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Principal's Report

Term 2 is shaping up to be a truly busy one for the staff and students of our great school- Urangan State High. Guests from the QUT Confucius Language Centre visited and judged the Hervey Bay Schools language competition. Whilst the entry totals were depleted compared to last year, Urangan still performed to an admirable standard.

National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN Testing)

Starting today May 13, all students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia will sit Literacy and Numeracy tests. The organisation of the NAPLAN tests for our year 9's falls under the role of Mrs Katie Bailey and her team of STLaNs. A huge thank you in advance for the smooth running of the NAPLAN tests.

Junior Secondary 2015

There is much energy around this topic in preparation for year 6's and 7's transitioning to the high school environment in 2015. There are opportunities for parents to attend workshops and information sessions to assist with the challenge of the transition. If possible, please make time to attend the Bangers and Maths night on May 26 to gain an insight into some techniques for supporting your child in maths and numeracy. The presentation starts at 6pm but there will be a barbeque provided before this from 5:30pm at the school library. The cluster of Bay State Schools is also working together to support the Junior Secondary structures so everything is in place for the start of the new year.

Education Career Plans (ECP)

Last Tuesday was ECP day for the first time at our Robert Street campus. The school personnel are extremely happy with the outcomes of the day. Hopefully everyone has now had their interview with the form teacher and received the interim school report card for closer perusal. Thanks go to Mr Nick McMorrow and Mr Andrew Rye for coordinating this initiative. Ms Andrea Powell has overseen the same ECP interview process on the U-Tech campus at Urraween Road for the year 11's last Wednesday. The scheduled date for the year 12 U-Tech students is this week on Wednesday May 14. There are still some follow-up strategies occurring for various year levels.

Please complete the parent survey. Your input is valuable and used to plan for upcoming years.

Marine Studies Houseboat Trip

The year 12 Marine Studies students have returned from their highlight event of the year- houseboat trip in the Sandy Straits. From all reports, the time on this excursion was well spent. The whole experience adds to the memories the seniors are gathering as they rapidly approach Graduation.

Year 10 Camp

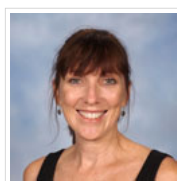
We wish the year 10 campers fine weather and lots of fun for this week. The numbers are smaller than anticipated but those who have accepted the challenge will be the richer for the experience. The Leadership team will be reviewing the school's camp programs for the future years.

Fanfare 2014

Fanfare 2014 will be held on Tuesday May 27 at the Hervey Bay SHS hall from 6pm. All of the instrumental ensembles from Urangan will be performing at the Fanfare. Please come along and support all of our talented musicians at this inspiring event.

Student Assessment Calendar

Please ask your son or daughter how the assessment calendar is going for them. Remind them to print it from the school website if they have not already done so. It is a valuable tool for parents to stay abreast of the academic demands their children face.



Linda Buxton
Acting Principal

Year 9 NAPLAN

Year 9 students and their parents are reminded that NAPLAN will be running from Tuesday 13 May to Thursday 15 May from Form through to Period 2. Break times will run as per usual. Classes for the rest of the day will run as per usual.

Students must bring:

- 2B or HB pencils (NOT a mechanical pencil such as a Pacer)
- Blue or black pen
- An eraser
- A sharpener
- A calculator for numeracy test on Thursday (mobile phones NOT permitted).

In the interests of managing stress and anxiety and supporting students to perform as best as they can, students and parents should ensure that students:

- have adequate sleep before exams
- have a healthy breakfast before exams, and
- arrive at school in a timely manner to avoid rushing and anxiety.

Remember that the purpose of this test is to provide us with information that will be used in planning appropriate educational programs and should be viewed as something which will be helpful to their education.

Please note:

- There will be a short break between tests on Tuesday and Thursday and students are encouraged to bring their own water and snacks to have during that break. The canteen will not be open and students will not be permitted out of the immediate area around the GD building.
- Withdrawal and exemption forms will only be accepted up until Monday 12 May. A student who shows up on a test day with a note requesting exemption or withdrawal will still be sitting the test.

We wish all of our students the best for the test.

Student Winners at the Science and Engineering Challenge

Year 10 students from Urangan High participated in the USQ Science and Engineering Challenge on Monday 5th May 2014. The students participated against schools from Hervey Bay and Maryborough with enthusiasm and the spirit of the day, coming away with 5th position overall. A fantastic effort!

Katie Greaves and Emily Waring were awarded first place for the activity "Mission to Mars". Katie and Emily planned and constructed a space buggy with a specialised suspension system that allows a load to be safely conveyed across an undulating Mars surface. They were awarded points for the distance and time their buggy carried a load.

Well done to all the students who participated.



