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AVIATORS' GAZETTE

22 August 2014

Principal's Message

Welcome to this edition of the Aviators

Year 10 senior subject evening

Last week Aviation High school conducted a very successful year 10 into 11 Parent Information Subject Selection evening. Approximately 100 parents and students were in attendance and spent a couple of hours listening to Mrs Dunn (Senior Schooling HOD) and Mrs McFarlane (Guidance Officer) provide direction and guidance in relation to students' subject selections into the senior school commencing 2015.

This evening constitutes just one part of an extensive and thorough process in ensuring students select appropriate subject choices in their final years of study. Subject area talks, Senior Education Training Plans, subject selection interviews, discussions with Heads of Departments and a Careers and Employment expo next Tuesday thanks to Ms Coman all contribute to this process. Thank you to

Mrs Dunn, Mrs McFarlane, Ms Coman, Mr Wright and the Heads of Department for their contribution on this important evening.

Senior Leadership Team for 2014/2015

As part of our preparations for senior leadership in 2014-15, the school in the capable hands of Mr Wright has embarked on a process of selecting our leaders for next term. All students who applied for leaderships positions addressed their peers with a speech about what they could do to serve the interests of students at the school. The students then addressed the teachers. Congratulations to all who took part. Soon the students who have been judged as the leadership group will be receiving an invitation to our school leadership investiture ceremony on the 14th October. The next phase of our leadership program will be the eligibility of all senior students who wish to apply for a 'senior badge'. Students will be eligible to receive a senior badge on the condition that they meet certain criteria, including attendance, effort and behaviour, adherence to the School Dress Code and satisfactory behaviour records. In addition, a senior badge recipient will then be eligible to receive a senior jersey, the final end of year breakfast ceremony and an invitation to the school formal in 2015, a privilege afforded to those students who represent Aviation High School with respect, responsibility and passion.

NAPLAN

As this newsletter goes public, year 9 students would have received a copy of their individual NAPLAN reports. This is a timely reminder that the primary purpose of these literacy and numeracy tests is to provide feedback to students, parents and teachers of individual student progress and map future learning needs. In case parents missed the channel 10 report this week one of the shining light's for this was 4 Primary School and 3 High Schools. Our school was front and centre as one of the best performing schools in NAPLAN. Our Year 9 students were set a challenge and they met the challenge. The school scored above state and national means in 4 out of 5 areas. Congratulations go to not only the students but the parents and the teachers. I wish to acknowledge the great efforts by the Head of Dept. English Mrs Milinovich and her dedicated team, Mr McGrath Head of Maths and his team as well as all HODs for embedding Literacy and Numeracy within their subject domains. It is a whole community effort to have such success

Independent Public Schools

A big thank you to the parents that attended the independent public school forum held at the school. I will proceed with the application process in due course. It is not certain that we will be chosen but we have to go through the process and answer the criteria as discussed at the forum. Again thank you to the parents who attended the evening

Junior Secondary

In preparation of junior secondary students attending school next year we were delighted to showcase our school to Nundah State School students and teachers. I believe a good day was had by all who attended. Thank you to the teachers at Nundah and to the Principal Mrs Cox for her support. The students who attended were able to see firsthand our explicit teaching model in action

Red Cross Appeal INTERACT and YR 10 students

Well done to Ms Coman and Mrs Hardy along with the year 10 students and the school INTERACT club for their efforts in raising some much needed funds for REDCROSS. To the parents and students who contributed with your baking and cooking skills I thank you on behalf of Red Cross who are celebrating this year 100 years of service to the world community. To our students who baked some of the delicacies on offer only serves to demonstrate the many talents that we have at this school.

Qld Core Skills Test

On Tuesday 3rd Sept and Wed 4th Sept 2014, many of our year 12 students will sit for the Queensland Core Skills Test in the Hall. This is an important test that the majority of all year 12 students in Qld undertake. To help settle our students and prepare them each day, the Aviation High School P & C Assoc. will be providing a nourishing breakfast in the Canteen from 8.00 am on both the Tuesday and Wednesday. We thank our parent volunteers for their support

Finally I welcome to the school Mr John Jose and Ms Shelly Lewis who are here to observe the school in action for the next 2 days. They will look at a range of aspects including the teaching and learning occurring in the classroom, our welfare program and behaviour support management. They will spend time interviewing students, teachers and Heads of Department in order to see how well the school is operating. Please when you see them make them welcome.

