



URANGAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal's Report

Welcome back to Urangan State High school for 2016. We have experienced a calm start to the academic year due to the professionalism of the staff and the willingness of families to be organised. I would like to welcome all the new families and trust their children will experience a smooth transition to high-school.

The school's vision is very clear – "Pursuit of excellence, every minute, every day." The Explicit Improvement agenda is focussed on Quality Teaching and Learning. As a staff, we aim to deliver a guaranteed curriculum, in a safe and supportive culture using professional teaching practices. I encourage positive partnerships between parents, students and the school to support each child's learning journey.

A large number of new staff has also been inducted into Urangan High. Please make them feel welcome to the Hervey Bay community when you have the opportunity to meet them. There are two opportunities this term to informally meet the staff: February 16 is the ACE (academic and cultural extension) Parent Evening and February 24 is the New Parent Evening for year 7s and new enrolments for other year levels. Both events are from 5:30-7:30pm approximately. Specific invitations will be issued soon.

2015 finished well and you may have seen our Facebook and newspaper stories on Year 12s and their Overall Positions (OPs). The juniors had a great time with the last week activities well organised by Mrs Deb Smith and the team of student coordinators. The ski trip to Japan was a huge success and there are some fabulous photos being shared to make us envious. We currently have students away on University and Science experiences and we will have more information upon their return.

A huge thank you must go to the team of grounds and facilities staff and the cleaners. Urangan High looked ready for business thanks to the hard work of these valued staff members. The Parents and Citizens association have done an amazing job ensuring that every student had uniforms ready for Day 1.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council exceeded their promise of traffic lights in by Easter. The lights were functioning on the students' first day to support the safe environment for our school community. Council efforts are very much appreciated.

In closing, it is important I mention the situation with the Principal position. I will be the acting Principal for term 1. The vacancy will be advertised shortly and filled by term 2. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to make contact on 4197 0111 or linda.buxton@eq.edu.au.

Linda Buxton – Acting Principal

Staff Changes for 2016

There have been a few new staff and appointments at the school for 2016 in the Administration and Head of Departments. These are outlined below.

Administration

Linda Buxton will be the acting Principal at the school for term 1 2016, following on from Glen Robinson's successful appointment as Principal at Beerwah State High School. Mr Marty Mills will be acting Deputy Principal for Year 7 and Mr Andrew Rye will be the acting Head of Year for Year 8 for term 1 2016. Ms Kacey Hannant has returned to her position as Business Service Manager.

Great state. Great opportunity.



Head of Departments

Ms Liza Young – Acting HOD Arts for semester 1 2016
Mrs Lesley Mackay – Acting HOD of English for semester 1 2016
Mr Ben Austin – Acting HOD Senior Schooling for term 1 2016
Mrs Donna Johnstone – Acting HOD Resources for semester 1 2016
Mrs Stephanie Whitehead – Acting HOD Science for term 1 2016

We also welcome all other teaching and non-teaching staff to our school for 2016.

School Photos

MSP Photography will be coming to the school on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th February to take the student photos. MSP have provided personally named ordering envelopes for the students and these have been given out in their form class. If your child has not received their personalised ordering envelope please ask them to check with their form teacher. If their form teacher does not have their envelope they can come to Student Services to pick up a generic ordering envelope.

All ordering and payment is done directly with MSP photography. For more information please click on the link below from MSP Photography.

Year 7 and 8 Immunisations

In 2016, all year 7 and year 8 students are being offered free vaccinations as recommended by the National Immunisation Program against human papillomavirus, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) and varicella (chickenpox).

Envelopes concerning the School Immunisation Program for year 7 and 8 students have been issued in their form class. This envelope contains three consent forms that you will need to read, sign and return to the school for your child to receive the free vaccinations. Only students with a completed and signed consent form will be vaccinated. **Completed consent forms can be returned at Student Services and must be received by Friday 12 February 2016.**

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation>

School Dental Van

The school dental van will be arriving at Urangan High on Wednesday 10 February 2016. They will be starting with grade 10 and working their way down the lower grades. Consent forms will be distributed through the student form classes over the next week.

ACE Information Evening

We will be hosting an information session for parents/guardians of students in the ACE (Academic and Cultural Excellence) classes. The ACE form classes are 7B1, 7C1, 7T1, 8C1, 8C2, 9T1 and 9T2.

Date: Tuesday 16th Feb

Time: 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Place: Resource Centre - Library

Main topics: Curriculum within ACE classes, events and opportunities, how parents/guardians can support their child

There will be also time to ask questions and speak to the relevant Heads of Years and Gifted and Talented Coordinator. Students are welcome to attend.

UNIFY Project

Selected students from years seven and nine started this week on an online course focusing on literacy or numeracy. The project is delivered online by Urangan State High School in partnership with Brisbane School of Distance Education's IMPACT Projects Team. Brisbane School of Distance Education (BSDE) offers a range of online extension opportunities.