The winning "Mission to Mars" space buggy

QUT Confucius Institute Chinese Speaking Competition

Our school recently hosted the QUT Confucius Institute Chinese Speaking Competition. Schools from across Hervey Bay were represented from both the Private and State sector. The day involved students from years 5 to 12 competing in their individual categories in the morning, followed by a variety of activities in the afternoon.

The Judges from the Confucius Institute in Brisbane were impressed with the standard across all ages, handing out 3 bursaries to assist in competing in the state championships in Brisbane on Saturday May 31. Two of the three bursaries were awarded to Urangan High students, Taylor Mackie and Denya Hopkins.

Other students to get awards were Saphron Brookes, Chloe Ellis, Amiel Oflas, Rochelle Messer, Janica Daclan, and Daniel Dimitrievski. Terry Wang, the MC for the day, did a wonderful job and was supported by both Echo Zhao and Jenny Bong on the day. We wish all Urangan High students travelling to Brisbane in the coming weeks all the best for the state final.

Write4Fun Competition

Congratulations to all students who entered the Write4Fun competition last term. Urangan SHS has just received a Certificate of Excellence in recognition of the outstanding quality of writing we submitted. We have had 10 students successfully progress past the initial judging stage. Winners will be announced on the 14th May so watch this space! Well done to all entrants and good luck.

Bree Moyls – English HOD

English Tutoring Reminder

English tutorials continue to run on Wednesday afternoons from 3 – 4pm. A reminder that students may request help to improve a particular literacy skill – for example: punctuation and grammar or they may request help on a particular assessment task. A sign-up sheet is in Staffroom 5. Students are required to request help for specific topics at least a day in advance (by Tuesday afternoon at the latest) so that tutorials can be adequately staffed.

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School Based Vaccination Program – Round 2

The second round of the School Based Vaccination Program will be held for year 8 students, on the 29th May 2014 (only for those students who returned consent forms at the beginning of the year). They will receive Dose 2 –HPV (Guardisil) and dTpa (Boostrix).

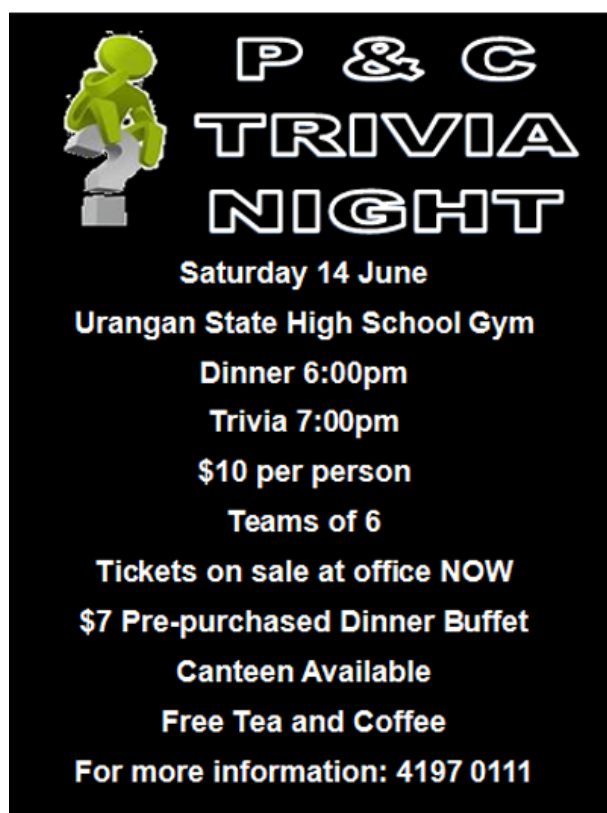
On 5th June 2014, all year 10 students who returned consent forms at the beginning of the year will receive dTpa (Boostrix) and year 10 males will receive dose 2 of HPV (Guardisil).

If you require further information, please contact Janet (SBYHN) at the school from Monday to Thursday. For students who are new to the School or did not receive a consent form at the beginning of the year, extra consent forms are available at Student Services.

Please ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast, drinks plenty of water and has food for first break on vaccination day.

P&C Trivia Night

The school's P&C Association will be holding a Trivia Night on Saturday 14 June. Doors Open at 5:30pm, dinner starts at 6pm and the Trivia starts at 7pm. Teams can have up to 6 members. Team entry is \$10 each. If you would like to have the buffet dinner it is an extra \$7 per person (pre-purchased only). A licenced bar and canteen will be available (No BYO). Tickets can be purchased from the school office.



