 (most likely in Term 3) our school will participate in a three day school audit to provide us formal feedback on our strengths and areas for further development. This formal feedback, along with a review of our current school performance and opinions of our school community, will form the basis for the development of our new four year strategic plan. I look forward to keeping you up to date with our work in this area throughout the year.
Implementation of Digital Futures Program (BYOd) in 2016
This is a significant year for our school with the implementation of a Bring Your Own Device program for Year 8 to 12 students. Parents are encouraged to work closely with the school to ensure that their students come to school with all of the materials required for learning. Please contact the school if you require further information about our Digital Futures program or if you would to discuss financial support options associated with this program. The school has implemented an Equity Program and has a range of other support options to assist families experiencing financial difficulties. We do not want any student to miss out on the learning opportunities available to them through the daily use of digital technology.

Communication with School Community
The school has a number of ways to keep our school community informed of relevant information about our school, its operations and the great efforts and achievements of our students and staff. These include:

**School Newsletter** - sent home every 3 weeks to keep parents informed about various school operations, events, information and achievements.

**School High Flyer Magazine** - mailed with report cards at the end of each term to celebrate a range of positive school performances, events and programs.

**Facebook** - Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LaidleySHS to receive school updates, timely information, good news stories and to ask questions. This site will also be used during emergency situations (e.g. flooding) to communicate with parents.

**School Website** - (www.laidleyshs.eq.edu.au) contains a range of information about our school, including a calendar of events, newsletters and information about curriculum, enrolments, assessment and school policies and procedures.

**QSchool App** - provides up to date information about school events, news, newsletters, information and more. Simply download the QSchools app and set Laidley SHS as a favourite school. QSchools for iOS, Android and Windows 8 are available for free download from iTunes store, Google Play and the Windows Store.

**Text Messaging Service** - is used daily to advise parents of student absences. The school will also send SMS messages from time to time to remind parents about key events or requirements. This service will also be used during emergency situations (e.g. flooding) to communicate with parents.

School Fees
A reminder that school textbook and resource scheme fees are now due. Prompt payment ensures that your children gain access to textbooks and other resources immediately. Parents can pay these fees in full or over three instalments. Students are issued textbooks, diary, classroom resources and ID cards once the first instalment is paid. Parents experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to contact the Business Services Manager to negotiate alternative payment arrangements to ensure that their children gain access to the resources required to support their learning. Our school has registered for Centrepay, a facility that enables families receiving Centrelink benefits to have funds paid directly by Centrelink to the school. Many families are finding this payment method helpful.

Please note that some senior subjects involving partnerships with TAFE and other training organisations require payment of subject fees in advance. Students will be withdrawn from these subjects if subject fees are not paid by the required date. Again, parents can negotiate repayment agreements with the school if required.

School Uniforms
Thank you for your ongoing support to ensure that students are well presented and demonstrate a strong sense of pride in our school and its uniform. I appreciate parents supplying students with the correct uniforms for the start of the school year. The school uniform policy is developed in consultation with the P&C Association. It is outlined in the school diary and on the school website. I encourage parents to be familiar with these requirements. Congratulations to all students who are wearing their new school uniforms and school hats in accordance with the new school uniform requirements. You look great!

Assessment Calendars
Assessment calendars have been sent home with this newsletter to assist families to monitor their children’s school work. I encourage parents to have these displayed somewhere prominent at home (e.g. on the fridge) and check regularly with your child that they are organised and working on these assessment pieces or studying for exams well in advance. Draft dates are included for most assessment tasks to ensure that students are submitting their work and receiving helpful feedback from their teachers.

I wish all students, families and staff the very best for another busy and exciting year at Laidley High!

**The P&C needs volunteers to help in the school canteen. Please call Gillian on 5466 8922.**

**Michael Clarkson**
Principal

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**Year 11-12 Deputy**

We are very proud of the outcomes achieved by our Year 12 students in 2015. With help from teachers, parents and a range of support staff our students applied themselves to receive our best ever Senior results. Congratulations to Ayanna whose dedication paid off in an OP 1. Our best ever percentage of students in the OP 1 to 15 category was testimony to the number of students who worked consistently to achieve their goal of tertiary study.

97% of our students achieved their QCE setting a new benchmark in our school for future Year 12s to ASPIRE to. At the graduation ceremony I pointed out that the road from adolescent to young adult is a very difficult and bumpy path. On top of this, some of our students have had to overcome major obstacles such as family breakdowns, family deaths, major or periodic issues with Mental and Physical Health and friendship problems. To be successful, students have had to demonstrate resilience to keep going and work through the problem with the help of others.

