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Cameron Hodges, Principal

ENGLISH NEWS
The English Department is in full swing and teachers and students alike are very busy. As the end of semester looms, our senior Authority students are preparing for exams and the pressure that can bring. English Communication students will be taking part in mock work interviews as part of their assessment. It’s a great opportunity for them to showcase themselves as mature, well-presented young adults in preparation for their near future. (Parents and students should note that a medical certificate is required by students who miss their block exam assessment).

In the Junior English Department, Year 8s are learning strategies to control their nerves for public speaking, block exam assessment). Students are urged to make sure they are keeping up with homework as well as class work and managing the demands of their subjects with a reasonable social life.

A belated acknowledgement to Jade Bates and Bailey Dawson who earlier this year participated in the Lions Youth of the Year speaking contest. Although they didn’t win, they accounted themselves very creditably.
FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

CURRENT NEWS

‘CURRENT NEWS’ is a ‘not to be missed’ resource for both students and their parents/carers, providing information on a wide range of career-related topics. It is published regularly, about once every two weeks. The latest ‘CURRENT NEWS’ includes information about: ADF recruitment, various competitions, course and institution events, courses relating to careers, employment, gap year programs, tertiary study, study skills and much more.

There is too much information to include it all in the Elanora SHS Newsletters. To view the entire ‘CURRENT NEWS’ go to the school website; www.elanorashs.eq.edu.au and use the Quick Link to ‘Guidance Officer’.

STUDY TIPS

With mid-year exams just around the corner the following study tips from ‘CURRENT News’ may be useful.

How to improve your concentration

Concentration is the ability to focus and control your attention. Some people seem to be born with it, the rest of us have to learn how to do it. Anyone can improve his/her ability to concentrate. The following are strategies for you to try.

- Develop regular habits of study in certain places.
- Work in a place that is free of distractions (in front of the TV is probably not the best place).
- If you find yourself distracted by something else (e.g. I should improve my fitness), jot down the task, idea or problem to deal with later.
- Examine your study goals. Are they realistic? Ask for help to review your goals.
- Write down your goals and pin them up on the wall near your desk or on the fridge for everyone to see.
- ‘Declutter’ your desk. Get rid of things that will distract you and don’t study in an overheated room.
- Set a definite goal or task and complete it.
- Prioritise the tasks to be completed.
- Begin working immediately – don’t wait for inspiration.
- Compete with yourself – set a task and complete it within the time you have available.
- Attend to one thing at a time.

Some hints on preparing for exams

Find out exactly what is required for the exam.

- When is the exam? What is the length of the exam? How many questions will be on the exam?
- What content will be covered?
- What kind of questions will be asked (multiple choice, short answer, true or false, essay, etc.)?
- If an essay exam, how many questions will be asked, what number of words is expected.
- Will you be penalised for missing answers?
- What equipment do you need to bring to the exam?

Organise yourself mentally and physically for the exam.

- Eat healthy food regularly. Don’t skip meals.
- Spend some time exercising. A short walk and a stretch are better than no exercise.
- Get enough sleep.
- Think about taking time off from your part-time job a couple of weeks before the exam block.
- Take a temporary break from socialising, social networking, TV and other time-consuming leisure activities.
- Review the strategies for taking different types of exams.
- Think positive thoughts. With a good revision program and motivation to do your best, you will succeed.

Revise, revise and revise – use a revision technique that suits you. The following are some suggestions.

- Make a revision timetable. Include short breaks.
- Summarise the content to be examined.
- Some kind of diagrammatic representation of notes can be helpful.
- Ask your teacher about any content you don’t understand.
- Review by reading your summaries aloud.
- Test yourself. Do revision sheets if your school provides these.
- Revise with a friend if possible. This can be helpful to both people in understanding topics and building confidence.
- Do a timed practice test.
- Be honest with yourself. Are the revision strategies you are using effective? If not, seek help from your teacher or learning support person in your school.

Keep things in perspective

- The exams might seem like the most important thing in your life at the moment, but in reality they are only a small part of your life.
- Avoid panic! It is normal to be nervous before an exam. Some stress actually helps you achieve your best.
- Focus on some deep breathing for a few minutes if you feel yourself start to panic or if your mind goes blank.
- Answer as many questions as you can. If you don’t know the answer to a question, then just pop anything down as the answer.

