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Principal's Report

I enjoyed the opportunity to welcome the new families at the recent New Parent Information Evening. Many of them shared the stories about how their children are settling in to the Hervey Bay community and/or transitioning to high school from Primary. Mr David Whittaker, our Parents and Citizens' President, also welcomed the families and encouraged parents to attend the P&C meetings as a way of staying informed and making decisions for the school community.

There have been a host of sporting activities and events in the last fortnight including the annual school swimming carnival, outdoor recreation classes on abseiling adventures and the cluster 1 trials in a range of sports. Please encourage your children to get active and involve themselves in the events on offer at our school and in the community.

Master School Portraits is the company engaged to photograph our students and staff. We received very positive feedback from the company employees about the manners of the students and how seamlessly the two days ran. Thank you to Nick McMorro and Marty Mills for their leadership and organisation.

A series of parent education seminars begin this week that may provide you some skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems and disputes. If interested please email Leanne Olive on loliv12@eq.edu.au

Defence force recruitment officers visited Urangan High last week and met with students considering a career path in the forces. If more information is required please contact our Guidance Officer, Manny Dubroy, or our SITE Officer, Bev Dangerfield.

The Year 12 QCS simulation will be held on March 22 and 23. This is most important and we encourage the students take this seriously and strive to be the best they can be.

Auditions are starting very soon for the musical "The Tempest". Please see the details enclosed in this newsletter.

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.

Everyday counts for improvements in student outcomes. Urangan High is using strategies from 2015 and additional ones for this year to ensure maximum attendance occurs for the entire school day. There are consequences for truanting and improved communication lines between school and the parent/guardians are being established.

I encourage students to take advantage of the tutorials offered by our teachers. These occur at a range of times to try and be flexible and meet student needs. 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

Great state. Great opportunity.



Year 10 SET Plan Information Night

This term is a very important one for our year 10 students in relation to planning for their future. We will be holding a Senior Information Evening on Wednesday 2nd of March. The information session will be held at both 5pm and 6:30pm, so that you can choose the time which best suits your schedule.

IT IS VITAL THAT ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS ATTEND THIS EVENING

Parents, caregivers and students are asked to attend the senior information evening to acquire the knowledge necessary to assist in planning for their future. There will be subject booths available with staff on hand to answer any queries you may have.

When: Wednesday 2nd March, 2016

Time: Session 1 starts at **5.00pm** or Session 2 starts at **6.30pm**

Where: Performing Arts Block, Urangan SHS

Displays: Subject Information will be available from 5:30pm until 6:30pm. Booths will be located in the Resource Centre. These should be visited after the first information session or prior to the second information session.

Options: 1. Attend Session 1 at 5.00pm and then visit the subject displays, or

2. Visit the Subject Displays at 5:30pm and then attend Session 2 at 6.30pm

Ben Austin - Head of Senior Schooling (Acting)

Senior Students Access Lesson

A reminder to our senior students who have a late start on Wednesday morning for their access lesson. You are representing our school when you are dressed in school uniform (this includes outside school hours). Parents, please remind your child it is very important for them to be acting in an appropriate manner in a public setting when making their way to and from school. Use manners, be polite and be a good role model for students at our school.

Creative Futures Update

The Creative Futures faculty is up and running for 2016 with staff and students busy in and out of the classroom. Earlier in the term, senior Dance students participated in hip hop workshops with Brisbane's Mega Jam. The workshops provide students with an exciting start to their Dance year and, despite soaring temperatures, the commitment to learning the choreography was impressive. Parents and friends can check out the results later this semester at Dance Night. Thanks to Ms Saliba and Miss Starkey for organising the workshop.

Next week, Mrs Hohn and Ms Young will travel with senior Visual Art students to Brisbane for our annual gallery excursion. This year we will be visiting Gallery of Modern Art, Queensland Art Gallery and UQ Art Museum. This excursion gives students the opportunity to appreciate the work of Australian and Asia-Pacific artists at the APT8 and view "The National

Self-Portraiture Prize". If your child is attending this excursion, we are departing from the bus zone at Urangan High on Wednesday 2nd March at 6.00am and will return at 8.30pm.

Acoustic Night is scheduled for Thursday 3rd March from 6.30pm. If you love live music, please join us for a night that will entertain and amaze. As always, the quality of auditions was impressive and we are all looking forward to performance night. The cost of attending is \$5 each or \$12 for a family. Thanks to Mrs Ullmann and Miss Deakin for supporting our budding musicians.

This week we held an information session for students interested in taking part in "The Tempest: A Musical" which will be staged in October as part of Urangan High's 25 year celebrations. Audition forms will be available for students to collect next week. If your child has expressed an interest in joining the production please speak with them about the commitment required. If you have any questions about the musical or audition process, contact Liza Young (HOD Creative Futures).

