

# School News

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*"Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?"*  
L.M. Montgomery

## Overcoming Challenges

During the gold rush, a man who had been mining in Colorado for several months quit his job, as he hadn't struck gold yet and the work was becoming tiresome. He sold his equipment to another man who resumed mining where it had been left off.

The new miner was advised by his engineer that there was gold only three feet away from where the first miner stopped digging.

The engineer was right, which means the first miner was a mere three feet away from striking gold before he quit.

### The Moral:

When things start to get hard, try to persevere through the adversity.

Many people give up on following their dreams because the work becomes too difficult, tedious, or tiresome—but often, you're closer to the finish line than you may think, and if you push just a little harder, you will succeed.

## Regarding Duty of Care and Start of the School Day

Recently a letter was sent home regarding the start of the school day. It has been brought to the Principal's attention that students are arriving on campus prior to school starting at 9:00am.

While the school understands that our students are developing into young adults and like to have some social time prior to the start of the school day, we need to advise you around the school's duty of care processes.

The school's duty of care and supervision of students does not commence until 9:00am. Prior to this time, students will not be supervised if on school grounds and there will be no duty of care provided. This will only commence at 9:00am.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information regarding when the duty of care for our young people starts and ends.

## Changes to student contact details

Parents/carers must ensure that their contact details (eg phone numbers, addresses, email, emergency contact details) are always up to date. Any changes can be emailed to the School or via telephone to the School reception.

## Changes to student guardianship details

If there are any changes to the guardianship of your child, please inform the school office as soon as possible. This is particularly important if a student moves into a care agency or if they are under the care of a child safety /protection department.

## This is incredibly heartwarming!

It is incredible knowing the dedication of the amazing (retired but still very active) Major Lyn Cook – Salvation Army Corps – Pine Rivers and the Faculty Team at The Independent School Lawnton and most importantly the students who embraced the project last year.

Thank you also for the efforts of Technology One volunteers for being part of the project as well. I know the students enjoyed having your team assist and support the project.

For the students at TSA Independent School, it allowed them to learn new skills, find a new craft/hobby/potential career in dressmaking but most importantly connect with other communities that are less fortunate than themselves.

The pencil cases have been received by the Founder of School of St Jude and their two alumni who visited Tech One recently. They are very delighted and thankful to receive the cases that were so beautifully made.

*Jennifer Kennedy*  
Relationship Manager Corporate Partnerships - Qld



## First Day of Term 2

The first day of school for Term 2 will be Monday 15th April.

## Date Claimer

First Aid and CPR course  
(Lawnton Campus)  
Tuesday 7th May 2024



## School Facebook Pages

Don't forget ... visit your school Facebook page *TSA Independent School Lawnton* or *TSA Independent School Riverview* and Like/Follow to get up-to-date school information and news.



# in the kitchen



## Apple Turnovers for Morning Tea

The Year 10 class outdid themselves in cooking recently! They baked THE most scrumptious apple turnovers! We are so spoilt here at TSA Independent School at Lawnton. The food that comes out of the Hospitality kitchen made by our students is outstanding! Check out the photos ABOVE. The turnovers on the left were made by Caleb and the ones on the right by Grace.

## A Busy Morning ...

I walked into the kitchen to check out what the Year 11 class was up to on this day and found a real hive of activity. Each student was working at their 'station' preparing pastries and quiches. Piper was even smiling while doing the washing up. Such positivity!



## New Seating Installed

Our resident volunteer handy-man, Brian recently installed some great seating for our students. These will be so much better than sitting on the cold, damp concrete. Thank you so much, Brian!



## Sewing Classes with Major Lyn

It is terrific to see the talent for sewing on display in Major Lyn's class. DeShaun made his very own apron which he couldn't wait to show off. A job well done, DeShaun!



## Legoland #2

Students are certainly enjoying putting Lego together. So much so, we are running out of Lego. Recently, Kaylee (Year 12) put together this beauty! Being creative with Lego is so calming, and great for self-regulation.



