



## Principal's REPORT

26th May 2009

### STATE EDUCATION WEEK 1 – 6 JUNE 2009

This year, State Education Week will coincide with Queensland Day celebrations as part of the state's 150th anniversary.

Families are invited to visit the school during State Education Week and join in our community celebrations.

Key events being held during State Education Week include *Principal for a Day* and *Back to School*, with *My Favourite Teacher* winners and *Showcase Awards for Excellence* in Schools regional winners also to be announced.

On Monday 1 June, our Principal for a Day will be Fraser Coast Regional Councillor Mr Gerard O'Connell. Mr. O'Connell will be interacting with students in classes, meeting our Senior Leaders, the Executive Team, attending staff and faculty meetings and seeing and learning what Urangan High has to offer its students and our local community.

State Education Week 2009 will wrap up on Queensland Day, Saturday 6 June, with two spectacular performances of *Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage*. The dynamic two-hour variety show will involve more than 2500 state school students performing at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek.

Urangan High has 50 performers featured in this spectacular event. Congratulations to all these students, their families and

teachers Mrs Shevelling, Mr Shevelling, Ms Ashford, Ms Donaldson, Ms Buxton, Mrs Ullmann, Ms Mackenzie, Mrs Mordey, Ms Freeman and Mr Collis. Thanks also go to Julia Hurlihy, Sally-Jane Beattie, Jenny Evans and Andrew Beattie who have also helped out tremendously. The long hours in rehearsals and travelling back and forth to Brisbane will culminate in an outstanding event and our students showcasing their excellence in performing arts.

State Education Week 2009 is an opportunity to recognise the amazing talent and achievements of our students and teachers and to celebrate the history of education in Queensland.

For more information visit: [www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/index.html](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/index.html)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. 1 June - State Education Week commences

Mon. 8 Jun - Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tues. 9 Jun. - P. & C. Meeting 7.00 pm in Conference Rooms

Fri. 12 June - Rewards Trip

Mon. 15 June to Fri. 26 June -

No Excursions - Reserved for Assessment & Senior Block Exams.

Ross Zelow  
Principal

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## USQ HEAD START INFORMATION EVENING

Are you a year 11 student looking for a challenge? Did you know that you could study a university course while you are still at high school?

The University of Southern Queensland's Head Start program is designed to provide senior students with the opportunity to study a university course and get a taste of what university is really like.

- ◆ Study on campus or via our renowned distance education programs.
- ◆ Semester 2 courses include:
  - ◆ Perspectives in Education,
  - ◆ Human Anatomy and Physiology
  - ◆ Concepts in Patient Care
  - ◆ Foundation Psychology B
  - ◆ Data Analysis
- ◆ Guaranteed entry into a USQ program on successful completion.
- ◆ Full academic credit.
- ◆ Courses attract two QCE credit points.
- ◆ First course free of charge – reduce your HECS debt.

To find out more, interested students and their parents are invited to come along to our Head Start Information Night on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 6:00pm** at the USQ Fraser Coast campus, Room C211, 161 Old Maryborough Road.

For further information call Amanda Guiver on 4194 3108 or visit [www.usq.edu.au/futurestudents/headstart/](http://www.usq.edu.au/futurestudents/headstart/)

Applications for Semester 2 close 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and must include your school principal's approval.

## AUSTRALIAN YOUTH AEROSPACE FORUM (AYAF)

Year 11 and 12 students are invited to be part of the aerospace forum being held from July 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 2009. The forum will give 100 high school students the opportunity to gain unparalleled exposure to the aviation, aerospace, aeronautical and astronautical industries. Over the course of the five days, AYAF will involve presentations, lectures followed by practical experiments, group activities, tours and various social engagements.