AUDITIONS

Words by Richard Yaxley
Music by Greg Stout
Directed by Gavin Bolderrow

THE TEMPEST
A MUSICAL

AUDITIONS THURSDAY 10TH MARCH
PERFORMING ARTS BLOCK, URANGAN SHS
FROM 3.15PM TO 5.00PM

Performance Dates
14/15 October & 21/22 October

Maths News

Like most departments within Urangan SHS, the start to 2016 has been hectic for the Mathematics faculty. Our focus continues to be on providing the best support possible to students to allow them to achieve to the best of their ability. This ongoing commitment is shown in a number of ways.

NAPLAN Preparation

Students in year 7 and 9 will be sitting the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests on Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May. Numeracy testing is conducted on the Thursday. In preparation, students are working on their problem-solving

skills in both Mathematics and NAL lessons, through the medium of Maths 300 investigations. Additionally, year 7 and year 9 students are being exposed to numeracy warmups within Maths lessons which unpack the skills required to answer NAPLAN items successfully.

Here is an example of a year 9 question. How do you think you would go?

- 7 A childcare centre has a ratio of 5 babies to 1 teacher. When a new law is introduced, they must change to a ratio of 4 babies to 1 teacher. How many extra teachers will be needed by a childcare centre that cares for 60 babies?
- 2 3 12 15
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Maths 300 Investigations

During 2015, the Maths faculty used the Maths 300 Task centre resources to improve the problem-solving skills of our junior students. We found the tasks to engage students in hands-on manipulative-style investigations which really challenged students to think differently about Mathematics. A major initiative in 2016 has been the purchase of duplicates of the tasks so that each class can have up to 6 groups all doing the same task in the same lesson. I wish to acknowledge the wonderful organisation that has gone into the professional development of the Maths staff by Ms Renee Searle, who organised the purchase of the materials, their storage in teacher-friendly boxes and the provision of scaffolding which teachers can use to engage the students in the activity.

A major professional development took place on Tuesday 23rd February when 20 Maths teachers engaged with the tasks for year 7, 8, 9 and 10 after school for over an hour at the Maths faculty meeting. If the level of engagement of the teachers is any indication, then students are going to love their Maths 300 sessions.



Maths Tutorials

Members of the Maths faculty provide a free service to students which I have never seen replicated at other schools. On most days of the week, students can access a maths teacher who is rostered on to assist them in GB05. A copy of the roster can be found on both the school's web-site and also on this newsletter side panel.

From the Den

On Friday 19th the Annual USHS Intra-school Swimming Carnival was held at the Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre. Over 700 Triton, Baler and Cowrie students battled it out in and out of the pool to determine who would become CHAMPIONS. Records tumbled all day and when the water calmed TRITON reigned

supreme. Congratulations to all the students that attended and the staff that helped on the day (especially Mr Austin who organised the day).

Swimming Carnival

Age Champions		
Age	Girls	Boys
12 yrs	Bella Fenech	Max Goldman
13 yrs	Shae Ward	Liam Horton
14 yrs	Mackenzie Thompson	Daniel Cooper
15 yrs	Mia McWilliam	Isaac Ryan
16 yrs	Denya Hopkins	Joseph Ryan
17 yrs	Paige Murray	Isaac Eadie
Open	Emma Gaisbauer	Lachlan Holzberger

House Points	
Baler	1766
Cowrie	1792
Triton	2011

Continuing with some swimming, on Monday the 22nd, nine of our students competed at the Hervey Bay District Swimming Carnival. Despite the small numbers USHS came in 3rd overall. A special mention to **Shae Ward** and **Mackenzie Thompson** who both were named Age Champions in their respective age groups. Great work!

Rugby League

Our Rugby League teams have been toiling away on Wednesday afternoons. The girls have been playing some good footy, giving it their best go. There is still opportunity to join and play, see Mr Bird in SR6.

On the 17th we played against Hervey Bay High, the 13 Boys got up with a well fought 26-10 victory with Ollie Shuttleworth named our player of the match. The 15's had it a little tougher, after being locked up at 16-a-piece at half time, Hervey Bay High prevailed in the second half with our boys going down 16-36 with Damo Mack our player of the match. On the 24th the teams travelled in to Maryborough to play Aldridge. The 13 boys went down 10-26 against a tough Aldridge side, The 15's were once again locked up at half time, this time at 6-all, despite a much improved effort the boys were just beaten 16-22, Sebastian Curry had an outstanding game and was our plater of the match. The Open boys had their first hit-out of the year and in a long, injury-struck game a late penalty goal ended up being the difference between the two teams with USHS victorious 24-22, Brad Cope the player of the match. These games continue through to the end of term, so take the opportunity to get down and support our sides when you can.

Cluster Trials

Cluster 2 trials are coming up on Thursday 10th March. Plenty of students have nominated for the wide range of sports, notes and money will be required back at school by Friday 4th March. Good Luck to all students that are trialling. Also, a range of 10-12 years trials are coming up with around 20 year 7 students attending.

Dingoes

Dingoes is running every Tuesday and Thursday morning in the gym from 7:10am, we are having heaps of students come along and put themselves through Robbo's "torture", it is so good to see so many motivated and determined students.



