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AVIATORS' GAZETTE

19 September 2014

Principal's Message

Welcome to this edition of the Aviators Gazette

Strategic Plan Forum

Can I invite all parents to a forum on the 13th October from 6.00-7.00pm in which I will outline the Schools Strategic Plan from 2015-18. Much of the plan can now be finalised as we have finished the school audits. After the forum the P&C will meet from 7.00-8.30pm. I have placed the results of our audits on the website for parents and the community to view.

Education Accord

I have been invited by our local member for Parliament the Right Honourable Tim Nicholls to represent our school and the community at the Education Accord to be held at the GAP SHS on the 25th September. This accord will discuss the following issues:

Foundation - "Accessibility to High Quality Education"

Targets

- Literacy and Numeracy
- Skills for life
- Valuing education

Goals

- A flexible and future focused curriculum
- Practical based learning
- Valued Educators
- Education as lifelong experience

UAV Outback Challenge – Kingaroy

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 for giving up part of their school break and family time. I look forward to joining them in Kingaroy for the day and to see our students in action. I know they will do us proud and I wish them well for the competition.

Term 3 Results

Our results for this term only has been extremely positive with Academic Achievement levels A-C standard at 88.5%, Behaviour A-C standard at 96% and Effort/ Industry standard A-C at 93%. All Year 11 and 12 students should have printed their own report from school in order that parents have the opportunity to speak to Heads of Dept. or teachers before we break up. Parents and students can access report card information from home on their own computers.

Attendance and Student Outcomes

I have recently come across some interesting research confirming a strong link between attendance and student outcomes. While some student absences are unavoidable and understandable due to illness and the like, or enforced through school disciplinary absences, many are not. These could be unexplained or unauthorised absences.

Poor school attendance can be linked to a number of related short and long-term adverse outcomes for students including lower academic outcomes, early school leaving, unemployment and negative health outcomes.

A student's regular absence from school may be a critical indicator in disengagement, leading directly to some of these adverse outcomes. Regardless of the nature of the relationship, poor school attendance, particularly with a high number of unexplained or unauthorised absences, is a readily observable warning sign for potential longer-term adverse outcomes.

Nundah Festival

I should like to conclude this final edition of the Gazette for this term with congratulations to Mrs Miles, Mrs Doucet, Mr McGrath, Ellen and Rachel Long and the School Ensemble and Jazz bands. To the parents who took valuable family time to bring your students to the festival thank you. The first out of school performance and our staff and students were fantastic. The crowd was extremely appreciative of what the students had achieved.

To all our staff, students and parents have a restful break and I look forward to seeing all of you for the start of term on the 7th October.

Your Partner in Education

David Munn - Principal

Deputy's Desk

CHANGES TO THE WAY STUDENTS ENTER AND LEAVE THE SCHOOL

Due to safety concerns, from the first day of Term 4, students will no longer be allowed to use Gate One, to leave the school. At the moment this will only apply in the afternoon.

Students will be asked to exit the school at Gate Two and use the Pedestrian Crossing if they need to cross the road. If they are being picked up from the Drop Off Zone, students can walk down the footpath to that area.

Teachers on bus duty will be supervising the safe crossing of the road.

We are making this change as we are concerned about the safety of our students when they cross Widdop Street en masse without using the Pedestrian Crossing and when they are in the shared car and pedestrian Zones around Gate One.

We will be talking to the students about this change. Please support our efforts by refraining from driving into the school grounds to drop off or collect your children. Where possible please use the Drop Off Zone on Widdop Street.

Mandy Forbes
Deputy Principal

Reporting

Reporting for Term 3 is now complete. Students have been shown how to access their results from One School. They can also do this from home. Doing so may provide you and your student with some opportunities to celebrate success, as well as to discuss goals and strategies for improvement. Detailed instructions about how to access One School from out of school are available on our website. Our website also has a link to the One School site.

Official Report Cards will still be posted from the school.

We are moving to trial emailing report cards in the future. We will of course continue to communicate with you about this, but will require up-to-date email contacts to allow this to succeed. If you have yet to update your address and or email contact details with us, please do so as a matter of urgency. This assists the building of a strong partnership between school and home.

