UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1st Dec—Year 6/7 Celebration Evening
- 2nd Dec—Night Under the Stars
- 4th Dec—P-12 Semester Reports/Exit Statements mailed out
- 5th Dec—Whole school Parade/Last day of Term 4

P&C Meeting

- 16th Feb, 2015 at 3.30pm in Staff Room

Please note that the Tuckshop will be closed on Friday 5th Dec, the last day of school.

Year 12 Graduating
Class of 2014

Lachlan Balderson, Jordan Richardson, Ryan Hansen, Brad Balderson, Jarrod Hayward, Mitchell Kampe and Jacob Lindley

Lyndel Hicks, Alexis Maker, Showana Nemo, Deann Frousheger, Joslyn Moxham, Anna Easton, Maddison Greenland, Shani O’Toole, Jessica Lipsett, Shinae Williams, Lavina Mathews, Sophie Walton, Georgia O’Dell and Phoebe Leard-Lamont
Dear Families,

Another year now draws to a close and hasn’t it gone by quickly.

**Awards Evening**

The 11 November heralded our first ever Prep-12 Awards evening. It was so pleasing to see such a large attendance at the evening. We should all be proud of the great work of our students. A full list of award recipients is later in this newsletter. I want to thank all those businesses and individuals who have sponsored awards and made donations for book prizes. Your generosity demonstrates to our students how much we value their efforts and achievements and continues to encourage our young people to achieve their best.

**Year 12 Formal**

On 21 November we saw our Year 12 students don their finery and enjoy themselves at their formal dinner. The evening was huge success with some very striking outfits worn by our girls and boys. The evening followed a full school parade where, as a whole school body, we acknowledged the efforts and achievements of each and every Year 12 student and celebrated with them the ending of their formal schooling. Many photos from this day are contained within this newsletter. We wish our graduating class all the best for the future and hope that all their dreams are fulfilled as they make their way through life.

**Night Under The Stars**

“Night Under The Stars “ returned to Barcaldine Prep-12 State School on Tuesday 02 December. What a great night it was, with each of our primary classes presenting a wonderful performance. A special thankyou to our M.C. for the night, Mrs Nicole Landers and to Eric, Sue and Brendan Denham for their work with the sound and lighting and the music – Sue on keyboard. Also thank you to the wonderful Cara Burger for her singing, in leading the carols on the night, such great talent we have in this community!

**Vietnam Trip**

On the last Thursday of the term – 04 December- our Year 11/12 Modern History students, along with Mr Kemp and Ms Wahlin will jet out of Barcaldine on their great adventure to Vietnam. This trip seems as though it has been a long time coming, but now is upon us and the excitement is evident all around. I know this will be a very enjoyable, memorable and educational trip for our students and I look forward to hearing all their stories when they return. The girls would not have been able to go on this fabulous trip without the tremendous support of this great community in which we live. I would like to again acknowledge the special contributions of the following businesses and individuals:

The Barcaldine RSL and the State Branch of the RSL, Robert McGavin CEO Cobram Estate, George Bourne and Associates, Queensland Country Women’s Association- Barcaldine Branch, The Shakespeare Hotel, Jacobs (formerly SKM) Jenni Gray, Richard Moor, Becky Plumb and the Barcaldine Pastoral and Horticultural Show Society, Toni Austin and the Barcaldine Racing Club, Mrs Jean Lennon, the Barcaldine Regional Council and the entire Barcaldine Business Community as well as the tireless efforts of students’ families and their teacher Samantha Wahlin.

**2015 Class Allocations**

We have been able to finalise primary staff for the start of 2015. The class allocations for 2015 will be as follows.

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Students will move into their new room, and where possible, meet their teacher for 2015 on the last Thursday and Friday of the term. I am pleased to announce that the following teachers will be joining our staff in 2015:

**In Secondary:**
- Mrs Kylie Burton – has received permanency
- Mrs Jo Cameron-Martin – has received permanency
- Ms Gemma Tavita joins our staff from Teiri, via NSW

**In Primary:**
- Ms Sherelle Shields – returns to the school after extended leave
- Mrs Nicole Landers – returns after maternity leave
- Mr Corey Rose joins our staff from Biloela.
- Mrs Katrina Egerton joins our staff in combination of primary and secondary

Til next time
In All Our Best
Grant Williams

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**Barcaldine Prep – 12 State School Uniform Requirements**

Next year our focus is on ensuring every student meets the uniform expectations and when looking towards 2015, parents are encouraged to ensure that when updating items of clothing for their children for school, that these items meet the school uniform requirements.

