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AVIATORS' GAZETTE

5 September 2014

Principal's Message

Welcome to this edition of the Aviators' Gazette

Visits

Can I thank Assistant Regional Director Mr Richard English and Regional Director Mr Mark Campling for attending the school - both have been very impressed with the results of the school. Mr English certainly enjoyed his visits to the classroom. Mark Campling our Regional Director arrived and was greeted by our junior student leadership team who subsequently took the RD around the school to show our wonderful facilities, teachers and students in action.

Primary School Visit

I thought I should share the following comments from our recent primary school visits.

"Once again, thank you so much for giving us the opportunity of visiting your high school yesterday. The students had a wonderful day. We had a little discussion about our visit this morning and the responses were VERY positive. A few students expressed a new desire to attend next year, but I am

aware that enrolments have been made elsewhere in many cases. Comments you may be interested in hearing included:

- The cleanliness and tidiness of the grounds
- The teachers and 'Admin' were really nice
- The other students made us feel really welcome and showed concern when a ball hit a kid on the playing field
- The flight simulators (of course)
- Everyone seemed happy

As I mentioned earlier, I believe you are all doing a fantastic job. Your leadership, motivation, enthusiasm and belief in the future is admirable. Thank you also for making us feel so welcome. Keep up the great work – it's inspirational!"

Teaching and Learning Audit/Discipline Audit

Last week for two days the school was audited by two experienced Principals against a number of domains. The result for the school will be placed on our Website in due course. The general comments from the auditors were that this school was a high performing school, not only academically but socially. The students and teachers were to be congratulated on the understanding of the school's direction. Some of our parents were contacted personally and the response was extremely favourable. Can I personally thank those parents, student and teachers who were interviewed during the two days for affirming the great work that is happening at the school.

School Captains Junior Secondary

The school is currently working towards our Junior Secondary Captains for 2015. Thanks to Mrs Gough and Mrs Forbes, I was able to hear the leadership speeches by ten students who have put themselves forward to be Junior Secondary Captains. It is difficult for students at that age to discuss leadership but I believe the ten students did a marvellous job and I wish them all the luck. The chosen two will be presented with their badges at the leadership investiture ceremony on the 14 October 2014.

District Athletics

Congratulations to our District Athletics team who performed very well at the recent Central District Athletics Competition.

Great effort for a small school! Well done to all of the students who competed and thank you to Ms Midgely, staff and students who helped with the running of the event.

Priority Class Time

The school is currently in Priority Class Time. This time is allocated in the school calendar to ensure that all students are in class and focussed on their studies. Student excursions and class disruptions are avoided during this period. We would seek the support of parents and caregivers to ensure that their students attend on time every day and do not miss any of the assessment items that the majority of classes are currently completing. Parents and caregivers may also support their students by ensuring they have healthy, regular meals, sufficient sleep and find a balance between their studies and their social life. (A reduction in the time spent on social media may also be beneficial during this assessment period.)

Reports Cards Term 3

We will be trialling some changes to reporting to parents this term. Students in Years 8-10 will receive their reports cards in the post before the end of the term, however due to the time constraints for seniors, we will allow them to print off a version of their reports on Thursday 18th September and take them home. They will then be mailed. Parents and students can view the reports through One School from home at any time. We are hoping that if the trial goes to plan we can in fact go to the next level which will be to email all reports for Semester 2.

UAV Outback Challenge – Kingaroy

Good luck to Aviation High's three teams who have entered in the 2013 UAV Outback Challenge to be held at Kingaroy during the first week of the September school holidays. Our teams have been preparing all year for the competition, both before and after school as well as during the lunch breaks. I would like to thank in advance both the teachers and students for their commitment to this extra curricula activity and I look forward to joining them in Kingaroy for the day to wish them well for the competition.

Qld Core Skills Test

On Tuesday 2nd Sept and Wed 3rd Sept 2014, many of our Year 12 students sat the Queensland Core Skills Test in the Hall. Our students equipped themselves extremely well and I thank Mrs Smith our Deputy Principal for organising the two day event. Can I also thank our Chef Mark for providing breakfast during both days, Mrs Taylor our Year 12 Welfare Leader and Matt Govan our Chaplain for serving breakfast to the Year 12 students?

Nundah Fesitval

Good luck to Mrs Doucet and Mrs Miles who will be taking our school band to the Nundah Festival. Their performances here at school have been wonderful and I can't wait to see the reaction from our

local community. The primary students have been very impressed with the school band and what a great sight for all to witness was our school band performing with Nundah Year 5's this week.

We are in the last two weeks of Term Three and it is a hectic time for all staff and students due to the heavy demands of assessment I take this opportunity of thanking all staff and parents for supporting the school and our students at this time.