Year 12

Our Year 12 students have now only seven weeks of school remaining. I encourage you to continue to support them as they complete their secondary schooling. They have had a very busy year. I took the opportunity to speak to them today to congratulate them on several matters, including their attendance up until the final day of school for the term. I noted the correlation between attendance and their reports.

I further remind parents of Year 12 of the necessity of finalising all accounts and commitments with the school to ensure all students are able to participate in the end of year activities.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Susan Smith
Deputy Principal

Welfare

Year 9

The Year 9 students have focussed on goal setting in relation to their future subject choices into Year 10. We also spent Tuesday's Welfare session setting subject goals and reflecting on Semester 1 reports in preparation for Reports being sent home. All Year 9 students are now able to access their reporting information and goal setting in One School. This tool will be used in more depth next term.

There will be a Subject Information Evening in Thursday 16 October for Year 9 students and parents/caregivers. Following this, students will be selecting their subjects at school. It would be advantageous to begin discussions with regards to possible subject choices and interests over the holidays.

Mrs Mara Kitson
Year 9 Welfare Leader

Year 10

Term 3 has been a very busy and important time for Year 10 students during their Welfare Sessions with their teachers Mr Dunphy, Mr Clarke and Mrs Martin as we have implemented the SET Planning Process for Year 11 subject selection for 2015. Students have utilised the Values for Life to demonstrate their persistence,

perseverance, responsibility and reliability in researching their career and education pathways for the future. We congratulate and are proud of the Year 10 cohort and their commitment and dedication to their academic and school community groups this term.

All students have demonstrated a proactive attitude to use the weekly tasks that include *Habits of Mind* and *Thinking Tools* to strive, thrive and flourish in their living, learning and thinking. Cultivating habits to consider all areas of their preparation are dispositions that will benefit their performance in Term 4 and in the future. Students function at their best when they are positive, enjoy life and have balanced routines. Regular opportunities to reflect on positive behaviours to show for each Value for Life in the contexts of school, home and in the community internalises in students what is right.

Thank you to all students, families and staff for participating in our Parent Information Evenings, SET Planning Interviews and our Red Cross Big Cake Bake that all strengthen our Year 10 community.

Enjoy the holidays and be ready, revived and refreshed for Term 4.

"If you can fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run,

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it, and - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!" Rudyard Kipling

Ms Louise Coman

Year 10 Welfare Leader



Year 11

As Term Three is concluding we might reflect on some events that impacted the Year 11's during the past weeks.

Reporting has concluded, results and comments collated. Reports are now ready to be sent home to inform of student progress and performance during the past 10 weeks. I have been privileged to look over all the results

and am very pleased again with the performance, efforts and diligence of the Year 11's, well done and enjoy the holiday break.

The Year 11 AME (Aircraft Maintenance Engineering) students are undergoing an intensive block of practical work in the trade training centre during the final week of this term. We are grateful to our industry partners at Aviation Australia for loaning their highly qualified instructor, Mr Robert Webb, to teach the group very important hand skills and industry culture. These industry skills will prepare our students for possibly entering another phase of their education in the future.

QCS practice test day was successful in preparing our students for what they can expect a year from now. It was important to capture the seriousness and intensity of this time. As a snapshot of what will come, hopefully they are now better prepared to concentrate on developing their common curriculum elements throughout the remainder of this year into next.

Finally leadership positions have been finalised. Eight students who have displayed strong leadership qualities and impressed both the staff and student body with their nomination speeches, have been contacted by mail, and are now eligible to receive specific leadership positions for 2015. During the 2nd week into Term 4 a special Investiture Ceremony will be conducted in the morning, where, school captain, school vice captains and the leadership team will be announced. We wish all students well for this time.

Mr Steven Wright
Year 11 Welfare Leader

Year 12

We have come to the end of a very long and eventful term. Congratulations to the Year 12's for all of the commitment and hard work that they have put into their studies this term. Once we return in Term 4 there will only be 7 weeks of your child's secondary schooling left – and the time will fly!

Obviously Graduation Week is a very special time for all with the Formal being held on Wednesday, the 19th of November and Graduation Breakfast being held at Kedron Wavell RSL on Friday, the 21st of November. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the students and the generosity of Mr Munn, the price of the tickets for breakfast for each of the Year 12 students should be substantially reduced. Finally, it is important to remember that students will not be permitted to attend the Senior Formal unless all school fees have been paid. If you have any concerns in relation to payment of fees please feel free to contact myself, Mrs Smith or Mr Munn. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and look forward to an exciting Term 4.

