FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Annual Awards Night

Our Annual Awards Night was held on Thursday October 30 – as a school we had an outstanding guest speaker in a member of our schools Alumni Henry North who delivered a very entertaining and meaningful address that was appreciated by staff, students and parents. The evening allowed us to congratulate our academic elite and congratulations to the 2014 School Dux – Melanie Walker a very deserving winner. The culmination of this evening was the announcement of our 2015 school captains – Lexi Papalexiou & Henry Lang, our 2015 Vice captains Tim Willis & Yasmin Sun and our 2015 Student Council Executive Jessica Watts & Jai Davies. Thank you to all that attended and congratulations to all that were recognised.

Sport Awards Night

Our Annual Sports Awards Night was held on Wednesday November 5 – the guest Speaker was Mr Brenton Rickard a world champion and Olympic medallist. This night was very enjoyable and thank you to the HPE, Performing Arts and Hospitality faculties for all of their efforts in staging the night and the preparing the delicious dinner. As part of the evening we also introduced our new Junior Sports leaders who will assist greatly with our incoming Year 7 students and also provides additional leadership opportunities for our students. Congratulations to all that were recognised on the evening for their sporting prowess.

Year 12 Graduation & Formal

As a school we officially farewelled our Year 12 students at our Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday November 19 – this was a very special event for both students, teachers and parents alike. There were a number of heartfelt presentations from both our outgoing students and their form teachers. This night highlighted for all present the excellent supportive relationships between students and teachers in our school. Thank you to the P &C who generously provided a breakfast to students on the morning of the Graduation. Our Year 12 formal was held on Friday November 21 at the Mercure Resort – our graduating class were resplendent in their gowns and suits and it was extremely enjoyable night for all attended due to the exemplary behaviour of our students. A special thank you to Ms Annette Kuehl for the effort that she put in to making both the Graduation and Formal the memorable events that they were.

Uniform Changes 2015 - Reminder

There are a number of new uniform changes that will be occurring next year with the arrival of our new Year 7 & 8 students in 2015. The most significant change for all students is the introduction of a new sports polo shirt for all year levels – replacing the current white polo – 2015 will be the transition year for this new uniform item. Students in Year 7 & 8 will be required to purchase the new junior secondary uniform and Year 9 2015 students will continue with their existing uniform. Our Uniform store is having a sale on the existing Jade Polo for all current Year 8 & 2015 Year 9 students for just $25.00 – so it is a great time to stock up! Our Uniform Store will be open in the week leading into the school year from Monday January 19 2015. These extended hours will be included in the report mailout at the end of the year.

Year 7 & 8 Orientation Day

With the arrival of Year 7 in 2015 we are finishing off our preparations. One of the important components is our Orientation Day for all incoming Year 7 & 8 students which will be held on Tuesday December 2 – all enrolled students have received a written invitation to attend this day. Students simply need to report to the Student Centre at 8.45am, a basic morning tea and lunch will be provided. Our incoming Year 7 teachers will also be in attendance, they have now completed their orientation program and are looking forward to sharing the exciting journey with our new arrivals.

Yours in Education
Cameron Hodges
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

The time of the year again to start tidying up loose ends. Students need to:

- Complete and submit all assignments and tasks
- Prepare for and sit scheduled tests
- Return all texts and resources (when finished with them) to the library
- Continue to attend all timetabled lessons until the last day of school
- Check uniform, stationery and fee (Resource and Subject) requirements for 2015

Parents, please ensure any outstanding fees from 2014 are paid.

Shirley Booth
Deputy Principal

APPLICATIONS FOR 2015 BUS PASSES ARE DUE!

ALL NEW PASSENGERS FOR 2015
To ensure timely distribution of bus passes in the New Year, please submit your application before the end of November 2014.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EXISTING BUS PASS HOLDERS
At the end of each school year, please ensure that the current pass is retained to be used in the new school year until the new pass is issued.

