School Promotional Video
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Junior Secondary School (JSS) Years 7-9 2015

Parent Teacher Evening Years 7 and 8 2015

The next Parent information evening is on Monday 1st December from 5:30pm-6:30pm. The uniform shop will be open from 4:30pm and the Parent and Citizens Association will be running a free sausage sizzle at the canteen from 5:00pm. Remember both parent/guardian and students are welcome to attend.

Peer Support Program

In 2015 we will be running a Peer Mentor program where Year 10 students will mentor our future Year 8 students and our Year 9 students will mentor the Year 7 students. These student mentors will be trained in this program on Thursday and Friday 4th and 5th of December. These students will be with the Year 7/8 students on Day 1 next year and once a week in 2015 where they will be working with them in their form classes.

Student Resource Payments

Student resource payments for 2015 can be paid to the school office this year which would be greatly appreciated to help with a smooth start to 2015.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself at school on 4197 0111.

Brian Harrington - Head of Year 8 2015

The Alex Qiang Story

At the recent Urangan State High School awards night there was a special guest in the audience to see, Alex Qiang, the recipient of “The Wallace Award” and the “ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award”. That visitor was his first teacher in Australia, Michelle Tudman from Kawungan State School. Michelle came along to watch Alex, our school captain and former Kawungan State School Captain, receive several awards and to congratulate him on how far he had come.

Alex arrived at Kawungan State School from China in October 2005 in year 3. He could speak no English. Alex remembers Mrs Tudman as caring, helpful and supportive. Michelle says Alex was shy and very quiet. In fact they communicated with the help of a Chinese dictionary. By the end of 2005 Alex had made so much progress that he not only was allowed to move to year 4 but was communicating fluently with his peers and teachers. It was difficult to believe he had only been speaking English for a few months. Mrs Tudman remembers Alex was always good at maths. She was constantly raising the bar and looking for more challenging mathematical exercises for Alex to complete. This is still true today, so much so, Alex is planning to study to be an actuary at University of Melbourne next year.

During his time at Urangan State High School Alex has been very active in the school community, involving himself in our Human Powered Vehicle team, Clean-up Australia Day, 30km Kokoda Challenge Brisbane, representing the school at ANZAC ceremonies and other official events and more importantly being an excellent role model to his peers. In the classroom Alex is diligent and thoughtful and is always eager to learn more. This has attributed to his success both in and out of the classroom.

The bond was obvious to see when Alex and Michelle were together. If it was not for teachers like Michelle students like Alex may fall through the cracks. It is warming to see such a strong and lasting relationship between student and teacher. It is a privilege to meet a teacher like Michelle who is still so interested in the success of her past students.
2014 UQ Chinese Writing Contest

Seven students from Urangan State High School participated in the 2014 Chinese Writing Contest organised by School of Languages and Comparative Cultural Studies at the University of Queensland. They were Mina Wicasri and Lily Robinson from Year 8, Denya Hopkins from Year 9, Rochelle Messer and Janica Daclan from Year 11 and Daniel Taylor and Chloe Wells from Year 12.

They all produced high quality entries which were highly regarded by the judges. Daniel Taylor and Janica Daclan won the 2nd place and the Certificate of Merit respectively in the Senior Non-Native Speaker Category, standing out among the strong competitors from Brisbane area.

Congratulations to all students who participated!

English Tutorials

A reminder to students and parents that normal tutorials will run during weeks 8 and 9 (26th November and 3rd December) will be devoted to assessment. Students are encouraged to bring their English assessment along to receive teacher guidance to complete and improve their work.

Bree Moyal - Head of English Department

Mini Gig 2014

On Friday 7th November, after many months of planning, Mini Gig came to life. And what a night it was! Even before the ticket booth opened, people were lined up excited to see what we had planned for them to enjoy on the night. The event began with ‘The Hero’s Journey’, a multi-arts performance piece that explored the theme of ‘following your bliss’. From there, festival-goers were able to chart their own course moving between the Theatre in the Round, The Lounge (our ‘Unbleached’ performance stage) and Main Stage (in the Performing Arts theatre). Each of the stages presented a mix of Dance, Drama and Music performances by students across all year levels. Student MCs kept the crowds informed about who was performing, and the irrepressible John Lcadao (Ken) became an act in his own right entertaining the Main Stage audience between acts. ‘Kaleidoscope’ featured visual art by junior and senior students and Ashley Godfrey demonstrated her skills by creating a stunning colour pencil drawing of a sea turtle that she resolved by the end of the night. The Green Room featured a selection of films produced by our amazing Film and Television students. The evening ended with a lantern parade and Matt Ryan and friends playing an acoustic set which included an impromptu sing-a-long by many of our Year 12 students who were in attendance. Beautiful!

Mini Gig was produced by our senior Workforce students who are enrolled in Dance, Drama, Visual Art and Music. The classes worked throughout Term 3 to make decisions about everything from the performance schedule to the ‘look’ of Mini Gig. They were responsible for planning what materials and equipment would be required, organising sound and lighting requirements, designing our logo and creating stalls. On the night, these same students, along with some willing student volunteers and staff, manned the stalls and ensured that all aspects of the event ran smoothly. Mini Gig provided our Workforce students with exposure to an authentic arts activity designed to prepare them for the workplace by fostering teamwork, project management skills and a positive work ethic.