Students need to listen to notices every morning for any up and coming sporting activities, FCAC Rugby 7's isn't too far away and trials and training will begin shortly for futsal and football.

Sport is back on the screens with the Super Rugby, AFL and NRL all kicking off within a few weeks of each other, whoever you support I hope you enjoy. Personally I am hoping the Waratahs can get back on top of the new look Super Rugby, Saints make finals in the AFL and I've still got my porch light on hoping for some silverware in an empty NRL cabinet.

Nathan Spencer - Sport Coordinator
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World Science Festival

The inaugural World Science Festival Brisbane will bring some of the world's greatest thought leaders to Queensland, showcase local scientists and performers from around the Asia Pacific region and host the brightest and the best from previous events in New York.

The biggest stars of science will present the beauty, complexity and importance of science through diverse, multidisciplinary programming that is the World Science Festival signature. The inaugural World Science Festival Brisbane will take place between 9 and 13 March 2016 and is presented by the Queensland Museum.

<http://www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/>

School Dental Van

The school dental van is currently at Urangan High. Year 8 students were issued with their dental form last week in their form class. If you wish to access their services for your child, please return the dental form to the collection box in student services as soon as possible. Extra forms are available at student services.

English Tutorials

English Tutorials are held each Wednesday after school until 4pm in GA01. All students wishing to improve their English skills are welcome to attend.

Junior Homework Club

Junior Homework Club is now running on Tuesdays and Thursdays during first break in GD01 for years 7 and 8. Help can be provided with any subjects and homework tasks or assessment tasks.

Abstudy

Abstudy is the Aboriginal Study Assistance Scheme for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders undertaking approved secondary or tertiary study. The ABSTUDY scheme is administered and delivered by Human Services and is the responsibility of the Department of Social Services (DSS).

Schooling A Award

This award covers **primary** or **secondary** students. We pay ABSTUDY to the parents or guardians of eligible students who are:

- 15 or younger and:
 - a full time secondary student
 - living at home, or not approved for the living away from home or independent rates of ABSTUDY, or
- 14 or older at 1 January in the year of study and:
 - a full time primary school student
 - living at home

A student on ABSTUDY *Schooling A Award* may qualify for a School Term Allowance to assist with expenses associated with equipping the student for school, e.g. uniforms, textbooks and materials.

A student must meet attendance requirements to qualify for Abstudy School Term Allowance term payments. Qualified students who are enrolled in and attending a secondary school in Term 1 of the school year are automatically paid the ABSTUDY School Term Allowance for Term 1. However, payment of School Term Allowance in subsequent terms requires a student to have attendance of 85% or more in the previous term.

If you are already registered with the Department of Social Services you may be able to lodge a claim over the phone. Please contact the ABSTUDY Call Centre on freecall 1800 132 317 for more information.

P&C Association

The P&C is a not for profit organisation made up of volunteer parents, community members and staff of Urangan State High School. This group of dedicated people work hard to improve the learning conditions within the school. Through fundraising

ventures, the P&C is able to donate money for the improvement of facilities.

The P&C encourages and welcomes parents to become members, attend meetings, participate and have a say in the education your child receives at Urangan. The P&C meetings occur on the second Tuesday of each Month at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the school's Administration Building.

As the P&C is a not for profit organisation and with all money raised through the canteen, uniform shop and fund raising ventures being invested back into the school, we urge all new and existing families to assist in fund raising ventures by contributing to our P&C Family Contribution Scheme. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to the P&C please contact the association at pandc@uranganshs.eq.edu.au or 4197 0111.

2016 Executive Committee

David Whittaker (President)
Karen Plumridge (Vice President)
Paul McIlwain (Treasurer)
Damien Symes (Secretary)

School Council Representatives

Robyn Kalkaus
Nardia Taranto

QCPCA Representative

Leanne Angeles

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.

Managing Anger

There are times in all parents' lives when they feel very angry. Most of the time parents manage to handle it successfully, but sometimes the anger can be in danger of getting out of control. Anger is always mixed with another feeling such as guilt, frustration, sadness, feeling unwanted or feeling used. Try to do something about whatever is causing the underlying feeling/s if you can.

Get to know your own body signs when anger is building up and act before it blows up. Work out when you are most likely to lose your cool and plan to do something different at those times, e.g. when you first get home from work. Get some space, go outside or go for a walk or a run. If you have very young children and no-one to mind them take them with you.

The critical thing is to admit you are angry and deal with it in a way that won't harm your family.

Remember:

- Parenting is forever, so make the foundation solid.
- Seek out the right ingredients to raise a well-adjusted child. There are no guarantees but how you relate to others and manage yourself will greatly influence what they do.
- It is a marathon not a short distance run, so pace yourself; be kind to yourself. We all make mistakes.
- Don't waste time and energy feeling guilty or angry. Change what **you** are doing.
- Seek help from others, but keep on believing in yourself.

Adapted from: Parenting SA, Government of South Australia