Principal’s Report

As the term comes to an end I can honestly say I have very much enjoyed the move to Urangan SHS, working with such an excellent team and appreciating the outstanding achievements of students. I am hoping that early next term I will be permanently living locally and able to spend much more time in school.

The last two weeks have been full of conferences and we have enjoyed presentations from leading educationalists and inspiring leaders from all walks of life. There have been strong themes of inclusivity, welfare of staff and students, leadership development and STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, with an addition of the Arts to make STEAM. This was very evident in a presentation I participated in at Griffith University where students were making guitars using 3D printers – and all quite playable. Throughout these conferences it was pleasing to see how well the programs in our school match the best practice promoted by others.

I have also spent time at Cherbourg Ration Shed with Mr Nelson and Mrs Vanzetta learning about our Aboriginal history and living the mission days. A cold experience but very worthwhile and supportive of our efforts to close the gap for Indigenous students.

I am also pleased to announce some staffing changes for next term. First we wish Mr Wotton and enjoyable leave for the rest of this year and thank him for the many years of excellent service at our school. I am sure he will enjoy his travels and come back refreshed.

Mr Andrew Rye will be Acting Deputy Principal. I am also able to announce two new permanent Heads of Department, Mrs Liza Young as Head of Department, Arts and Mrs Gemma Riemann as Head of Department, English. Mrs Young will continue in the role she has filled as Acting Hod and I ask you to congratulate her. Mrs Riemann is a current Head of Department and will be moving back to the area with her family to begin her role in Term 3 – please make her welcome. I thank Mrs Lesley Mackay for her role as Acting Head of the English Department during the first half of the year.

Congratulations to the students who have been awarded scholarships for 2017, I look forward to meeting you. We also farewell our International students and I thank Mr Mills for the excellent coordination he does in this area.

I hope you have all formed teams for Trivia Night and are able to support this major P&C event. Our P&C is working hard to establish a uniform shop and have a strategic plan to achieve financial viability. As we work towards full functioning of the shop please be patient and if there are issues send a note with your child outlining your concerns so that the P&C and myself as Principal can assist. Our front office staff do not manage the uniform shop in any way and concerns should be raised with the P&C who operate this service. Thank you for your understanding of the hard work required to establish a new business which benefits all students.

The term will finish on a high note with the Come and Try day for Year 6 students and the Athletics Carnival.
Honouring Vietnam Veterans Competition

Ellinor Waring is one of the lucky students from across Australia who will be travelling to Canberra from 17-19 August as a winner of the Honouring Vietnam Veterans Competition.

During her visit, she will be invited by the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs to attend official commemorations on Vietnam Veterans’ Day to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan on Thursday 18 August 2016. She will have the opportunity to meet with Vietnam Veterans and visit Parliament House, the War Memorial and other cultural institutions.

Ellie entered her Pre-Senior Modern History essay which commemorated two groups in the Vietnam War and explained why it was important to honour their service and remember this part of Australia’s wartime history.

Congratulations to Ellie on her successful entry and we hope that you have plenty of warm clothes for Canberra!

Vietnam School Tour

The final instalment for the Vietnam School Tour is due on Friday 24th June. All passports need to be finalised by the end of term and copies given to either Mrs Pipe or Mrs Vanzetta. If you need any assistance or have any questions, please contact Mr Pratt, Mrs Anson, Mrs Vanzetta or Mrs Pipe as soon as possible.

5th Light Horse Regiment

Our year 9 Humanities students recently enjoyed a WW1 re-enactment of the 5th Light Horse Regiment, where they learnt about the use of horses in WW1 and enjoyed the presentation by Mr Sallaway. The troop popped balloons with sabres and showed off their pin-point accuracy with tent-pegging.

Jim and Sue, with their horses Cola and Bailey, travelled up from Gympie and regularly perform on ANZAC Day and at local schools. It was wonderful to bring our WW1 unit to life! We look forward to inviting them back next year.

