Chaplaincy Week – A fantastic event

Last week was Chaplaincy week and we had a range of activities including a volunteer morning tea, special parade and culminating with the fundraising K's for Kids walk. I am extremely proud to announce that we had 72 walkers represent our school and approximately $6000 was raised to assist Chaplaincy at Elanora SHS!! A special mention to the members of our local chaplaincy committee who were of great assistance in the successful staging of Chappy Week 2014.

Student Resource Scheme 2015

Our P & C Association approved our Student Resource Scheme for 2015 for all year levels at our meeting last week.

The 2015 contributions will be:

- Year 7, 8 & 9 = $310.00
- Year 10, 11 & 12 = $320.00

The Student Resource Scheme is fantastic value especially considering that the cost of Interschool sport is included within this scheme. Interschool costs alone for buses can be over $100 per semester. It is also extremely pleasing that in these times the school and the P & C have not increased our Student Resource Scheme costs.

The school will continue to offer a range of payment options including upfront, instalments and Centrepay deductions. The Student Resource Scheme forms for 2015 will be distributed at our 2014 Career Expo on August 5. If you unsure of your current financial position with the school, please do not hesitate to contact our friendly staff.

On Target Interviews & Direct Entry 2015

Our school will be hosting our first ever ‘On Target Interviews’ on Tuesday August 19 in which every student and parent will have a one on one interview with a member of our teaching staff to look at the individual students performance, the individual students career aspirations and planning the steps to achieve this career goal. As part of our preparation from this our entire teaching staff were involved in a presentation from GCIT and Southern Cross University on the Direct Entry pathways available for our graduating students. Specific Direct Entry application forms for a range of institutions will be included with our end of semester reporting mailouts for all Year 12 students. I strongly encourage all Year 12 students and parents to research all Direct Entry options to ensure they have a successful transition to tertiary study if this is part of their chosen career pathway.

P & C Support & Facilities improvements

At our last P & C meeting, our P & C committed a substantial amount of funding to improved student seating and shade within the school. This work will be completed prior to the commencement of our Year 7 students in 2015. There is currently a great deal of maintenance work and facility improvements occurring in the school. This includes an entire repaint of a number of our teaching blocks and flooring replacement.

Winter is coming

As winter is now upon us please ensure your child has the correct winter uniform. Our school uniform store is the sole supplier of our school uniform and has plenty of winter stock available.

Our school was involved in an Education Queensland Discipline Audit this week, I look forward to sharing the results with the school community in our next newsletter.

Yours in Education,

Cameron Hodges
Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Master Class Activities

I would like to thank the parents of the students involved in the Master Classes for their ongoing support. As a school we are committed to improving the outcomes of all our students. We believe strong skills in the area of critical and creative thinking, in combination with excellent attendance, will lead to future academic success. As part of our school’s Great Results Guarantee we are working in conjunction with leading teachers within our school and outside organisations to provide opportunities for our high achieving students in Years 8 and 9.

The next Master Class (#3) in the series will be on June 10, 2014 (Tuesday). It will be facilitated by Mr Michael Riordan, Mrs Karen Sterling and Mr Nathan Smith – three of our leading teachers in the areas of English, Mathematics and Music, respectively. Students will work through a series of engaging activities providing them with an excellent platform for upcoming academic challenges.

If you have any queries in relation to this Master Class initiative, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Shirley Booth, Deputy Principal on 5568 4333.

We are limiting this class to a maximum 60 students and there is no cost to you. This Master Class will also involve some incoming Year 7 students from our partnership primary schools.

Date Claims: (check out the Master Class eLearning page for more information)

16 July 2014 - Brain Training Boot Camp – Runaway Bay Sport and Leadership Excellence Centre (max 55 students, all day activity)
29 July 2014 – Master Class #4 – Elanora SHS (max 60 students, afterschool activity)

We are looking forward to our students and your child benefitting from these extra academic and life skills.

Attendance

‘Every day and every lesson counts’ because:

Higher student attendance = higher student achievement (academic, social and emotional) = greater choices in life.

At Elanora SHS, the attendance expectation for all is 95% or better.

Shirley Booth

Deputy Principal

TALLY VALLEY - INDOOR CRICKET

Wednesday afternoons at 4pm for 7 weeks, only $49!

Sign up on 2nd & 9th May 3-5pm.

Don’t miss out! Contact Chad for any more information on: 0421 168 322

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY—SEEKING NON ANXIOUS CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

At Griffith University we are conducting an exciting study investigating anxiety disorders in Children and Adolescents. To help us understand how anxiety develops in youth we need to learn from children and adolescents who are not fearful or anxious. We are seeking parents and their non-anxious children and adolescents (7 - 17 years) to participate in our study. To thank you for your time and involvement in the study we will give you gift vouchers to the value of $50. To find out more about this project, please contact Dr Ella Milliner and Dr Lara Farrell on (07) 567 88317 or email e.milliner@griffith.edu.au.

NEW STUDY—RAISING TEENS IN THE TECHNOLOGY GENERATION

HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT RAISING TEENS IN THE TECHNOLOGY GENERATION!

Are you the parent of an 11-18 year old?

Help us understand the effect of technology on families!

Researchers from The University of Queensland are looking for parents to take part in an anonymous 30-minute survey about the influence of technology on parent-teenager relationships, parenting practices and teenager wellbeing.

