



## Principal's REPORT

27th October 2009

### YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP CAMP

This week our Year 11 students are attending our Leadership Camp at the Luther Heights Camp site at Cooloom. These students are developing their leadership skills and preparing themselves for their role as Year 12 student leaders for 2010. We look forward to working with them as our Senior Leaders in 2010.

### AWARDS EVENING

Last Tuesday evening the successes and triumphs of our students, student leaders and teachers were show-cased during our annual Awards Evening. My thanks and congratulations must go Ms Buxton, her organising committee and to everyone involved in making this evening such a great success.

The names of the special award recipients on the night are included in this newsletter .

### WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009 we celebrate World Teachers' Day. On this day we recognise and thank teachers for their commitment, dedication and professionalism. We only have to look at our school calendar of events and back through our school newsletters to see the care, concern and support offered to students by our staff through a wide range of curricular and extra curricular activities. Our motto of "Working Together to Learn" is what makes Urangan such a great school.

### 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:

- ◆ 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.

### EVERY DAY COUNTS AT OUT SCHOOL

Our school encourages all parents and members of our community to support the "Every Day Counts" initiative to improve student attendance. The program – *Every Day Counts* – has four key messages:

1. All children should be enrolled and attend school on every school day.
2. Schools should monitor and create ways to improve attendance in schools.
3. Attendance is the responsibility of everyone in the community.
4. Children may find themselves in unsafe situations if they choose not to attend or skip school.

While most students attend school consistently, there is a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late and being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Research shows that if your child has a record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future. If your child is away, you need to let the school know the reasons beforehand, or within two days of returning to school.

For more information or if you need support regarding your child's attendance, please contact the school and download the guide for parents at: [www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/)

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### EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR URANGAN SHS STUDENT

Congratulations to year 12 student Samantha Knight who received the Excellence Award at this year's Wide Bay exhibition for Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art and Design. Sam's artwork will now travel to Brisbane where it will be on display at the Gallery of Modern Art with works by 40 other students from Queensland schools. The exhibition will tour the state throughout 2010.

Congratulations also to Anthony Bean and Codie Murphy who received Commendations for their works of art.



### THE YEAR NINE SPELLING

The year 9 spelling competition is currently running in English classes. Students who progress to the final round on the 30th of October will be in the draw for prizes from our fantastic sponsors: Hervey Bay Cinemas, Cold Rock and Wendy's. Congratulations to all our finalists so far.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Volunteers. The Uniform Shop is looking for volunteers to work for 1½ hours one day per week on a regular basis. In return you will receive a 10% discount on school uniforms purchased, after having done a minimum of four weeks. If interested please contact Pat Dachs on 4197 0114.

Loan Uniforms. If students do not return borrowed items of clothing parents will be invoiced for an amount of \$15. If the item is returned this invoice will be cancelled. This action has been deemed necessary due to the high proportion of items not being returned by students.

Sales. 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.

### PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY PROGRAM TARGETS SCHOOL LEAVERS

School leavers looking for an apprenticeship are encouraged to register for the new Pre-apprenticeship Pathway Program starting next year.

The government-funded program offers students trade-related training to prepare them for future employment as an apprentice.

School-leavers wanting to become apprentices will gain skills in working in an environmentally friendly way as well as employability skills to get them job ready and increase their employment prospects.

To register your child's interest in the program visit [www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au](http://www.apprenticeshipsinfo.qld.gov.au) or call 1800 210 210.

### ROAD SAFETY

With the ever increasing student movement in and around Robert Street it is extremely important for drivers to stay alert and obey road rules, especially in school zones.

Our School Based Police Officer and members of Queensland Police will be out and about around school zones with the aim of preventing serious injuries to children as a result of reckless driver behaviour.

Parents also need to take the time to educate their children in the basics of road safety. Parents should ensure children wear an approved safety helmet when riding a bike, always use pedestrian crossings and stop to look before crossing the road.

Police are reminding drivers about the 40kmh 'school zone' speed limits. Police are also reminding motorists not to double park; not to pull into 'no stopping' zones; not to drop children off on pedestrian crossings; and not to use mobile phones when driving.

### RAISING BOYS AN EVENING WITH STEVE BIDDULPH

We all want our boys to grow up to be happy, positive, caring and motivated. Come and hear about how this can be done - in simple, practical ways that will make immediate sense. Steve Biddulph is Australia's best known family psychologist. 130,000 people in 27 countries have listened to Raising Boys. Steve and his partner, Shaaron, are the authors of five books including The Secret of Happy Children, Manhood and Raising Boys.