TRIPLE P

Act for Kids is running the TEEN Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) in June. Triple P offers parenting suggestions and ideas to help parents of teenagers with everyday parenting concerns including the following:

- Building a positive parent/teen relationship
- Encouraging and increasing desirable behaviour
- Developing effective, practical strategies to manage behavioural problems
- Managing misbehaviour in a positive and effective way
- Taking care of yourselves as parents.

NATIONAL TEACHING AWARDS

Teachers help shape the future of our children, and therefore our nation. Yet there are few opportunities to recognise and acknowledge their outstanding contribution and commitment. Honour inspirational teaching and nominate teachers and leaders for the ASG NEiTA Awards for Inspirational Educators. The nomination closing date is 31 July 2013 and nominations can be made online, or forms can be downloaded, at www.neita.com.au or call the NEiTA secretariat for a form by phoning free call 1800 624 487.

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LIZEN HIGH - OUR NEW FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL

Over the past three weeks, our school has witnessed added laughter, the cooking of scones and ANZAC biscuits, the loud boat and rhythm of zumba, Aboriginal art, basketball competitions, and English as a Second Language courses. Our annual visit by 43 students from Lizen High, Taiwan, has meant that many students have acted as "buddies" forming strong bonds between our schools.

台中立人高中與澳洲伊納羅拉公立高校友好姊妹學校簽訂典禮

Lizen High School, Taiwan and Elanora State High School, Australia

Signatory Ceremony and Anniversary Friendship Celebration 2013

A Friendship Agreement was signed on 27 May by our Principal, Mr Cameron Hodges, and the Principal from Lizen High, Mr Liou, to celebrate and formalise our relationship.

The Friendship Agreement has the following shared aims:

- To promote understanding between the students of Lizen High School and Elanora State High School.
- To contribute to the growth of goodwill between the people of Australia and the people of Taiwan.
- To increase the opportunities for communication and contact between the students of the two schools.
- To provide opportunities for the staff and the communities of the two schools to derive maximum professional and educational benefit from the agreement.

The opportunity to learn another language through immersion gives visiting foreign students a special insight into the culture of Australia. Peter Thake and Anita Martin devised interesting and entertaining English as a Second Language (ESL) lessons for our Taiwanese students. However, it is important to note that our domestic students also benefit from this cultural exchange as they learn a great deal about the traditions and ceremonies of our Taiwanese friends.

The Lizen Study Tour culminated with a magnificent feast prepared and served by our Year 11 Hospitality students and their dedicated teachers. Guests and students alike were delighted with the banquet and service. What a wonderful way to celebrate the Signatory Ceremony and Anniversary Friendship Celebration 2013.

Christina Wand – International Program Manager

Cameron Hodges and Mr Liou signing the Friendship Agreement

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

School Musical - 18, 19, 20 June – 6 pm

June is Musical month at Elanora State High School! The Performing Arts block is currently being transformed into Mr Mushnik's Skidrow Florist for the up and coming production of Little Shop of Horrors! This fantastic, hilarious and slightly scary Musical involves over 70 students and 10 teachers with our very famous Mr Leader playing the part of the man-eating plant. Come along during Week 10 and support our incredibly talented actors, singers and dancers as they bring this uproarious performance to life! Tickets can be purchased from the cashier from 3 June, 2013.

Ticket Prices

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What is the musical about?

Seymour Krelbourn is a poor young man working at a run-down flower shop on skid row when he encounters a miracle. He discovers an alien plant after a total eclipse of the sun. After bringing the plant to the store he gains fame, fortune and love. The only defect is that the plant feeds on human blood. Seymour and the plant make a deal that if the plant continues to bring Seymour positive attention he will in turn continue to feed the plant human bodies. Eventually, the evil plant eats Seymour and his close friends and acquaintances. With 1950s music and moves, this musical will entertain you and the whole family.

Starring the following students:

- Shelly Fitzpatrick
- Tyler Carroll
- Sheiqina Rauk
- Kelly Provan
- Ari Pollet
- Malee Rowell
- Tash Mason
- Mikey Mendoza
- Henry Lang
- Paul (Jed) David
- Melinda Waters
- Jazz Whitall
- Kayla Stockwell
- Mitchel Hills

2013 GOLD COAST GREEN WEEK EVENT GUIDE

Gold Coast Green Week consists of approximately 50 individual events, activities, tours, and movies located all across the Gold Coast from 1st till 9th of June. The events are co-ordinated by Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council (Gecko) with funding from Gold Coast City Council. Go to www.goldcoastgreenweek.com to find out more.

