Welcome to this edition of the Aviators’ Gazette

The Focus is on High Expectations to end the School Year well

The last term of the school year has started well with students settling down to good work in their classes as they try and lift their subject results and finish the school year on high!

It is very important that students and teachers maintain “focus” on their classwork, despite the many disruptions to normal school routine that occur in Term 4.

The school entertained current Year 9 students and parents in preparation for Year 10 2015 subject choices last night. The evening was organised by Mrs Smith our Senior School Deputy Principal and attended by all Heads of Department along with Mrs Taylor and Mrs Kitson for our Welfare leadership team and I thank them for a well organised evening of information. Despite the work and energy being put into ensuring these events run smoothly and are successful, it is important that the main focus of our students is on their studies. Students’ must ensure:

All classwork and homework is completed

- All assessment items including drafts are completed by the due date
- Full attendance is maintained up until the last day of the school year
– for Year 12 the final day is Friday 21 November
– for Year 10/11 the final day is Friday 28 November
– for Year 8/9 the final day is Friday 12 December

Investiture of our new Senior School Leaders for 2014/15

Congratulations to our new leadership team for 2014/15. The bar has been set high by the outgoing team for 2014 who have raised a substantial amount of money that has benefitted students at this school and various charities.

On Monday, although this is a student free day, I have invited our new leadership team to participate with Mrs Taylor in putting together a model of leadership for this school. The question I posed to staff and students is about when students start to take on leadership roles in the school and the general community. Waiting until year 12 is late and disadvantages prospective candidates as a leader when you start to serve the community. The new leadership format will be completed soon and current seniors will apply for their senior badge for next year.
**UAV Challenge**

Our three teams at the UAV Challenge were wonderful ambassadors for the school. Thank you to our three teachers Jan Gough, Greg Brown and Jack Clarke for all of their time and effort with the teams.

**Awards Night**

The Aviation High Awards Night will be held in the Hall on Tuesday 21 Oct 2014 commencing at 7.00pm. Our P&C members are cordially invited to attend and our President is invited to make her annual speech and present awards to some of our students.

**Great Results Guarantee 2015**

In 2015 the Queensland Government is investing $183 million in Great Results Guarantee funding for state schools. Here at Aviation High our estimated 2015 allocation is $100,000 to continue the
great work we started this year to improve our student's performance.

www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee

G20 Public Holiday for Brisbane Schools (Brisbane schools only)

Parents and families are reminded that Friday 14 November 2014 has been declared a public holiday to ease the impact on the city and help minimise any potential disruptions, and our school will be closed on this day.

Your Partner in Education

David Munn - Principal

Deputy's Desk
Welfare

Year 9

The Subject Information Evening was held last night and following this the selection of subjects will occur during Welfare on Tuesday 28 October. The main focus of the evening was to give students and their parents information on elective options. For those who were unable to make the evening, the Subject Information Booklets that were handed out on the night are available from Mrs Kitson.

Mrs Mara Kitson
Year 9 Welfare Leader

Year 10

Year 10 have hit the ground running in Term 4 as we work towards pursuing excellence for the remainder of the year. Students are working well with their teachers in their weekly Welfare sessions to engage in meaningful activities that highlight our weekly Values for Life and study and learning skills.

Students received permission and medical forms last week for our Year 11 Camp at the Maranatha Recreation Camp. This is a three (3) day camp from Monday, 4th May to Wednesday, 6th May 2015. The aims of this camp are: to promote respect for ones-self and others, set up and overcome challenges, develop a team spirit, solve practical problems and build on personal goals. The Camp is a significant event for all our senior students at Aviation High School. Maranatha offers the opportunity to experience a challenging learning environment that is outside of the usual school setting. The development of confidence, self-awareness and self-esteem in each student attending this camp are the key goals of the three day program. Each student will not only face challenges but also broaden their abilities as team members and leaders. Health and Safety issues are factored into every activity, resulting in an exciting, yet safe, camp.

We will be seeking confirmation of numbers of students attending and payment of a deposit of $50 towards the cost of the Camp is required by November 10th 2014. All payments are to be made to the school office in C Block. The total cost of the three days, including travel, food, accommodation and professional facilitators will be approximately $250 (including bus fare). Exact costing depends on final numbers. Final payment will be required by Monday 24th March 2015. We hope that the extended time frame for payment will provide all students the opportunity to attend this significant event as part of our school Welfare Program.

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” Winston Churchill.

Ms Louise Coman
Year 10 Welfare Leader
Year 11

Student Leadership

I am pleased to announce the student leadership positions for 2015.

Joshua S and Juliette A were selected as School Captains, James B and Cassandra J were selected as Vice captains, and the leadership team consists of Shanaaz F, Callan J, Mohammad S, and Matthew R. We commend the leadership team to working hard and interacting positively with all students at Aviation High School during 2015. The next step is to match our 4 leaders with a year level group where they will act as a mentor during the following year. I am sure the leadership team will work well together and bring the school closer together as a cohesive whole.

Mr Steven Wright
Year 11 Welfare Leader

Year 12

Advice from Mrs Taylor to all Year 12’s – hang in there! With only 5 weeks left it is really important for all students to remember that there is still plenty of classwork and assessment due. It is essential that everyone follows all of the school rules and continue the exemplary behaviour that the Year 12 cohort has displayed all of this year. As students have been reminded, full school uniform must be worn until the last day of school and all outstanding fees must be paid for students to be permitted to attend the Senior Formal and graduate from the school. The date for full payment of formal fees has passed so it is very important that those last few stragglers ensure that their ticket (and that of their partner) is paid for by the end of the week. Finally, a letter explaining the format and costs of the Graduation Breakfast was handed out last week. It is crucial that the response slip and payment for those purchasing tickets is returned as soon as possible – final date for payment is Wednesday, the 12th of November. Please note, the Graduation Breakfast will be the only day time formal function for the Year 12’s. There will not be any function held at the school. Looking forward to an enjoyable and memorable last few weeks of school!