The school uniform is:
- Green/Gold Polo Shirt with school emblem worn tucked in unless actively participating in sport.
- Black Ruggers/Poly Cotton shorts, tailored shorts and/or skorts.
- Bottle green cricket/bucket hat.
- Black track pants and bottle green fleecy lined top in winter.
- Appropriate lace up or velcro black footwear with predominantly white socks. School socks should be the standard sock and not ankle socks (which are not visible).

At Barcaldine Prep – 12 State School the wearing of the correct uniform is to be encouraged, as it is an important factor in developing self-respect and a sense of responsibility in the individual student. Wearing the school uniform fosters good tone and pride in the school community and the development of the school’s traditions.

In 2015 we will be contacting parents when students arrive at school not in the correct uniform and we will also have uniform items at school for students to change into when they are not in the correct uniform.
Head of Department

2014 has passed very quickly with many changes and new initiatives introduced at Barcaldine Prep-12 State school. I am sure we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break—students, parents and staff.

Implementation of the Australian Curriculum continued throughout 2014 across the key learning areas of Mathematics, Science and English, History along with the introduction of Geography. In 2014 we continued implementing improvement strategies for the National Assessment Literacy and Numeracy agenda, along with Literacy and Numeracy coaches being employed to work alongside teachers to assist with further development of teachers skills and classroom programs. Years 6 and 7 students (our Lucky Last and Fabulous Firsts) were given orientation opportunities throughout the year culminating in a two day program that saw them spend two days in the Secondary department experiencing what it is like to be in Junior Secondary.

Two weeks ago the inaugural Barcaldine Prep-12 State School Awards Evening was held. There has been positive feedback from both parents and community members around this event. I would like to congratulate all of the students for their efforts throughout the year and encourage them to continue striving to achieve the best that they can in all aspects of their school lives. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 2014 School Leaders for a job well done both throughout the year on and on the awards evening. Despite some nerves, the leaders maintained their composure to ensure the running of the night went smoothly. These capable young people performed admirably. Well done!

I would also like to congratulate the outgoing 2014 School Leaders for always upholding our school motto of “In All Our Best” and for being excellent role models throughout their time in the leadership roles of Captains and Vice Captains.

Congratulations goes to the incoming School Leaders for 2015 and to those who have also been elected to House Captain, Vice Captain and Student Council Representative positions.

This year we say farewell to a number of staff. I wish those staff members who are leaving us all the very best for the future and thank them for the time they have spent at Barcaldine Prep-12 State School.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

See you 2015!

Kim Ogden

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Student of the Week

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The Barcaldine Prep – 12 State School P&C Association have had a very successful year for 2014. The last meeting for the year was held on Monday, 24th November and saw a couple of new faces around the table. A huge welcome goes out to these people and we hope to see many more newcomers to the committee in 2015. The meetings will continue at 3.30pm on the third Monday of each month as we hope that this is a more convenient time for many of our families and community members.

Our three fundraising ventures for the year included Westech catering, State of Origin raffle and the raffle for the Variety Bash breakfast and raised $9 473.94. Parent contributions brought in $2 636 and the tuckshop managed a profit of $15 973.92.

At the last meeting, discussions focused on how best to spend this money within our school.

- IPAD Recharge Trolleys: $6598.00
- Speech Night Contribution: $500
- BSS Goat Racing Team: $1000
- School Leaders shirts: $400
- Project to resurface and grass the area near Multipurpose Shelter - seed funding: $5000

This takes our total contributions to Barcaldine State School to $13 498 for 2014.

Over the Easter period next year the Kindy are holding a Mardi Gras and have invited Barcaldine State School to take part. This has the potential to be another major fundraising venture for our school and we welcome any ideas and helpers for stalls. Many hands make light work.