P & C
TRIVIA
NIGHT

Saturday 14 June
Urangan State High School Gym
Dinner 6:00pm
Trivia 7:00pm
\$10 per person
Teams of 6
Tickets on sale at office NOW
\$7 Pre-purchased Dinner Buffet
Canteen Available
Free Tea and Coffee
For more information: 4197 0111

Body Confident Children and Teens

On Thursday May 29 Fraser Coast Anglican College is hosting a parent information evening "Body Confident Children and Teens" from 7.30pm to 9pm presented by The Butterfly Foundation. The cost is \$20. Parents can register and pay directly through the Butterfly Foundation. This is

a non-profit event. We would warmly welcome any parents across the community to attend. This is sure to be a very informative evening.

Road Safety around Our School

Fraser Coast Regional Council (FCRC) and Queensland Police Services (QPS) are receiving complaints from concerned community members in relation to unsafe parking practices that are occurring around most schools in the Hervey Bay area. There have been reported near misses involving children at these locations and this is of concern to Council.

Both FCRC and QPS have been increasing patrols in problem areas and to date have only been issuing verbal warnings to offending drivers. FCRC will be increasing patrols around schools, but unfortunately warnings will no longer be issued and enforcement will occur. This is in an endeavour to improve driver's behaviour in these areas and to help eliminate the safety issues relating to children and other road users.

We request our co-operation in obeying the road rules and thinking about the safety of others and help us to avoid the need to issue fines. Examples of offences and penalties are:

- \$220 fine for stopping in a bus zone or disabilities parking bay
- \$110 fine for stopping
 - On a path or strip adjacent to a road
 - 20 metres before or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing or bus stop
 - In an area with a no stopping sign or yellow line
 - Within 10 metres of an intersection (20 metres of traffic lights)
 - On or across a driveway
 - Between the centre of the road and a parked vehicle, or
 - On a road so as to obstruct traffic.
- \$55 fine for stopping
 - Within 3 metres of a dividing line (or strip)
 - In an intersection, or
 - On the incorrect side of the road (facing the wrong way)

Thank you for your co-operation in helping FCRC, QPS and your school, in making a safer environment for our children and other road users.

2015 Premier's ANZAC Prize

Hervey Bay secondary students are being urged to enter the 2015 Premier's Anzac Prize for their chance to experience the historic ANZAC Day centenary commemoration at Gallipoli next year. Member for Hervey Bay, Ted Sorensen, said it would be great to have local high school students among the 70 state-wide students attending next year's 100th anniversary of the ANZAC campaign at Gallipoli.

"The 2015 Premier's ANZAC Prize presents a wonderful once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students to attend the centenary commemorations and learn a little more about our ANZAC history and their ongoing legacy," Mr Sorensen said.

“Every year the participating students are the envy of their peers as they travel half way across the globe to honour Australian service men and women.”

Students from Year 8 to Year 11 are eligible to enter the competition and must submit an original two to five minute multimedia presentation on how the ANZAC tradition has shaped the nation, why it is still important and how future generations can keep the spirit alive. Entries opened on 20 April and close on 19 September 2014.

Minister for Education, Training and Employment John-Paul Langbroek, farewelled the 2014 Premier’s ANZAC Prize winners on April 19 at the Queensland Museum, presenting the students with poppies, commemorative items and a wreath to be laid at Gallipoli. The five students and their two teacher chaperones embarked on their two-week journey to Gallipoli and the Western Front on 20 April. “The Premier’s ANZAC Prize provides an unforgettable educational experience which helps ensure important lessons of the past are learned and that we keep the Anzac spirit alive,” Mr Langbroek said.

Queenslanders can follow the 2014 journey online and view the reports, photos and footage from past winners at <http://education.qld.gov.au/students/grants/scholarships/anzac/index.html> . The first Premier’s Anzac Prize contingent travelled to Turkey, Belgium and France last year as part of the program – a \$1.442 million election commitment. The 2014 Premier’s ANZAC Prize farewell was held at the *Remember me: the lost diggers of Vignacourt* exhibition at the Queensland Museum, which is the first stop for the Australian War Memorial’s touring collection. The photographs, of mostly unidentified World War One Australian soldiers, were discovered in the attic of a French farmhouse three years ago. <http://www.awm.gov.au/collection/photographs/vignacourt/> .

PaCE Meet and Greet



Is your Child's education important?
Do you feel you could use a little extra support?
Come and meet YOUR Hervey Bay PaCE Team!!

PaCE is a service available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Parents or carers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids. PaCE offers support to families to help you get involved in your child's education. We offer Workshops, transport to school events, Home visits and referrals to other services and much more...

Come and join us for a free burger, coffee and chat

When: Thursday 22nd May
Where: Urangan State High School
Time: 3.00pm—4.30pm

transport available
please call Lesa or Krissie
4122 9000 or 0458 011 902



School Absence Exemption Application

What is an exemption and why do I need it?