Students with an existing bus pass need only re-apply for a 2015 bus pass if your child
- is moving from Primary to Secondary School
- is repeating a grade
- is changing their home address or school

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION FORMS

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO
Surfside Buslines
PO Box 3036
ROBINA
Q 4230

Email schools@tagroup.net.au or Fax 5571 6556

Applications will be processed over the Christmas school holidays. Once applications are approved, bus passes are sent to school for collection. Please allow 10-15 working days from the start of Term One 2015.

Prior to Government approval of bus travel assistance, all students can travel by bus to school using a TransLink gocard.

BUSINESS/IT NEWS

YEAR 11 AND 12 LEGAL STUDIES EXCURSION TO LAW COURTS
Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies students attended an excursion to the “Queen Elizabeth II Courts of Law” in Brisbane. The year 12 students were instructed on how to source legal information and the year 11 students were given information about courtroom procedures and protocols. Both classes also visited court rooms to watch some “live” cases.

DDF – Designing Digital Futures
Year 8 students successfully experienced a three-way subject involving Business, Manual Arts and Creative Arts. Students manufactured a wooden toy/massager, developed a Business Plan and produced promotional material while creatively packaging their toy ready for sale.

BOM – Business Management Excursion
The Year 12 BOM class observed the procedures of chocolate manufacturing while visiting Poppy’s Chocolate Factory in Beenleigh. Not only were students treated with chocolate delights and tasting, their reinforced their understanding of running and operating a business. To conclude the day, lunch occurred at the iconic Yatala Pies.

GriffithsBUSINESS Ambassadors Day
Congratulations to Liana Davie, Jessica Wilkinson and Sarah Hayward who participated on Wednesday 5th November at Griffith University Gold Coast Campus. The topic covered was “Understanding the impact of events.” The presenter was Dr Millicent Kennelly. Students were introduced to the range of impacts that events can have. Students were challenged to think about how event organisers can justify ongoing public support for a major local event. This is a lead in towards the Year 12 program that can result in guaranteed entry to university. Thank you to Mr Howard for supporting and organising students to attend this opportunity.
November is Transition to Independence month and focuses on helping young people make the journey from the child protection system to independence, including help with housing, income support, education and training, and health services.

Dental Health

Students in grade 9 have been provided with an offer of oral health care examination card to take home. If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above or are new to the school and did not receive an examination card and would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays. If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator. They are available for appointments in the first week and the last week of the holidays.

FINANCE UPDATE

The Finance office is open to accept payments Monday to Friday 7.30am to 3.00pm.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos or via the internet.

Internet payments can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The school bank details are:

- Elanora State High School General Account
- BSB: 064 404
- Acct: 00090717
- Reference: student name

If paying by direct deposit please ensure you use your child’s EQ ID number and a short description (for example X1234567SRS). If the cashier is unable to determine what the payment is for it will be automatically applied to the oldest debt on your account.

To assist families the following table provides a summary of fees/excursions/activities that are due:

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Healthy Breakfast Program!

"Start your day well"

Once a week on a Thursday Morning Chappy Steph with the assistance of Brook Rees is putting on a free healthy breakfast for students and staff in the International centre. This breakfast is running to encourage students (& staff) to eat a nutritious breakfast every morning.

7:30 - 7:50am year 11-12, early junior students + staff
7:50 – 8:50 year 8 – 10 + staff

What’s on offer...

Smoothies, avocado on multigrain toast, spreads, good choice cereals, muesli, yoghurt and fruit.

This initiative is generously sponsored by WOOLWORTHS 19th AVENUE.

Note: The healthy Breakfast will not run the mornings that Morning crew cook Pancakes. These dates are the 30th of October and the 4th of December.
Every day and every minute counts
What sort of start is your child getting?

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It is a requirement under the Queensland Education Provisions Act 2006, that parents and carers ensure children of compulsory school age are in attendance at school every day. Some circumstances, such as illness, may prevent 100% attendance but all parents should be aiming for maximum school attendance for their child/ren.

THEIR FUTURE LIFE CHOICE OPTIONS DEPEND ON YOU!