



Principal's REPORT

28th April 2009

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term 2. I certainly hope you had an enjoyable and pleasant vacation. A special welcome to new students, parents and staff who have joined our school this term. Staff changes in this term include:

- Ms. Ingrid Golick – Science
- Mr. Paul Heffernan – Marine Studies.
- Mrs. Erica Quigley – Maths / Science

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN TESTING)

From May 12th to 14th this year, all students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia will sit Literacy and Numeracy tests. Planning is currently underway for the implementation of these tests with year 9 students at Urangan High School. For more detail information regarding these tests please see a further article in this newsletter.

ANZAC DAY

Thank you and congratulations to those students, staff and parents who represented our school and other community organisations last Saturday at the ANZAC Day March. It was certainly a pleasure to see our school band, students and the large number of school community involved in this very special remembrance day.

2009 MY FAVOURITE TEACHER

It is time to nominate your favourite teacher! This year students are encouraged to nominate a teacher that encourages them to be innovative as part of the [Year of Creativity](#). My Favourite Teacher is an opportunity to recognise and reward the commitment of Queensland state school teachers.

Winning favourite teachers in 2009 will receive a Dreamworld Family 2 Day World Pass for four people. To recognise your favourite teacher click on <http://education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/favteacher/index.html>, then enter the name of your local paper and describe in 25 words or less about your favourite teacher. If you live outside the areas of the listed papers, just click on Education Views.

Nominations close on Friday 8th May 2009. Favourite Teachers will be announced during State Education Week, which is being held from 1st to 5th June 2009.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mon 4 May - Labour Day Holiday
- Tues 5 May to Fri 15 May - Year 12 Marine Camps
- Wed 6 May - Fraser District Cross Country
- Mon 11 May to Fri 15 May - Year 8 Camps.
- Tues 12 May - P&C Meeting, 7pm in Administration Block
- Tues 12 May to Thurs 14 May - NAPLAN Testing, Year 9
- Wed 20 May - School Council meeting 5pm in Conference Rooms
- Fri 22 May - Show Holiday

During the term we once again look forward to working with students, parents, staff and members of our community.

Ross Zelow
Principal

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SCHOOL UNIFORM / DRESS CODE

With the start of a new term, it is a timely reminder to ensure that the highest possible standards are maintained at Urangan High School with regard to our dress code and school uniform. Our school community (Parents & Citizens Association, School Council, Student Council, and staff) request that students pay particular attention to wearing the appropriate footwear, shirts, shorts, and jumpers. Students are also expected to come to school with a clean and tidy appearance, which includes:

- Hair colour is to be natural tones, i.e. not multicoloured, no unnatural hair colours,
- Hair styles are to be neat and tidy, e.g. no shaved styles, no mohawks, no clown styles, no words shaved into the scalp etc.,
- Make-up is not to be worn,
- Clear nail polish is permitted.

As jewellery does not enhance learning, minimum jewellery should be worn. Allowable items of jewellery include:

- Small sleepers (no bigger than a five cent piece) or small studs (non protruding items only),
- One small pendant (no bigger than a twenty cent piece) on a thin chain. (Due to work place health and safety requirements this necklace must be worn inside the students collar/school shirt),
- One signet ring,
- Medical alert bracelets and necklaces.

If students wear extra or dangerous/obnoxious jewellery, it will be confiscated, stored and returned at the end of the school day. Multiple episodes may result in the jewellery being confiscated until the end of term. We look forward to the support of parents in relation to this matter.

MOBILE PHONE, IPOD, MP3 POLICY

The following is an extract provided for parents and students in relation to Urangan State High School's policy on mobile phones:

- The use of mobile phones, pagers, portable CD, iPod and MP3 players, personal Digital Assistants and similar electronic devices in class is disruptive to the learning environment of all students and will not be tolerated.
- Students should have their mobile phone or electronic devices switched off and out of sight in their school bags or they may be left at the school office at the beginning of the school day. Parents are still able to contact students through the school office, and students are able to contact parents during their lunch breaks through the blue phone that is available to them
- If students are caught with their mobile phone or electronic device on their person in the school grounds it will be confiscated (in complete working order) and placed in the school safe / strong room and can be collected by a parent / guardian at the end of the school day.
- Appropriate action through the schools Responsible Behaviour Plan will be taken against any student who photographs or films other individuals without their consent or sends harassing or threatening messages.
- Disciplinary action will be taken against any student/s that is/are caught using a mobile phone or electronic device to cheat in exams or assessments.

This policy also applies to students during school excursions, camps, and extra curricular activities

Parents and students are reminded that no liability will be accepted by the school in the event of the loss, theft, or damage of any device.

Canteen Duty Roster

It is not necessary to start before 8.30am. Finishing time is approx 2.00pm. If you cannot make your rostered day, a telephone call would be appreciated. Contact Barb on 41255440.