Robyn Taylor
Year 12 Welfare Leader





Senior Schooling

Year 11 QCS Practice

The Year 11 students have recently sat a QCS practice test – short response items and multiple choice test. This will provide a full set of data to base their 2015 QCS practice upon. A new practice schedule is being developed for Year 12 aimed to improve the students' QCS data. More information will be sent home about this topic in Term 4.

GenR8 – Certificate II in Logistics

Current Year 11 students are invited to join this program in 2015. GenR8 is a school to work transition program for students wanting to enter the Transport and Logistics Industry. The program runs over the full Year 12 year and combines 20 weeks of structured work placement (1 day per week) in Terms 2 and 3.

There are many businesses linked to this program – Followmont, TNT, Russell Transport, Transpacific Industries to name a few. The 2015 Parent and Business Information Evening will be held at Aviation High School on Thursday 23 October, 6-7:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain real world experience and a pathway into a career.

Department of Education, Training and Employment

GenR8

your future...

What is GenR8?

GenR8 is an award-winning school to work transition program for Year 12 students wanting to enter the Transport and Logistics Industry.

The program runs over the full Year 12 school year and combines 20 weeks of structured work placements (1 day per week) in Terms 2 and 3.

At completion of the program, many students are securing a range of employment opportunities including apprenticeships, traineeships, permanent, part-time and casual employment.

Benefits of GenR8

- ✓ 20 days work experience with an employer
- ✓ Gain essential employability skills within a real workplace, have a better understanding of a workplace environment, expectations and the industry
- ✓ Gain a nationally recognised qualification – Certificate II in Logistics
- ✓ Opportunity to gain a credit points towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

GenR8 business information session coming in October

Contact your school GenR8 coordinator for more information

GenR8 Businesses – Allied Products | Brewers | Brisbane Trailer Sales | Cleanway | Coles B.E. | Followme | Herby Industrial Enterprises | Haulmark Trailers | K5 Easter Transport | Lindsay Australia | Penrite Brisbane Truck Centre | Penrite Commercial Vehicles | RusaR8 Transport | Transpacific Industries | Young Guns Container Cranes | Westside Buses

Great skills. Real opportunities.

AccelR8 – Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation

Current Year 11 students are invited to participate in this program. AccelR8 is a school to work transition program pursuing a career in the automotive industry. The information evening will be held at Aspley State High School on Tuesday 14 October 6-7:30 pm. Interested students and parents RSVP to ddunn5@eq.edu.au.

Department of Education, Training and Employment

Business Information Event

You are invited to a Business Information Event for the AccelR8 Program which is being delivered through the Aspley, Avialise, Bracken Ridge, Coogina, Fenny Grove and Eskdale State High Schools, Purdie College and St Laurence's College in conjunction with the following businesses and organisations:

• Aspley Chrysler Jeep & Dodge	• GT Auto
• A.P. Eggers	• Real Automotive
• Bosch Car Service	• Sci-Pool
• Byrnes Ford	• Zapp
• Future Auto Service Centre	• TAFE Queensland, Brisbane
• Grand Prix Motors	• Department of Education, Training and Employment

What is AccelR8?

AccelR8 is a school to work transition program for Year 12 students pursuing a career in the automotive industry. The program is managed through the Queensland Government's Department of Education, Training and Employment (DTE). Under this program, students will undertake a Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation as well as 20 weeks (1 day per week) structured work experience with an automotive employer, providing valuable employability skills in a real workplace.

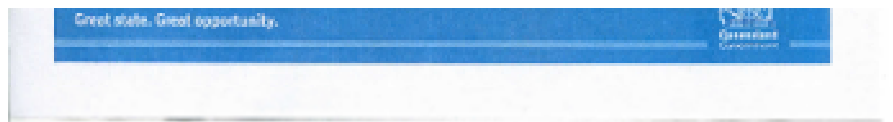
Come and hear first hand what opportunities are available for Year 12 students through this exciting, education, training and employment focused project.

When and where is this event?