State QUT Confucius Institute Chinese Speaking Competition

On Saturday 28th May two of our students, Sam Tubb and Denya Hopkins, travelled to Kelvin Grove QUT to compete in the State Finals of the QUT Confucius Institute Chinese Speaking Competition.

This was Sam’s second time speaking at the State Competition. He had previously been the first place winner of the Year 7-8 Category. This year, he competed exceptionally well, achieving third place in the Year 9-10 Category. His achievement bodes well for future success in this competition.

A seasoned contender, Denya Hopkins, won the Bridge Chinese Proficiency competition and will travel to Beijing in October to compete on the world stage. She also achieved a second place in the Year 11-12 Category for her speech. The competition was so strong that there was a moment when Denya and Ms Jin (Chinese Teacher) didn’t know who would take out the top prize in the Bridge Competition.

Urangan SHS is so proud of all our Chinese Language students and we hope to continue to be successful both regionally, state-wide and internationally. Well done Sam and Denya!

Reader’s Cup

Urangan High had two teams compete in the regional finals for Reader’s Cup. There was a total of 46 teams from the region that were tested on their knowledge of six fiction books. Ranging from themes addressed in the novels to small details mentioned in the books, the questions were interesting and challenging. Students were also lucky enough to meet Australian author, Karen Foxlee. Both teams were competitive with the school’s Team One tying for 5th position.
Write a Book in a Day

On Friday 3rd July, sixty three students competed in the “Write a Book in a Day” challenge. This is a fundraiser for Kids’ Cancer Project where students work in groups to write, illustrate and publish a book in just twelve hours.

Each group was given two primary characters and one non-human character to feature in their book as well as a setting for the book and a problem to overcome - and then it was time for their imaginations to run wild. It was a mammoth achievement by our teams with stories about time travel, trips to Fraser Island, mystical creatures and snake charmers to name a few!

All the finished books will be donated to children’s hospitals.

UK Sports Tour Billets

Urangan SHS is hosting Burford School from the UK later in the year as part of their Sports Tour. Our school will be playing some games against them as a part of their trip. If any family could billet a student from Burford School on the 1st and 2nd of August please contact the Sport Coordinator Nathan Spencer (sport@uranganshs.eq.edu.au) as this is the only way that the school from the UK can visit.

Planning a snow trip these school holidays?

Why not break your journey to the snow by visiting some of Australia’s iconic science locations. If you’re a fan of astronomy and the movie ‘The Dish’, why not stop off in Parkes and visit the Parkes Observatory. Parkes Radio Telescope is a world-leading research facility. The exhibition will also have you pondering some of the big questions like ‘How big is the Universe?’ and ‘What is the Universe made of?’

How about a stop in Canberra to visit the CSIRO Discovery Centre. At the centre, you will enjoy an interactive journey through CSIRO and Australian science history. The attraction presents science in an entertaining way to demystify it, and educate children and adults of all ages about the fascinating world of research and innovation.

Questacon – the national Science and Technology Centre in Canberra strives to promote a greater understanding and awareness of science and technology. Share, discover and explore science.

Come and Try Day – Year 7, 2017

This year’s Come and Try Day will be held on Thursday 23rd June from 9.15am to 2.30pm. Year 6 students will have an orientation of the school and experience a sample of subjects on offer at Urangan State High School. If your child attends a state primary school (except Sandy Strait SS), buses will be organised to transport your child to and from this activity. Students from Sandy Strait SS will walk across. If your child attends a private primary school please drop them off and collect them from outside Reception in our Administration Block.

Reminder: Your child’s Enrolment Application MUST be submitted to our office BEFORE your child is able to attend the Come and Try Day.

Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science (ASSETS)

Applications for the ASSETS open on Monday 13 June 2016. The program, for current year 10 students, involves a nine day residential summer school as well as an ongoing leadership and support program for the students through years 11 and 12. Each summer school has a rigorous academic strand provided by local researchers and education providers, as well as cultural and personal development strands.