## Year 12 Hospitality

Recently, the Year 12 students made us for lunch a yummy Caesar Salad with poached egg. The students learnt how to cook poached eggs for the first time ever and we think they did a great job. As usual, lunch was scrumptious!



Caleb in Year 10 was also proud of his creation!



## Parent Information Session and Business Fundraising Event

On Thursday 21st March we held a Parent Information Session and Business Fundraising event here at Lawnton.

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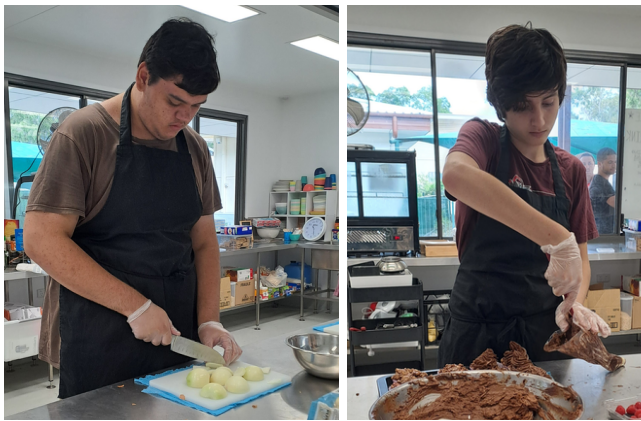
Much preparation went into making the fundraising part of this event such a success. There was a sausage sizzle, loaded hotdogs, cakes, cheesecakes, and coffee.

We thank the Australian School of Employment team for sponsoring this event and providing the sausages for the sausage sizzle.



## Easter Gifts for Students

We love blessing our students here at Lawnton. So, each of the students received a special Easter gift of chocolates to take home. Not sure if they will keep until Easter though.

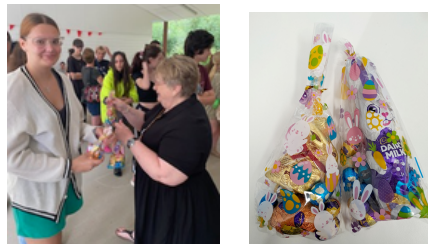


## Easter Blessings



“With humility, Christ faced down humanity’s worst to give us God’s best.”

*Judith Couchman,  
The Mystery of the Cross*



## A Visit from Jamie-Lee

On Thursday 7th March, we had a special visit from Jamie-Lee, the owner of a local hairdressing salon, 'Barbie Blonde Boutique'. Jamie-Lee was able to share with students her journey to becoming a hairdresser and business owner.

The students learned the hard and soft skills involved in the profession, as well as learning coping mechanisms for a healthy work/life balance.

Students were also fortunate enough to hear Jamie-Lee's personal struggles and triumphs with her own diagnosis of ADHD and how it impacted her family and work. This gave students an authentic insight into the challenges and rewards of gaining a trade and managing a healthy lifestyle.



## Baby Shower for Kirra

On Wednesday 13th March the students celebrated together in a baby shower for Kirra.

Our teacher aide and students helped put on a great spread for morning tea.

The Riverview team wish Kirra all the best and cannot wait to meet the new edition.



## Shayne Neumann MP Visited Riverview

Riverview had a special guest appearance from Federal Member for Blair, MP Shayne Neumann. Shayne delivered to our school the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

Shayne also spoke with students about growing up in Ipswich and encouraged students to keep doing their best and the importance of an education.

Thank you, Shayne!

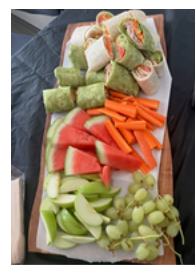


## Celebrating St Patrick's Day



At Riverview we are having an inclusive fun Friday afternoon where the whole school gets to work together in different activities.

On Friday the 15th we celebrated St Patrick's Day together. Nick our Year 11/12 teacher aide put a great spread on with the help of students with most things green and some of our students participated in creating tie dyed pillowcases.



