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Principal's Report

This is certainly a time to celebrate some wonderful things happening in the Urangan High community which support our vision of pursuing excellence, every minute, every day.

Kokoda Brisbane 30km Challenge

Eighteen Urangan High teams, comprising a teacher and four students, slogged around an incredibly challenging walk through the hills just west of Brisbane to honour the memories of Kokoda Trail veterans and to raise money for the *Kokoda Youth Foundation*. The spirit of our students and staff really shone through and we were congratulated many times by the organisers for making the effort to come down from Hervey Bay to participate and for the way we acted as a team. Many thanks go to staff members Lisa Allam, Meade Barnes, Paul Crilly and Damien Symes for their fantastic organisation. As a participant myself, I can only say that I am incredibly proud of the Urangan crew. I'm sure that many more from our school community will take up the challenge next year. Start training now! Like anything worthwhile, it's tough.

Student Exchange

Year 12 student, Jessica Smith, has been accepted to participate in a *Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd* exchange program to Italy for five months in 2015. What an amazing experience and it's great to see our students taking advantage of student exchange programs similar to those which bring international students to our school. Congratulations Jessica and have a wonderful time.

State Honours Ensemble Program 2014

Eleven of our extremely talented student musicians have been successful in their nomination for the *Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University's State Honours Ensemble Program 2014*. This well respected program brings together the finest young Queensland secondary school musicians; from state, private and independent schools, along with home-school and distance education programs; to work under the tutelage of a team of eminent international and national conductors in the world-class environment of the Queensland Conservatorium. Thanks to all school staff and parents who have supported these outstanding students to achieve excellence in their chosen field.

The successful students are: Fletcher Blight (Cello), Joshua Braine (Viola), James Creswell (Trumpet), Thomas Dietrich (Trumpet), Julia Hill (Violin), Kathleen Kalkaus (Violin), Thomas Key (Clarinet Bass), Hannah McIlwain (Voice), Ethan Rostedt (Voice), Nicholas Toronto (Clarinet) and Emily Waring (Voice).

Congratulations and well done.

Adolescent Parent-Education Seminar

Please refer to the poster below for details on how to enrol. The school has trained facilitators and will provide the training, work book and refreshments for parents that are keen to attend the three workshops. They promise to be valuable learning experiences and Urangan will offer the sessions at times that suit the majority of parents.

URANGAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL
ADOLESCENT PARENT-EDUCATION SEMINARS

WHAT: Skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems and disputes

WHEN:

Session	Times	Tuesday dates (inclusive)
1.	3.30 – 6pm	22nd July, 29th July, 5th August
2.	6pm – 8.30	19th Aug, 26th Aug, 2nd Sept

WHERE: Conference room Urangan State High School, Robert St URANGAN

LEARN

- ✓ Skills for handling those problems you just can't ignore
- ✓ Common expectations held by parents of teenagers in Australia
- ✓ A model for decision-making
- ✓ Skills for building relationships with your teenager
- ✓ Making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them

Who is the course suitable for?
For parents of young people in the late years of primary school & the first years of high school.

What can I expect?
This course will provide you with a method for dealing with teenage behaviour problems. It is particularly aimed at *future-proofing* parents for the teenage years and – in that sense – is preventative in nature as well as answering common problems parents may be experiencing.

What's required of me?
To get the best out of the program you are required to attend the 3 2 1/2 hour sessions that will be run over 3 consecutive weeks.

Who's running it
Mike Radic (behaviour support) and Leanne Olive (teacher/learning support & student welfare) have been trained by psychologist, Michael Hawton, and will be instructing you through the sessions.

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN THESE SEMINARS

If this program, as described above, sounds like it is for you we ask you to "register" your intention to attend. Commit your attendance at ONE series of sessions by sending a return email to info:12@eq.edu.au by Wednesday 18th June 2014. Please indicate:

- the session/time/date you prefer to attend and
- names of people from your family who will be in attendance - it is not recommended to bring your adolescent.

"An end to the arguing and yelling ! "It saved our lives "Simple, sane, effective.

Year 7 and 8 2015 Enrolments

We are well on the way to announcing the 2015 Year 7 and 8 Scholarship recipients and the ACE Academic and Music classes. Students selected to audition for the Music program

have been notified and will be completing their audition this week.

Important Dates to remember:

- Tuesday 22nd July. Year 7 “Come and Try” day
- Wednesday 23rd July Year 6 Transition day

Please note that if you would like your child to attend the Come and Try day or the Transition Day they must have completed an enrolment application form and submitted it to the school before Friday 18 July. Only students who have submitted an application will be allowed to attend either of these days.



