There are 3 agencies who specialize in finding employment for students with disabilities. This can be in a full or part-time capacity when students are 15 years. 

Jobmatch Kingaroy can be contacted at 7 Glenendon Street Kingaroy on 41627200. Fax 41626202

Australian Red Cross at 192 Haly Street Kingaroy on 41621030 or APM at 72 Youngman Street Kingaroy Phone: 41628241

Although the term has only been 9 weeks, students have been very busy during this time. Focus has been given to settling all students into the new school year. The following pages show some of the many activities that have kept students busy and enjoying school.

Particular highlight should be given to the work experience program (pg. 2) A record number of students are out on a Friday in various placements. We thank all employers for continuing to support Nanango SHS SEP in this venture. It has been exciting to have new employers offer a placement this year. We hope this partnership continues into the future.

I would also like to thank all the SEP staff for their hard work and dedication to the students during this term and wish all a happy, safe and restful holiday.

Margaret Mangan-Walsh

Teaching Staff SEP 2016

Rachael Cooper
Catherine Mahoney
Kim Hinchliff
Dawn Millard
Trevor Firth
On Wednesday 2nd March, 10 of our students headed over to Kingaroy to participate in BP Shield in Kingaroy. They went to the Lawn Bowling Centre with Kingaroy SEP students to learn the skills of lawn bowling. We discovered some star bowlers amongst the group. They all enjoyed Dominoes Pizza for lunch and some home made muffins for afternoon tea.

We have had a great start to 2016 finding Work Experience placements for most of our Year 10, 11 and 12 students and would like to thank the different businesses for allowing our students to experience work life. We also have four more students who will be starting by the beginning of next term. The businesses are: Kingaroy Biscuit Kitchen, RSPCA, Kingaroy Town Library, Supercheap Autos, Kingaroy Veterinary Surgery and a few positions within the High School. This is a great way for our students to transition into the work force when they leave school at the end of Year 12 and this would not be possible without local business support.
This Term we have focused on Vikings in SOSE. We have discovered that Vikings were fierce raiders from Scandinavia. They lived in Long houses and wore skins as their clothing as it was mainly very cold there. Vikings used swords, battle axes and wore helmets and carried shields in battle.

Their longships had fierce dragon heads on them to scare the enemy away as they approached. When Vikings die they were floated out to sea in a longboat with their sword and shield. This was so they could enter Valhalla the place of rest. Viking women were responsible for keeping the children and the farm while their husbands were off at battle.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

This year our Year 12 students are completing their Bronze Award. They have already completed the three sections: skill, volunteer and physical activity and they have all completed the practice journey for their excursion. The qualifying journey will be undertaken shortly and they will then have completed the Award. The Year 11 students are now commencing their activities and hopefully will complete their Award by the beginning of next year. This is an excellent Award for all students to be involved in as it gets students out and about in their community learning new skills, being active and doing community work. It is recognized by employers when students apply for jobs and also gains 1 point for their Year 12 QCE Certificate.

SEP Teacher Aides 2016

Teacher Aides for 2016:

Melissa Smith has now also joined the team.
On the 5th February we braved the Nanango Swimming pool and joined in the fun of the carnival.

We had a great turn up of competitors ready to have a go and swim their hardest for their team.

A fun day was had by all who took part.

My Future: My Life

My Future: My Life is an initiative which encourages and supports Queensland secondary students with a disability to prepare and plan for their life after school. They do this by offering the following support options for students, their parents and carers, educators and disability professionals.

**Workshops:** Offered for parents to build their knowledge and capacity to assist students to identify, capture, plan for and pursue their goals for life after school. To find a workshop in your area go to the Events page at www.myfuturemylife.com.au.

**Transition Preparation Support:**
For secondary students with disability to identify their strengths, interests and capacities and to use these to guide their planning for life after school.

**Financial Assistance:**
Funding for students with a disability in years 11 and 12 to purchase resources needed to pursue their goals for life after school. Criteria needs to be met for this funding.

For more information visit website: www.myfuturemylife.com.au

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Swimming Carnival