



# newsletter



15 September 2009

## Principal's REPORT

As this is the last week of Term 3, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our students and staff and commend them on the commitment, dedication and hard work they have displayed throughout this term.

**Please note that there is no student free day at the commencement of Term 4. The first day of term 4 is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.** The student free day for term 4 is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October (commencement of week 3).

### 2009 NATIONAL ASSESMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY TEST RESULTS

In May this year, around one million students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participated in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From yesterday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009, The Queensland Studies Authority, which is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests in Queensland, began distributing results to schools across Queensland.

Every student who participated in the 2009 NAPLAN test will receive an individual report containing their results.

This report provides a range of information about your child's performance on each of the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on what was assessed in each test and how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots' of student achievement in literacy and numeracy, the results should be considered along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance.

If you have any questions or concerns about NAPLAN testing, please contact the school office.



### BULLYING ISSUES

#### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

In this time of heightened awareness of violence in schools, I would like to reassure all parents and carers that our school takes a tough stance on bullying. We do not tolerate any form of violence or harassment.

As principal, it is my number one priority that every student feels safe in our supportive school environment. I have reminded all students that bullying behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at this school. I ask that parents and carers take time to speak with their children about bullying and to remind them of the importance of treating others with fairness, dignity and respect.

If you believe your child is being bullied or may be involved in bullying another student, I also urge you to contact the school to discuss the ways in which we can help to address this behaviour.

Our school community has a number of programs to combat bullying and harassment, including:

- ◆ Sticks and Stones Bullying Program, specifically for Year 8 students.
- ◆ Mobile Phone / Electronic devices Policy
- ◆ Behaviour Lessons conducted by Form Group teachers and Year Level Coordinators
- ◆ School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program
- ◆ Responsible Behaviour Plan
- ◆ School Based Police Officer
- ◆ School Chaplain
- ◆ Youth Support Workers
- ◆ Welfare Support Group
- ◆ Anger Management Program
- ◆ Alternative Education Program
- ◆ Social and Communication Skills program

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For more information on these programs, please contact the school office.

Urangan State High School takes its responsibility to keep our students safe and to ensure our school community is free from bullying, harassment and violence very seriously. I urge any parents and carers who are concerned about bullying to contact the school.

### **YEAR 7 TO YEAR 8 2010 INFORMATION EVENING**

The Year 7 into 8 Parent Information Evening will be held tomorrow evening, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September in the Performing Arts Block. Due to the number of students involved, we will be holding two information sessions for students and their parents. Session 1 will commence at 5.00pm and Session 2 will commence at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at these information sessions.

### **YEAR 12 QCS TESTS**

Congratulations to Mr Wayne Piggott, our Head of Campus - Senior School, who recently coordinated the Year 12 QCS Tests. A huge thank you also to the staff and community representatives who oversaw the smooth running of these very important tests.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

The school is looking for parents and staff of the school body to nominate as members of our School Council for 2010. Both parent and staff representatives are required. If you would like to nominate for a position on the Council nomination forms are available from the office during school hours. Nominations open

on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October and will close on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Staff will vote for their representatives during the week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October and parents will vote for their parent representatives at the Parents and Citizens Association Meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### **YEAR 10 STUDENT EDUCATION TRAINING (SET) PLANS**

Congratulations to Mr. McMorrow, Deputy Principal, Ms Jo Goodall and Mr Ben Lethborg, Year 10 Coordinators, Mr Wayne Piggott, Head of Campus Senior School and staff who recently conducted SET Plan interviews with our Year 10 students and their parents. These interviews and the information given has enabled students to make informed choices in relation to their educational pathways for years 11 and 12.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Wed 16 Sept.....Year 7 to 8 Information Evening, PA block (session1: 5pm, session 2: 6:30pm)
- Fri 18 Sept.....Last Day of Term 3
- Mon 5 Oct.....First Day of Term 4
- Tues 13 Oct.....P&C Meeting – 7.00pm in Conference Rooms in Administration Building
- Tues 20 Oct.....Awards Evening – Baptist Church Nikenbah

*Ross Zelow - Principal*

### **HUMAN POWERED VEHICLE (HPV) CHALLENGE**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of September a team of eleven Urangan students will compete in the 24 hour Human Powered Vehicle race being held in the Maryborough CBD. Racing starts lunch time Saturday and will go through to Sunday lunch time. The team will compete against 90 other schools all eager to show off their fitness and HPV designs.

Team members are: Stephanie Adams, Cheyenne McKenzie, Ari Olsen, Courtney Sutton, Nina Derron, Julia Irnich, Jacinta Holt, Ali Lang, Carrie Johns and myself. The girls will be under the watchful eyes of staff members Hayley Breed, Desolee Murdoch, John Stickley and Michael Kerby.

The Team's efforts have been generously supported by the Hervey Bay RSL, Urangan State High School and Thompson's Cycle World.

