15 October 2015

Principal’s Report

Term 3 Reporting

We are now well and truly in the home stretch for 2015. Term 3 reports have been issued to all students via their form class teacher. It is again a good time as a family to reflect on the results that were achieved and ask:

- Is this what I want to achieve?
- Did I put in the effort to achieve the results that I wanted?
- Did I engage in appropriate ways in the classroom with my teacher and my fellow students?

If the answer was ‘no’ to any of these questions then there needs to be consideration of what your goals are and how you are going to achieve them. In saying that, there were some pleasing results across the school and across all year levels

- 85% of all students achieved a “C” or better
- 95.7% of all students achieved a “C” or better in Behaviour
- 90% of all students achieved a “C” or better in Effort.

Junior School House Captains

The selection of our 2016 Junior School and House Captains occurred during the last week of term 3. We had a large number of students who were nominated for these positions and whilst all nominees were not successful they will have the opportunity to be part of our revamped Student Council and as a U-Lead member in 2016. Congratulations goes to:

Captains: Talissa Searle and Daniel Cooper
Vice Captains: Tahila Kos and Connor Sloan
Baler House Captains: Brooke Walker and Steele Platt
Cowrie House Captains: Ebony Lynch and Nathan Jennings
Tritan House Captains: Fenella White and Connor Graham

End of Year Activities

With the end of the school year in sight, I would like to remind all families that the expectations that the school had at the start of the year are the same today in term 4. Families and students need to ensure all school commitments are addressed including completion of all school tasks, returning all school equipment, all school accounts are paid in full and appropriate behaviour is demonstrated on all occasions. It would be disappointing for students to miss end of year activities.

Mail out

There will be a significant mail out of information in preparation for 2016. This will include:

- Information letter
- 2016 Student Resource Scheme information and invoice
- BYOx information (years 7, 8 and 9)
- P&C information
- Stationery list
- Statement of outstanding invoices (if applicable)
- Student levy letter (if applicable)
- Change of details form

Please ensure that you take the time to look at all the documents to ensure a smooth transition for your child in 2016.

Uniform

In the mail-out mentioned above, there is information around the times that the uniform shop will be open. Please take the opportunity to book a time through the on-line booking system (as used in our parent teacher interviews) to avoid possible congestion at the uniform shop.

Also a reminder on two items:

1. only hats that are approved are the red bucket hats provided to every student by the P&C, and
2. only approved jumpers for 2016 will be the red track top or the grey cardigan/pullover.

Glen Robinson – Principal

Sports Dinner

Payment for the Sports Dinner is due this Friday, 16 October. If you are planning on attending and have not paid please ensure you pay by this date. Thank you.
Year 12 Snow Trip 2015

During the first week on the holidays a group of 23 year 12 students and 3 teachers headed off on an unforgettable adventure to the snow. The first stop was at the Dubbo Zoo where students marvelled at the many amazing animals roaming the vast zoo compound. Then they travelled to Canberra for an overnight stop at the University of Canberra campus. The next day the group visited Questacon and the Australian War Memorial in Canberra before setting off for Cooma to pick up their snow gear for skiing at Perisher. Their base was Jindy Inn at Jindabyne.

The group skied for 4 days in fabulous conditions. Every day they arrived in the bus for the days skiing the weather was better. The students had a ski or snowboarding lesson every morning and then were able to practice their new found skills in the afternoons. The skiing conditions were amazing with fresh snow falls for 3 out of 4 of the days. There was even snow one morning in Jindabyne.

After the skiing adventures they set off again for Canberra to visit Parliament House and the Democratic Museum at Old Parliament House. The students’ behaviour was exemplary and everyone who we came in contact with commented on their manners and how good their behaviour was. Thanks must go to Bundaberg Coaches for getting safely there and back and to the amazing young adults we took with us on this incredible trip.

Thanks from Mr Mills, Mr Barnes and Ms Powell to the parents of these wonderful young people for allowing us to spend fun week with your students.

QTAC Parent Website

QTAC proud to announce the launch of their For Parents website, specifically designed to help parents be more involved in their child’s tertiary study decisions. From the website you can:

- get useful hints and tips to help your child
- find out when to start planning
- choose the right course and institution
- check out how to apply
- investigate support services

For more information email go.enquiries@qtac.edu.au .

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)

USC will be offering the following programs at their Fraser Coast campus in 2016. There will also be two information sessions for people thinking of studying with at the Fraser Coast campus in 2016.

Information Night

Date: Tuesday 27 October
Time: 5.45pm - 7.00pm
Venue: USQ Fraser Coast, Hervey Bay

Date: Wednesday 28 October
Time: 5.45pm - 7.00pm
Venue: Brolga Theatre, Maryborough
RSVP online

Fraser Coast Programs 2016

Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP)

TPP allows students to experience university life before committing to a degree program. TPP courses are free-of-charge for Commonwealth-supported students. Upon successful completion of TPP, students can gain entry into most USC degree programs.