These are just a few highlights scheduled for the week:

- ◆ Tour of hangers at Brisbane airport (military and civilian aircraft);
- ◆ Briefings from engineers and other aerospace industry professionals;
- ◆ Presentations from specialists from UQ's Centre for Hypersonics;
- ◆ Presentations from other Australian university academics;
- ◆ Thesis presentations from two 4th year Aerospace Engineering students;
- ◆ A visit from a former NASA robotics engineer;
- ◆ Interactive group exercises, practical experiments and social activities.

Accommodation and meals are provided on campus at one of University of Queensland's prestigious colleges. The cost will be \$150. Applications are open from now until 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009. Please visit the website [www.ayaf.com.au](http://www.ayaf.com.au) and download an application form from the documents page if you are interested in applying. There is also a competition to win entry into AYAF, open to year 12 students and designed to encourage critical thinking about aerospace and engineering concepts. Details of this competition can be seen on the website.

For further queries about the forum contact Rebecca Kane at [rebecca.kane@ayaf.com.au](mailto:rebecca.kane@ayaf.com.au).

## SPEAK-EASY TOASTMASTERS

Students wishing to develop their public speaking skills and confidence are invited to join Speak-easy Toastmasters. Meetings are held every Monday from 12noon-2:30pm. It will be offered as a Youth Leadership course. For more information call Kate Ayres on 4124 4856, Terri New on 4124 1070 or Kristin Retallack on 0403 580 280.

## CHAPPY WEEK

Chappy Week is an annual event run by Scripture Union (SU) Queensland to raise awareness of the value of school chaplains and to raise funds to support school chaplains. SU Qld is officially endorsed by Education Queensland as an accredited employing authority for school chaplains. Please support: Hervey Bay's chaplains by participating in the following events:

- ◆ Chappy-cinos at The Coffee Club on Thursday
- ◆ Mayoral Breakfast at the Boat Club on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> (☎ 0407135224 for more info)
- ◆ City-side Combined church service on Sunday night 31st at Hervey Bay Baptist Church, Nikenbah at 6:30pm

Go to [www.chappyweek.net.au/events](http://www.chappyweek.net.au/events) or see your school chaplain for more details of events in Hervey Bay.

If you would like to donate or sponsor the school chaplain on a regular basis (or make a one-off donation) please contact the school office so that a comprehensive form can be forwarded to you.

Please leave any forms or donations in an envelope at the school office. Receipts will be forwarded. (cheques should be made out to "Hervey Bay Christian Minister's Assoc.").

## 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 27/5	Thursday 28/5	Friday 29/5	Monday 1/6	Tuesday 2/6
M Harding	S Beu	Help needed	T Woodgate	Help needed
Wednesday 3/6	Thursday 4/6	Friday 5/6	Monday 8/6	Tuesday 9/6
S Turnbull	Help needed	S Beu	Queen's Birthday Holiday	Help needed

## **"STAND AND DELIVER" STUDENTS STAND TALL**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, a number of students attended "Stand and Deliver" at the Brolga Theatre in Maryborough. The students were: Takkita Anderson, Alice Beu, Leelyn Cruddas, Belinda Elliot, Skye Hughes, Jess Lord, Sarah McRoberts, Aimee Moore, Laurelliza Morea, Thomas Nesbitt, Kahlia Poulain, Tiana Saltner, Nikita Sexton, Tania Vermeulen, Blake Wason and Nicola Zelow.

This was a seminar organised by the Lions Club of Maryborough aimed at developing self-confidence and goal-setting strategies in teenagers. A diverse group of seven motivational speakers entertained and inspired students with animal dances, magic tricks, and sound advice.

On the second night, our students teamed with students from other local high schools to present seven drama performances. Students wrote their own scripts, came up with their own stage movements and props and, without fail, amazed the audience with their passion and imagination. Some highlights included Aimee and Tania playing convincingly naughty students, Thomas looking like Jonathan Brown and Leelyn and Belinda dancing the night away.

