



newsletter



Principal's REPORT

1st September 2009

QCS TESTS

The official Queensland Core Skills Tests are currently underway for Year 12 students today Tuesday 1st September and tomorrow Wednesday 2nd September.

Students have received an information sheet from the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) explaining what materials students will be allowed to take into each session. Please ensure that your child has the necessary equipment, as they cannot borrow from other students once the test session starts. **Included in the information sheet is the mandatory medical certificate that the Studies Authority requires students to have their doctor complete if they are unable to attend any session due to illness.** We wish all Year 12 students completing these tests over these two days all the very best.

INTERIM SEMESTER REPORTING - YEARS 8, 9 & 10

Years 8, 9 and 10 students were issued with their interim semester 2 reports yesterday Monday 31st August. **Parent / Teacher interviews** will be held for junior students on **Monday 7th September** in our school gymnasium from 3.15 pm to 6.00 pm. All parents are most welcome to make an appointment with their child's teachers and come to these interviews to discuss their child's report and progress.

SET PLANS – YEAR 11 2010

Reminder to all Year 10 students and their parents that following our recent information evening, preliminary subject selections for Year 11 2010 needed to be entered on our school's computer network by yesterday 31st August. SET Plan interviews with students, their parents and a SET Plan counsellor are being conducted from Tuesday 1st September to Friday 4th September. Parents should have received a letter in the mail from the school with their scheduled interview time.

Year 10 students will not be required to attend school on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September unless it is for their scheduled interview. When not attending school on these days, students should be

researching and preparing the necessary information required to successfully complete their SET Plan interview.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

We are currently finalising Education Queensland's School Opinion Survey for 2009. All completed surveys must be returned to Central Office by Friday 4th September. As a means to obtain the most valid outcomes from the survey, we would ask parents selected who have not yet returned the survey to complete the survey and **return** it in the envelope provided to the school **by tomorrow Wednesday 2nd September.**

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mon 31 Aug.....Year 8, 9 & 10 Interim Reports issued
- Tues 1 Sept to
- Wed 2 Sept.....Year 12 QCS Test
- Tues 1 Sept to
- Fri 4 SeptYear 10 SET Plan Interviews
- Mon 7 Sept.....Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 8,9 and 10, school gymnasium 3:15-6.00pm
- Thurs 10 Sept to
- Fri 11 SeptWide Bay Athletics Carnival
- Fri 18 Sept.....Last Day of Term 3
- Mon 5 Oct.....First Day of Term 4

Ross Zelow - Principal



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NEWS FROM THE MATHS DEPT

QAMT Year 8 Quiz. Over the past 5 weeks, 15 year 8 students have been training to participate in the QAMT year 8 Quiz. Eight students represented Urangan High on Tuesday 8th August. The students were:

Team 1: Jenni Edwards, Mark Saunders and Ashlee Wilcox.

Team 2 : Dan Boulton, Kaine Beattie and Kimberly Shelley.

Also competing that night was Shelley Thornton and Lily Hayter who represented Urangan SHS in the combined schools teams. The competition involved fifteen teams from the Fraser district region and our two teams performed admirably.

Team 2 came second, pipped at the post by St Mary's Catholic College, while Team 1 came sixth. Dan, Kaine and Kimberly will now represent USHS at the wide bay finals in Maryborough on September 8th. It was an excellent result for Urangan, as we were the defending title holders from 2008.

I would personally like to congratulate all 15 students who spent many hours preparing for this competition and to the parent/guardians who attended the night of the competition. Good luck to our team at the upcoming Wide Bay finals.

Tutorials. A reminder that our tutorials for this semester are open to any student who would like to receive help in their Mathematics and there is no cost involved! The tutorial roster can be viewed in the 4th August newsletter available on the school's website.

Year 9 QCATs. Over the next four weeks all year 9 classes will be preparing for the upcoming Mathematics QCAT (Queensland Comparable Assessment Tasks). The QCAT itself will be held in the last week of this term.

Year 12 Students. Good luck to our OP eligible students in their upcoming exams and QCS test. Looking forward to some excellent results!!

*Brian Harrington - HOD
Mathematics*

CREATIVE GENERATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

IT'S OFFICIAL...URANGAN HIGH STUDENTS ARE 'CREATIVE'!

Congratulations to year 12 Visual Art students Nat Atkins, Anthony Bean, Sam Knight and Codie Murphy who have been selected to represent Urangan High at this year's Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art and Design exhibition. The exhibition features senior students' artwork from schools across the Wide Bay Burnett region and is being hosted by the Hervey Bay Regional Gallery in Old Maryborough Road, Pialba. The exhibition will be officially opened at 2pm on Saturday 5th September and all are welcome to attend.

Liza Young - Visual Art Teacher

FRASER DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A big Thank You to all staff and students involved in the Fraser District Athletics carnival conducted on the 20th and 21st August at the Tinana Sports Ground. Well done to those students who achieved a top three placing or personal best result. Congratulations to Jamon Corley (Year 8) for winning the 13 Years Boys Age Champion as a result of his consistently good performances over the two days of competition. In the overall school standings, Urangan SHS finished 5th.

Following the trials, Urangan SHS have 14 students who will represent the Fraser District and complete at the Wide Bay Athletics trials held on the 10th and 11th September in Maryborough. Best wishes and good luck to those students. May you run fast, throw far and jump high or long.

Shane Bird - Acting HOD HEPE

ATTENTION GRADE NINE STUDENTS

Are you a secret dictionary fanatic? Do you know how to spell words such as: selenium, cochineal or pirouette? If so, keep your eyes open. The Spelling Bee is coming. There will be great prizes from Wendy's, Cold Rock and more. Watch this space for more details.