Bachelor of Nursing Science

Students can pursue their passion for health care and develop their scientific knowledge of bioscience, anatomy and physiology, mental health, drug therapy and research to become a registered nurse.

Bachelor of Primary Education

Students will become qualified to work as a primary school classroom teacher (Prep-Year 6). They’ll learn how children learn, how to plan, teach and assess, and integrate ICT in their teaching.

Joey Mini World Cup

The four day Joey Mini World Cup was held recently with over 40 teams, including touring teams from Germany and New Zealand. The founder, Heinrich Haussler, is seeing the tournament grow stronger each year with closer competition in each division.

Some of the teams competing were Toowoomba Grammar as Brazil, Inverell as Italy, Coffs Harbour as Australia, Lismore as Spain, Frankfurt/Oder as Germany and Armidale as Holland. A boys’ team from Hervey Bay represented Uruguay U15’s and Perth Bradford represented Hervey Bay and was selected to be in the Joeys Germany Tour 2016 as on Open Women’s player.
Bachelor of Primary Education (Graduate Entry)
This is a two year accelerated program. It is designed for students who already have an undergraduate degree but want to switch to a career in primary teaching.

Bachelor of Sports Studies
Students can turn their interest in the sport industry into a creative and innovative career. This program combines core sport and sport science knowledge with complementary studies such as tourism, leisure and event management; public relations; marketing; small business management; or outdoor leadership studies.

Bachelor of Business (Marketing)
Students will develop an understanding of consumer behaviour, integrated marketing communications, social marketing, and brand management. They’ll learn from experienced and dedicated marketing professionals and take on practical work-related projects in association with industry so they’re job ready upon graduation.

Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)
This program builds a strong foundation for success in an accountancy role in any industry. Students will study a major in accounting and gain skills in a number of areas including financial management, business consulting and financial advising plus many more.

Bachelor of Human Services
This program prepares students for work in social justice and community welfare. They’ll be exposed to the theory and values base of human services practice, and develop practical skills.

InspireU Engineering
This free five day residential camp is an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students going into years 11 and 12 in 2016 to experience life on campus at the University of Queensland and find out more about engineering and the different disciplines and opportunities within this field.

Students are involved in hands on cultural activities, engineering workshops and lectures as well as industry visits. Applicants must be (or planning to be) on an OP pathway, studying Maths B, and interested in studying engineering.

The camp is being held from 17th - 22nd January 2016. Applications close Friday 13th November 2015.

For more information contact Andrew Dillon on 07 3365 7417 or inspireu@uq.edu.au or http://www.atsis.uq.edu.au/inspireu-engineering.

The Science Experience - January 2016
Students in Years 9 and 10 in 2015 are invited to experience 3 Days of Science Activities at UQ. Applications are open now for the 2016 Science Experience at St Lucia from 20 - 22 January 2016.

Workshops include maths, physics, genetics, marine science, neuroscience, health and safety science, agriculture and nanotechnology. A science relay quiz, visits to research institutes and presentations by inspiring scientists also form part of the program.

For more information contact Jacqui Bellairs on 03 9756 7534 or admin@scienceexperience.com.au or https://www.scienceexperience.com.au/.

University Pathway Entry Guaranteed
Are you in Year 12 and want to go to university next year but don’t think you’ll qualify? Maybe you completed a VET or workforce program at school? Or you might be worried your OP score may not give you entry?

USQ’s TPP Intensive Pathway offers you an opportunity to get into university in 2016. Starting 30 November through to 22 January, the program will prepare you for university life, build confidence to succeed with your university studies and provide you with guaranteed entry into USQ degrees. And better still, the program is totally free.

The program is delivered in two, two-week on-campus workshops so you will still have time to relax, hang out with friends or work over the Christmas period. We will even provide some social activities so you can make new friends before university starts next year. Workshops will be available at both Hervey Bay and Maryborough (subject to numbers).

Applying is easy. Simply download the form from www.usq.edu.au/tppintensive fill it out and send it in before 20 November - the address is on the form.

If this sounds exciting and you would like to talk further, please contact USQ on 1800 269 500 or drop us an email at study@usq.edu.au. Program details are also available at www.usq.edu.au/tppintensive.