**THURSDAY 4TH APRIL**  
10-12PM  
EASTER HUNT  
EASTER  
12yrs+

**TUESDAY 9TH APRIL**  
9AM-4PM  
BEAT THE POLICE  
BEAT THE POLICE  
12yrs+

**THURSDAY 11TH APRIL**  
10AM-12PM  
EMERGING ARTIST EXHIBITION  
icys

**THURSDAY 11TH APRIL**  
1-5PM  
ICYS MUSIC DROP-IN  
12yrs+

**FRIDAY 12TH APRIL**  
LOWOOD EVENT  
INFO COMING SOON!  
WATCH THIS SPACE

**icys**  
2ND-12TH APRIL 2024  
FOR YOUTH IN IPSWICH, LOWOOD, & SURROUNDS  
CONTACT ICYS TO REGISTER

**FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY events**

FOLLOW ICYS ON FACEBOOK & INSTA FOR MORE DETAILS  
@ICYSINC @ICYS IPSWICH COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICE

REGISTER NOW! Limited Spots available for all Activities  
P: 3812 1050 M: 0475 573 377



**Monday 25th March**  
Last day of school

**Monday 15th April**  
First day of Term 2

**Thursday 18th April**  
Guest speakers from Multi Cap (Disability Services)

**Wednesday 1st May**  
Year 10 Immunisations - 1st round

**Tuesday 14th May**  
First Aid and CPR

**Monday 27th May**  
Career expo

### Supports for Parents and Carers

- Respectful Relationships - Education Hub for Parents and Carers  
[Parents and carers | Respectful Relationships Education Hub \(.eq.edu.au\).](https://www.respectfulrelationships.edu.au/)
- Australian Government E-Safety Commission - E-Safety Advice for Parents  
[Parents | eSafety Commissioner](https://www.esafety.gov.au/)
- Bullying No Way! Information for Families  
[For families \(.bullyingnoway.gov.au\).](https://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/)
- Vaping Podcast: The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne  
[How harmful can vaping be? - Kids Health Info | Podcast on Spotify](https://www.royalchildrenshospital.com.au/podcast)

**LOWOOD YOUTHFEST**  
12 APRIL  
11.30AM-5PM  
LOWOOD STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL  
FEATURING LISI 4300  
PLUS WORKSHOPS, FUN ACTIVITIES, INFO STALLS, LIVE MUSIC/DJ, FOOD TRUCKS  
FREE ENTRY  
DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT  
BUS PICK UP AND DROP OFF AVAILABLE  
YOUTH AGED 12+  
REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL  
SCAN HERE

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
@lowoodyouthfest  
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icys  
Somerset Regional Council

**icys** 2024 EMERGING ARTIST COMPETITION  
CELEBRATING YOUTH WEEK  
THE ICYS 2024 EMERGING ARTIST COMPETITION CELEBRATES YOUTH WEEK AND ACKNOWLEDGES EMERGING YOUNG ARTISTS IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
ARTISTS ARE INVITED TO CREATE AN ART PIECE THAT CAPTURES WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A YOUNG PERSON IN 2024.  
SCAN TO ENTER

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Thank you, Helen for providing this informative session and thank you to those parents who could make it.

If you would like any further information around the QCE and your student, please get in touch.

things to ask yourself when you're anxious  
@craigheadcomics

- what can i do right now to feel just a little better?
- is my anxiety making this a bigger deal than it actually is?
- is the worst case scenario really the most likely to happen?
- have i been taking care of myself lately? have i eaten and slept enough, drinking water?
- is there someone i can talk to about the things that i'm worrying about?
- am i over-generalizing in this moment?
- can i remember a time where i felt this way and it turned out okay afterwards?
- what are some things that i CAN control right now?
- am i focusing on the negatives, or making negative interpretations without evidence?
- what if it all will be good in a while?
- is this anxiety protecting me or is it a false alarm?
- what would i tell a friend who had this worry?



"People come together with their families to celebrate Easter. What better way to celebrate than to spend a few hours going on the journey of Christ's life."

Roma Downey