Wednesday 29/4	Thursday 30/4	Friday 1/5	Monday 4/5	Tuesday 5/5
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Wednesday 6/5	Thursday 7/5	Friday 8/5	Monday 11/5	Tuesday 12/5
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SCHOOL BASED VACCINATION PROGRAM (ROUND 2)

Round 2 of this program will be held at Urangan State High School on Monday 18th May. The vaccines offered at this clinic are:

- Year 8 Females: HPV vaccination (dose 2)
- Year 8 Females & Males: Varilix (Chicken Pox) vaccination.
- Year 10 Females & Males: dTpa (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Whooping Cough) vaccination.

If you have any questions or concerns about the program, please contact Fraser Coast Regional Council, Environmental Health & Regulation section on telephone 4197 4242 or Janet Morrow (School Based Youth Health Nurse) at the school on Tuesdays or Fridays.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS - THE GAP YEAR

The GAP year is a project of the Australian Defence Forces (ADF). The GAP year provides the opportunity for Year 12 students to enrol in the Army, Navy or Air Force for a period of 12 months. After completing the GAP year, participants can elect to join the ADF. Participants receive a wage of between 32K and 40K depending on which branch of they ADF select. Applications will be available online at the ADF website from May 1. In 2008, applications far outweighed available places. In 2009 there will be 500 places in the Army, 200 in the Navy and 200 in the Air Force.

Prospective applicants should search the ADF website for further information.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

The National Youth Science Forum can help you in a big way. It's an intensive 12-day program like nothing you've ever experienced. And it's held every January for students like you who have science in their blood and who want to do something with their lives.

Please contact Mr Clancy or go to www.nysf.edu.au for more details. Applications close May 29th 2009

THE SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

A three-day hands-on practical science program will be conducted again in 37 Australian universities and tertiary institutions in 2009/2010 for students who will be entering Year 10 in 2010. Each program includes a wide variety of practical activities, excursions, career information together with interesting presentations by leading Australian scientists and engineers.

This is a Rotary Youth Services Project, supported by the Australian Science Teachers Association and The Young Scientists of Australia. The total cost of the three-day program is \$105 (includes GST). Local Rotary clubs are often willing to sponsor students to attend, so please contact your local Rotary club for details.

Further information and application forms are available from Mr Clancy, local Rotary clubs and from www.scienceexperience.com.au. Early application is advised.

UNIFORM SHOP

Due to a lack of volunteers the uniform shop is not able to be open every school day. The current opening hours for the uniform shop are:

- Mon-Fri 8:30-9:30am (one week)
- Mon-Wed 8:30-9:30am (alternate week).

If you are able to volunteer time on Thursday or Friday mornings once a fortnight please contact the school office on 4125 5440. Thank you.

The smaller sizes of the school tracksuits have arrived. The smaller sizes of the school shorts have also arrived.

NAPLAN (NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY)

National test results provide information on how students are progressing and support improvements in teaching and learning.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia undertake the same tests on the same days. Urangan SHS students have their skills assessed in:

- **Language Conventions** (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) - *Tuesday May 12*
- **Writing** - *Tuesday May 12*
- **Reading** - *Wednesday May 13*
- **Numeracy** - *Thursday May 14*

All of our Year 9 students have been preparing during class time for these tests. All students will require a calculator for the numeracy test on Thursday May 10. Students will not be allowed to borrow from other students during the test and will be disadvantaged if they do not have one.

Parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. Their children can be assured that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

All students are encouraged to participate in the national tests and special provisions are made to meet the needs of individual students with special needs.

We wish all of our students well for the test.

Ian Christie

Head of Campus - Middle School

HERVEY BAY TOUCH ASSOCIATION

Hervey Bay Touch Association is seeking expressions of interest in an U18 mixed competition to commence in July 2009. Games will be played on Monday nights at the Soccer Club at 5pm. If you are interested in forming a team or require more information please contact Gail on 4 1 9 4 6 6 6 6 or email hbta@bigpond.com as soon as possible.

MR WATTS'S ENGLISH CLASSES

If your child's English teacher is in Mr Watts's class you can check on their Assessment Items and homework by looking up the appropriate class on <http://wattsinenglish.synthasite.com>

THE FRASER COAST SHOW - ART ENTRIES

The Fraser Coast Show Fine Art Section will be accepting entries up until Thursday May 14th. For more details about entry conditions, prizes, categories, entry fees please phone the Art Society on 41224408, email to www.maryboroughart@bigpond.com or visit the www.maryboroughart.com website.

TAFE DECKHAND COURSE

WideBay TAFE's deckhand course will prepare you for a crewing job on a tourist boat (including whale watching tours) or a private yacht. You will learn how to:

- Operate and maintain a vessel
- Deal directly with passengers, serving food and seeing to their needs.

For more information contact a customer care officer on 1300 656 188

PARENT/TEENAGER NIGHT - BUNNINGS

Bunnings is having a parent and teacher night on Thursday 30th April from 6-8pm. Parents and children will be learning hands on skills such as:

- Tying a load on a trailer
- Fixing a push bike and maintaining it
- Making timber key holders using a drill and learning techniques
- How to change the look of a room cheaply, using paint and lighting
- How to fix a leaking tap

Bunnings is putting a big effort into this evening and are hoping for a good turn out. Anyone who is interested in going please book by phoning 4128 5100 or drop into Bunnings.

Karen McKie