Please find below an information sheet for school book covers that can be ordered online. 10c from each book cover sold will be sent to Barcaldine P&C Assoc. All you have to do is enter the code ‘ZFA186’. There is no cut-off date for orders and they will be delivered directly to your address.

Lastly, a huge thank you goes out to anybody that has contributed in some way to the P&C Association this year. It really has been a hugely successful year which in turn benefits our school community and the learning environment for our students. Merry Christmas and have a relaxing break over the school break. Hopefully we will see many of you at our meetings in 2015.
Dear Families

As this is the last newsletter of the 2014 school year, I would like to thank all families for the continued support that is offered to the school community and the staff of Barcaldine Prep – 12 State School. There are many-a-times that the year ahead just seems to be so long with continued assessment, the un-ending homework and the endless notes home.

We are indeed fortunate to have the summer period off for our big break; it allows us all to be lulled into a false sense of security to think that a new school year will somehow be different from the year before.

Well, of course, 2015 will be a year that is different, with the year 7 students starting high school and making the journey over the bridge – for the families who will have a student commencing high school in the new year, please just remind them that they will be doing Year 7 work; just in a different setting that includes crossing the bridge.

This school year has certainly fast-tracked itself and my ‘roller skates’ certainly had to be re-oiled a number of times to keep up.

Debating Year 12 Students:

The last week for the Year 12 students was a busy one, with planned community activities arranged throughout the week.

We had presentations about responsible drinking and road behaviour, taking care of friends and others in emergency situations and all students were availed the opportunity to participate in a full First Aid course.

There was also the obligatory preparations for the Senior Dinner on the evening prior to the finalisation of their formal school years.

The Senior Dinner was a beautiful evening with all of the 21 students presenting themselves in a glorious manner. The girls’ gowns were fabulous and some of the colour palette was striking.

Enjoy the photos of our Formal Dinner in this edition of the newsletter.

My appreciation and thanks is extended to the Kindergarten Association for catering for the evening and serving a beautiful, tasty and well-presented three course meal, Beccy Dean in assisting with the decorations and to the Barcaldine Irrigation Centre for the beautiful floral arrangements that were the centrepieces for each of the tables – these were presented to the parents to take home at the end of the evening.

Secondary School Break-up Activity Days:

The Year 10 and 11 students’ finished up on Friday, 28 November and the Year 8 and 9 students break up on the last day of the school year.

Letters will go home advising families of the arrangements for the planned activities and to advise families of the cost for lunch and entry to the pool - $10.00 per student is required for each student and it would be appreciated if this could be paid to the Front Office please.

Students are also strongly encouraged to bring snacks to school on their last day, in particular the year 8 and 9 students as the tuckshop will not be operating on the last day of the school year.

I look forward to working with the great team that we have at Barcaldine Prep – 12 State School in the new school year and I wish all departing staff ‘best wishes’ in their new career endeavours. I very much hope, they are able to forge professional links and relationships that have been established at our school and that these relations continue to grow in their new school settings.

To all the students and families who leave our school at the end of the year; may you too enjoy the exciting and new adventures that will await you at your new schools and towns.

In closing, I would like to wish you and yours a very safe and enjoyable summer holiday with your children and I will look forward to the commencement of the new school year in 2015 – after a well-earned rest and break for all.

Until next time

Meegan Wills
Congratulations to the following Meritorious Students who celebrated with their teachers, family and friends at morning tea on the 17th of November. These students have been nominated by all their teachers for consistently displaying our school motto, ‘In All Our Best.’

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### OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
- Yr 1 Charlie Wehl
- Yr 2 Declan Gray
- Yr 3 Kadee O’Dell
- Yr 4 Riley Walsh
- Yr 5 Zachary MacLean
- Yr 6 Macey Balderson
- Yr 7 Larni Balderson

### MOST IMPROVED AWARD
- Yr 1 Ty Cridge
- Yr 2 Austyne Stewart
- Yr 3 Tom Wehl
- Yr 4 Mia Dickson
- Yr 5 Kayleigh Grayling
- Yr 6 Indianna Adams
- Yr 7 Casey Marshall

### ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
- Yr 1 Elijah MacLean
- Yr 2 Jennifer Lord
- Yr 3 Grace Durie
- Yr 4 Malachi MacLean
- Yr 5 Eliza Adams
- Yr 6 Tracey Baily
- Yr 7 Tyana Ross

### INSTRUMENTAL AWARD
- Zachary MacLean

### LOTE AWARD
- Yr 7 Kye Hansen
- Yr 6 Tracey Baily

### ARTS AWARD
- Prep Sam Hurst
- Yr 1 Olivia Arnaboldi
- Yr 2 Declan Gray
- Yr 3 Meg Arnold
- Yr 4 Riley Walsh
- Yr 5 Zachary MacLean
- Yr 6 Indianna Adams
- Yr 7 Larni Balderson

### PE AWARDS
- Prep Ella Hansen
- Yr 1 Olivia Arnaboldi
- Yr 2 Declan Gray
- Yr 3 Emily Kelly
- Yr 4 Lily Gray
- Yr 5 Olivia Raftos
- Yr 6 Indianna Adams
- Yr 7 Brody Bashford

### SPECIAL AWARDS
- Donald Charles Cameron
- Brody Bashford & Larni Balderson
- Roy Thompson
- Harrison Gray

### ATAS
- Alice Barwick
- Kasey Balderson
- Blake Brennan
- P & C
- Zachary MacLean
### OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT 8
- Emily Bashford
- Lily Cullen
- Elizabeth Pumpa
- Abigail Stewart

### OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT 9
- Jacinta Biddulph
- Dana Bronkhorst
- Katie Rafter
- Elliot Wills

### OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT 10
- Thomas Pumpa
- Emily Rolfe
- Bronte Wills

### OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT PER SUBJECT
#### YEAR 11
- Rhiannon Bennett
- Maddison Blucher
- Gabrielle Cullen
- Lauren Denham

#### YEAR 12
- Brad Balderson
- Anna Easton
- Lyndel Hicks
- Alexis Maker
- Joslyn Moxham
- Georgia O’Dell

### NORTH WEST SPORTS AWARDS
#### UNDER 15 NETBALL
- Chelsea Walton

#### OPEN NETBALL
- Lyndel Hicks
- Georgia O’Dell
- Shinae Williams

#### UNDER 15 TOUCH
- Hannah Daley
- Elizabeth Pumpa

#### OPEN TOUCH
- Maddison Blucher
- Jesse Marshall
- Isabelle Williams

#### OPEN TOUCH
- Georgia O’Dell
- Molly Easton
- Lyndel Hicks
- Alexis Maker
- Joslyn Moxham
- Georgia O’Dell
A.R Brown Memorial Prize
BRAD BALDERSON

Department Of Transport And Main Roads Mathematics Award
THOMAS PUMPA

George Bourne & Associates Physics/Graphics Award
BRAD BALDERSON

Institute of Engineers Mathematics Award
BRAD BALDERSON

Returned Services League Award
THOMAS PUMPA

T.J O’connell Memorial Bursary
BRONTE WILLS

Barcaldine Pharmacy Junior Science Award
ELIZABETH PUMPA

P & C Award - In All Our Best
EMILY BASHFORD

Australian Labour Party Excellence In Art Award
JOSLYN MOXHAM

Caltex All Rounder Award
JOSLYN MOXHAM

Kingsley Head Memorial Prize
LAUREN DENHAM

Trevor Sullivan Stock & Realty Community Service Award
ELIZABETH PUMPA

Roy Thompson Memorial Prize
MADDISON BLUCHER

A & Tsi Academic Award
MADDISON BLUCHER

Iga/Cornetts Award
JESSICA LIPSETT

QCWA Award Home Economics Award Most Improved Student
JESSICA LIPSETT

QCWA Award Home Economics Award
BRONTE WILLS

Long Tan Award
Year 10 – BRONTE WILLS
Year 12 – JOSLYN MOXHAM
Year 12 Graduation Assembly
Enjoy the school holidays, but protect yourself from one of the biggest killers!

No, I’m not talking about sharks at the beach. Or lightning strikes. Or accidents.

2 out of 3 people will have skin cancer by the time they are 70 years old. Skin cancer makes up 80% of all newly diagnosed cancers. In 2011 over 2000 people died of skin cancer in Australia. This figure is alarming and is preventable.