Every parent of a child of compulsory school age or a young person in the compulsory participation phase has a legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attending school or participating in an eligible option. Parents can apply for an exemption from this obligation when their child cannot attend or it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances for their child to attend school or participate in an eligible option for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days.

Situations where an application for an exemption may be made include:

- Illness
- Family reasons
- Cultural or religious reasons

If your child is exempted from compulsory schooling, you are excused from your obligation in relation to compulsory schooling or compulsory participation. The school principal is not responsible for providing an educational program to your child, however they may provide advice on other educational options available.

Who decides to grant or not grant an exemption?

- **For state school students:** Decisions about exemptions for up to one school year are made by the principal of the school the student attends. Decisions about exemptions for more than one school year are made by the relevant Regional Director of the Department of Education, Training and Employment, responsible for the supervision of the school your child attends.
- **For non-state school students:** All exemption decisions for non-state school students are made by the Manager, Office of Non-state Education.
- **For children who are not enrolled in any state or non-state Queensland school:** Decisions about exemptions for students who are not enrolled in any state or non-state school are made by either the Regional Director, Principal Advisor Education Services, Principal Advisor Regional Services, Director Regional Services, of the Department of Education, Training and Employment region in which the child resides.

Applying for an exemption

You are encouraged to discuss with the school whether an application for exemption is a suitable option. The school can provide you with an application form for an exemption. It is important that supporting documentation and evidence are attached to the application.

When a decision about the exemption has been made, you will be informed in writing whether or not the exemption has been granted and if any conditions have been imposed. If you are not satisfied with the decision made, you can make a submission for the decision to be reviewed.

Parenting Strategies for Teenagers

- *If you say you are going to do it, do it, but make it logical and reasonable.*
 - *Tell your children that you LOVE them.*
 - *Our Children are our investment in the future.*
- *Kids don't come with an instruction manual, so, its ok to ask other parents.*
- *Make consequences logical and related to the behaviour, if possible.*
 - *Decide the house rules together.*
 - *Administer consequences respectfully.*
 - *Consequences should be delivered in a calm and firm manner.*
- *Be clear in your expectations. Is what you asked your child clear?*
- *Ensure the expected behaviour is realistic and achievable. Sometimes we ask children to do things that are too difficult for them to do without help.*
 - *Show your affection with lots of hugs and words of appreciation.*
- *Keep the communication lines open; spend quality time with each child.*
 - *Appreciate effort and jobs well done.*
 - *Make sure family rules keep up with increasing maturity.*
- *Set clear limits about behaviour you expect and explain why.*
 - *Allow for mistakes – yours and theirs.*
 - *Show your trust and confidence in their growing independence.*
- *"Walk your talk." – model the behaviours you want from your teen.*

Community News

Rhee Taekwondo

Rhee taekwondo will be hosting two free self-defence classes for the community. These classes are designed for people who have had absolutely no martial arts experience. The classes will teach easy to follow techniques that anyone can do. You will learn valuable knowledge on how to effectively defend yourself in some common situations whilst also learning ways to boost your own confidence and self-esteem. To guarantee a spot for yourself or a group of friends, call 4124 7835 or 0404 747 413.

Oztag

Individuals and teams are welcome for Men's, Mixed, Ladies and our new Family and Friends division for Hervey Bay Oztag Winter Season. Sign on is May 21st, or do it all online! Contact us for info or visit www.herveybayoztag.com

What is Oztag? Oztag is a recreational non-contact sport which started in. Eight players in each team are on the field at any one time. Players wear shorts with a Velcro patch on each side. A strip of cloth is attached to the Velcro, known as a tag.

The object of the game is to score tries. Defenders prevent this by tagging the ball carrier and removing the tag from the shorts. The ball is then played to the dummy half. Basically, the game is just like rugby league but without the tackling. There is plenty of running, passing and kicking. There are representative pathways, with the opportunity to represent Hervey Bay, Queensland and Australia!

Its heaps of fun for every one of all age, size and skill levels. You don't need to be super fit or "lean as a greyhound" to play. You just need the desire to have fun! Get some friends together and enter your own team, or just come and join one!

Face of the Fraser Coast Modelling Quest

The Fraser Coast Show Society (FCSS) is organising the "Face of the Fraser Coast Modelling Quest" which will be presented on Friday 23 May at the Fraser Coast Show. Entry into the Quest is \$50 which includes gate entry. Further information will be supplied once Entry Forms and Fees have been received.

Age groups:

13yrs – 16yrs: Prizes: 1st \$500, 2nd and 3rd Prizes Sash and Products

17yrs – 25yrs: Prizes: 1st \$300, 2nd and 3rd Prizes Sash and Products

All entrants will receive gift bag of products. Closing date is 9 May 2014. Please contact Candace McLeish on 0423 127 903 or via email: candace.mcleish@hotmail.com for more information.