23 June 2015

Principal’s Report

School Opinion Surveys

Each year, key stakeholders are asked to consider their experiences with Urangan State High School. All staff, a selection of students in years 8 and 11 as well as all families are requested to complete an online survey. The information as to how to complete these surveys will be forwarded to families along with your child’s end of semester report card early next term. The surveys will close on July 31.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. All schools in Queensland will be collecting data from 2015.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide any data that can identify an individual student on to another organisation. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

This data collection includes students with a verified disability, as well as students who receive support for learning difficulties, medical concerns, and social and emotional reasons.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

Department’s website:

Australian Government Department of Education website:

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Glen Robinson - Principal

Community Health Expo

Year 12 Health students held a Community Health Expo on Wednesday 10 June. The focus was on healthy living and included information stalls, interactive games and physical activities. One hundred primary school students from Sandy Strait State School attended along with many of our students and teachers. Some of the highlights were Oztag, the guessing game focusing on sugar content in common foods, NRL target passing, hula-hooping with Headspace and the face painting.

Year 7 2016 Come and Try Day

This year’s Come and Try Day for year 7 2016 enrolments will be held on Friday June 26th from 9:15am to 2:30pm. Students attending this day will have an orientation of the school and experience a sample of subjects on offer at Urangan State High School. Buses will be organised to transport your child to and from this activity.

Please be aware that an Enrolment Application MUST be submitted to our office BEFORE your child is able to attend the Come and Try Day.

Information relating to all student enrolments can be accessed by visiting the school’s website: www.uranganshs.eq.edu.au or contacting our Enrolment Management Officer on 4197 0150 or via email at enrolments@uranganshs.eq.edu.au
2015 QUT Chinese Speaking Competition
Denya Hopkins (Year 10) and Taylor Mackie (Year 11) from Urangan State High School recently participated in the 2015 Chinese Speaking Competition at Queensland University of Technology. They both produced high-quality speeches which were highly regarded by the judges at QUT. Denya Hopkins came third in the Year 9 and 10 Non-Native Speaker Category, standing out among the strong competitors from the Queensland area. Both girls have done wonderful jobs in Chinese since junior years at Urangan SHS. They have been demonstrating high language abilities and excellent determination in Chinese learning. Congratulations to them!

Stymie
Working to Stymie the Cycle of Bullying and Harm at Urangan SHS
Stymie (stymie.com.au) encourages bystanders (your children) to help and support their peers by making anonymous notifications using this site. These notifications will be about students who are being bullied or experiencing harm at Urangan SHS. The notifications can include evidence such as screen shots of Facebook conversations or text messages and are automatically forwarded to the appropriate Head of Year here at Urangan SHS. The first conversation we have, will be with the student who is experiencing harm - they will know they are not alone.

Urangan SHS is committed to harnessing the power of bystanders to change the ‘culture of acceptance’ of bullying in our community; a problem even the government admits is endemic amongst our youth.

All too often, we are having conversations with parents who feel as though they have lost control over their child’s use of technology. Through research, the experience of being Mum to teenagers and a teacher of 20 years, I have found a number of ways, which may help you regain some footing in actively supervising your child’s use of the internet and their devices in your home; they are all very simple and they work. The presentation also includes sites and applications to be wary of and some very interesting information about bullying and by standing behaviours.

More information can be found at www.stymie.com.au and www.facebook.com/stymieau

Parent Information Session – All
Welcome
Where: USHS Performing Arts Building
When: Tues 14th July 5:00-6:00pm
Presenter: Rachel Downie (Director, stymie.com.au )
Cost: Absolutely nothing!!
Who can attend: Anyone in the Urangan SH School community.
What do you bring: You don’t need anything, but it may be useful to bring a phone or iPad or other device that can connect to the internet
R.S.V.P.: Katie Bailey: kbail97@eq.edu.au by Monday 13 July.

English Tutorials 2015
English tutorials will continue to run in term 2. This term will focus on reading comprehension, sentences and improving vocabulary. Weeks 4, 9 and 10 will be dedicated to assessment. So if students require one-on-one help on their English assignments, they should attend tutorials during these times. Tutorials are free and run from 3-4pm in GC02 every Wednesday afternoon.

Anxiety?
If you need help to deal with anxiety there is a self-help program for teenagers developed by Beyond Blue and the University of Queensland. It is a free interactive online application for prevention and treatment of anxiety. There is also a program for parents. Please go to the following link for more information: https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au .

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Urangan State High School is excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Last time we raised 19200 points, our goal this time to be break 25000 points. You can help by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Wednesday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these points for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop your points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s complete, drop it into the collection box in Student Services or at the Pialba & Urangan Woolworths Stores. Please make sure to put your child’s name and form class on the sheet for them to go into the competition for the form class with the highest points collected.

The more points we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new equipment! Products in the range include resources for Mathematics, English, Science, Arts, through to HPE gear, Library Supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Damien Symes on 4197 0111.