Your Partner in Education

David Munn - Principal

Deputy's Desk

Congratulations to our whole school community for a very successful outcome from our recent audit. The auditors were particularly complimentary about the way our students greeted all school community members. Not only is that a reflection of our school values, but it is also a congratulatory message to you as parents of our school community.

As Term 3 comes to an end, it is timely to remind parents that uniform passes which were valid in Term 3 will now expire and will not be re-issued as the uniform shop now has a full stock of all items of uniform. Students out of uniform will receive afternoon detentions the following day.

A reminder also of the importance of attending school every day to ensure maximum success. Absences align with poor results in very many cases. Please advise the school of any necessary absences from school. Absences of three days or longer require a medical certificate or other documentation to explain.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school to speak to the relevant Deputy Principal should you have any concerns.

Susan Smith and Mandy Forbes

Deputy Principals

Welfare

Year 9

Subject selection for Year 10 will be occurring after the holidays. Year 10 is a preparatory year for Year 11 and 12 and as such it is important that students start considering what subjects they may wish to undertake in their seniors years. Now is also the time to start considering pathways students might be interested in when they leave school in Year 12. We also need to be aware that there will be pre-requisites for some of these subjects and students not achieving at the required level may not be accepted into the subject of their choice.

Mrs Mara Kitson

Year 9 Welfare Leader

Year 10

Aviation High School held its Inaugural Careers and Employment Expo on Tuesday 26th August 2014 from 9am until midday. This was an opportunity for our Year 10 students to access experts in the career pathways available to them. We also invited our Year 11 and 12 students to attend later in the morning to access information relevant to this later stage of their educational development plan. Thank you again to all 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, Quality Training and Hospitality, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Redmako Hospitality, Sarina Russo Apprenticeships, University of Queensland (UQ) and the WPC Group.

We followed this event with our SET Planning Interviews and Subject Selection for Year 11. Thank you to all students and parents for participating in ensuring students were well prepared and immaculately presented for their interview with our Guidance Officer Mrs McFarlane, HODs, Welfare Leaders and Teachers. Thank you to all staff that assisted students on this very important day.

We are now in the final weeks of exams and assignments for Term 3 and encourage students to continue to adhere to their homework study timetable. Also to ensure the uniform policy is being upheld and any items replaced as soon as possible as Year 10 have maintained a high standard all year. The value for Life for this week is Persistence and the Year 10 cohort have shown this throughout the term as they have worked to set themselves up for success in the future.

"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand." Vince Lombardi

Ms Louise Coman

Year 10 Welfare Leader







Year 11

The leadership roles for our Year 11's will be made known soon. Eight students will receive notification by mail before the holidays. Positions of school leaders, vice-captain and school captains will be announced at a special investiture parade early in Term 4. Once again we thank all Year 11 students who nominated for leadership positions and wish them well in the future.

The other important event was the Year 11 involvement in QCS practice testing. The Core Skills Test is designed to examine the common curriculum elements covered throughout their school years. The year 11's will sit two practice papers from past years in the hall on Friday 5th September. The short answer response and the multiple choice test elements will give them experience in dealing with time restraints and exam situation pressures that they will encounter next year. The better we can prepare the Year 11's for this time, the more relaxed and focused they will become.

Finally exams and assignments are upon us, reporting is being finalised and end of term work due for assessment. With only 2 weeks before the holidays it is essential all students remain on task, develop good work practice for study and assignment completion. The time and effort put in at this stage will pay off in Term 4.

Mr Steve Wright

Year 11 Welfare Leader

Year 12

The Year 12's breathed a collective sigh of relief as the QCS tests have been completed! Well done to all students for their diligence, commitment and exemplary behaviour demonstrated throughout these stressful two days. Thank you to Mark in the canteen for supplying breakfast both mornings for the students and to the P & C for covering the expense. It was a great way to get together, relax, refuel and start the day on a positive note. No rest for the wicked as they say. There will still be quite a deal of assessment due in the next two weeks before submissions are due so students will need to maintain their resolve and continue working hard right up until the school holidays. Hang in there, only 9 weeks to go!

Mrs Robyn Taylor
Year 12 Welfare Leader

Chaplaincy

Matt makes a free breakfast available for students every Monday & Tuesday morning from 8am in the Canteen. Toast, juice and fruit on offer. A HUGE thanks to Coles Toombul who continue to support our breakfasts.

Don't be bored this holiday.....Get along to SplashOut City Camp | 29th Sept to 3rd Oct: tubing, laser tag, cable skiing, 10 pin, aqua fun park, beach every day, plus a heap of other great activities. Matt is one of the directors and has all the details, or check out www.sucamps.org.au/splashoutcity

Looking for schoolies options? Speak to Matt or check out su-schoolies.com spending schoolies in Samoa, the Whitsunday's, Fraser Island, Sunny Coast, or Melbourne.

