



## Principal's REPORT

13 October 2009

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you all had an enjoyable, relaxing and pleasant spring vacation. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new students and parents who have recently joined our school community.

### STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 19 October 2009 will be a Student Free Day. On this day samples of Year 12 students' work will be reviewed by the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) Panels. These panels verify the levels of achievement that we have awarded to our students.

### AWARDS EVENING

The major event on our school calendar is our annual Awards Evening. This evening will be held next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, commencing at 7.00pm at Baptist Church Hall, Nikenbah. We look forward to seeing you all at this very special occasion where we will be celebrating our students' and our school's achievements throughout 2009.

### OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

**At this stage of the year we request final payment of all outstanding school fees.** In many cases this is an oversight or information has not reached home. This is for such things as Shared Text and Resource Scheme (SRS), replacement of lost library books, replacement of vandalised equipment etc. We will endeavour to contact all parents with outstanding fees.

If no attempt is made to pay outstanding fees either in full or through a payment plan:

- ◆ The school will withhold all practical subject projects e.g. Manual Arts, Art. These projects remain the

property of Urangan State High School and will not be given to students.

- ◆ Report cards of students not fully paid will not be withheld, but must be collected from the Principal or a Deputy Principal by the parent and a plan for payment of fees is to be discussed.
- ◆ Year 12's will not receive a Graduation Certificate or Senior Gift. No reference will be supplied.

This action does not interfere with the educational process and students have been given access to books and materials. Reports cards are available. It is inequitable for additional extras to be supplied to those who have not contributed.

Please phone me if you wish to discuss this issue in more detail.

### 'BE SAFE AND WATCH YOUR MATES' SCHOOLIES INFORMATION BOOKLET

The Queensland Government has developed the "Be Safe and Watch Your Mates" Schoolies 2009 information booklet for Queensland Year 12 students. This free booklet contains important information which graduating students should be aware of before attending any Schoolies occasion in order to help keep themselves and their friends safe.

Focusing on health and safety, alcohol and drug awareness, personal responsibility and young people's rights as consumers, the booklet is a useful tool for parents to engage in conversation with Year 12 students and encourage healthy behaviour. Copies of the booklet can be ordered by calling 13 13 04 or from the Queensland Government's Schoolies website:

[www.schoolies.qld.gov.au](http://www.schoolies.qld.gov.au)

To help parents talk to their teenagers about alcohol and

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staying safe, the Queensland Government has produced "The Parents' Guide to Alcohol and a Safer Schoolies". More useful information is available for parents and students on the Schoolies website, including this year's top safety tips, key contact numbers, and important topics for parents to discuss with their teenager before they finish school.

Spending time reading this information now and talking with your teenager about how to stay safe can help to ensure that Schoolies is a time to remember for all the right reasons.

### **MEDICINE @ UQ**

Please see the article in this newsletter regarding an information evening for interested students, parents and teachers in relation to studying medicine at the University of Queensland to be held at the RSL on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

### **E-MAIL ADVICE FOR STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL AT THE END OF TERM 4**

At the end of Term 4, all school-provided email accounts will close for Year 12 students as well as other students who are leaving the state school system. Please ensure your child is aware that their school-provided email account will not work beyond the end of the school year and that they should ensure that they provide a personal email address to prospective employers or educational institutions.

This is especially important for students enrolling in further education or training using the QTAC, TAFE or other online system.

Emails will bounce if sent to a student's school-provided account after the end of term and students may miss out on confirming their enrolment into their chosen course of study.

*Ross Zelow - Principal*

### **WHAT A BUSY YEAR FOR LOTE CHINESE**

We have 56 students currently enrolled in LOTE Chinese. LOTE Chinese is providing students with dynamic, fun, challenging and engaging activities. Our year 8 students are enjoying their one-to-one laptop program, surfing the internet, and doing their homework and assignments on their school-provided laptops.

At the beginning of the school year, we enjoyed a trip to Brisbane China Town. Shopping, Chinese food and Chinese cultural experiences left a deep impression on all who participated. In term two, the students visited the Oriental Palace Chinese restaurant. As well as enjoying the fantastic food, they spent time with friends and participated in the chilli tasting competition. Everybody left the restaurant with wonderful memories.

Primary school visits to year 7 students in term three were a great success. LOTE students from years 8 to 11 bravely introduced themselves and spoke about what they were doing at high school. A big thank you goes to all those who supported these successful visits.

Next year (2010) is a big year for LOTE Chinese students, as we will be visiting China. This trip is only open to the LOTE Chinese students, and will be a joint trip with Hervey Bay State High School. The trip includes visits to Hong Kong Disney Land, Chengdu Panda Zoo, Leshan Sister

School, Beijing, the Great Wall and much more. Congratulations to all the students who are running different fundraising activities, especially the Chocolate Fundraising.

Well done LOTE students and keep up the great work!

*David Zhang - LOTE Teacher*

### **\$40,000 CQUNIVERSITY & QLD RESOURCES COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS**

CQUniversity Australia and the Queensland Resources Council are pleased to announce that applications are now open for 2 x \$40,000 scholarships for current year 12 students intending to study Engineering or Environmental Science with CQUniversity in 2010. The scholarships include an annual payment of \$10,000 for the duration of the program (to a maximum of four years) and membership to the QRC scholarship ambassador program. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate academic achievement in addition to personal leadership qualities and have an interest in a career in the minerals and energy sector. For an application form contact CQUniversity on 13CQUni(132786) and quote keyword "QRC Scholarship". Applications close 28th November 2009.

