13 September 2016

Principal’s Report

As the term draws to a close I would like to commend all students who have given their very best effort and for their achievements in academic, sporting, cultural and citizenship for our school community. You have brought great pride to our school, our community and your family. Well done!

Thank you also to all of our wonderful staff for the many hours of extra commitment and work, whether the Technology Challenge, sport competitions, The Tempest rehearsals, SEP camps or the myriad of other commitments made to provide students with a wide range of opportunities.

As always student achievement is strongly related to attendance, not only at school, but in class with active participation in the classroom, supported by study at home. Those who commit to this until the last day of every term will achieve their potential and graduate knowing they have achieved the best they could.

In this letter I would like to advise parents and our community that we have begun consultation about applying for Independent Public School status. The closest IPS schools in our area are Yarrilee State School and Aldridge State High School in Maryborough. We have considered this process as it would provide the school with greater autonomy and flexibility to meet the needs of students in our community. There is considerable information on the department website at:


Please take time to read and discuss this information. Our P&C will discuss the consultation process Tuesday evening and vote to accept the proposal. Please feel welcome to contribute to the discussion through attendance, a P&C member or directly to myself. This is the consultation stage where we will discuss the proposal, listen to questions and feedback and then decide if we will proceed with an application. I will continue to keep you informed in each newsletter as new information becomes available.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable vacation and looking forward to a strong finish to the year in Term 4.

Robin Rayner – Principal

Tourism Eco-Tourism Excursion

Recently the Year 11 and 12 Tourism students experienced life as a tourist as they visited Kingfisher Bay Resort on Fraser Island. The students had the opportunity to experience Indigenous Tourism through the Butchulla Indigenous and Medicine Walk and Sustainable Eco-Tourism through the Sewerage Treatment Plant and Worm Farm Guided Tour. The students finished off the day with the Bush Tucker Talk and Taste in the Seabelle Restaurant. This excursion introduced the students to Eco, Indigenous and Sustainable Tourism, all aspects of the unit they are currently studying. Knowledge gained and experiences felt have deepened the students understanding of this unit. Thank you to Kingfisher Bay Resort for hosting the excursion.
Year 12 Marine Science

Year 12 Marine Science recently took a trip to Cherax Park Aquaculture Farm at Theebine, near Glenwood. Cherax Park is one of the biggest freshwater crayfish farms in South East Queensland. Students toured the farm and learned what is required to commercially produce Cherax quadricarinatus or “red claw” for the Australian and overseas markets as part of the research for their aquaculture assignment. They even got to do taste testing of some of the products!

Buccaneers’ Dinner Dance

Five talented hospitality students from years 10, 11 & 12 assisted in the catering of the annual Buccaneers’ Dinner Dance in Riverheads. The dance is the pinnacle of the River Heads Progress Associations Riverfest. Patrons were delivered an alternate drop 2 course meal of pan seared atlantic salmon or char-grilled rib fillet. The students excelled above and beyond all expectations. Billie Rustin, President of the Association, was truly impressed with the students’ professionalism, attention to detail and willingness to learn. Congratulations to all students involved.

25th Year Celebrations

This year marks Urangan State High School’s 25th year. We are celebrating by holding a series of events on Saturday 15 October 2016.

Come along and catch up with all your old class mates and teachers. The day will start at 12noon with markets and an official signing in. There will be a performance of our school musical "The Tempest" at 1pm followed by an opening of the time capsules at 4pm. From 5pm onwards there will be a music festival (this will be a licensed event) on the oval showcasing our current and past talented students.

During the day there will be guided school tours, performances, displays and food and drink vans. We encourage you to share your school memories by placing old photos or memorabilia on this event page. Please use #ushs25years as your hashtag.

Everyone is welcome, come along and help us celebrate!

School Musical – The Tempest

Tickets for "The Tempest" are now on sale. To purchase a ticket, you will need to register at the link below and then login to purchase tickets online. Standard tickets are $10. Royal Treatment packages are available for $20 and include a seat in the first three rows, pre-show nibbles and drinks, and a goodies bag. Royal Treatment packages are limited so get in early to secure these seats. Performance dates are: Friday 14th October at 7.00pm, Saturday 15th October at 1.00pm, Friday 21st October at 7.00pm and Saturday 22nd October at 7.00pm. Performing Arts block doors open 30 minutes before the start the show. Royal Treatment begins one hour before the show. Hope to see you there!

http://www.flexischools.com.au

Helpers Required – P & C

At the upcoming 25 Year Celebration the P&C are running the food stall for the evenings proceedings. We are asking for volunteers who would like to offer some of their Saturday or Sunday to assist in the successful running of the site. If you would like to offer some of your valuable time, please contact...
Damien Symes (Secretary) at dsyme9@eq.edu.au. The shifts are 4 hours in length and are scheduled for:

**Saturday**

- 8:00am to 12:00pm – Set up & preparation
- 12:00pm to 4:00pm – preparation & canteen service
- 4:00pm to 8:00pm – cooking and food stall service
- 8:00pm to 12:00am – cooking, food stall service and pack down

**Sunday**

- 8:00am to 12:00pm – pack up and clean up

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**Senior Jersey Display**

The Uniform Shop will be doing a display of each year’s Senior Jersey in the Library as part of the 25 Year Celebration. If you have, or you know of someone who has an old Senior Jersey and you would like to lend it to the school for the display, please contact Megan Moss at uniformshop@uranganshs.eq.edu.au or on 4197 0116.

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**Wanted!**

We are looking for old hard cover books, suit jackets and dress pants, and decorative cups, saucers and dinner plates for "The Tempest". These items will not be returned. Please donate items that are taking up space in your cupboard or shed that you want to dispose of. Donations can be delivered by your child directly to Staffroom 2. For more information contact Liza Young in the Creative Futures faculty.

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**USC Fraser Coast Open Day**

USC Fraser Coast will be holding an open day for the community and prospective students at our Fraser Coast campus on Sunday 18 September between 10am and 1pm. We would like to request your help in promoting this event to your school community by distributing the information through your networks, and where possible, advertising it on your digital noticeboards. Any assistance you can offer would be appreciated. Please feel free to contact myself, or our schools relationship officer, Katy Barnes (5456 5673) if you would like more information.

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**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.

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**Dental Van**

The dental van is still at the school. They have completed medical form to the dental van or student services. It is the responsibility of your child to make their own way to the van at the correct time and with the completed paper work. Please let dental staff know if your child is unable to attend their appointment as there is a long waiting list due to poor attendance rates. For any concerns please contact the dental van on 0419 644 314.