Special thanks to Gary Graves who signed on for a little welding and

ended up doing a lot more than we let on.

The all female team will need lots of encouragement for the 24 hours and invite students, parents and teaching staff to come and support their efforts.

*Paige Lowings - Team Manager*

### **POSITION VACANT CASUAL BOOKKEEPER USHS P&C**

The Urangan SHS P&C Association has a position vacant as a casual bookkeeper for the school canteen. The hours are variable but would be approximately 12 hours/month at \$21.24/hr. The position tasks include:

- ◆ Processing pays
- ◆ Paying accounts
- ◆ Bank reconciliation
- ◆ Preparation of books for auditing

A knowledge of MYOB would be beneficial. For further inquiries please contact Linda Buxton on 4197 0111.

### **LOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT**

Both Urangan State High School and Hervey Bay State High School have been keen to promote LOTE Chinese with all year 7 students in Hervey Bay state primary schools.

In weeks 6 and 7 of term 3, Mr Zhang and fourteen volunteer students from the LOTE Department visited all the state primary schools in Hervey Bay to promote LOTE Chinese to the year 7 students. They were warmly welcomed by all the schools and students.

The LOTE Chinese Department would like to say THANK YOU to the following students who volunteered to participate: Chris Box, Heath Coull, Michelle Hatchman, Abbey Lovell, Shanice Muller-Christie, Sharna Sikora, Shannon Johnstone, Tahlia Lovell, Caitie O'Brien, Kelly Wood, Aaron Clark, Ash Devlin, Merinda Folkard, Jimi Lamont, Cassandra Ryland, Leelyn Cruddas, Brent Firth-

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Meldrum, Keelan Lowry and Paula Wright.

We would also like to say thank you to all the primary school teachers and especially the LOTE Chinese teachers who contributed their time and effort to make this a success.

*David Zhang - LOTE Chinese Teacher and  
Stacey Beu - LOTE Head of Department*

### BASKETBALL NEWS

The finals of the 3rd annual Hervey Bay Interschool Basketball tournament took place at the PCYC on Tuesday 1st September. Urangan SHS was represented in all three finals for the 3rd consecutive year. The open girls team won again, continuing their undefeated record in the history of the competition!

The girls defeated the Hervey Bay Christian Academy (HBCA) 25 - 17 to receive their gold medals and they even made the local news, showing off their well won gold! Congratulations girls!

The junior boys team lost the grand final to a very good HBCA and the senior boys team lost in a very close game against arch-rival Hervey Bay State High School. Both boys teams played their hearts out and will be very competitive again next year.

Don't forget that all junior students have the option of doing Basketball as a Sport Specialty subject each semester. See Mr Barnes for more details.

### HELP US KEEP OUR SCHOOL SECURE THESE HOLIDAYS

With the holidays fast approaching, please look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please phone the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the

local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let's work together to help create a safer school community.

For more information about the School Watch Program, please call Education Queensland's School Security Section on (07) 3237 0874.

### SCHOOL BASED VACCINATION PROGRAM (ROUND 3)

Round 3 of this program will be held at Urangan State High School on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The vaccines offered at this clinic are:

- ◆ Year 8 Females: HPV vaccination (dose 3)
- ◆ Year 8 Females & Males: Hepatitis B (dose 3)

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

### STAFF MOVEMENTS

STAFF	POSITION / TEACHING AREA	FROM	TO	REPLACEMENT
Mr Collis	The Arts (HOD)	7 Sept 09	16 Oct 09	Mrs Shevelling
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Mr Watts	SOSE/English	7 Sept 09	18 Sept 09	Ms Cooper
Mr Livingstone	Science	14 Sept 09	18 Sept 09	Mrs Vermuelen
Mrs Byers	SOSE	5 Oct 09	16 Oct 09	Ms Adams
Mr Czisowski	IT&D	5 Oct 09	9 Oct 09	Mr Rodwell
Ms Gilby	HOD Hospitality	5 Oct 09	30 Oct 09	Mrs Olive
Mrs Olive	Home Ec./ Early Childhood	5 Oct 09	30 Oct 09	Ms Green
Mr Hoodcamp	IT&D	Returning from leave 5 Oct 09		
Ms Sellars	SOSE	Returning from leave 5 Oct 09		
Ms Thomson	Hospitality	5 Oct 09	9 Oct 09	Ms Young
Ms Baker	English	18 Sept 09	11 Dec 09	Ms Cooper

### CANTEEN DUTY ROSER 16 SEPTEMBER TO 13 OCTOBER

Wednesday 16/9	Thursday 17/9	Friday 18/9	Monday 5/10	Tuesday 6/10
S Turnbull	S Beu	Help needed	T Woodgate	Help needed
Wednesday 7/10	Thursday 8/10	Friday 9/10	Monday 12/10	Tuesday 13/10
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