Welcome to Mayumi Mikawa, Tokessa Roth and Hanako Nagai (pictured with International Co-Ordinator Ms Suzanne Markwick) They have joined the Atherton High family in 2017. Both Mayumi and Hanako are from Tokyo, Japan and will attend Atherton High for twelve months whilst Tokessa, from Mannheim, Germany, is staying for six months. Any families interested in hosting International students can contact Suzanne at smark22@eq.edu.au or call 40305232.
Welcome ceremony

Our annual welcome ceremony is an opportunity for all students to be welcomed to country by local Indigenous students and elders.

This year we were privileged to have Year 12 student Rhianna Cashmere and elder Ron Turpin address the students and welcome them to country.

Mr Turpin is himself a graduate from Atherton high and it is always wonderful to have him return and speak to our community.

Thank you Mr Turpin and Rhianna for welcoming students to country for 2017.

Atherton State High School invites Parents of the Student Executive, Prefects, House Captains, Year 7–11 Leaders to attend our

2017 Leadership Ceremony
in the Atherton High School Hall between 12 noon and 1:10 pm on Thursday the 23rd of February with light refreshments for Parents following the ceremony.

Enquiries to: Peta Ward-Musicka, pward0@eq.edu.au or 40305217
**Parent Master Class**

*Thank you all very much for your attendance and engagement at the Parent Master Class held in week 2!*

We really appreciated the feedback provided in the survey and as a result we will be hosting another session on Tuesday the 7th of March in Week 7. Supper will be available from 5.45pm with the session beginning promptly at 6pm.

We will be focusing on **study skills through note-taking strategies**, as well as the **MSV123 Editing & Proof-reading** strategy to assist with the assessment writing process.

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**Chess Club** is off to a great start for 2017 and meets every Tuesday at Recess 2 in the Library. The group is for those students interested in learning or playing competitively the game of chess and organised by Mr Steve Easton.
THE FATALITY RATE FOR THOSE WORKING IN AGRICULTURE, FISHING AND FORESTRY IS 9 TIMES HIGHER THAN THOSE WORKING IN OTHER INDUSTRIES

Source: Safe Work Australia, Key Work Health and Safety Statistics, Australia, 2015

Help change the way the next generation of Aussie farmers view farm safety!

2017 FARM SAFETY STUDENT VIDEO COMPETITION IS OPEN NOW!

If you're a high school, university or agricultural college student aged between 13 and 21 you're invited to create a video about an element of farm safety - what's your story?

For more information visit www.rirdc.gov.au/pihs p
Entries close April 18, 2017

2017 NATIONAL SIGN ON DAY

YOUR LOCAL CLUB IS AT:
Atherton BMX Club
Grove St, Atherton
(Behind Tableland Hardware)

DATE TO COME AND TRY:
SATURDAY
25TH FEBRUARY
FROM 3PM

CONTACT:
Kellie
0429 459 228

GET ON YOUR BIKE AND RIDE
Welcome back everyone to another year, and welcome to our Year 7 students. I hope you are all starting to settle in to high school life. I am Chris the School Nurse and every week in the newsletter I include an article filled with (hopefully) interesting, helpful and informative information. Sometimes the topic is serious, sometimes the topic is not so!

For all of you romantics out there it is Valentine’s Day tomorrow. I guess we all think of Valentine’s Day as a time to celebrate romance and love and all that mushy stuff. What about the origins of Valentine’s Day. How did it come about?

No-one is completely sure of the true origin of this day. A good place to start is ancient Rome, where men hit on women by, well, hitting them. From February 13 to 15, the Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia. The men sacrificed a goat and a dog, and then whipped women with the hides of the animals they had just slain. Young women would actually line up for the men to hit them. They believed this would make them fertile. This brutal festival included a matchmaking lottery, in which young men drew the names of women from a jar. The couple would then couple up for the duration of the festival — or longer, if the match was right.

The ancient Romans may also be responsible for the name of our modern day of love. Emperor Claudius II executed two men — both named Valentine — on Feb. 14 of different years in the 3rd century A.D. Their martyrdom was honoured by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St. Valentine’s Day.

As the years went on William Shakespeare romanticized Valentine’s Day in his writings, and it gained popularity throughout Britain and the rest of Europe. Handmade paper cards became the tokens of love during the Middle Ages. Eventually, the tradition made its way across the rest of the world. The Industrial Revolution was the beginning of factory-made Valentine’s cards. And in 1913, Hallmark Cards began mass producing Valentine’s Day cards. The rest is history!!
Valentine’s Day!

Tuesday 14th February

Treat your special someone this Valentine’s Day!

❤️ Roses - $2.50
❤️ Chocolates – 3 for $3.0
❤️ A rose and 3 Chocolates - $5.0

Pre-Order under A BLOCK
Wednesday 1st – Wednesday 8th
Delivered on Feb 14th
**This week’s news in brief:**

**Qparents:**
Invitations for Year 7 parents to register with Qparents will be sent out on Monday the 20th of February. Any parents of students in other grades who haven’t yet registered for Qparents but would like to please call Peta Ward-Musicka on 40305217 or email to pward0@eq.edu.au

**Interhouse Swimming Carnival:**
The Carnival is on this Wednesday 15th February, 2017 and will cost $5 per student. The theme of the carnival is a ‘Pool Party’. All information regarding the carnival was distributed to parents in the permission letter. Students not participating in the carnival will attend classes as normal. Students will catch busses/ be picked up directly from the pool if attending the carnival.

**Student Resource Scheme 2017:**
Student resource participation forms should have been submitted by now to ensure that students are issued with their resources. If you have not done so, please return the form immediately. Also please ensure that all outstanding fees are paid, as students will not be able to be issued with resources until these fees are up to date or a payment agreement has been made with the school. Please also ensure that contact details such as phone numbers, emergency contacts and addresses (in particular the mailing address) is accurate for each student. You can update these by calling the school on 40 305 222 or emailing admin@athertonshs.eq.edu.au.

**Meet the Teacher Afternoon:**
Parents and Students are encouraged to meet their teachers at the Meet the Teacher Afternoon on Monday the 13th February, 2017 from 3:30pm – 5:30pm in the Hall.

**P&C AGM and general meeting:**
The first P&C meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm Tuesday February 14 in the conference room in A block. The meeting starts with the Annual General Meeting, then followed by the monthly general meeting. All parents are encouraged to attend. Elections will be conducted for school council positions for parents.

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**Paying School Fees**
You can pay your child’s schooling fees in one of the following ways:
- B Point to pay by credit and debit card.
- Direct Deposit into the school Bank Account BSB064-800 Account 00090137