A huge thanks to everyone who was involved in planning and running the event, in particular, the Creative Futures staff for their commitment to Arts education. Thanks also to our sponsors: Urangan High P&C, Bunnings, Woolworths, Coles, IGA, Torquay Hotel, Coast Restaurant & Bar, Beach House, Banana Bender Swim, Café Balaena, Harvey’s Bar & Bistro, Bayorama, Hervey Bay Big Screen Cinemas, Kmart, Officeworks, Curtis Electrical and Ultra Music.

If you use Instagram or Facebook, check out some of the images from the evening by searching #minigig14

Liza Young – Acting HOD Creative Futures

Uniform Shop

The new uniform phase in period is almost complete and as of the commencement of 2015, the only authorised uniform allowed to be worn at Urangan State High School will be the new version. All students who own the old uniform are now required to purchase the new uniform for the commencement of 2015. The Uniform Shop at Urangan State High School will be open up until Friday 12 December from 8:30am to 10:00am daily. We will reopen on Monday 5 January for the 3 weeks prior to the commencement of school for all of your uniform needs. Our opening hours during this time are:

- Monday 10am—2pm
- Tuesday 8am—2pm
- Wednesday—10am—2pm
- Thursday 10am—6pm
- Friday 10am—2pm
- Saturday 10am—2pm
- Sunday - CLOSED

Anyone who has second hand uniforms in the uniform shop for sale (i.e. the old version of the senior and junior polo’s, senior and junior skirts, senior blouses/shirts) need to collect them by Friday 12 December otherwise they will be disposed of. Canterbury shorts will still be held for sale. The P&C apologises
that, through our best efforts, we were not able to sell your product. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Megan Moss (Uniform Shop Convener) on 4197 0116. A price list and downloadable version of our order form is available in the Forms & Documents section at the top of this newsletter. Layby and EFTPOS facilities are also available.

**P&C Sausage Sizzle**
The P&C will be holding a Sausage Sizzle Fund Raiser at Bunnings, Hervey Bay, on Tuesday 6 January. If you are able to spare some time and come along and help, we would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Damien Symes on 4197 0204 or dsyme9@eq.edu.au for further information or to register your name. If you can't assist, come along and purchase a sausage on the day. All proceeds go back to the school.

**USC Gympie Options Evening**
The USC Gympie Options Evening on **Wednesday 3 December** is the perfect time to get last-minute advice and have your questions answered.

When: 5.15pm, Wednesday 3 December
Where: USC Gympie, 71 Cartwright Road

Come along to:
- attend short interactive sessions in Business, Nursing, Education and Social Science
- go on a tour of the facilities, including the high-tech Nursing Laboratory
- ask questions about your study options and admissions pathways

For more information phone 5456 5800, email gympie@usc.edu.au or visit usc.edu.au/gympie.

**USQ Maths B Tutorials**

**A HELPING HAND FROM USQ**

**Foundation Mathematics - Year 11 Maths B**
To provide basic skills in the key areas of maths particularly algebra and to assist Year 10 student in their transition to Year 11 Maths B.

**Consolidation Mathematics - Year 12 Maths B**
To review differential calculus and develop skills in integral calculus.

Where: University of Southern Queensland (USQ) 161 Old Maryborough Road, Hervey Bay
When: Four Workshops each morning January 19th - January 22nd 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Facilitator: Don McKay
Cost: FREE OF CHARGE!
Registration
Please register your attendance by sending your name, year level and school to events@frasercoast.usq.edu.au.
For more information please call (07) 4194 3142.

**Parenting Tips - 12 Alternatives to ‘Losing it’ with Your Child**
We all know that children, including adolescents, at times, can ‘drive you crazy’. They may not listen. They are messy. They don’t think before they act. They don’t consider another’s feelings. Unfortunately these factors are a part of growing up, and it takes a loving family to help them learn to be respectful, responsible, tolerant, caring, loving and self-controlled. When everyday problems pile up, our tolerance as parents may not be strong. Often our ability to control ourselves will be tested. We may be easily angered but the message here is: **DON’T TAKE IT OUT ON YOUR CHILD or CHILDREN or PARTNER.**

It’s a matter of mustering your self-control (we all have it). Think of the benefits. **If you show self-control, your child knows what it looks like and can copy it.**

Here are some alternatives:

- Stop in your tracks. Step back. Sit down. Talk yourself back to calm.
- Count to 10. Better yet, 20 or say the alphabet out loud or backwards.
- Phone a friend, or a relative. Even the weather number.
- Still mad? Punch a pillow, a punching bag or munch an apple.
- Thumb through a magazine, newspaper, photo album or work manual.
- Do some sit-ups, kick a ball, jog on the spot.
- Pick up a pencil and write down your thoughts/feelings/frustrations.
- Take a shower, or better still, a bath.
- Lie down on the floor listening to your favourite music.
- Talk to your pet – they are good listeners and non-judgemental.
- Go to your shed (if you have one) otherwise do that gardening/ mowing you need to do.

By now hopefully you are feeling calm. By now the problem may not have seemed like it deserved the blood pressure, but it’s time to deal with the issue in a calm, peaceful, rational way. You can do it. It’s all a matter of choice.

**Community News**

**Eating Disorder Group**
Eating Disorder Support Group, Hervey bay. Phone Nancy 0498 965 728 or Sarah 0401 709 048.
WEP Student Exchange – A Once-In-Lifetime Opportunity!

Ever wondered what it would be like to live in another country and to swap your vegemite sandwich for a pop tart or croissant? Applications for WEP Student Exchange Programs to over 25 countries around the world are now open for programs starting from July 2015 onwards. Choose from more than 100 short and long-term programs, designed to fit into your Australian schooling. Find out more today!

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