Sue Williams - Gladstone Campus CQU.  
Phone 4970 7243 Fax: 4970 7341  
Website: [www.cqu.edu.au](http://www.cqu.edu.au)

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

The School's Uniform Shop will be open from 8:30am to 12noon during the last week of school (December 7th-11th). Prices will be going up in 2010, so why not get in before the price rise. EFTPOS is available.

### **DFO/CHERMSIDE BUS TRIP**

The School Library is organising a fundraising bus trip to Brisbane's Direct Factory Outlets (DFOs) and Chermside Shopping Centre on Saturday 14th November 2009. The bus will be leaving from the school at 5:30am and returning to the school at approximately 8:30pm. There are 15 seats still available. If you would like to take part in the trip please pay \$48 at the school office by Friday 23rd October.



### **YOUNG ATHLETES PROGRAM**

Any youth (under 18) competing at a state or national level of competition can apply for a \$200 grant to help them attend the event as long as the facility is more than 200km away and the tournament is within the next six months. For more information go to the website: [www.srq.qld.gov.au/Funding/Ourfundingprograms/YoungAthleteAssistanceProgram.aspx](http://www.srq.qld.gov.au/Funding/Ourfundingprograms/YoungAthleteAssistanceProgram.aspx)



### MEDICINE @ UQ

An information evening is being held at the Hervey Bay RSL on Monday 26th October at 6pm for all high school students and parents who are interested in the UQ Medicine Program.

Find out how to apply straight from school and which subjects to choose at school to boost chances of entry. For more information call (07) 4120 6814 or 0403 761 880.

**GET A HEAD  
START TO UNI**



Are you a year 11 or 12 student looking for a challenge? Or perhaps you are really passionate about a certain field of education or you may even be deciding whether university is for you.

The University of Southern Queensland's Head Start program could be just what you are searching for. It is designed to provide senior students with the opportunity to study a university course

and get a taste of what university is really like. You can either study on campus or study through our renowned distance education program. Benefits of this program include; full academic credit, guaranteed entry into USQ (on successful completion) and the only cost for this opportunity are your textbooks and materials. That's right, the course is offered free of charge, potentially saving you a lot of money.

To find out more come along to the Head Start Information Night on Wednesday 21st October at 5:30pm at the Fraser Coast campus, Room C211, 161 Old Maryborough Road.

Can't make it on the night? Further information is available at [www.usq.edu.au/headstart](http://www.usq.edu.au/headstart) or contact Amanda Guiver on 4194 3108. Alternatively speak to your school Guidance Officer regarding the USQ Head Start program.

Enrolments for Semester 1 close 3rd February 2010 and require your school principal's approval.

### CONDY PARK PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN SAYS 'THANK YOU'

Condy Park celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2009 and we are having a big birthday celebration! On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009 between 11am and 3pm, we are having a fun day at Condy Park, Old Maryborough Rd (next to the library). At the celebration there will be local entertainment, free children's rides and activities, an unveiling of a special gift for the current and future students, past year's roll calls, a cake cutting, welcoming to be carried out by traditional landowners and a gift for all children who attend. Light refreshments will also be available. Phone 4128 2786 for more information.

### RHWEE TAEKWONDO

Are you wanting to build your child's confidence? Rhee Taekwondo is hosting two exciting free trial lessons for children aged 5 years through to adult. The training cultivates improvements in self-confidence, concentration and learning skills, as well as developing fitness and co-ordination. For more information please call 4124 7835 or 0404 747 413.

### STAFF MOVEMENTS

STAFF	POSITION	RETURNING	REPLACEMENT
Mr Collis	HOD The Arts	19 Oct 09	Mrs Shevelling
Mrs Shevelling	Acting HOD The Arts		Ms Dodd
Mrs Gilby	HOD Home Ec/Tourism/Hospitality	2 Nov 09	Mrs Olive
Mrs Olive	Acting HOD Home Ec/ Tourism/ Hospitality		Ms Green
Mrs Byers	HOD SOSE	19 Oct 09	Ms Goodall
Ms Goodall	Acting HOD SOSE		Ms Adams
Mr Hoodcamp	IT&D Teacher	Returned from LSL during Term 3 on 5 Oct	
Ms Sellars	SOSE Teacher	Returned from LSL during Term 3 on 5 Oct	

### DATES TO REMEMBER



Tues 13 Oct - P&C Meeting  
7pm Conference  
Rooms in Administration Block

Mon 19 Oct - Student Free Day

Wed 20 Oct - Awards Evening,  
Baptist Church Hall,  
Nikenbah, 7pm

Fri 30 Oct - World Teachers Day.

### CANTEEN DUTY ROSTER

Wednesday 14/10	Thursday 15/10	Friday 16/10	Monday 19/10	Tuesday 20/10
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Wednesday 21/10	Thursday 22/10	Friday 23/10	Monday 26/10	Tuesday 27/10
S Turnbull	Help needed	Help needed	Help needed	Help needed