The Year 11 and 12 students have had an outstanding start to 2016. The focus for Year 12 has been meeting with students and parents where the student is at risk of not getting their QCE. Plans have been collaboratively developed so it is now up to the students to work with their teachers to put these plans into place. To help with this process the school has funded a Senior Schooling Liaison Officer. Mr Sellars is a retired Deputy Principal with extensive experience in helping achieve the best possible outcomes for students. He will work with students, teachers, parents and myself to help ensure students are achieving the goals they have set themselves. The next priority will be helping our OP students to review their progress, set goals and work with teachers to achieve their plan.

During 2015 we introduced that students must meet certain pre-requisites to study OP Subjects in Year 11. Time was dedicated throughout 2015 and early 2016 to work with students and parents to choose new subjects for students who did not meet these pre-requisites. Finalising Year 11 student’s subjects for their senior years has been an important priority in the first two weeks and there should not be many changes between now and the end of Term 1.

For the past three years our school has run a program designed to cater for students who are unable to engage in our standard program. The Opening Pathways to Alternate Learning (OPAL) Program is a course where Year 10, 11 and 12 students work at school Monday to Wednesday and on Thursday and Friday work at the Youth Centre to complete a Certificate II in Sport and Recreation. Their teacher Nicole Williams is new to our school and is passionate about working with students at risk.

**The OPAL program is so named because “As each opal is unique so is each of our students.”**

I would like to welcome our new Youth Support Co-ordinator Tanya Darney. Ms Darney brings a wide range of skills and knowledge to our school and I know she will do her best to help our students in need.

**Kerrie Sellars**
Senior Schooling Deputy Principal
Welcome back to an action-packed 2016 school calendar. Beginning of Week 3, the whole school community has experienced and been involved with a Motivational Media presentation, election of Care Captains, Inter-house Swimming Carnival, CISSSA nominations, Met Trials, on-boarding of BYOx and most importantly the engagement with timetable, staff and curriculum.

The Motivational Media presentation targets individual’s and challenges their reflection process to set, assess, re-assess and plan or re-shape the pathway/s to achieve desired goals and or dreams. A timely presentation at the beginning of the school year to ensure students start with an action plan with a clear goal in mind in order to strive to succeed.

With the introduction of a third Deputy Principal for 2016, I will be responsible for the well-being of the Year 9 and 10 cohorts. I look forward to working with staff, students and parent/guardians to ensure a successful year. Our key focuses for this year include:

- Uniform – wearing the school uniform with pride and abiding by the uniform policy adopted by our school as described in the student diary.
- Attendance – every day counts. Strive for 100% attendance and suitably explain absences through text message, phone call or note from parent/guardian.
- Behaviour – abide by our four Positive Behaviour of Learning Principles – Be Respectful, Be responsible, Be safe and be a learner. If we (students, staff and parents/guardians) get these factors right then we are setting our students up for success.
- Immunisations – our annual Health and Immunisation Check (HIC).

The Year Nine cohort are entering an exciting phase of their learning as they are structuring their own learning by choosing subjects based on their experience from the taster courses in Year 8. Year 9 is the top end of Junior School and as such are considered leaders in this area and have an extremely important role of being great role models for the younger students. This leadership is aptly led by Junior School Captains Madamski and Sharni-Lea Abbott.

Dr Wells is continuing as Year Co-ordinator and no doubt will lead this cohort in a professional manner.

Students in Year 10 are now considered senior school students and thus are required to wear the senior formal uniform. I must congratulate students on the manner in which they are wearing their new uniform as they look very smart. Year 10 is an extremely important year of schooling as it is this year which sets the platform for pathways and subject choices in Year 11. In order to be eligible to choose subjects beyond Year 10, students must meet pre-requisites determined by the School Leadership Team, thus students need to engage with their learning and become familiarised with requirements of their pathway of study and/or employment. They will be required to complete their SET plan later on this year. Ms Newbury and Mr Perry are continuing on in their Year Co-ordinator roles as per last year and are a great source of support for the student body.