Your Partner in Education

David Munn - Principal

Deputy's Desk

Junior Secondary

Primary Visits

In preparation for having the Year 7s and the Year 8s at high school next year, we again hosted one of our feeder primary schools at Aviation High. 122 students in Year 6 and 7 from Nundah Primary came with their teachers for the whole day on Thursday. Ms Miles and Ms Doucet from our Music Department led them all in a music master class for the first session of the day. The rest of the day saw the primary students working through Science, English and Aerospace lessons. It was a

wonderful day and once again we got to show that our school is a wonderful small school with fabulous facilities, excellent results and it is a place where everyone knows everyone's name.

NAPLAN

Did you see we made the Channel Ten News on Monday night? The state NAPLAN results came out and while Queensland made improvements overall, we were named by Channel Ten as one of the three most improved schools in the Brisbane region. Well done to our Year 9 students!

The Daylight Rule

Today we reminded our students of our core values – Respect, Integrity and Learning as Mrs Kitson our Year 9 Welfare Leader spoke to our students about our school rule of not touching anybody for any reason. We call it the “Daylight Rule” - we must be able to see Daylight between our students.

Students were warned that any inappropriate touching for any reason will be severely dealt with.

Uniforms

Congratulations to all our students on their high uniform standards.

Well done to all our students who have been wearing the school uniform really well. Just looking around the playground and watching the students as they enter the school, and leave the school shows us just how wonderful all our students look in their uniform.

Senior Secondary

SET P & Career Expo

Year 10 students are in the midst of an important phase of their schooling, with Student Education Training Plans (SET P) being completed. The subject Selection/Information Evening on Tuesday 19 August was very well attended and congratulations must go to our Head of Department Senior Schooling, Mrs Denise Dunne, Year 10 Welfare Leaders, Ms Louise Coman, our Guidance Officer, Mrs Alison McFarlane and our faculty Heads of Department who presented on the night.

This is followed by the Career Expo on Tuesday 26 August, described later in Year 10 Welfare Report of the newsletter. Then, on Wednesday 27 August, all students will complete their SET P in company with a parent.

This ensures that students make informed decisions about their future studies, allowing success for their entry into Year 11.

Queensland Core Skills Test

Year 12 students will sit the Queensland Core Skills Test on Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September. This will be in the hall. To settle our students each day for this important testing, the school Parents and Citizens' Association is hosting a breakfast in the Canteen from 8am each day.

It is vitally important that students are prepared for the testing by having sufficient rest before they begin. The time for practice is over by then, and they all need to concentrate on being as ready emotionally, physically and mentally as possible. Please support your Year 12 student in this.

Susan Smith and Mandy Forbes

Deputy Principals

Welfare

Year 9

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 9 students on their excellent work in the NAPLAN testing. They all put in a fabulous effort and we are all extremely impressed with their achievements.

In relation to testing, this also comes as a timely reminder that assessment will be upon us soon. To assist with this, it is a reminder to everyone that we should be making sure that we are eating a nutritious diet and we are getting enough sleep. It is recommended that teenagers get between 9 and 10 hours of sleep each night (according to The Better Health Channel). This is vital in laying a foundation for effective learning and high achieving results.

Keep up the great work everyone!

Mrs Mara Kitson

Year 9 Welfare Leader

Year 10

Term Three has been very busy for our Year 10 cohort. Many thanks to the students, parents and siblings that attended the Year 11 Information Evening and welcome to new students who will be attending Aviation High School in 2015. The evening provided information on subjects, expectations, camp, welfare, leadership and current results from our teaching and School Leadership Team. Our Inaugural Careers and Employment Expo will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 26th August from 9am-12 midday. We have 19 exhibitors to showcase career and education pathways for our students at Aviation High. We invite parents to attend to ask any questions relating to prerequisites for careers from our exhibitors:

Airline Academy of Australia

Australis College

Australian Catholic University (ACU)
Aviation Australia
Busy At Work
Careers Australia
Club Training
Defence Force Recruiting
Griffith University
MEGT- Australian Apprenticeships Centre
MIGAS Apprentices & Trainees
New York Film Academy
Quality Training and Hospitality
Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
Redmako Hospitality
Sarina Russo Apprenticeships
University of Queensland (UQ)
Women in Army Recruitment
WPC Group

Also a reminder that all Year 10 will not be attending school on Wednesday as they are required to have booked online for their SET plan interview, with a parent/carer in attendance for subject selection during 7am-7pm. Thank you to all staff and students for their ongoing commitment to providing the students of Aviation High School an optimal educational path to lifelong learning and success.