When: Wednesday 28 October

Time: 6:45pm

Where: Hervey Bay Cinemas

Cost: \$6.00

Tickets: Community Connect, 78 Torquay Rd or Hervey Bay Cinemas

Limited seating. Booking/pre-purchase of tickets essential. All proceeds to the new Hervey Bay Community Centre. For further details contact Kerri on 4124 5144. Please note that babies and children cannot be accommodated at the presentation.

### DFO/CHERMSIDE BUS TRIP

The School Library is organising a fundraising bus trip to Brisbane's Direct Factory Outlets (DFOs) and Chermshire 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 still seats available. If you would like to take part in the trip please pay \$48 at the school office ASAP.

### 2010 BRISBANE TERTIARY STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Raymont Lodge Residential College provides fully furnished accommodation for students undertaking tertiary study in Brisbane within a supportive Christian environment.

The College is located 4km from the heart of Brisbane and in close proximity to the University of Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology and other places of study close to the city. All public transport is within easy access to the college.

Raymont Lodge provides modern and comfortable single room accommodation for up to 120 students in a safe and friendly atmosphere. All meals are provided as well as a number of other services that include: internet access, individual telephones, common room and swimming pool.

Additional information is available on the internet at [www.raymont.com.au](http://www.raymont.com.au) or by contacting the college on 07 3377 9903. Raymont Lodge is a ministry of the Uniting Church.

### WHEELS4MEALS FUN RIDE SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2009

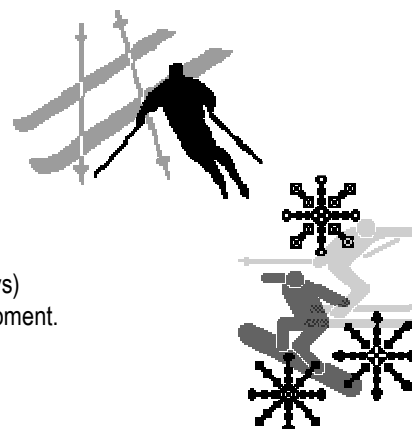
The Wheels4Meals Fun Ride is open to all ages and runs from Point Vernon to Dayman Park over an easy 1hr course (12km) along the picturesque Charlton Esplanade. At the finish line there will be a BBQ lunch with stalls and family style entertainment. Register now to start fundraising using our online donation and tracking system. For only \$15 per person you can register as an individual, family or corporate team!

**SPORTS TOUR 2010  
NEW ZEALAND**

The school has gained approval to take a group of students who have been involved in our Sports Excellence Programs on a Sports Tour to New Zealand in 2010. The trip will be open to students involved in Soccer/Futsal/Touch/Netball/Basketball. It is expected that approximately 40 students and 4 staff will be going on the tour. The cost is expected to be \$2100(to ski) and \$ 2190(to snowboard) **based on current rent prices.**

Our Price Includes:

- ◆ Trans-Tasman fares at current levels
- ◆ Departure and security taxes ex-Australia at current levels – currently \$180.75
- ◆ All coach travel as required
- ◆ All accommodation – Barkers Lodge
- ◆ Continental breakfast and dinner at the lodge
- ◆ Complimentary BBQ lunch on Mt Hutt (weather permitting)
- ◆ Jet boat ride/Antarctic World/Cultural Activities (this will be combined with the Games days)
- ◆ 4 Days skiing/snowboarding with daily lessons, lift tickets and hire of ski/snowboard equipment.
- ◆ Travel Insurance
- ◆ New Zealand local taxes
- ◆ Ski clothing hire
- ◆ Accommodation is at Barkers Lodge in Methven



To secure Flights and bookings we need a deposit of \$200 by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2009. \$150 of this is non refundable (Airline Booking). If you want your child to be part of this trip please respond by paying the deposit at the school office as soon as possible.

*Steve Bryen - HPE Teacher and Tour Co-ordinator*

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wed 28 Oct to Fri. 30 Oct  
.....Year 11 LeadershipCamp

Mon 2 Nov.....Sports Dinner, Boat Club,  
6pm

Tues 10 Nov....P&C Meeting, 7 pm in  
Conference Rooms

Tues 10 Nov to Thurs 12 Nov  
Year 12 Block Exams.

Fri 13 Nov.....Rewards Trip

Thurs 19 Nov....Year 12 Leavers Ceremony

Fri 20 Nov.....Year 12 Graduation, Brolga  
Theatre

**STAFF MOVEMENTS**

STAFF	POSITION	FROM	RETURNING	REPLACEMENT
Mrs Beu	HOD LOTE/ Business/GAP	26 Oct 09	9 Nov 09	
	Business Teacher			Mr Pedersen
Ms Gilby			2 Nov 09	
Mrs Quigley	Science Teacher	29 Oct 09	11 Dec 09	

**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 28/10	Thursday 29/10	Friday 30/10	Monday 2/11	Tuesday 3/11
M Harding, S Beu	Help needed	Help needed	T Woodgate	Help needed
Wednesday 4/11	Thursday 5/11	Friday 6/11	Monday 9/11	Tuesday 10/11
S Turnbull	S Beu	Help needed	Help needed	Help needed

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**AWARDS NIGHT**  
**SPECIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS - 2009**

**Sportswoman of the Year: SARAH RYAN**

**Sportsman of the Year: BRAD JOHNS**

These awards go to students who are not necessarily stars but team players, who inspire others by their enthusiasm and effort. These students will have had some involvement in a range of sports.