Another very exciting project, albeit in the infant stages of planning and implementation, myself and a number of key staff have embarked on a journey with the SURGE program. SURGE being the acronym for Some Undertakings Require Gallant Effort. SURGE is an academic extension programme specifically designed to help high performing students reach their full potential in the core areas of English, Maths, Science and Humanities. All selected students will be in the same SURGE class for all four of these core subjects. The focus in SURGE classrooms will be on continually developing and consistently using higher order thinking strategies in the learning process as a proven method of acquiring deeper knowledge and understanding that can be transferred into real world avenues. Currently we have a SURGE class in Year 7 and 8. More information about this program is available from Sandi Kantor (Team Leader) or myself. In conclusion I would like welcome everyone to 2016 and look forward to working with students, staff, parent/guardians and the wider community to provide the best educational opportunities and support.

School Photos
School Photos will take place on Tuesday 8 March 2016. Envelopes with information on ordering processes and the photo packages available will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. The company offers an online ordering system where you have the opportunity to order and pay for photos online. Otherwise, you can use the envelope and pay by cash or cheque, bringing the envelope in on the day of the photographs.

Year 7 & 8 2016 Immunisation Program
The Queensland School Immunisation Program offers Year 7 and 8 students the opportunity to obtain free vaccinations. Immunisation is simple, safe and an important way of protecting people against harmful diseases before they come in contact with them in the community. The program in 2016 will provide vaccinations for all Year 7 and 8 students. The dates are as follows: Wednesday 23rd March - HPV (Dose 1) and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Boostrix), Wednesday 25th May - HPV (Dose 2) and Chicken Pox, Wednesday 5th October - HPV (Dose 3).

Envelopes containing three permission forms (1 for each vaccination) have been given to every Year 7 and 8 student. For your student to obtain the immunisations please fill in the permission forms and return them in the envelope to the office at school by Monday 29 February 2016. If you have any questions please contact the office on 5466 8922.
CONGRATULATIONS to our new Year 7 students who appear to be making a great start to their high school careers. At high school, students are practising being the young men and women they hope to become in the future. At this stage, with the majority of our junior students setting high standards for themselves and their peers, the future is looking bright!

Visiting Junior Secondary classrooms, I have been pleased to observe students participating enthusiastically in class activities and interacting politely with their teachers and with each other. I have been impressed, on many different occasions, with somebody’s honesty, kindness, willingness to lend a hand, initiative or smiley greeting!

On Tuesday, the entire Junior Secondary cohort was fortunate to attend a Motivational Media presentation where they were encouraged to make positive choices, persevere and overcome challenges to achieve their dreams. With that in mind, we wish our Junior Secondary students all the best in 2016.

Stay AWESOME Junior Secondary!

Mr Andrew Tarvit
Head of Department
Junior Secondary & The Arts

Volunteers needed in school canteen - Phone Gillian on 5466 8922

Q & A

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What is whooping cough?

- Whooping cough (or pertussis) is a serious respiratory infection that causes a long coughing illness, in babies, it can lead to pneumonia and brain damage.
- Whooping cough can be life-threatening for babies. Newborns are not immune and they often get extremely sick.
- Older children and adults can get whooping cough and can spread it to others, including babies.
- Antibiotics can prevent whooping cough spreading if given early but the cough often continues after treatment.

What are the symptoms?

- Whooping cough starts like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, sneezing, a mild fever and an occasional cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a ‘whooping’ sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns don’t cough at all but stop breathing and turn blue.
- Older children and adults may just have a mild cough that doesn’t go away.

How is whooping cough spread?

- A person with whooping cough can spread it to others in the first three weeks of illness.
- Bacteria coughed into the air can be inhaled by babies, children or adults nearby. These people are then in danger of getting whooping cough.

How can babies be protected?

- Newborns are not immune until they have had their whooping cough vaccines. To protect them until they are immune, keep people with a cough away from your baby.
- The vaccine for babies is given at two, four and six months. The first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks. Immunise your baby on time so they can be protected as soon as possible. If your baby’s vaccines are overdue, speak to your GP about catching up.
- Whooping cough vaccine is effective but doesn’t protect all babies. You still need to watch out, even if your baby is immunised.

How can older children be protected?

- By immunising older children with boosters at four years and in high school, you give them some protection against whooping cough. This also helps to reduce spread to others.
- Check if your child has been vaccinated. Speak to your immunisation provider or GP or ring the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 853 809.
- Remember that even immunised children can sometimes catch whooping cough.

How can adults be protected?

- Adults can get whooping cough and can spread the infection to babies. They may just have mild symptoms and may not realise that their cough could cause harm.
- The whooping cough vaccine is currently funded by the Queensland Government for all women in their third trimester of pregnancy. Vaccination during pregnancy can protect newborns from contracting whooping cough from six weeks of age.
- Whooping cough vaccines can be accessed from your GP, Aboriginal Medical Service, community health centre or council clinic.