The survey will include questions about technology use, your teenagers behaviour, their relationship with you and your parenting. Your teenager can also take part in a similar anonymous survey.

We will use findings from the study to develop better ways to support parents to have good relationships with the teenager and to promote teenager’s wellbeing.

This research is completely voluntary and confidential.

All participating parents and teenagers will be eligible to enter a draw to win a $50 Coles/Myer gift card!

YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY BREAD MAKING FARM EXCURSION

Mrs Harrison’s & Mrs Campbell’s year 12 Hospitality classes all piled onto the coach last Thursday 22nd May to go on a cooking safari to Mrs Murphy’s family farm at Bonogin. The day was brilliant. The students all beamed with smiles as we left Elanora on a bright and sunny morning. Firstly when we arrived we needed to get the legs going with a fine walk to the top of the property. There we met Truffles the pig. Morgan loved the pig so much that she was almost his dinner. We then were shown the fabulous homemade, brick pizza/ bread oven. Mr Murphy, a lovely gentleman explained and demonstrated extensively to us how to make individual pizzas. It was very hands on as we all were able to help in some way. Then we each topped our pizza with an array of chopped ingredients, before the lovely Mrs. Murphy used the long handled peel to move then pizzas one at a time in & out of the wood fire oven. They were so delicious. We then had an excursion to their aviary. We saw very exotic, beautiful birds. Next it was back to work where we were shown how to make bread & bread rolls. We all had a turn at turning under the dough and shaping the rolls. We picked up many secrets about cooking bread & pizza that we can use for the rest of our lives.

The day was a huge success and will hopefully be the start of things to come. Thanks again to Mr. & Mrs. Murphy.

Mrs. Cathryn Campbell — Hospitality teacher
EQ NEWS
National survey of young women
YWCA Australia has launched its annual She Speaks survey, a national online survey recording the attitudes to and experiences of leadership for girls and young women aged 15 to 30.

Tickets are on sale for Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage
Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage has reached a major milestone, turning 10 this year. To celebrate, four glittering arena-style shows will be staged featuring The James Morrison Creative Generation Big Band, a 700-voice choir, 65-piece student symphony orchestra, more than 700 dancers, up to 300 string players, more than 30 featured vocalists and spectacular special effects. Tickets for shows on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 July are available from Ticketek. For more news go to OnePortal.

CHAPPY’s CORNER
Ks4kids a GREAT SUCCESS!
Our school had a cracker 72 walkers, numerous volunteers, and we raised close to six thousand dollars for the chaplaincy service! It was an extraordinary effort by many students and teachers who walked the 30km from Southport, and others also made a great effort walking the 10km from Palm Beach. As chaplains we felt extremely privileged to have so many students, teachers and local supporters walking and value your support immensely. We will continue to look to our target of 100 walkers next year and a big thank you again to all those who walked this year!

Chappy Week
The chaplains would also like to say a huge thank you for our biggest Chappy Week yet! It consisted of staff morning teas, Chappy assembly, pancakes, jumping castles, BBQ’s and more! Thank you to all our generous local supporters C3 Youth, Elevation Youth, Beachside Youth, Elanora Uniting Church and Tailbudgera Lutheran Church. You definitely made this week possible! Look forward to continuing the momentum in the school from this week. Come see us anytime in N13, there is a chaplain here everyday.

Blessings Dave and Steph
Dave & Steph—: david@dchappy.org.au & stephanieb@dchappy.org.au

CAREERS INFORMATION FOR YR 10, YR 11 AND YR 12
South East Region School-based Apprenticeship and Traineeship Awards for 2014. These awards recognise and reward the outstanding achievements of individuals and organisations within the VET and training sector who strive for excellence, best practice and innovation. The award finalists and their guests will attend an Award Ceremony on Friday 12 September 2014 at Dreamworld. There is an application process to follow. See Mrs Hargrave for information packs and good luck. Applications close on Friday 20th June 2014.

Greencross Vets is offering some school based traineeships in Cert II in Animal Studies (ACM20112). There is an application process to follow, see Mrs Hargrave for packs. Application close on Monday 30th June 2014.

Hospitality-Cert III
Wallaby Hotel, Mudgeeraba is looking for motivated students to work and train in hospitality. An Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 11th June at 6pm. Take with you a current resume, a parent and dress to impress. Other hospitality traineeships available see Job Board in admin.

Business-Cert III
Prestige Service Training also has Cert III Business traineeship with Prouds Jewellers, EB Games and Cosmetics Plus. Any students wishing to apply please submit a current resume and covering letter.

Yr 12 learn Filmmaking and Acting for Film at Village Roadshow Studios. Vet-Fee Help Approved see flyer on display on Job Board.

Gold Coast 2nd Annual Barista Competition 2014
All Hospitality students and trainees are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Gold Coast ‘Become a Barista’ competition for 2014.
When: Friday 29th August 2014
Time: All day starting at 10am
Where: Gold Coast Turf Club Bundall
Cost: $35.00 register fee. If you have any further questions please contact hrm@palazzoversace.com.au or telephone Karen Thorburn on 55098080. Mrs Hargrave has the entry form.

For Indigenous students-
ANZ Bank and Mission Australia also offering school based traineeships for Retail and Business.
Every day and every minute counts
What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but …

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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!**