Other brilliant performances occurred on the bus trips back to Hervey Bay, where Takkita, Nikita, Sarah, Skye and others rocked the bus to the soundtracks of *Grease* and *Abba*. Nicola and Blake dominated the swing competition, while Jess was very relieved to find she hadn't been cut in half.

Thanks go to all the various club organisers and volunteers who worked hard to feed the students and teachers. Special thanks also go to Ruth Jurss and Jessie Mordey for their assistance.

Finally, a huge well done to our students, all of whom behaved perfectly and involved themselves bravely. Remember, if you believe in yourself strongly enough, you can lie suspended on the back of two chairs and let a pretty girl walk all over you. (If you don't understand this last comment, ask one of the students who were there.)

*Mike Luke - English Teacher*

## **CONGRATULATIONS..**

Arian Dubroy, a year 12 student at USHS, has recently returned from the State Soccer Championships and been selected to play for Queensland. Arian will now travel to Perth in August for the Australian Championships! Congratulations Arian, we wish you all the best.

## **PUBERTY CLUES WORKSHOP**

This workshop is ideally suited to young women, mothers and their daughters. Women's Health Nurse, Julie Sankey, will talk about the exciting changes and challenges in a comfortable and fun environment.

Date: Tuesday 9th June 2009

Time: 6-7:30pm

Venue: Wide Bay Women's Health Centre  
8 Truro St Torquay.

For further details and to reserve a place please contact the Wide Bay Women's Health Centre on 4125 5788.

## **ROAD CLOSURE - URANGAN STREET**

Urangan Street will be closed to through traffic from the end of the bitumen section from Monday 25 May for fifteen months due to the construction of the Parklands Retirement Village. Pedestrian access from Robert Street will be over the first foot bridge through to Garden Drive, and from the eastern end of Urangan Street will be via the second foot bridge through to Garden Drive. Motorists and pedestrians are asked to follow the detour sign at all times. Bellerio Constructions apologies for any inconvenience and thanks the public for their co-operation.

## **MASSIVE FLEA MARKET**

Hervey Bay High School P&C Association is holding a massive flea market on the school oval on Old Maryborough Road, Pialba on Saturday 13 June from 7am to 12 noon.

Stalls are just \$10. Breakfast burgers, sausage sizzle, coffee and tea will be on sale.

If you wish to donate any items to the school, please leave these at the school office or the school canteen.

To book a place, please phone Kylie on 07 41943761 by 5 June.

## **WORLD VISION "GLOBAL CONFERENCE"**

On Monday 18th May four students from Urangan SHS travelled down to the Lake Kawana Community Centre to attend the World Vision Global Leadership Convention.

We kicked off the day at an early time of 5:30am. Everyone was half asleep but very excited. None of us knew what was planned for the day. Once we got to the conference they were already teaching us about the classes of rich to poor by seating arrangements. The rich people got to sit at tables with hot doughnuts and drinks, the middle class sat on chairs and the lower class sat on the floor. What really inspired me was hearing the statistics of rich and poor and seeing other movies that were filmed in Kenya. I was so inspired that I got goose bumps and nearly cried. Knowing that I could change more than one child's life forever and helping them learn was great!

*Katherine Smith - Yr12 student*



## **MOVIE PREMIERE - "THE PROPOSAL" (COMEDY) STARRING SANDRA BULLOCK & RYAN REYNOLDS**

Condy Park is hosting a Movie Premiere Night at Hervey Bay BigScreen Cinema's on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2009 at 6.15pm. Tickets are \$25pp and include movie entry, beer, wine & juice as well as cheese platters.

There will be lucky door prizes drawn before the movie. Tickets are available from Condy Park's office (Old Maryborough Rd Pialba) or at Hervey Bay BigScreen Cinema. Get in quick, as there are only 150 tickets available. If you enjoy a good comedy and want to have a great night out, why not grab a ticket, some friends & come along.

Any queries can be directed to Condy Park Ph: 41282786. See you there!