If Friday's are looking boring, checkout tribos youth from 7-9pm each week of term at Chapel St, Nundah. Matt has info or fb tribosneb

Matt (Chaplain)

From the Guidance Officer

On Thursday 28 August Year 11 students James B, Rielly H, Callan J, Matt R and Mohammad S were given the opportunity to attend the Fly Army Aviation CareersDay in Toowoomba. The event was organised by Defence Force Recruiting Toowoomba. Our thanks to Defence Force recruiting Brisbane for transporting the student to Toowoomba and funding a great lunch.

At the Expo the students were able to talk to Defence Force personnel about all aspects of aviation within the Army. This included helicopters, ground support, safety, UAV and trades areas. I was extremely impressed with the boy's enthusiasm, interest and ability to talk "all things technical" particularly in regard to the helicopters.

Thank you for participation and representing our school on the day. You are a credit to the school and your families.







QTAC Applications

Parents and students please note that ALL students who are intending to apply for higher education courses through QTAC MUST have a meeting with me. Thank you to those students who have already seen me and a big congratulation to the students who have lodged their applications.

Career information:

Do you use social networking websites?

Be cautious about what you put on them. Many employers now use social networking sites and search engines such as Google to research applicants when they apply for jobs.

Australia's Careers Online website

This website located at <http://www.careersonline.com.au/> has a number of helpful career resources. Of particular interest to students is the Job Seekers Workshop. This section of the website provides activities to help you develop and explore your career options.

Be a Designer for a Day

Billy Blue College of Design is a private college with campuses in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. It provides accredited tertiary and certificate level courses in various aspects of design (e.g. communication, interior, fashion, digital media). The Brisbane campus will hold a 'Day in the Life of a Designer' workshop on Saturday 20 September 2014. See <http://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events> for more information and to book a place in the course.

Medicine and Biomedical Science Information Evening at Bond

Bond University will hold this evening from 6 pm on Thursday 25 September 2014 at its Gold Coast campus. This event will provide information about study pathways and career opportunities in the health industry. It will also include information about the application process for the Bond medicine intake for May 2015. For more information and to register to attend this event, visit <http://bond.edu.au/about-bond/news-and-events/events/index.htm>

Pathway Courses at the Australian Catholic University (ACU)

ACU offers a number of pathways for students who do not gain entry to their preferred course. These pathways include associate degree, diploma and certificate courses. Successful completion of the courses can lead to entry to bachelor degree courses at ACU. Credit into the degree courses may be available. Pathway courses are available on the Brisbane campus in the following fields of study:

- Educational studies
- Business administration
- Commerce
- Liberal studies
- Theology
- Social science.

Visit the Pathway Programs website at http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/2014/other_courses/pathway.

Photography and Graphic Design School Holiday Workshops

Design College Australia will be holding the following workshops during the coming school holidays. The workshops will be held on the college campus at 200 Barry Parade, Fortitude Valley.

- **Photography – 30 September - 1 October 2014**
- **Graphic Design – 2 and 3 October 2014**

See http://www.designcollege.com.au/content/school_holiday_workshops.html for details and to book a place.

Discover QUT – If you missed open day and want to find out more about QUT courses and campuses, this is the event for you. It will be held during the school holidays at the Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses on 24 September 2014 and at the Caboolture campus on 25 September 2014. More information about the event will be on the website <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/discover-qut> shortly

Academic Scholarships Seminar – Year 12 students and their parents are invited to this event to be held from 5.30 – 7 pm on Thursday 2 October 2014 at the Kelvin Grove campus. The seminar will cover the QUT scholarships available, the opportunities available for scholarship students and the scholarship application process. Visit <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/academic-scholarships-seminar> for more information.

Stay Connected – You can keep up-to-date about QUT courses, scholarships, events and key dates by subscribing on the Stay Connected website at <https://www.qut.edu.au/additional/stay-connected>

Match My Skills quiz – Having problems selecting courses? This short quiz could help. It matches information about you with QUT courses. You can access the quiz at <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/match-my-skills>

School holiday workshop for students interested in TV presenting, media or journalism

Media Potential will offer this workshop on 23 September 2014 at the Channel 7 Studios, Mt Coot-tha. See <http://www.mediapotential.com.au/tv-presenting-courses/school-holiday-workshops/> for details.

UQ Link Program – This scholarship program provides assistance to students who have experienced educational disadvantage due to financial hardship. Eligible applicants apply for the 'Financial Hardship' category of QTAC's Educational Access Scheme as part of their QTAC application. All supporting documentation must be sent to QTAC by 15 December 2014. Visit <http://scholarships.uq.edu.au/scholarship/uq-link-program> for more information.