Year 10 have also organised and are participating in the National Big Cake Bake to raise funds for the Red Cross as part of our Welfare program.

“What is the recipe for successful achievement? To my mind there are just four essential ingredients: Choose a career you love, give it the best there is in you, seize your opportunities, and be a member of the team.” Benjamin Franklin Fairless

Ms Louise Coman

Year 10 Welfare Leader



Year 11

Year 11 leadership presentations were conducted over the past two weeks. The students had opportunity to present a three minute speech to their peers then to the staff.

I would like to express my thanks to all nominees who delivered presentations. The staff were most impressed with the articulate delivery and excellent manner of the students.

Both staff and the Year 11 student body have voted for the leadership team. From those who gave presentations to staff only eight will be selected to be part of the leadership team for 2015. Contact by mail in the weeks to come will invite the final eight to be attend an Investiture Ceremony in the school Assembly Hall early in Term 4. Parents and close relatives of those selected are encouraged to attend where school captains, vice captains and leaders will be announced.

This important and significant event will mark the culmination of Year 11 student leadership aspirations at Aviation High. But this will only be the beginning. The times ahead will see our leaders working hard to put into practice the support, drive, direction and influence they have been so keen to implement.

The other important event coming soon will be the Year 11 involvement in QCS practice testing. The Core Skills Test will be held in the Assembly Hall for the Year 12's at the beginning of September. To capture the atmosphere and seriousness of this occasion, the Year 11's will sit two practice papers

from past years in the hall on Friday 5th September. This should prepare them for the Core Skills testing time that looms in 2015.

Mr Steve Wright

Year 11 Welfare Leader

Year 12

The countdown is on! Under two weeks until the Year 12's sit the QCS Test. On Tuesday, the students were issued with an Equipment List which they should read carefully and ensure that they have all of the equipment required for the two days of testing well in advance.

The due date for the Formal deposit is Friday, the 22nd of August so if your deposit (for yourself and your partner) is not paid it must be done so as soon as possible. A reminder that if students are bringing a partner from outside of the school then they must let me know the name of the person and the Qld Secondary school that they are currently attending.

Mrs Robyn Taylor

Year 12 Welfare Leader

The Arts Department

Sport

Aviation High and Central District Athletics' Carnivals

The Schools Athletics Carnival was recently held and my thanks to all students and teachers in making the day a great success (a special thanks to Ms Midgley who organised the day). Congratulations to the winning House – Miller, Kingsford-Smith 2nd and Hinkler 3rd.

All students who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd at our Athletics Carnival (some 60 students) qualified for the Central District Carnival, which was held at the University of Queensland. Again thanks to all those students who participated on the day as well as the staff (Mrs Carmody, Ms Midgley, Mrs Chisholm, Mr Buckner) who assisted.

A great performance, resulting in 19 of our students qualifying for the Metropolitan North Regional Carnival. We wish them all well in their respective events next Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th August. (Please make sure permission letters are returned).



Interschool Sport

Interschool Winter Sport for all year levels (Year 8 to Year 12) is now finished and our students in the main performed well. Feedback from teachers was that our students' participation and behaviour was very positive. Special mention to Mrs Gough's AFL team, winning overall in their sport. We thank those students and teachers who make a commitment to compete in sport and travel by bus to other venues.

School-based Sport (commencing August 26th)

School-based Junior teams (Tuesday) are as follows: Ultimate Disc, Basketball, Soccer, Table Tennis and Flight Sims. Wednesday's School-based Senior sports are as follows: Ultimate Disc, Volleyball,

Soccer, Cycling, Power Walking, Table Tennis and Ice Skating. (Please note that a Study Group also exists for Year 11 & 12s).

As well, Tutorials have been made available across all year levels on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons in Session 4 for students who require extra support with their English and Mathematics.

