28 October 2015

Principal’s Report

Awards Night

Congratulations to everyone involved in last weeks “Awards Night – A Celebration of Excellence”. It was a wonderful night where our students were acknowledged for their excellent performance and contributions in the Academic, Sporting, Cultural and Community fields. There were a number of magnificent performances by Julia Hill, the school Stage Band and the Senior Band.

The names of the special award winner are provided the link below.

Investing for Success

In recent weeks there have been a number of announcements that will impact on the school over the next couple of years. The first is the Investing for Success (I4S) initiative. This program is replacing the Great Results Guarantee (GRG) that has been in existence for the past two years. Funding for I4S program is based on a different formula than previous years and as such the school will be receiving approximately $945 000 in 2016 to ensure student outcomes are improving. Like the GRG there will still be a focus on Literacy, Numeracy and QCE attainment.

Advancing Education

The Minister for Education, Kate Jones, recently announced a significant paper on the future direction of education in Queensland, “Advancing Education”. There are a number of key areas that the plan addresses including:

- A confident start—Early Childhood
- Schools of the Future
- Global schools through Languages
- Investing in schools—targeted intervention
- Supporting Student Learning
- Senior Schooling pathways

Details of the plan can be found on the following link:

Uniforms

I would like to remind all parents of students currently in years 9 and 12 that there will be an opportunity for uniforms to be donated or put on consignment for sale as second hand items through the uniform shop.

Glen Robinson – Principal

Year 8 Final 2015 Immunisation

Year 8 students will be able to receive their final dose of the HPV (Human Papillomavirus Vaccination) this Thursday 29th October. Please remember to send your child to school with lunch and water, after having a healthy breakfast, on that day. If you have any questions about immunisation, please contact Janet (School Based Health Nurse) at the school. For immunisation records please contact Fraser Coast Regional Council.

Year 12 Block Assessment

The table below outlines the year 12 block assessment timetable. Year 12 Higher Education students will not be required to attend classes during this period. Students will receive an individual assessment timetable through their form class which will include the room allocation.

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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 17 November starting at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Administration Building. We hope to see many new faces.

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.
SPARQ-ed

It has been another successful year for SPARQ-ed, with programs and workshops provided for more than 2200 students, with many more booked in for the rest of the year. Our research immersion program participants have come from everywhere between Tully and Goondiwindi and have worked on projects ranging from creating clones for use in breast cancer research, to coaxing stem cells to turn into osteoblasts for use in bone repair.

There are still places in our final research immersion program for 2015 for year 10 and 11 students, set for the week of 30 November to 4 December. The project for this program has been designed by SPARQ-ed veteran contributor, Professor Brian Gabrielli, Head of UQDI’s cell Cycle Research Group. It is centred on a particularly promising discovery in his laboratory involving the use of synthetic lethality to prevent HPV infected cells from turning cancerous. Details on how to apply for this program (or any of our 2016 programs) can be found at:

http://www.di.uq.edu.au/sparqed-rip

Don’t forget, students who live outside the Brisbane metropolitan area may be eligible for a Lions Medical Research Foundation SPARQ-ed Regional and Remote Scholarship to help meet the costs of travel and accommodation during the research immersion programs. More information on these can be found at

http://www.di.uq.edu.au/lmrfsparqedschol

Prices are set to rise for SPARQ-ed workshops and programs in 2016. However, we are already taking bookings for our 2016 programs and workshops, and if you register or apply before 11 December 2015 for programs in 2016, you will still pay the 2015 rates.

For more information about the programs on offer at SPARQ-ed, visit:


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.

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.

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 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 usq.edu.au/tppintensive.

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. If you wish to access Centrepay to purchase uniforms in the holiday period, please organise your slip from the office for the uniform shop attendants, before the end of term.

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.

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.

It All Begins With Love

Creators of a powerful play based on real Queensland stories of domestic violence and survival hope it will prompt difficult discussions when it tours 17 towns from 22 October to 27 November. It All Begins With Love, the culmination of a three-year project by Bundaberg based arts group Creative Regions and uses the direct experiences of victims and perpetrators through verbatim theatre.
Application Packages are available from the school administration office between 8:00am – 3:30pm Monday to Friday. Applicants must address the ‘How you will be assessed’ section of the role description to be considered for the position. Successful applicant must have a Positive Notice Blue Card for Child Related Employment.

Applications close 3.00pm Friday 30 October 2015 and will remain current for 12 months.

Applications to be address to:

Business Services Manager
Hervey Bay State High School
Beach Road
Hervey Bay Q 4655

Alternatively they may be emailed to: sgedd9@eq.edu.au

**Use Words That Help Not Hurt**

Despite the old saying ‘sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me,’ we know that children can be harmed by adults speaking to and talking about them in negative ways. Children need to hear that the adults in their lives think they are OK. Parents can help children feel good about themselves by the way they speak and the things they say. Hearing positive things helps children feel more confident and helps them try even harder to gain out respect and approval.

When adults use helpful and supportive words towards children, the children feel loved, worthwhile and confident. Children who feel loved and valued are more likely to:

- Be confident and try new things
- Recognise and be pleased when they do well
- Value and respect themselves and others
- Feel hopeful and optimistic about the future
- Enjoy going to school
- Take part in sport and other activities and
- Enjoy being healthy.

Don’t use Negative words. Generally, when adults use negative words speaking to children, they are actually talking about the behaviours they do not like, not the child. However, the child hears the hurtful words as being about them and this can make them feel bad and worthless. They often show this by behaving badly, but adults may not realise that the bad behaviour is a response to the hurtful words the child has heard.

A useful way for adults to stop using negative words to children is to consciously separate the child from the child’s unacceptable behaviour. The child needs to get the message ‘I’ll always love you, but it is your behaviour we need to talk about.’ Children need to know that their adults love them no matter what and that their love does not depend on the child’s behaviour.

Be Truthful. It is important for adults to be truthful to children, but do it tactfully, just as we would talk to adults we care about. Children know when they have not done well and do not appreciate it when adults praise bad work. Use positive, honest comments such as:

- I’m impressed by how hard you have worked on that
These comments say clearly what it was you liked in the child’s behaviour or work. This will help them feel good and be more confident the next time. When children recognise that they can do some things well, they may cope better when things go wrong. If they don’t, be understanding and patient. It takes a lot of experience and encouragement for any of us to deal with disappointment.

The message we give our children needs to be that trying as hard as you can is more important than getting it right. Children are experts at watching you closely and copying what you say and do. Be a good example to your child by always speaking respectfully. Make your influence positive.

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.