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Principal's Report

The year has certainly started with much action and the Swimming Carnival was a great day with lots of positive participation and fun. Well done to the staff and students who organised, helped and participated. The sports season has certainly begun and I look forward to the State Triathlon again, as well as all the other sports and activities students compete in.

Our international students enjoyed their visit to Fraser Island and soon they will also visit Lady Elliot Island. As a school we are working with other institutions and council to enhance the international programs in our region through a new entity – Study Fraser Coast.

Students have benefited from the University Roadshow and parents have been able to participate in the Special Education Information session. With NDIS fast approaching, I encourage all parents to attend any information sessions at school and in community to make sure you are well informed about the changes. Thank you to all those parents who attended the ACE information evening.

We enjoyed and were grateful to Mr Kevan Goodworth from P&Cs Queensland for attending a number of meetings at our school, including the P&C meeting, to ensure we understood the role of School Council. As an IPS school this will have a major strategic role and we will be working together to ensure we nominate the range of members needed to achieve school goals.

Our school photos have been taken this week and it has been pleasing to see the compliance of students, which has assisted Mr McMorrow's organisation, despite the heat. The heat in the gym and the temperatures in classrooms are a topics of

discussion and we are considering ways we can gradually air condition our classrooms to improve the environment for students. Please feel most welcome to attend the P&C meetings where this and other topics can be discussed.

I would like to congratulate Mrs Searle who has been appointed as the new Acting Head of Department, Quality Teaching for this year. Mrs Searle will work with Mr McMorrow to enhance the quality of teaching in our classrooms to constantly improve student learning.

With the release of the 2016 Senior Schooling data I would like to congratulate all students in our region who have achieved so well. The number of OP1 students, those who received first preferences for tertiary education, who achieved VET certificates, QCIA's and QCE's is proof that education in regional areas is high quality and students are able to achieve as highly as their city peers.

I hope to see many parents at the information session Friday.

Head of Year 12 Report

The final year of Secondary School has started well for our Year 12 students and I have enjoyed getting to know them. To date, Year 12 students studying the Higher Education Pathway and wishing to obtain an OP score have had a mentor session where they received an OP estimate and a personalised meeting to ensure they are on track. Additionally, House Managers Ms Young and Ms Reimann, the Senior Schooling Head of Department Mr Austin and the Deputy Principal Student Services Ms Anson and I, have been working together to ensure that all students are on track to achieve their QCE or QCIA (QLD Certificate of Education/QLD Certificate of Individual Achievement).

Here are some useful links to gain further information about various senior schooling matters:

QCE

https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/senior/qce_planning_pathway.pdf

OP score VS rank

<https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/12655.html>

QTAC course cut-offs

<http://www.qtac.edu.au/courses---institutions/course-cut-offs>

Year 12 is an exciting year for students socially and a year with many challenges. We will support your child through their journey in our pursuit of excellence, every minute, every day. It is vital that students do their part by working with their teachers and putting in the necessary effort. With this in mind, all Year 12 students have been made aware of our expectations and we ask parents to support them by encouraging students to fulfil their requirements (specific details have been included in a *Student Agreement* that was sent home with students and emailed to parents). This is a vital first step in our partnership to work together to learn and ensure success.

Congratulations to our senior leaders for 2017 that were formally inducted on Thursday 2 February. We look forward to your work this year as you develop your leadership skills.

Finally, please contact me via phone or email any time to discuss your child's schooling. I look forward to the many accomplishments our students will achieve this year.

Kind regards,

Matthew Stutz

Deputy Principal – Learning Management / Head of Year 12

P&C Meeting Calendar

The first meeting of the year for the Urangan SHS P&C will take place on Tuesday 14 February at 7:00 pm in the Board Room of the Administration Building. David Whittaker (President) and the current P&C committee members would like to invite all parents who would like to have a say in their children's education or to find out what is happening around the school to come along and join the P&C for 2017. The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 14 March where all executive positions will become available. The dates to put into your diary for the P&C meetings for 2017 are:

14 February
14 March (AGM)
9 May
13 June
11 July
8 August
12 September
10 October
14 November
5 December

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the P&C meeting.

Maths Tutorials

Students of all math levels are welcome to any of the Timetabled Tutorials. Maths B/C Students should seek specialist assistance from designated Teachers on indicated day if possible.

