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 Glen-don 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

As the term is coming to an end I want to wish everyone safe and happy holidays. I will be on leave the first 6 weeks of Term 3. An Acting HOSES will be appointed and announced by the end of term. I also wish to thank our dedicated SEP staff for all their hard work and support for our students this semester.

We are delighted that for the first time we have ALL students from Yr 8,9,10,11 & 12 out on either volunteer work or work experience on Fridays. We are fortunate to have more businesses willing to support our students in this venture. A big thank you to these businesses.

In this issue we have included a page of tips for child safety on the internet. Please read and apply these measures to keep our vulnerable young people safe.

Margaret Mangan-Walsh

Four of our Year 8 and 9 students and one Year 10 student are now going to the Nanango Golf Club on Friday mornings to assist wash golf buggies. They had a great time and even had a hit of the golf ball.
The SEP class recently had Jodie, our school health nurse, visit us to talk about dental hygiene. She showed us the correct way to brush, floss and clean our teeth and also explained why we should visit a dentist regularly.

One of her tips for how long to brush out teeth is:
- choose your favourite song that is about 2 minutes long and play it.
- brush until the end of your song.

Jodie also gave us all our very own toothbrush kit which we have been using at school to keep our teeth nice and healthy. Another fact we have learnt is that you only need a pea size drop of toothpaste on our toothbrush.

Our students are continuing their Work Experience this Term. We now have 12 students out every Friday with placements at: Kingaroy Biscuit Kitchen, RSPCA, Lifeline Kingaroy, Supercheap Autos Kingaroy, Kingaroy Veterinary Surgery, Nanango High School Ag Farm, Maintenance and Library. The latest placement is South Burnett Wholesale Meats and once again a big thank you to these businesses for their support of our SEP students.
On Wednesday 18th May, the SEP students and the Senior Ancient History class visited the Abbey Museum at Caboolture. Students were allowed to take a tour of the museum and examine all the ancient artefacts on display, including a 3000 year old Egyptian Mummy mask. Artefacts were diverse and ranged from ancient fossils through to medieval times. All SEP students then joined in an mummification class. The rest of the day was then devoted to participating in a mock archaeological dig. The SEP students had fun at an Egyptian dig site.

At the end of the trip, the students had a quick visit to Bribie Island for a stroll on the beach. Some of our students couldn’t resist the water. All the students had a great day and would like to thank Mr Firth for organising the trip and Mrs Cooper, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Gerber for making the day such an enjoyable one. All students learnt a lot more about archaeology.
As our children start to use the Internet and are on Facebook, Twitter Instagram etc., it is extremely important to ensure that they are safe at all times. Although threats to children’s safety may make it tempting to ban Internet use entirely, experts agree that educating children about the risks and responsibilities of online communities is the best way to keep them safe. Completely blocking access or using scare tactics are methods that simply do not work. Instead, stay involved with your child’s life and help him or her to develop the skills they need to safely reap the benefits of the online world.

Some facts to consider:

- Ensure that your child has a privacy setting on all apps and devices. A recent study on teens’ use of social networking sites found that more than half of the adolescents posted private content and information about risky behaviour, including sexual activity, drug use and violence. They need to set their profile to private allowing only friends to see the information.

  THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT PERSONAL INFORMATION THAT YOU MAKE AVAILABLE ONLINE.

- If you go out would you leave your front door open? Do you talk to strangers in the street who you know nothing about or meet them in a secluded location? Do you tell strangers your deepest secrets and all your personal information? The answer is “NO” so ……………

  Just apply standards you adopt offline to the online world and this will increase safety online. Be sensible and just remember that you have to be on your guard. Be careful about giving out any personal information including photos as once they are out there they could go anywhere.

  Remember once you have written something you can’t delete it. If what you do or say is controversial it will be copied many times and will always come back and bite you, even in later life when you apply for a job.

  Educate your child early and often, reminding your child of online behaviour regularly. Don’t accept friendship requests from people you don’t know, verify requests if they look to be coming from someone you do know, never agree to a private chat with a stranger and never post your mobile phone number or home address online for all to see.

  As a general rule of thumb, if your child is posting a picture or a comment and they wouldn’t like their Mum or Dad to see it, then it doesn’t belong in the public domain at all.

Remember, don’t be frightened to ask for help. There are lots of places and people who can show you what to do and how to behave such as Get Safe On-line, friends and teachers.