Is School all it’s Hyped up to be?...

(OBSERVATIONS BY 7A)

We soon found out that there were loads of other activities on offer outside of the classroom, so many more opportunities than we have ever had before!

Inside the classroom our teachers were on the ball from day one: strict rules - heaps of homework - huge expectations.

We feel accepted and even though we are a bit exhausted...we are excited for what is ahead of us.

From the moment we walked through the school gates we knew we were in for an adventure!

The place is humongous and full to the brim with new faces.

The grounds were totally different to primary school, no playgrounds here!

We are two weeks in now and have formed new friendships.

Mrs Sandi Kantor
Year 7A
Care Class Teacher
Meet the Year 7 & 8 Year Level Coordinators...

It’s been a fantastic start for our new Year 7 cohort in 2016. All students have settled in well and have begun to familiarise themselves with high school life at Laidley. The students were given an orientation scavenger hunt to complete which assisted them in getting their bearings around campus.

As Year Coordinators, Chloe and I are focused on getting all students to work positively as a team this year. Looking after their eating area, treating each other with respect in terms of language and actions and uniforms are the areas we will be honing in on in Term 1.

We hope the brilliant start to the year continues and hope to see all our Year 7 students take great personal strides this year.

Mr Chris Cant & Miss Chloe Park
Year 7 Coordinators

The Year 8 Coordinators and students are immensely proud of our amazing school. Our ambition throughout 2016 is to maintain our high standard of uniform, keep our school grounds beautiful and free from litter and to always remember to be kind to one another especially with our words. We are looking forward to having a wonderful year of learning, building friendships and having lots of fun along the way.

Mr Mitchell James & Mrs Susan Schultz
Year 8 Coordinators

Office News

Welcome to our new office staff

Mandy Dean and Gay Nielsen. Mandy is new to the school and will be working in our front office and Gay is our Accounts Payable Officer for Term 1.

Sick Bay

Due to the limited space in the administration office and the requirement to accommodate a new Deputy Principal, the decision was made to combine the boys and girls sick bays into one unisex room. We have found this to be common in other high schools. We are currently looking into a video monitoring system for the room to ensure adequate supervision.

Students are reminded that they must have a note from their teacher to come to sick bay. We are unable to accommodate more than four students in the sick bay therefore parents will be contacted to collect their students.

School Fees

A first payment of 1/3 of fees was due 5th February. We thank all those families who have been able to meet this financial commitment. Year 7 and 8 student fees are $190. Students in Year 9 – 12 may have specific subject fees. Once the timetable has been finalised, families will be invoiced and statements mailed out.

USI Numbers needed for VET students

If your student is completing a VET (Vocational Educational Training) course through Laidley High then they will need to obtain a USI (Unique Student Identifier). This is a 10 digit number which will allow them to access all their training records. Students will need to create their USI account online https://www.usi.gov.au and will need at least one form of ID to do so e.g. Medicare Card, Birth Certificate (Australian), Driver’s Licence or Australian Passport. Once students have their USI number can they please bring a copy of it to the office so it can be verified or email it to tmcp@eq.edu.au. If you have any enquiries regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact the school for further information.

Mrs Lisa Johnston - Business Services Manager

Administration of Medications in Schools

A reminder to parents/carers to notify the school about your child’s health

Laidley State High School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.
Digital Futures Update - Action required

The 2015 Christmas holidays saw the final installation of the network infrastructure required for the school’s BYOx program. With the infrastructure in place, the start of this year has been met with a frenetic pace by all of the school’s IT staff from collecting and collating forms, updating passwords, preparing hire devices, supporting student questions and on-boarding students to the BYOx network.

The BYOx on-boarding process began smoothly during the first week of term but encountered problems in the second week due to automatic Windows updates on numerous devices. Our IT Technician, Alan Nielsen, has worked tirelessly back and forth with Education Queensland’s central IT support to rectify issues and resolve the matter as quickly as possible. While there has been a delay that will see on-boarding continuing in large groups into week 3, we have still successfully on-boarded numerous students across Years 8 – 12 who are utilising the school’s network and filtered internet on their own personal devices.

At this point in time the Digital Futures program has 72% of students in Years 8 – 12 signed up and identified to be part of either the BYOx program, the Hire Scheme or the EQUITY program. This has been a tremendous effort from all parents and students to have such a high rate of forms returned enabling students to have adequate technology for their learning. I would like to emphasise the importance of students having their own device, whether that be a personal or hired device, to help them engage with learning in and beyond the classroom.