Research Immersion Programs

Research Immersion Programs : The flagship service provided by SPARQ-ed are the Research Immersion Programs, authentic week long scientific experiences for senior secondary students and teachers where participants play a part in the cutting edge biomedical research performed at TRI.

<http://www.di.uq.edu.au/sparqed-rip>

- 3 April – 7 April 2017 (years 11 and 12 only)
- 19-23 June (last week term 2) Project to be announced
- 26 June -30 June 2017 (years 10, 11, 12) Residential regional and remote student Immersion (min age 15 years) - accommodation Duchesne College, UQ Project to be announced
- 3 July-7 July (years 10, 11, 12) Project to be announced
- 11-15 September (years 10, 11, 12) Project to be announced
- 18-22 September (years 10, 11, 12) DNA repair proteins looking at chromosomes as a way to understand cancer mutations QUT Eloise Dray - eloise.dray@qut.edu.au
- 25-29 September (years 10, 11, 12) Multiple research groups offering two 2 day programs- Regional and remote teacher Immersion (1 teacher per school- sponsored event) Project to be announced
- 27 November - 1 December (years 10 and 11 only) Project to be announced
- 4-8 December (years 10 and 11 only) Project to be announced

Cell and Molecular Biology Experiences: SPARQ-ed offers shorter (one or two day) workshops aimed at giving senior secondary students and teachers an opportunity to carry out the techniques used by modern biomedical researchers.

<http://www.di.uq.edu.au/sparqsingle>

Upper Primary and Junior Secondary Immersions and Experience Days: SPARQ-ed offers a range of programs suitable for upper primary and junior secondary school students. These programs cover a range of activities used by biomedical scientists in their work.

<http://www.di.uq.edu.au/sparqmiddle>

Food Cave

The school canteen, "The Food Cave" has just released their 2017 healthy eating menu. Please see the link attached for a copy of the menu. Pre-ordering before school is encouraged so as to avoid lining up and to guarantee you get the food that you like. Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten and Lactose Free options available upon request. The canteen is open for breakfast from 8:15 am and is open until 3:15 pm for after school snacks. The drinks vending machine is open during lunch breaks to avoid having to line up just for a drink. Please remember that bags stay outside of the canteen with your friends, only students purchasing are to enter the canteen. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy the Canteen Convenor on 4197 0114.

Uniform Cave

Thank you to all of the parents who came and purchased their uniforms during the last 2 weeks of the holidays. The uniform shop is now back to its normal operating hours of 8:00 am to 10:30 am daily and 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Wednesday. If you have any second hand uniforms that you would like to sell through the uniform shop, just drop them into the shop and they will be sold on consignment on your behalf. Please see attached for a copy of the current price list of uniforms. Payment of uniforms can be made via cash, credit, cheque (made out to Urangan SHS P&C Association), EFTPOS or Centrepay (authorisation required from Administration prior to purchase). Please remember that bags are to stay outside of the uniform shop with your friends, only students purchasing uniforms are to enter the uniform shop. If you have any questions, please contact the Uniform Shop on 4197 0116.

Deb Barnett has her work published

Deb Barnett our industrious Science Operations Officer here at USHS has been working for a number of years with ASSIST (the Australian School Science Information Support for teachers and technicians). Part of her role was to develop a guideline of best practice for microbiology in Australian Schools. We would like to congratulate Deb on all her efforts and finally having her work published.

Follow this link for more information:

<https://assist.asta.edu.au/resource/4196/guidelines-best-practice-microbiology-australian-schools?search-id=99e912a>

New Leaders Celebrated

FOR new senior school captain Jimmy Jan, representing his school is an honour that he'll carry throughout this year.

The Urangan State High School student was presented with his badge by Director-General of Education and Training Dr Jim Watterston, alongside a host of other new school leaders at their induction ceremony on Thursday morning.

Alongside fellow senior captian Julia Hill, Amiel Moore and Madeleine Symon were presented with their senior vice captain badges.

Mr Watterston also took the opportunity to contribute a wristband to the school's time capsule, which would be opened in 25 years.

"It's very honourable to represent my cohort, as well as my school," Jimmy said after the ceremony.

"I feel I'm a good leader and want to use those leadership skills to better contribute to my school.