SECURING HOME INTERNET

OpenDNS

For parents who would like to increase the security of the internet at home for their family without resorting to commercial products on the market, I would like to recommend you investigate a free solution provided by OpenDNS (<http://www.opendns.com>). I have been trialling OpenDNS at home and find it very customisable and effective in managing my family's access to the internet.

OpenDNS allows you to choose which types of sites and what kind of content you allow into your home and can be varied from day to day so, for example, you could block video downloads on school nights and allow them on the weekend if you wished. You can also decide to always allow, or always block a particular website as required.

OpenDNS does require a moderate level of IT savvy to install, but full instructions are given on the website. If you have set up your own router at home for broadband access, then you should have no trouble making the changes to the router setup required for OpenDNS. You need to go to the OpenDNS website and create an account, log in, and make your desired settings. Then you log in to your router and change the numbers for the two DNS settings. Finally, you need to install a little program that you download from the site to keep your settings updated.

OpenDNS allows you to track all internet activity out of your home and you can easily check a list of sites that it has blocked for you. As both your router settings and your OpenDNS account are password protected, you can be sure that the setup cannot be hacked or bypassed.

*Dave McQuinness - HOD
Information Technology.*

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Is your child interested in pursuing a career with the Australian Defence Force? In 2010, the Australian Defence Force will offer up to 1500

scholarships to Year 11 and 12 students through their Defence Technical Scholarships (DTS). The scholarships reward technically-savvy students for staying on at school and provide financial support while they complete their studies.

To be eligible to apply, students must:

- ◆ be an Australian citizen or permanent resident,
- ◆ complete an application form and demonstrate a genuine interest in pursuing an Australian Defence Force general-entry technical trade career ,
- ◆ have their application approved by their parents or carers and either the school VET coordinator or nominated DTS representative,
- ◆ be enrolled in a Year 11 or Year 12 mathematics subject ,
- ◆ be enrolled in a VET technical subject for Year 11 or Year 12.

Students will need to express an interest in pursuing a technical trade career with the Defence Force as part of the selection process, although there is no obligation to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school. Student applications for the 2010 Defence Technical Scholarships are open now. Applications close Friday 25th September.

For more information, including

application forms and eligibility criteria, visit the Defence Jobs website at

www.defencejobs.gov.au/dts or phone 1300 880 818.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

This term we extend a warm welcome to our new International Students:

From Germany: Marieka Andresen, Christian Haas, Julia Irnich, Sarah Nuernberg, Isabell Prael, Katharina Schuele, Marius Ziguirs.

From Norway: Eggy Kobberstad, Katrine Lund.

From Brazil: Felip Dipe, Mariana Rosa, Paula Vidal.

Marte Grevle from Norway and Mike Wosnik from Brazil are continuing their studies until the end of the 2009 school year.

We are delighted the students selected our school to provide them with a taste of life and learning in Australia, and look forward to a rewarding exchange of knowledge and culture.

HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Is your family interested in providing homestay for international students during 2010? Hosting an international student in a family

environment can provide an enriching cultural experience for both the student and the host family. You will be fully supported by our Homestay Co-ordinator and receive a reimbursement of \$190 per week to cover costs of meals and other incidentals, and support with student's homework. You will also be able to network with other homestay families and students.

We require homestays for both short term stays (emergency back-up) and longer term individual senior students (from 3 months to one year). If you have a warm, caring environment and would like to be considered as a host family, please contact Marg Warman, Homestay Co-ordinator on 4197 0201 or email: mwarm7@eq.edu.au.

OZTAG

Oztag is played to the same rules as Rugby League, without the tackling or contact. Junior sign on are at the Rugby Union fields on the corner of Boundary Rd and Walker Street Urangan at 4.30pm until 6pm on the 3rd, and 5.30pm until 7pm on the 10th of September. For more details call Glenn or Kelly on 41258424 or 0414893840. You can also visit www.herveybayohtag.com for information.

STAFF LEAVE / MOVEMENTS

STAFF	POSITION	FROM	TO	REPLACEMENT
Mr Collis	HOD The Arts	7 Sept 09	16 Oct 09	Mrs Shevelling
Mrs Shevelling	Acting HOD Arts	7 Sept 09	16 Oct 09	Ms Errichiello
Mr Wolski	Acting Deputy Principal		11 Dec 09	
Mr Johnson	Acting HOD HPE	31 Aug 09	11 Dec 09	
Ms Mackenzie	Teacher	10 Sept 09	18 Sept 09	Mr Pederson
Mr Watts	Teacher	7 Sept 09	18 Sept 09	Ms Cooper
Mr Livingstone	Teacher	14 Sept 09	18 Sept 09	Mrs Vermuelen

CERTIFICATE 2 IN HOSPITALITY OPERATIONS

AUSTRALIAN BBQ BUFFET

10th September

THEATRE IN THE ROUND
URANGAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

BYO ALCOHOL

60 PATRONS MAXIMUM \$30 PER HEAD

Open From 6:00 — 8:30 PM Enquiries: 4197 0111

Tea, Coffee and Non-Alcoholic Beverages extra



Payment and Reservations to the School office by Tuesday 8 September

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 2/9	Thursday 3/9	Friday 4/9	Monday 7/9	Tuesday 8/9
S Turnbull	Help needed	Help needed	T Woodgate	Help needed
Wednesday 9/9	Thursday 10/9	Friday 11/9	Monday 14/9	Tuesday 15/9
J Stone, S Beu	Help needed	S McDonald	Help needed	Help needed