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Principal's Report

Welcome to the last term of 2016. I hope you have all returned from some great times as families and that students are ready to engage fully with learning in this term with so many great events ahead. The Tempest, the 25 Year celebrations and all of the end of year events are coming up and it can be easy to get distracted from the core purpose of schooling which is learning.

From our Facebook page you will see that over the holidays students and teachers have been engaged in many activities including touring, training and professional development. My last week has been spent at the Australian Council of Educational Leaders Conference in Melbourne, whereas Queenslanders, we were very proud to see our Director General, Jim Watterston awarded the prestigious Gold Medal. This is recognition of the great work our Director General has done in leading our state to be the most improved in terms of national NAPLAN data and the work he has contributed to education across the nation.

The conference focussed strongly on the needs of our students as learners now and into the future and recognised the significant work done in Australia. One of our key note speakers was Professor John Hattie. Professor Hattie has completed significant research into the factors which have the greatest impact on student learning and it is interesting to reflect on public perception compared to the evidenced research.

The top 5 influences Hattie identified are:

1. Teachers working well together
2. Student expectations – do they have high aspirations? Do they come to school expecting to learn?

3. Response to intervention – making sure lessons are targeted to the needs of individuals
4. Classroom discussion – students being able to explore ideas, justify their opinions and listen to and learn from others
5. Feedback – teachers giving students quality feedback to assist improvement at regular intervals

The bottom influences, those which have little to no impact are:

1. Mobility – how many schools' students attend
2. Television
3. Summer vacation – holidays do not impact learning significantly
4. Teacher education – degrees etc
5. Ability grouping

As you can see from this research our school's focus on supporting teachers to have best practice pedagogy, to work effectively with students as individuals and to constantly improve their own skills by working with others is well aligned to the impact on student learning. This has contributed to our continued improvement in student outcomes, and the contribution of our region to the state wide improvement success story.

I am proud to work with so many expert teachers and look forward to celebrating so many successes this term.

Best regards
Robin Rayner – Principal

School Musical – The Tempest

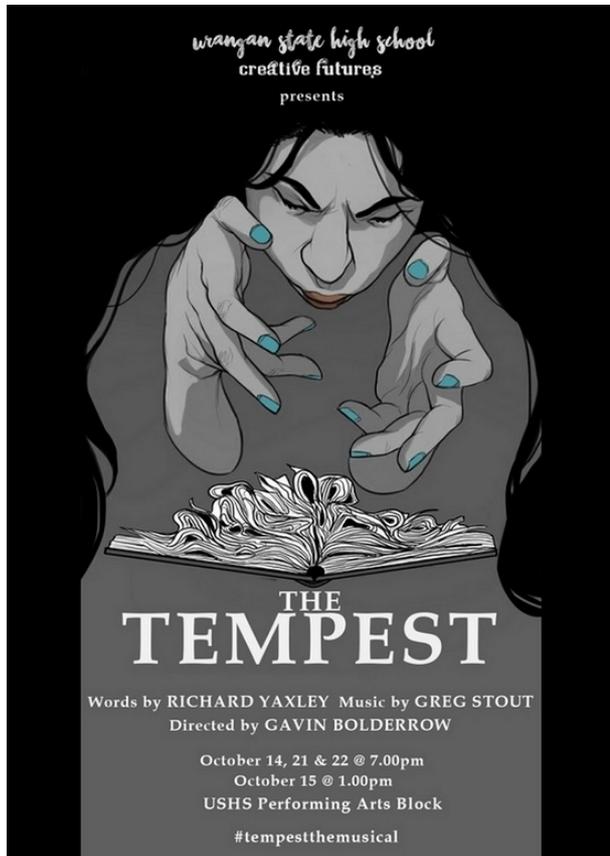
Tickets for "The Tempest" are now on sale. To purchase a ticket, you will need to register at the link below and then login

Great state. Great opportunity.



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>



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!

Olympic Games Thank You

One of our students Tiffany Trappel recently organised to send some artwork to Chelsea Jaensch and this is the reply that we received from her.

I am writing to you in the hope that you can share this email with a student, Tiffany Trappel from your SEP unit.

My name is Chelsea Jaensch, I'm an Australian long jumper and member of the Australian Olympic Team who recently competed at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. I want to thank Tiffany and many of the other students for their lovely artwork that adorned the walls of our apartment in the Olympic Village. It was so wonderful to read all of the messages of support from the students. It brightened up our living space, and at times when I felt nervous or down, the pictures were a nice reminder of belief, optimism, encouragement and faith, which came from thousands of students across the country. It meant a lot to me and made me feel very proud and I kept some of the pictures to show my friends and family. Tiffany's picture is a special one, because it was right next to my bed and I read the message every day. Athletes strive to do their work with passion and persistence, and this resonated with me. I remember doing similar paintings in art class for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, and wondered if they ever got to the Olympians, so at this time, I thought it was only appropriate that I let you know that we got them.

I have attached a couple of photos to show you Tiffany's work.

Thanks again for supporting Australia's Olympians. It means the world to me.

Kind Regards
Chelsea Jaensch



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.

Urangan State High School Uniform Shop

The 2017 holiday opening hours from 9 - 21 January will be as follows:

Monday - 10am – 2pm

Tuesday - 8am – 2pm

Wednesday - 10am – 2pm

Thursday - 10am – 6pm

Friday - 10am – 2pm

Saturday - 10am – 2pm

Community News

Indigenous Business Australia

IBA (Indigenous Business Australia) will be holding individual interviews and provide information for anyone who may be interested in buying or building their home through IBA.

Where: Maryborough Aboriginal Housing Corporation & Cultural Development Shop 1 164 Bazaar Street, Maryborough QLD 4650

When: Wednesday 9 November 2016 (Individual Interviews 30 minutes each)

Time: 9.00am to 4.30pm

Richard Burton from IBA will be in attendance and be available for either general information or individual interviews. For further information and to book an appointment with Richard please call Elaine Bayles on 07 4837 0066, mobile 0458 604 283 or email elaine.bayles@iba.gov.au.

Position Vacant - Casual Canteen Assistant Urangan State High School

Salary: \$28.09 per hour (002.01)

Key Duties: See attached Role Description

Contact: Kacey Hannant

To Apply: Submit a current resume to:

Private and Confidential

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