The Literacy/Numeracy Projects are an extension program and aim to help students go "from good to great" and should develop a greater sense of confidence and achievement. The project will be delivered over 12 school weeks from February to May 2016 and students will attend one web conference per week. Each web conference goes for approximately 60-70 minutes and is delivered by an online teacher, from BSDE, with support from staff at our school.

Deadly-cation Study Group

PARENTS!!!!

DO YOU GET FRUSTRATED WHEN HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR HOMEWORK?
WOULD YOU LIKE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR CHILD'S MATHS AND ENGLISH?
WHILST LEARNING TOGETHER IN A FUN AND MOTIVATED ENVIRONMENT??
IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO STRIVE TO BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE - THIS IS FOR YOU!!!

DEADLY-CATION STUDY GROUP IS BACK FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS

GUWANU
Goo-one-you
Pathway to
CaSE
Community
and
School
Engagement
Empowering Families for a DEADLY Future!!

Hervey Bay
Maryborough
Bundaberg

STARTS BACK ON TUESDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2016

FULL ACCESS TO COMPUTERS FOR ASSIGNMENTS
TEACHERS ON SITE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
TRANSPORT AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

LIGHT AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED
VENUE: USC FRASER COAST CAMPUS
DAY: EVERY TUESDAY
3:30 to 4:30
Cost: FREE

MUST BRING HOMEWORK AND USB

CALL LESA OR KRISSE
OR
41913100 OR 0458 011 902

FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR TO
REGISTER YOUR CHILD

Working with: USC Fraser Coast Campus Hervey Bay State High School Urangan State High School
Parents and Community

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
Nelson Mandela

P&C AGM

The Urangan State High School P&C Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 February at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Administration Building. It would be great to see a lot of new faces come along. If you want a say in the education your student receives, the P&C is the place to be.

General Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00pm in the Board Room. The 2016 dates are:

March 8
April 12
May 10
June 14
July 12
August 9
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 6

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open every morning from 8:00am to 10:30am for all of your uniform needs. All sizes of each item are fully stocked. Uniforms can be ordered and paid for via cash, EFTPOS, Centrepay or Cheque (please make cheques out to Urangan SHS P&C). For all of your uniform concerns, please contact Megan Moss on 4197 0116. The new Senior Girls Tie

has now arrived. A copy of the uniform price list and order form is available from the school website.

Canteen

The 'Food Cave' is ready to go for 2016 with a few new ranges of delicious foods on offer. The 'Food Cave' is open for Breakfast each day from 8:15am to 8:40am, as well as both lunch breaks and afterschool till 3:15pm. Don't forget your child's lunch can be pre-ordered to avoid lining up. Volunteers are always welcome each day to help in the preparation of the delicious fresh food on offer. If you would like to volunteer as a helper in the 'Food Cave' please contact Tammy Hamel on 4197 0114. All volunteers must hold a valid Blue Card. A copy of the Menu is available from the school website.

Leaders Induction Ceremony

The 2016 Student Leaders were inducted into their positions at a ceremony on Monday 1 February. Congratulations to all students who hold a Leadership role or are a member of the U-Lead Program this year. The student Leaders for 2016 are:

Senior School Captains: Taylor Mackie & Kris Sims
Senior School Vice-Captains: Rose-Lee Grose & John Briley

Senior Baler House Captains: Natasha Peverelli & Kyle Torres

Senior Cowrie House Captains: Paige Murray & Dylan Sheffield

Senior Triton House Captains: Samantha Douma & Kurtis Hare

Junior School Captains: Talissa Searle & Daniel Cooper
Junior School Vice-Captains: Tahlia Kos & Connor Sloan

Junior Baler House Captains: Brooke Walker & Steele Platt

Junior Cowrie House Captains: Ebony Lynch & Nathan Jennings

Junior Triton House Captains: Fenella White & Connor Graham

Student Council:

President: Shaylee Muller-Christie

Vice-President: Emily Waring

Treasurer: Cass Bajt

Secretary: Rheanna Bose

PCYC Sports Expo



SPORTS+ EXPO

Come along to the Sports+ Expo and discover what sports, recreation & leisure groups are available on the Fraser Coast. With over 60 stallholders, club sign-ons, demonstrations, giveaways and kids activities!

\$1000 SPORTFIRST Hervey Bay voucher door prize for one lucky attendee!

**February 7
10am - 2pm
PCYC Hervey Bay**

For more information contact Kieren on 1300 79 49 29

Logos: Fraser Coast Council, SPORTS+ PROJECT, PCYC, SPORTFIRST

The poster features a collage of images showing various sports: a soccer player, a person on a stationary bike, a group of people in a dance or aerobics class, a person swimming, and a person on a rowing machine. The background is a blurred outdoor scene.