Careers that started in science – This publication provides profiles of UQ Science graduates. It can be viewed online from the UQ Science website at <http://www.science.uq.edu.au/career-profiles>.

Charlie Bell Scholarship for Future Leaders

This scholarship is offered by McDonalds. The scholarship provides up to \$15,000 towards 2015 tuition fees. Employees and non-employees of McDonalds can apply for this scholarship. Applications close on Monday 27 October 2014. For more information and to apply, visit <https://mcdonalds.com.au/page/charlie-bell-scholarship>

Scholarships for girls interested in engineering

Each year, Brown Consulting offers the Dream Big engineering scholarships for Year 12 girls. Applications open in September 2014. See <http://www.brownconsulting.com.au/dreambig> for more information.

Scholarships for the hospitality industry

If you are interested in a future career as a hospitality or tourism manager, you are invited to apply for a scholarship at the William Blue College of Hospitality Management, Brisbane campus. Applications are now open and should be submitted by 15 September 2014. Read more at <http://www.williamblue.edu.au/apply-online/scholarships>

Supporting Women Scholarships

Applications for the Supporting Women Scholarships are now open. Scholarships are available for women to undertake study from the Certificate IV level through to postgraduate in the fields of Agriculture and Environment, Architecture and Building, Earth Science, Engineering and Information technology. Applications will close on 10 October 2014. Provisional Supporting Women Scholarship offers will be sent in January 2015. To apply for a Supporting Women Scholarship go to <https://www.supportingwomen.qld.gov.au/>.

UQ agricultural scholarships

In 2015 the University of Queensland (UQ) will award up to ten UQ Merit Scholarships to Year 12 school leavers who apply for entry to B Agricultural Science, B Agribusiness or B Science (majoring in Animal and Veterinary Bioscience or Soil and Plant Bioscience). The due date for applications is 31 October 2014. For more information, visit <http://www.uq.edu.au/study/scholarships/index.html?page=143054>

Open Days and Career Expo's

Australian Institute of Applied Sciences (AIAS) Careers Open Day

AIAS will hold this event from 10 am – 1 pm on Saturday 30 August 2014 at its Brisbane campus at Stones Corner. The day will provide participants with information on careers and courses in natural medicine, massage, beauty, hairdressing and Health and Fitness. See <http://www.aias.edu.au/about/upcoming-events/brisbane-open-day> for details and to book a place.

Brisbane Fitness and Health Expo

This expo will be held on the weekend of 6 and 7 September 2014 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. A wide range of health and fitness organisations will be represented at the expo. Many of these offer courses for entry to the industry. There are competitions for those who are game enough to have a go. Find out more at <http://www.brisbanefitnessexpo.com.au/>

FOGS Indigenous Employment and Careers Expo in Brisbane

This expo will be held on 18 September 2014 at the Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane. It will provide Indigenous students with an opportunity to meet employers, education and training providers, as well as former State of Origin heroes. Visit <http://www.fogs.com.au/about/expos> for more information.

Griffith Criminology and Criminal Justice careers information evening

Find out about the career paths available to graduates of a degree in criminology at this information evening to be held from 6 – 8 pm on Thursday 11 September 2014 at the Mt Gravatt campus. The event will provide an opportunity to speak to graduates and representatives from employer groups. See <http://www.griffith.edu.au/criminology-law/school-criminology-criminal-justice/programs-courses/high-school-and-community-programs> for more information.

Gap Year – see GO noticeboard for further information.

[Aust Veterans Children Assistance Trust Scholarships.pdf](#)

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!

Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia, and you'll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students are coming from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email sceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Office News

Please be reminded that we will be sending out report cards at the end to this term. If you have moved recently or intend to move can you contact the office to make sure we have the correct postal address on file.

The office has a large amount of lost property. If your student has lost any item please get them to come to the office and check regularly. If items are clearly named we are then able to return lost items to the students.

Indoor Soccer - Australian Futsal

Summer season is starting mid-September

Sign on as an individual or nominate a team!

To get information on your nearest centre

Enoggera, Brendale, Hendra or North Lakes

Phone Lisa Davy on 0408 872 973

www.AustralianFutsal.com and follow the links

Diary Dates

Free Dress Day & Sausage Sizzle	Friday 12 September
Year 12 Schoolies Presentation	Tuesday 16 September
Year 7 and 8 2015 Information Night	Thursday 18 September
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 19 September
School Vacation	Monday 22 September to Friday 3 October
UAV Competition - Kingaroy	21-23 September

Public Holiday - Labour Day	Monday 6 October
Term 4 School Resumes	Tuesday 7 October

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