Our local Baseball Club (Alleygators) is hosting the Australia Little League National Championships next weekend 1-5 June. If interested in playing Baseball next season (October) come down and watch. These kids are pretty amazing!

This Tournament is the entry point for the winning Team into The USA Little League Championships in Williamsport and is the first time that Australia has had direct entry into this competition. The Alleygators will be hosting 20 Teams from around Australia over 5 days at our field, that’s 16 games a day of Baseball. There is expected to be 1200 people a day, an excellent opportunity for a local sporting club.

So all in all, this should be a very exciting Tournament for anyone interested in Baseball to attend. Australian Baseball Federation have lots of things planned. If interested, please support.

Gecko - Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council

Gecko House, 139 Dungan St, Currimundi Qld 45223
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Email: greenweek@gecko.org.au | www.gecko.org.au

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CREATURE KEEPERS
Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is pleased to offer Creature Keepers to high school students. This community course is presented by highly experienced professionals in wildlife care at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and it is designed for those with a keen interest in seeking knowledge and understanding of wildlife. This Course is a real zoo experience and gives students exposure to working in the zoo environment.

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What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? Students, teachers, over all friendly nature of all the staff and students
My future plans: Bachelor Of Education – Secondary and Bachelor of Photography

SENIOR PHASE STUDENT PROFILE -
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MIDDLE PHASE STUDENT PROFILE -
Name: Grace Mitchell
Year: 8C
Elanora SHS Honours: 2013 ACE Program
Why I chose Elanora SHS? I chose Elanora because it has a small amount of students. Everyone was welcoming. Also because I was chosen for the ACE class
What is the best thing about Elanora SHS? The amount of extra activities available like sport, music and homework club
My future plans: I would like to continue with English, Science and Math Extension as long as I can

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Name: Hayden Buckman
Years at Elanora: 5 years (2008-2012)
Year 12 Subjects: Maths B, English, Chemistry, Biology, Physical Education and Fitness
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**Cost:** $120 per child (two day course)
**Times:** Start - 8.15 am
Finish - 3.00 pm
**Food:** Morning tea and lunch provided
**Bookings:** Bookings are essential
Fill out a form on our website
EASY ONLINE BOOKING PROCESS
Please see our website www.cws.org.au for information and booking forms
Or call 5534 0846

Gecko’s FREE ENTRY Wildlife Expo
Sunday 9th June - 10am-2pm
Meow animals and their carers
Wildebeest Shows
Fun things for the whole family

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Name: Felix Remmersmann
Year Level: 10
Country of Origin: Germany
Length of Stay: 5 months
Previous School: Freiherr-vom-Gymnasium (Muenster, Germany)
Current Subjects: English, Math, Hospitality, Aquatic Rescue, Marine Education, ITN
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Future plans? To go to university maybe in USA or England, to get a good job and to do really good in my last exams

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TENNIS FIXTURES
New Season starting in July is now OPEN to all level of tennis players – Adult or Junior.
Saturday Afternoons, Tuesday Nights, Thursday Nights
Contact Tennis Gold Coast to enter a team now (2 person team) – tennisgoldcoast@bigpond.com,
Phone: 5532 8566.
Full details: www.tennisgoldcoast.com

CURRUMBIN COMMUNITY FARM SCHOOL
FAMILY FUN DAY
Sunday 2ND June, 9.30am – 2.00pm
Live Music, Rock Climbing, Farmyard Feeding, Jumping Castle, Market Stalls, Food & More!
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GOLD COAST WATERPOLO
Junior training camp in the June Holidays

What?
Three days training and one day competition for junior boys and girls 10 – 14 years old

When?
26, 27 and 28 of June
Every day from 9:30 - 12:30

Where?
Wesley College in Gold Coast, heated pool

Why?
To learn waterpolo skills, opportunity for selection into Gold Coast teams for upcoming State Titles in December and of course, lots of FUN!

Attendance swimming skills:
100 metres in 2 minutes

Limited places

To sign up and for more information:
www.goldcoastwaterpolo.com.au
juniors@goldcoastwaterpolo.com

Costs: $25 - for one day
$50 - for two days
$75 - for three days

And special price:
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