There are three main types of skin cancers, with Melanoma being the most serious. Once it penetrates into the body, cancer cells can move to places like your lymph nodes, and spread round your body from there.

If you are consistent with the five S’s you reduce your chance of getting skin cancer to its minimum.

So…………..

Slip – on sun protective clothing such as long sleeved shirts with collars
Slop – on sunscreen – rated at least 30+
Slap – on a hat – preferably wide brimmed
Seek – shade whenever possible
Slide – on sunglasses. www.cancerqld.org.au

Go to the Cancer Council Queensland website for more information
www.cancerqld.org.au

Have a great Christmas break and I look forward to working with your kids next year.
Take Care,
Natalie Hurst (School Based Youth Health Nurse)

Primary School Captains’ Report

Hello everyone,
Wow this term has gone so quickly, with only 1 week left until Christmas holidays!! Exciting isn’t it?
Last Friday we said farewell to the Year 12’s as they have finished their education at Barcaldine State School. Congratulations and Best of Luck for the future to everyone who graduated this year; you have all done so well.

This Thursday is the swimming carnival where Leichhardt and Mitchell will be going head to head in the pool to see which team triumphs on the day. Have fun, swim your best and cheer hard for your team.
Next Tuesday we will be celebrating the ‘Night Under the Stars’. This will be a great night with all grades performing their own dances that they have been working so hard on. This is the school’s last big event for 2014.

On the 28th of November, we will be handing over all our responsibilities and duties as Primary School Captains to the new Captains and Vice Captains of 2015. Congratulations to Olivia Raftos and Kayleigh Greyling, our new Captains and to Lexis Knox and Colby Balderson, our new Vice Captains. We are sure you will do yourselves and our school proud.

As this is our last newsletter, we wish everyone good luck for next year and a safe holiday.
For the last time,
Work hard and try your best.
Indi, Brody, Kye and Macey.
Feeling Connected at School

When kids feel part of their school community and are cared for by people at their school, they are less likely to get into trouble. They also have higher levels of emotional well-being. This feeling of belonging, often called “connectedness,” can be especially important during times of stress or when difficult decisions have to be made. Adults and peers, curricular and extracurricular activities, policies and practices all affect the level of connectedness your child feels at school.

What Is School Connectedness?

These are some of the major elements that help kids feel they belong and are cared for at their school:

- Teachers who support and care for individual students.
- Good friends at school.
- Parents and students caring about current and future academic performance.
- Discipline policies that are fair and efficient.
- Participating in extracurricular activities

Benefits of Connectedness

Some of the benefits of helping students feel a sense of connectedness to their school community are listed below.

- Academic benefits: “Connected” kids are more likely to attend school regularly, pay attention to their grades and pursue post-secondary education.
- Reducing risky behaviour: Students who feel a sense of belonging to the school community are less likely to be involved in activities such as smoking, alcohol and substance abuse, early sexual activity, drinking and driving, suicide attempts and weapon-related violence.
- Mental well-being: Connected kids are less likely to have emotional distress or experience abuse. They are able to handle stress effectively and are more resilient (that is, they can bounce back from stress).

How Parents Can Help Kids Feel More Connected At School

The first step is to recognize the importance of school connectedness in your child’s life and development. Second, use the information in the “What Is School Connectedness?” section above to assess your child’s school situation.

As a parent, you can take these steps to influence your child’s level of connectedness:

- Attend parent-teacher meetings and get to know all of your child’s teachers through regular conversations.
- Be involved with the school. Go on field trips, volunteer and know what is happening at the school.
- Get to know your child’s friends and their families, and encourage positive peer relationships.
- Talk to your children about their grades and effort, and access resources to help you ensure they are reaching their potential and taking ownership of their performance.
- Discuss the school’s discipline policy with teachers and administrators.
- Encourage your child to get involved. Most schools offer a wide variety of extracurricular options, from band to basketball.

Your child’s sense of belonging to school (connectedness) plays a key role, not only in academic success but also in decreasing risky behaviour and supporting mental well-being. Talk with your children about how connected they feel at school. Above all, involve yourself in their school lives and be aware of what happens there, both negatively and positively.