Ian Christie
Acting Principal

English Tutoring

Due to a recent influx in numbers, English tutorials will now focus on a different literacy skill each week. Sign up for these sessions will not be necessary. Students from all grades are welcome to attend. Topics covered over the next five weeks (to the end of term three) include:

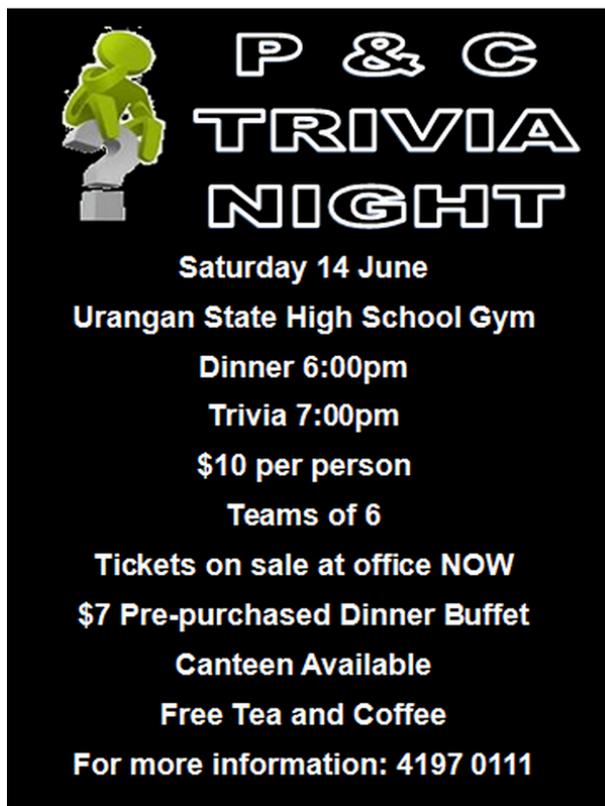
- 28th May** – Recognising past and present tense and writing in a consistent tense
- 4th June** – Understanding different types of punctuation and their correct use
- 11th June** – Using punctuation correctly in your writing
- 18th June** – Word functions: identifying and understanding different word types
- 25th June** – Word functions and grammar games

If a student requires help with an English assessment, they will still need to sign up in Staffroom 5, at least a day in advance, to ensure tutorials are adequately staffed.

Senior Block Exam Information

There will be block exams for senior higher education students from Friday June 20 to Thursday June 26. During this time period all higher education classes will be closed however all workforce classes will continue as normal. Higher education students are not required to be at school unless they have an exam or a workforce class. If a student is at school and their class has been closed they are expected to be in the library studying quietly.

P&C Trivia Night



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

Uniform Shop

All of the sizes in the extra-long leg shorts are now in stock, as well as XXS shorts.

Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP)

2014 IHEPP applications are now open. If you:

- Are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Would like to change your career
- Are a single parent, mature aged or youth
- Have no school qualifications
- Or it has been years since you have studied

Why not apply online now at <http://www.usq.edu.au/degrees/indigenous-higher-education-pathways-program> .

Course details:

- There is no cost at all for this course
- Flexible - 6-8 months full-time or 12-18 months part-time
- Indigenous Scholarships available
- This program includes a 2 week on-campus residential school (Toowoomba). All travel, accommodation and meal expenses are covered – no cost to you!
- You will study 4 courses (subjects), all with an Indigenous focus, to develop your computing, writing, maths and general study skills.

Position Vacant – Teacher Aide Indigenous Education

Position Details:

- 15 hours per week (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)
- Temporary Position Term 3 2014, with the possibility of extension
- At Kawungan State School

Application Packages are available from the school administration office between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Applicants must address the Key Attributes to be considered for the position. Applications close 3.00pm Friday 13 June 2014.

Applications to be addressed to:

Business Services Manager
Kawungan State School
Grevillea Street
Kawungan Q 4655

Alternatively they may be emailed to:
admin@kawunganss.eq.edu.au .

Parenting Tips

Build 'special time' with each teenager into your routine. Maybe you can go out to brunch once a month or play sport once a week. Teenagers will often wait for these routine times with their parents to bring up something that's bothering them.

Parenting Tips and Resources from the Guidance Officer

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.

Z-PAC Theatre – Hoovering on the Edge

Z-Pac theatre presents, by arrangement with NODA, the Australian Premiere of Hilary Spiers' *Hoovering on the Edge*, a comedy which sparkles!

Hoovering on the Edge is a must see play written with such wit by Hilary Spiers and directed by Ann Hopwell. If you loved *Calendar Girls* you surely won't want to miss this one. A first in Australia, *hoovering on the edge* is set in a Spanish resort and follows 7 English women having a few days away to learn from their overzealous young male lecturer creative writing. There are plenty of laughs and pathos as they begin to get to know more about each other and the very lacking Gareth. Follow, Honor, Rita, Sue, Gwen, Chris, Moira and Clare on their writing journey, with plenty of surprises on the way.

Z-PAC Theatre will be presenting this entertaining piece of comedy with a premiere opening on Friday 6 June at 7.30pm and other performances on 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28 June at 7.30pm with matinees on Sunday 8, 15 and 22 June at 2pm. Tickets can be purchased from Mary Ryan Bookshop, Pialba. Adults \$25, Concessions and/or groups 10+ at \$20.

Z-PAC Theatre – Seeking Directors

Z-PAC Theatre is currently seeking expressions of interest from potential directors of our 2015 and 2016 season. They are seeking directors and plays that will showcase the diversity of talent in the region with the aim to stage a variety of genres and explore new grounds over the next few years. An information evening will be held at Z-PAC on Wednesday 11 June at 7:00pm to give interested individuals a chance to propose ideas and discuss options with the Theatre's President and Artistic Director. Directors are invited to bring proposals to submit to the management committee. Z-PAC Theatre, Zephyr Street, Scarness.

For more information, please contact our Artistic Director Bradley on 0433 481 746 or bradchapman1988@gmail.com .