Date: Tuesday, 14 October 2014
Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Venue: Lecture Centre, Aspley State High School, 551 Wilshire Road, Aspley (or Post 3 off the motorway) (off street parking will be available)

RSVP

Please RSVP to Ms Dunn by e-mail to ddunn5@eq.edu.au by no later than Tuesday, 7 October 2014



TLISC Mick Young Scholarship

Congratulations to Connor J. (12C) who was successful in gaining a Mick Young TAFE Scholarship through his work with GenR8 this year. Connor received \$750 to further his education. He has worked at Followmont during Terms 2 and 3 and has been successful in gaining his Certificate II in Logistics and Warehousing. Connor is pictured with Mrs Dunn (Head of Department – Senior Schooling, Mr Munn (Principal) and Ms McFarlane (Human Resource Manager – Followmont).



From the Guidance Officer

Year 12 QTAC Applications

Final reminder that on time applications close on 30 September 2014. If you do not wish to pay the much higher fee of \$130 make sure that you lodge your application on time.

Scholarships

Don't forget to check out the Scholarship information on each University's website. A small amount of time invested may make a huge difference.

QUT Scholarships

Who said there's never any good news? QUT's Equity Scholarships increase in value.

In 2015 QUT will be distributing almost \$4 million in scholarships (\$5,000 and \$3,500), bursaries (\$1500) and reconditioned desktop computers via the Equity Scholarships Scheme. If you or your child/student are

considering QUT you've got until 6th February 2015 to apply, but if you'd like to know your outcome before Christmas, apply by 7th November 2014. Equity Scholarships also administer Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships at QUT. Go to www.qut.edu.au/equity-scholarships for more information.

Cyber Safety

As we head off to holidays parents please remind your son's and daughter's about Cyber Safety and the impact that it can have on not only their lives and futures but the lives of others. Encourage them to transfer their knowledge and instincts in the real world into the cyber world and make good choices based around this. Using a carriage service to menace, harass or cause offence is against the Federal Criminal Code and could have far reaching consequences.

Sign up to www.projectrocket.com.au or like them on Face Book. Project Rokit is the Aussie youth driven movement against (cyber)bullying that has now reached over 80,000 school students.

Mrs Kitson's HPE Class

Over the past two weeks Year 10 HPE has been involved in a touch tournament organised by Mrs Kitson. The tournament consists of four separate teams. The teams have six students with each having one coach to manage the team. The class also elected general CEO's, publicists and referees. The CEO's organised the entire events with what teams are competing against each other. The tournament has been a great success as the participation level is fantastic with everyone giving it their best. My personal thoughts on this tournament is great. I think that everyone has had a great time and this should be put in place for more sports during the HPE term.

The process that I have been doing during the tournament is the publicist. This job is used for all media so I have been taking aerial photography from my drone. The aerial snapshots were put in place show that the teams would be able to see their activity and show a different perspective of touch from above at 300ft.

Jarrold J - 10C

Student





Office News

Outstanding Accounts

Upon enrolment and at the beginning of each school year parents/caregivers are asked to participate in the Student Resource Scheme. By signing this form you are agreeing to pay all stated fees and levies in return for hire of textbooks and provision of learning resources. At present we still have a large number of overdue accounts.

Statements of all outstanding accounts have been posted home this week. Methods of payment information have been provided with these statements. If you have any queries regarding your account please contact the school office on 3637 0111 between the hours of 8am-4pm Monday to Friday.

Asbestos Removal Notification

Please be advised that from Wednesday 24 September to Monday 29 September 2014 asbestos removal works will be undertaken at Aviation High School. Access to the school at this time is strictly prohibited.

Ms Donna Schmidt

Business Services Manager

Diary Dates

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
Strategic Plan Forum - 6pm-7pm	Monday 13 October
P&C Meeting - 7pm-8.30pm	Monday 13 October
Year 10 2015 Subject Information Evening - 6pm-7pm	Thursday 16 October
Student Free Day	Monday 20 October
Awards Night - 7pm	Tuesday 21 October
Community Open Morning - 9am	Thursday 23 October
2015 Parent & Business Information Evening - 6pm-7.30pm	Thursday 23 October
2014 Arts Fest - 7pm	Friday 24 October

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