English Tutorials 2015
English tutorials will continue to run in term 3. Tutorials are free and run from 3-4pm in GC02 every Wednesday afternoon.
Student Immunisations

Uniform Fittings and Purchases

To ensure prompt and efficient service, uniform fittings/purchase interviews will be held between Monday 11 January 2016 and Saturday 23 January 2016 in the school’s Uniform Shop. The holiday opening times are as follows:

- 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

For parents/guardians who do not have internet access, please phone the Uniform Shop on 4197 0116 to make your bookings between 8:15am and 10:00am. To make your bookings, please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the steps below or follow the link on our school website: www.uranganshs.eq.edu.au. Enter the Access Code: 7S3ZF and follow the prompts. Please remember to make only one 15 minute booking per child. The online booking process is now open. Parents with an appointment will be attended to first, parents who arrive without an appointment may have to wait for the next available appointment.

Pre-ordering of uniforms for 2016 is also now underway. If you would like to utilise this service and to ensure sufficient stock, please fill in the order form and return with your child to the uniform shop where Megan will check sizes with your child. Payment options available include Cash, EFTPOS, Centrepay, Cheque and Credit Card, please make cheques out to Urangan State High School P & C.

For general enquiries and purchasing, the uniform shop is open 8:15am to 10:00am Monday to Friday, 3:00pm to 6:00pm Thursday and 10:00am to 2:00pm on the last Saturday of the month.

P&C Meeting

If you would like to have a voice in the education your child receives at Urangan State High School come along and join the P&C. The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 October starting at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Administration Building. We hope to see many new faces.

Canteen Volunteers

If you have some spare time and would like assist in providing students with delicious healthy food from the Food Cave, volunteers are always welcome. We are looking for parents, grandparents, caregivers and other family members to help out in the school canteen. If you are free and would like to help, give Tammy a call on 4197 0114.

Ways to Boost a Child’s Confidence

Some ways to boost your child’s confidence are:

- Spend some time talking together about everyday things
- Have family meals together without the TV on
- Participate in some outdoor activities like swimming, bike riding or bush walks. Exercise helps us all to stay positive and healthy.
- Make time to go to school sports matches and concerts.
- Encourage your children to see that mistakes and awkward moments are just part of growing up. Help them to work out what went wrong and how to put things right, like apologising.
- Avoid arguing with your partner in front of the children. Choosing which parent to side with is upsetting and undermines children’s confidence.
- Don’t impose your opinions. Be interested in your child’s different ideas, even if you don’t agree. If you respect your children’s views, they will be more likely to respect yours.
- Young people need space and time alone so allow your teenager to have their privacy, but do remember that adolescence is an emotional rollercoaster. If a teenager seems to be spending too much time alone in their room, they may be depressed or stressed. Encourage them to talk about their worries.
- Talk with your adolescent about personal safety, like how to say ‘No’ to anyone who suggests abusive or unsafe behaviour. Teach them about internet safety.
Adapted from NAPCAN, Preventing Child Abuse.

Community News

Rhee Tae Kwon Do

Believing in yourself starts early. That is why thousands of parents throughout Australia have turned to Rhee Tae Kwon Do to give their child the head start they need. Through Rhee Tae Kwon Do children are taught techniques that improve co-ordination, flexibility and muscle development which in turn builds their self-esteem and confidence. It’s no tournament policy takes the emphasis off having to come first to be a winner. Classes are held at Dundowran, Torquay, Maryborough and Tinana. Phone 4125 4669 or 0417 637 306 for more information. Free trial lessons available.

Illumination Parade

Kawungan SS Trivia Night

When: Friday, 23rd October, 2015
Where: Kawungan State School Hall
Time: Doors open at 6:30pm. Trivia will start at 7:00pm.

Teams of max. 8 people: $15 per person, includes light refreshments for your team.
- Licenced bar available
- Multi draw raffle
- Prizes for the best dressed team

Register your team at Kawungan State School office (ph. 41979111) by Monday 19th October

Aldridge SHS Dance

Tickets Available From The Brogla Theatre
For More Information Contact Peta Symons at Aldridge SHS 4120 5460

Hervey Bay Whale Festival
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CONCERT & parade
2015
SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
SEAFRONT OVAL FROM 4PM

ABRACADABRA
THE MAGIC OF DANCE

Brogla Theatre
7:30pm
Wednesday
21 October

Aldridge SHS
Futsal

AFA PRESENTS
2015/16 SUMMER SEASON
FUTSAL
FIVE A SIDE INDOOR SOCCER

COMPETITIONS PLAYED IN HERVEY BAY

Hervey Bay High
Nominations now OPEN! Competitions start October
8 years to adults, male and female of all skill levels welcome

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$165 per player
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Great Cycle Challenge

HOW FAR CAN YOU RIDE?
FIND OUT THIS OCTOBER.

Challenge yourself to pedal this October and clock your km in the 2015 Great Cycle Challenge.

- Pedal in stores or join the Spin Bike Challenge
- Log your km with app (MyMyRide / Strava)
- Monitor your progress via your ride dashboard

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