P&C Third Annual Trivia Night
The P&C in conjunction with the Year 12 Tourism Class held their 3rd Annual Trivia Night on Saturday 13 June in the Gym.
A record number of participants were present making for a very successful and extremely enjoyable night. The P&C would like to thank all of the sponsors who contributed to the success of the night, without the sponsors, the night could not run. This year we had 22 teams entered with the final standings as:

Grim Reapers - 89
Civil War (Student Team) - 81
Fraser Coast Roller Derby - 81
Not The Fantastic 4 - 80

The winner of the staffroom challenge for 2015 was Staffroom 4 (Mathematics), congratulations. All proceeds from the night go back into Urangan High to help improve the learning environment for your students. Thank you and congratulations to everyone who came along and participated in the night. The date for the 4th Annual P&C Trivia Night is Saturday 11 June, 2016. Thank you once again to our Sponsors.

Uniform Shop

The P&C would like to inform all parents of Urangan SHS that as of the 1 July, 2015, the approved Urangan State High School Uniform will only be available for purchase through the P&C Uniform Shop situated behind the Admin Building at the Robert Street Campus. The hours of operation will be 8:15am to 10:00am, 5 days a week. If you are the proud parent of a current Year 9 student, you will be required to purchase the new senior uniform for 2016. If you would like to utilise our pre-ordering service, please do so by downloading the attached order form and submitting to the Uniform Shop. Collection can be made between Monday the 11th and 23rd of January 2016. Holiday opening hours are:

- Monday 11 January to Saturday 23 January
  - Monday - 7:00am to 2:00pm
  - Tuesday - 10:00am to 2:00pm
  - Wednesday - 3:00pm to 7:00pm
  - Thursday - 12:00pm to 6:00pm
  - Friday - 10:00am to 2:00pm
  - Saturday - 10:00am to 2:00pm

We have Cash, EFTPOS and Centrepay payment options available. For further enquiries, please do not hesitate in contacting Megan Moss on 4197 0116.

Honours Shirts

The Honours Shirts system at Urangan High has now changed. When your child receives an Honours Shirt letter they are to take the letter to Megan in the school’s P&C Uniform Shop where they will be sized for their shirt. Megan will collect the letter and payment for the shirt and the embroidery from your child and will then deliver the shirt to our Embroiderers. When Megan receives the shirt back from the embroiderers, she will notify your child to come and collect the shirt. The cost of the shirt is $27 with an additional $7.50 for the embroidery. If your child outgrows their shirt and you would like to purchase a new one, the cost and procedure will remain the same, your child will just need to bring in their old shirt.

RSA Course

The annual RSA Course for Year 11 & 12 students will be conducted on Saturday 8 August between 8:00am and 4:00pm. Letters are available from the Year 11 Notice Board outside Staffroom 3. The cost of the course will be $89 and is payable by Friday 31 July. A minimum of 20 students is required for this course to run. This course is being run through Nu-Path Training out of the Sunshine Coast.

TSXPO

The Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) is on next month and is expected to attract a record number of exhibitors showcasing a vast range of options for your school students planning their career pathway.

- Weekend of 18 and 19 July 2015, 10am - 4pm
- RICC, Brisbane Showgrounds
- Admission is free!
- CareersEvent.com

School Holiday Road Safety

Senior Sergeant Dan Willett, the Officer in Charge from Hervey Bay Police is urging members of the community to drive sensibly and responsibly this holiday period. With the recent number of increased traffic incidents within the patrol group’s region in the past month, police are asking the public to drive safely.

Locals and visitors to the area can expect to be sharing our roads. All motorists need to show patience and care when overtaking or passing vehicles.

Speeding on the roads is also a great concern. Speed limits will be enforced and anyone failing to abide by the road rules can expect a fine and the loss of demerit points.

Police wish to remind motorists of the fatal five:
1. Speeding
2. Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs
3. Not wearing seatbelts
4. Driving fatigued.
5. Driving distracted.

Please remember to plan your trip ahead, take a break, rest, revive and survive.
For non-urgent matters call Policelink on 131 444. For traffic and road conditions please visit www.131940.qld.gov.au.

E-Mental Health Resources

Crisis Support: Lifeline

Grief and Loss Support

Kids Helpline
http://www.kidshelp.com.au

Mensline
http://www.mensline.org.au

Suicide Call Back Service
https://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Financial First Aid

Uniting Care Community Financial First Aid Counsellors are available free to the public as a first point of call to address immediate financial concerns that place undue stress and anxiety on individuals and families. Calling the Financial First Aid line may alleviate the need for a face-to-face consultation as their counsellors offer immediate advice over the phone. Their team of counsellors are committed to each caller, providing necessary information to empower you to make the appropriate choices in response to your unique situation. The service provides free, independent and confidential financial counselling services to inform the community about their rights and responsibilities in relation to credit and debt issues.

Contact Details: 1800-007-007, Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm.

Community News

**CALCULUS WORKSHOPS**

A helping hand from USQ: conquering calculus

A free school holiday workshop for Year 11 and Year 12 Maths B students

A self-placed course which aims to give students the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in this subject.

Where: University of Southern Queensland (USQ)
161 Old Maryborough Road, Hervey Bay

When: 6, 7, & 8th July 2015
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 Katy Barnes on (07) 4194 3142.

Aldershot Scout Campsite

If you need to book the Aldershot Scout Campsite for public use the booking form can be accessed through the pdf below.