Feeling Connected at School

http://www.healthyalberta.com/HealthyPlaces/660.htm

Tony Sinclair
Guidance Officer
Last Thursday, 27 November the Interhouse Swimming Carnival between Leichhardt, Mitchell and St Josephs was held. It was perhaps the closest carnival to date, however Leichhardt were the winners on the day with St Josephs taking home the Aggregate Trophy.

There were three long standing records broken at the carnival by Shelby Walton from St Josephs; the 13 Years freestyle, backstroke and butterfly. Congratulations to Shelby on her mighty effort.

Well done to all the participants and spectators for the wonderful sportsmanship shown throughout the day. You have all contributed greatly in making it another very successful carnival.

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**Primary Aged Champions**
L-R) Mannix Hunt, Jack Walton, Mitchell Leard-Lamont, Phoebe Dean, Shelby Walton, Telea Kelly, Harrison Gray and Lily Gray

**Secondary Aged Champions**
Front) Elliot Wills and Gibby Rooney
Back) Clint Kelly, Ashlee Cridge, Chelsea Walton, Dean Cliffe and Liz Pumpa
HAWAIIAN FAMILY POOL PARTY

When: Saturday
6th December 2014
Time: 6pm
Where: Barcaldine Pool
Entry: $5/person

Come along in fancy dress for some family fun games & sausage sizzle

For more information please contact:
Annie Bourne: 0438 138 388
All Profits go to the Leukaemia Foundation

Ages 10yrs & Older
WHEN—Saturday 6th December
WHERE—Barcaldine Showgrounds Grandstand
COST—FREE!

CHRISTMAS COOKING FUNDAY

Please Contact Jade Fickling to Register!!
Youth At Risk Officer
Anglicare CQ
82 Ash Street Barcaldine.
Mobile: 0419 304 869

Please bring your togs and towel for swimming afterwards!

Barcaldine Limited Hours Care

Christmas Vacation Care

Monday 8th December 2014 from 8:00 am – 5:15 pm
Tuesday 9th December 2014 from 8:00 am – 5:15 pm
Monday 15th December 2014 from 8:00 am – 5:15 pm
Tuesday 16th December 2014 from 8:00 am – 5:15 pm

Come and join us for some Christmas fun these school holidays.
There will be lots of Christmas craft and cooking activities and a party on the last day.

All children aged 15 months to 12 years are welcome to attend.
Cost: $5 per hour per child
Please ensure you book ahead to avoid disappointment Thank-you

Phone Barcaldine Kindergarten on 07 4651 1614

Barcaldine Kindergarten – Position Vacant

Position Description

Role Title: Kindergarten Assistant
Work Type: Part time – contract one year – 28 hours per week.
Reports To: Kindergarten Director / Management Committee (approved provider)
Location: Barcaldine Kindergarten

Barcaldine Community Kindergarten is a community-based non-profit organisation that operates a child centre-based early childhood education and care (ECEC) service. Barcaldine Community Kindergarten is committed to provide:

- high quality early childhood education and care services for families with young children
- advocacy for young children and their families

Purpose of Role

The Educator is a respected position within the kindergarten service, with responsibility to provide a stimulating, caring and supportive environment for children to promote program goals.

Key duties include promoting and ensuring:

- Assisting the Teacher / Nominated Supervisor in the provision of high quality care for the children
- Providing a stimulating, secure, caring, and safe environment for the children
- Assisting the Teacher by preparing and maintaining equipment and materials, and the environment as required
- Working as a team member
- Supporting the Teacher, Nominated Supervisor & Educational Leader by providing any feedback, information and issues of concern which will contribute to the improvement of the program.
- Supporting meaningful parent participation in all aspects of the service provision.

The Educator reports to and works closely with the Teacher / Nominated Supervisor. To have an attitude and desire that reflects a positive attitude to working with young children and seeking more knowledge of early childhood development and centre based care.

Please direct enquiries or request a full role profile to: May Brooks (0435 164 181)

Applications end: 30 November 2014

Send Applications – Private and Confidential. Attention May Brooks
PO Box 89, Barcaldine QLD 4725