**Rotary Club of Hervey Bay Sunrise Award – EREK DUYST and NATALIE ZELOW**

This award is given to a male and female student who has given significant service to the school community.

**Hervey Bay City Rotary Club Award – MICHELLE EGGLETON**

This award is given to the student who has put the needs of the school before self and been committed to promoting Urangan State High School.

**Ultra Music Award – REECE ROSTEDT**

Awarded to the Band Player of the Year.

**Hervey Bay City Musicians Award – PAULA WRIGHT**

This award goes to a student who, besides performing at a high level of musicianship, displays leadership and commitment.

**Indigenous Student Encouragement Award:**

**Middle School – COURTNEY KELLY**

**Senior School - SHANARA HALL**

For an indigenous student who has actively participated in a range of school activities, demonstrated a strong willingness to support their student peers and displayed behaviours that clearly promote themselves as a positive role model.

**QUT Student with Potential Award – SHANA BAKER, CHRIS FRENCH, SHAE PEAKE,  
ASHLEY SCHMIDT, ADAM TAYLOR**

Awarded to a student who has the potential to undertake post-school study.

**Year Level Highest Achievers**

**Year 8: KAITLYN FELDMAN, JASMINE LANGRIDGE, AIDEN MACKLAN, SHELLEY THORNTON**

**Year 9: NICOLA ZELOW**

**Year 10: ALICE BEU, LISA DORN, SAMANTHA MACKIE, JESSICA WILLIAMS**

**Year 11: MARK SHORT**

**Lioness Club of Hervey Bay Award – KAITLYN TRACEY**

This award is given to the student achieving the top academic results who is not OP eligible.

**SITE Student of the Year – TIFFANY SMITH**

This award goes to a student who has displayed outstanding qualities during their industry training.

**The Wallace Award – LEWIS HEWTON and STEPHANIE McLEAY**

This award is given to an outstanding male and female student going onto further study.

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**Principal's Special Endeavour Awards – TONI AH QUAY, ANTHONY BEAN,  
JESSICA DULLAWAY, PETER HARDING, BIANCA HOULT, AMY MOLEN, JESSIE MOREY,  
BEN MUIR, MICHAEL MURRAY, AMIE PENNISI, SARAH RYAN and MANDEEP SAINI**

These awards are given to students who display outstanding application in their chosen areas over the year and who have contributed significantly to the positive tone of Urangan High.

**Pierre De Coubertin Award – NO RECIPIENT THIS YEAR**

This Australian Olympic Committee Award aims to emphasise participation and sporting behaviour. It also recognises the student who consistently displays an attitude of being a good sport.

**USQ Community Award – KEELEY RICHARDS**

This award is for the most engaging Year 10 student with regards to your local community.

**ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Awards:**

**Year 10: EMMA MOLEN**

**Year 11: SIAN LITTLE**

**Year 12: ARIELLE OLSEN**

This award recognises students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader community and who display strong values, such as doing their best, respect for others and mateship, which are integral to Australian society.

**Robert J Wilson Award for Outstanding Citizenship – SKYE HUGHES**

This award is presented to a student who has been an excellent role model by displaying a willingness to be involved and assist others.

**Erica Brindley Music Award – TAYLOR SUTHERLAND**

Awarded for Meritorious involvement.

**Greg Stout Cultural Award – KATE COLLIS**

This award is presented to a student who has excelled in cultural pursuits.

**Indigenous Student of the Year Award:**

**Middle School – NARAWI FOLEY-BOSCOTT**

**Senior School – JAKE NAGY**

For an indigenous student who has demonstrated academic excellence, exemplary standards of participation in school programs and made a strong contribution to the enrichment of their own culture in the school and local community.

**Dux of Urangan State High School – BREANNA COOPER**

For the senior student with the highest achievement over their five best Authority Subjects at October Verification.

**Caltex Best All Rounder Award – LIAM BUXTON**

Caltex Australia provides this award in recognition of a student who achieves scholastically across a range of subjects, whose attitude demonstrates a willingness to help others and make selfless contributions and whose personal conduct is exemplary at all times. This student also demonstrates leadership skills in being a role model to other students, participates in activities to service school and community and represents the school in sport, without necessarily being a champion.

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