"I'd like to make Urangan State High School stand out in Queensland, highlight all the accomplishments of the students, and really get the name out there.

"The visit from the Director-General...really marks it as the milestone as the start of my captaincy; the start of the year I can try my hardest in my role."

The ceremony also announced Urangan State High as an independent school, which had been confirmed by the Director-General.

Vice captains Amiel and Madeleine said they were "stoked" to represent the school, with the Amiel himself having wanted it ever since he moved to Australia six years ago.

"We plan to upgrade the library, and we want future leaders to follow in our footsteps," they said.

Follow this link for more information:

<https://m.frasercoastchronicle.com.au/news/new-leaders-celebrated-at-urangan-state-high/3138796/>

New USC degree lets Grace stay on the farm

Hervey Bay's Grace Prince wanted to study animals for as long as she could remember, but struggled with the prospect of moving away from her family, part-time job and much-loved horses.

Now the 2016 Urangan State High School graduate is preparing to start her preferred degree at USC's Fraser Coast campus – less than ten minutes' drive from her family farm.

The keen equestrian will be among the first cohort of students in the new Bachelor of Animal Ecology at USC Fraser Coast when Semester 1 starts on 27 February.

"I didn't want to move away from home as I'm a big family person, so I was excited to find out that USC was offering Animal Ecology at Fraser Coast in 2017, almost right on my doorstep," Grace, 17, said.

Applications are still open via QTAC to enrol in the three-year degree designed for people interested in the study, conservation and management of animals in the wild or in captivity.

"I am very much an animal person," Grace said. "Since I could walk, I've been around animals on my family's hobby farm and my uncle's dairy farm in Brisbane."

"This course will allow me to learn much more about animals and help me get a job in a zoo or wildlife sanctuary as a conservationist, zoo keeper or park ranger."

Grace said she was looking forward to the degree's field studies where students work directly with animals in their natural environments, including whales in the waters off Hervey Bay and shorebirds in the Great Sandy Strait.

Attending university in her home town also would allow her to keep up with her great passion – horse riding.

"I absolutely love horse riding and spend most weekends trail riding or camp drafting," said Grace, who competed with her favourite horse Pip in interschool equestrian events for Urangan State High School.

The self-confessed bookworm could also keep her part-time job in a Hervey Bay bookstore café.

"Another bonus is I don't have to worry about travel and living expenses to the same extent as I would if I had moved to Brisbane."

Applications remain open via QTAC for more than 15 degree programs offered at USC Fraser Coast. For information click the link below:

<http://www.usc.edu/learn>

Clare McKay

Follow this link for more information:

<http://www.usc.edu.au/explore/usc-news-exchange/news-archive/2017/february/new-usc-degree-lets-grace-stay-home-on-the-farm>

Community News

Urangan Pier Centenary Celebrations 2017

Summary of 3 Day program highlights. All welcome. Entry free

FRIDAY 03 MARCH - BOOK LAUNCH at Sports Club (upstairs) in Pier Street Urangan

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm - Urangan Pier 100 Years book official launch, signings, and sales
Limited edition Pier Timber Pens sold with certificates of authenticity

SATURDAY 04 MARCH - URANGAN PIER CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS at Pier Park in Pier Street Urangan

8.25 am Vintage Convoy - From Hervey Bay Museum in Zephyr Street to Pier Street Urangan
8.40 am Street Parade - Bagpipes, Horse Drawn Carriage, Pennyfarthing, Vintage Vehicles
9.00 am Official Ceremony - His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Qld
Time canon fired and VMR flares respond from original pier terminus
9.30 am Railway Picnic - Re-enactment by selected primary schools
10.00 am Treasure Hunt - Children dig for buried pennies and one gold coin on beach
2.00 pm Sand Gardens - Competition using shells to create wonderful designs on beach
7.00 am – 4.00 pm - Market stalls, food court, live music

on 2 stages, buskers,

10.00 am – 2.00 pm - Free fun for kids – jumping castle, rides, roving mascots, historical games, face painting, kiteflying, printmaking, cartoons

SUNDAY 05 MARCH - HISTORY 'TALK N WALK' at foreshore shade shelter in Pier Park Urangan

9.00 am & repeated 11.30 am - Talk & Displays in shade shelter. Memorabilia for sale. Short walk optional.

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[< Urangan Pier Poster-A3d.pdf >](#)