If your child has not yet returned one of the green Digital Futures Program Selection forms please have a conversation with them regarding which program would best be suited for them and return the signed form to the office.

Please remember that if you require Microsoft Office or Internet and Virus Protection for your devices then students are able to download both of these from the tab of the school’s webpage. Go to https://laidleyshs.eq.edu.au then Facilities > Computers and Technology > Microsoft Student Advantage Office package is free for all Education Queensland students and Norton Security costs $10 per device per year. If you have any questions relating to Laidley State High School’s Digital Futures program then please contact one of our IT staff at byox@laidleyshs.eq.edu.au

Update on Lockers

We have been advised by the company supplying the new lockers that they have experienced technical difficulties in their factory and will not be able to deliver until the end of March. After this delivery we will be able to distribute access to these lockers during Term 2. If you have any concerns in the meantime please contact the office and we will work with you to find an interim solution.

New Head of English Department

My name is Joni Cameron and this year I am replacing Dorothy Hickey as Head of English, LOTE and Literacy. Previously, I worked at Coombabah State High, a school of around 1300 students on the Gold Coast. I am a passionate English teacher and I enjoy the challenge of working with students to improve their results. Laidley has proven to be a welcoming and warm school full of staff and students who have gone out of their way to make me feel part of the school community.

English News

The English department are back and in full swing already. Students in all classes are working hard to analyse, comprehend and create texts. There are a range of different, challenging and interesting tasks happening across the year levels - so many that I can’t fit them all into this short section! In the Junior school, our Year 7 cohort are currently considering their own personal stories through the writing of a memoir task. The Year 8 students are reading a range of novels in order to understand how characters are constructed. Year 9 students are transforming reality - in the form of information texts - into their own speculative fiction short story.

Out in the community, our Year 11 and 12 students have already had the opportunity to participate in the Mayoral Public Speaking Competition. Although this can represent a substantial commitment, students have the opportunity to work with the Toastmasters Club of Gatton to develop their public speaking abilities and win prizes. I am looking forward to another fantastic year of competing in this competition for Laidley State High School. We are all working hard with the students to achieve and succeed and I am looking forward to a challenging, busy and rewarding year.

**I am currently seeking nominations from students to participate in the Lord Mayoral Public Speaking Competition**

Miss Joni Cameron - Acting Head of English/LOTE/Literacy

The P&C is looking for volunteers to help in the school canteen. Please call Gillian on 5466 8922.

Support Services @ Laidley SHS

Our Support Services Team are ready for the new challenges that 2016 may bring!!... Support Services are there to help students and their families to successfully navigate school life and we can help with social and emotional issues, mental health concerns, lack of interest in learning, indigenous support, bullying and relationship issues. Our team consists of:

Amanda who looks after students who require counselling and mental health support, career guidance and students who are having difficulties coping with the curriculum.

Karen runs all of the Indigenous Programs, so if your child identifies as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Karen can help them with a range of issues.

Toni assists Indigenous students in class with academic work.

Janine can support students with bullying and social issues. Janine also runs craft activities during lunch times.

Tanya is responsible for assisting senior students who are at risk of disengagement from school and can help them sort out issues such as homelessness, job search and referrals to external agencies to keep them engaged in school.

Parents and Carers: If you have concerns about your child, please feel welcome to contact the school on 5466 8922 and arrange an appt with one of our Support team.

| Amanda Austin | Guidance Officer | Mon / Tues / Thurs / Fri |
| Karen Day | Community Education Counsellor | Monday to Friday |
| Janine Barden | School Chaplain | Tues / Wed / Thursday |
| Toni Trusz | Indigenous Teacher Aide | Monday to Friday |
| Tanya Darney | Youth Support Coordinator | Mon / Wed / Friday |

Left to Right: Tanya, Toni, Chappy Janine, Karen Day and Amanda Austin

Tanya Darney runs craft activities during lunch times.

Janine can support students with bullying and social issues.

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Congratulations to Laidley High School Leaders for 2016:

School Captains 2016:
- Kenneth Urquhart
- Jade M

School Vice Captains:
- Liam Bichel
- Savannah Kelly

Junior School Captains:
- Maddison Adamski
- Sharni-Lee Abbott
Our school photos will be taken on the 8th & 10th March 2016.

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

Envelope Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code: YE4 J1N LM4. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that:

1. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
2. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection.

### Uniform Quick Reference Guide

All uniforms must be purchased from the school Uniform Shop and have the school logo (Excluding white socks and tailored pants)

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### P&C News

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