The 2016/17 ASSETS summer school dates are:

- **Townsville**: 12-20 December 2016
- **Newcastle**: 5-13 January 2017
- **Adelaide**: 14-22 January 2017

Applications are open to year 10 students who are interested in science, technology, engineering or mathematics and who identify with their Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage. Applicants will need to respond to a number of questions about their interest in STEM, provide details of a supporting teacher and their most recent academic report. There is no cost to attend, all expenses including return airfares, meals and accommodation are included.

More information can be found at: http://www.csiro.au/Indigenous-ASSETS

The UNSW Bragg Student Science Prize

Did you know Wi-Fi, penicillin, ultrasound scanners and Google Maps are all Australian inventions? What do you think are the most important discoveries that have been made by Australian scientists, engineers and inventors?

The 2016 UNSW Bragg Student Science Prize for Science Writing is now open. Students in Years 7 to 10 are eligible to enter this science writing competition, with the winning entry to be
If your child needs to leave school early please either:

- **call the school at least 1 hour prior** to departure on 4197 0159 so that we can prepare the leave pass for your child to collect then present to their class teacher at the time of departure.
- **provide your child with a note which they can bring to student services at any time before the class to receive their leave pass to present to their class teacher at the time of departure.**

Students are **not permitted** to leave their class without a **valid office issued pass**. All students leaving the school early must be signed out through student services so that we have an accurate record of the students currently at the school in case of an emergency.

### School Dental Van

The dental van is still at the school and is currently examining and treating year 9 and 10 students. This can be a lengthy process so please be patient. They will see every student who has returned their medical forms. If you have any questions please contact the dental van on 0419 644 314.

### 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.

### Community News

#### Hervey Bay Army Cadets

There are a limited number of opportunities for interested students to join the Australian Army Cadets in Hervey Bay in their mid-year intake. The AAC is a community-based youth development organisation focused on the Australian Army customs, traditions and values.

As a cadet they will learn leadership, organisational, team building and survival skills that will set them up for life. If your child would like to experience things they don’t do in everyday life, then the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) is for them.

More information can be found on the Australian Army Cadet website at the link provided below or by contacting Jennifer Emmerson via email jennifer.emmerson@cadetnet.gov.au or by phone 0423 795 511.


#### Teacher Aide Vacancies - Kawungan State School

Applications are invited for two Teacher Aide positions in the Prep School (18 hours per week over 5 days). This position requires the applicant to perform a range of teacher aide duties as well as being able to assist students during class. The Role Description is available from the School office. All applications must address the key attributes of the Role Description and be forwarded to:
Attention:

Business Services Manager
Kawungan State School
Grevillea Street
Kawungan Q 4655
Private & Confidential

The closing date for applications is Friday 10 June 2016.

The Commission for Children and Young People Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a Working with Children Check. Education Queensland actively supports and encourages workforce diversity and equity.

Free Community Beginner Chinese Language Short Course @ USHS

A free beginner Chinese language short course will be held at Urangan State High School and is open to all community members. It will be a 6 week course beginning Wednesday 27th July from 4.30-5.30pm in our Confucius Classroom. Please email Kimberly Vanzetta (Head of Department - Languages) to register - kvanz5@eq.edu.au.
Food 4 Seasons

Breakfast

When: Every Tuesday Morning 6:30-8:30am
Where: Urangan Community Centre
Elizabeth Street, Urangan
Cost: FREE

School lunches for students available upon request

This is a free service provided to those doing it tough in the community.

Youth Mentoring Program

What is the Youth Mentoring Program?
The program is for young people experiencing some difficult
times at school.

It is a model for linking community members with young
people aged 14-17 years who may need extra support.

Do you have a few of spare hours a week?
Do you enjoy being with young people?
You could make a difference!

Become a Mentor
P: 07 4194 3000

What can Mentors Do?

• Listen
• Assist with goal setting
• Help students to recognize their strengths
• Be a sounding board for ideas and problems
• Make contact with a student who is not at

To become a Mentor?

All it takes to be a Youth Mentor is a commitment to spend approximately two hours a week with a young person.

You must undertake the Neighbourhood Centre and Youth Mentoring Program interview and Induction process.

MUST have a satisfactory result on a Working With Children Blue Card

For more information phone
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