Music

Instrumental Music

The Aviation High School bands (Concert and 'Ground Crew') have been practising each Tuesday with Mrs Doucet and Ms Miles and recently performed at the School's Assembly and in front of some 125 Primary school students who had been visiting Aviation High. Excellent performances, that demonstrates what continual practice and commitment achieves.

On Sunday September 14th the bands will be performing at the "Nundah Village Street Festival & Art Show". Both bands will be playing and I encourage parents and students to enjoy the day and come along and support our students. Thanks to Mrs Doucet and Ms Miles (and Mr McGrath).

I would like to thank all Parents (not just for Sport and Music, but also for Art, Drama and Hospitality) for supporting their sons/daughters in striving to do their best.

Mr Buckner

Head of Department

Library News

World Book Web

Good news! Our library subscribes to the following World Book Web products.

- **World Book Student**—forms the foundation of an expansive reference database that includes over 40,000 encyclopedia and reference articles, thousands of links to outside web sites selected by World Book editors and contributors. It also includes an extensive Dictionary and Atlas plus audios, visuals and animations.
- **World Book Advanced**—tailored for the needs of older students, it includes encyclopedic content, integrates primary and secondary source databases plus more than 5,500 e-books in a single search, over 700 e-books can be downloaded to e-readers and iPads, and a wealth of research tools that allow students to customise and save their work.
- **World Book Mobile**—a mobile-friendly version of the reference database that can be accessed on iPads, tablets and smartphones.

Our World Book subscription allows us to give you and your family access to this valuable reference source at your home computers 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

We hope that your whole family will use the World Book sites often to help with homework, special projects, at-home learning and information seeking.

To access the World Book Web, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to the World Book web site: <http://www.worldbookonline.com>
2. Type in the Login ID and password. Students can pick up a bookmark with the ID and password from Aviation High Library to use while at home or on the move. At school, students can use the link from the Intranet Home Page where ID and Password are provided.

Parenting Teens

Free Seminar on Reducing Family Conflict!

[CLICK HERE](#) for further information and details.

Nundah Swimming Club - Sign On Day

Nundah Swimming Club Sign On Day

Saturday 6 September - 10am til 3pm

Make Term 4 Squad/Lesson bookings! Join Friday Night Club! PLUS enjoy an EPIC free swim, Mega Jumping Castle and heaps of prizes and games - AND sign on and get a free Sausage Sizzle. Join Queensland's Number 1 Amateur Swimming Club and Experience the Nundah Difference.

Boyd Rd Nundah, www.nundahsharks.com.au

Little Athletics - 'Come and Try' Dates 2014

We are holding two "Come and Try" Days for New Athletes on:

Saturday 23 August and Saturday 30 August 2014 at 1.30pm.

The cost is \$10 which is then credited to the registration fee if you join.

This is an opportunity to try Little Athletics which includes events such as Sprints, Middle Distance, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus and High Jump. All the events that children compete in school athletics

and more!

This exciting season of athletics runs from September 2014 to March 2015 (with a break over Christmas).

All level of athletes, aged from 5 years up to 17 years are welcome to attend these "**Come and Try**" Days.

For further information contact:

Shane EGAN - 0437 555 603 or David NYSSSEN - 0410 657 252

Or visit our website www.citynorthlas.asn.au

Health Industry Training for Parents

Heavily Funded Training in Health

Health Industry Training is a not-for-profit Registered Training Organisation representing the professional interest of

General Practice and Primary Health Care in Queensland.

Health Industry Training is offering highly subsidised qualifications for parents who are interested in working within the health industry. At a cost of \$320.00 for concession participants and \$600.00 for non-concession participants, this will allow you to complete a Nationally recognised qualification in Allied Health Assistance, Health Service Assistance, Health Administration, Community Services Work, Aged Care, Disability, Home and Community Care, Youth Work, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Care and Health Support Services.

For further information please call Health Industry Training on 1300 381 415.

www.healthindustrytraining.org

Diary Dates

Year 10 - Careers & Employment Expo	Tuesday 26 August
Year 10 - SET Planning Parent Interviews	Wednesday 27 August
Metropolitan North Regional Athletics	27-28 August
QCS Test - Year 12	2-3 September
QCS Practice Test - Year 11	Friday 5 September

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