Robyn Taylor
Year 12 Welfare Leader
Western Front Battlefield Tour 2016

Your son/daughter is invited to apply for a position on our second WW1 Western Front Battlefields Tour to France and Belgium in the Easter school holidays (Sat 26th March – Weds 6th April 2016). This is for Year 8, 9 and 10 students ONLY (will be in Yr 10, 11 or 12 in 2016).

2016 marks the Centennial Commemoration of World War One Battles of Fromelles and Pozieres where official historian Charles Bean stated, ‘was more densely sown with Australian sacrifice than any other spot on earth’. More than 6700 of them were killed in action or died of wounds and offers a unique opportunity for Aviation High students to participate in learning and experiencing our Australian military history. We will be travelling to France and Belgium and the estimated cost is $6600. Expression of Interest Forms can be collected or emailed as required.

The Parent Information Evening will be held in the School Library from 6pm -7:30pm on Thursday 6th November. A deposit of $500 will be required by Friday 27th November (after Information Evening only) for the 20 students selected to participate. Final payment will not be due until January 29th 2016.

Ms L Coman
Tour Coordinator
Aviation High School Futsal Competition Kicks Off with a Bang

Aviation High's Futsal Competition commenced on Wednesday the 15th of October with Round One teams *Eballers* and *The Boys* playing. Both teams played well, setting the competition standards high. Eballers however proved too good taking the match 4 goals to 1. Aviation High's great team spirit was also on display with many students coming to spectate the game. Round One was a great way to start the competition, players and spectators are surely in for a great competition.

*Mara Kitson*

From the Guidance Officer

**Australian Defence Force**

Year 11's interested in the Australian Defence Force Academy

The optimum time to apply for entry into the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) is Semester two of Year 11. Year 11 students who are interested in an attractive salary while studying an Australian Defence Force funded degree in Business, Engineering, Arts, Science, Technology or Information Technology are encouraged to commence their application this year. You can start your application on the website at [http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/) or ring 131 901.

**Depression and Young Children**

Today's children are at a higher risk for depression than any previous generation. Almost one in 10 children will experience a major depressive episode by the time they are 14 years old, and almost one in five will experience a major depressive episode before graduating from high school.

Research suggests that teaching children to think and problem-solve a certain way works to decrease the likelihood that children will become depressed. A team of psychologists recently developed an innovative program which basically taught children how to be optimistic. Specifically, children learned to identify the
negative beliefs they hold about themselves, others and the world, and then learn how to replace their pessimistic beliefs with more positive ones.

Children also learned to view failures and setbacks as temporary, instead of permanent; as specific to a time and place, instead of general; and as due to circumstances, rather than due to personal defects. For example, children were taught that one bad grade doesn’t make them stupid; it means they have to study harder for the next test.

Researchers found that students who received three months of training in these thinking skills ended up with significantly fewer depressive symptoms and better classroom behaviour than a group who did not receive the training. Even two years after the study, children in the training group were only half as likely to have moderate to severe symptoms of depression as children in the control group.

So what is the application here? What do we want to be teaching and reminding our children?

Help your child maintain accurate, not overly negative, beliefs about himself, the world, and other people. Guide your child to reframe overly negative beliefs to be more specific and realistic. For example, a child who says “I can never do anything right” can be guided to reframe that statement to “I did poorly on my history test, but I made the basketball team and got an A on my geometry test.” Or a child who says “Teachers are so mean” can be guided to reframe that statement to “My art teacher told me I had to finish my project by Monday.”

Remind your child and guide your child to see for themself that setbacks and failures are temporary. For example, if your child is frustrated with the fact that she needs extra help with long division (“I’ll never learn this!”), remind her that soon she will have the skill mastered and her annoyance will be a distant memory. Remind her that she felt similarly when learning to ride a bike.

Remind your child and guide your child to see that setbacks are specific to a time and a place, not applicable to every aspect of his or her life. For example, if your teenager says, “I am worthless, and no one will want to go out with me” when the girl said “no” to a date, guide him to understand that this particular girl said no, but this doesn’t mean no girl will ever want to date him.

Remind your child and guide your child to see the circumstantial factors that contribute to setbacks. If your child thinks that no one likes him since only three kids came to his birthday party, remind him that it is summertime and many families are on vacation and busy with other obligations.

Depression is a complex disease that often is caused by a combination of biological, environmental, and personal or temperamental factors. This study is addressing one aspect of the personal causes of depression, namely the way a person thinks. Therefore, as the study concludes, this “thought training” will not absolutely ensure that a child does not become depressed, but it appears to give the child a better way of managing his emotions.

Adapted from the Generation Next website.

Study Skills

Overcoming Procrastination
Procrastination is when you put off doing something you should be doing right now. Most people are guilty of procrastination at some time. However, too much procrastination can stop you achieving your potential and your life goals. So why do we procrastinate? Some reasons are:

- The task seems boring or unpleasant
- The task seems too difficult
- The student is disorganised and doesn’t know where to start
- The student is a perfectionist and puts off the task because they don’t think they can do it perfectly
- Lack of motivation (could be due to a number of things including not having clear goals to aspire to).

Procrastination is a habit. It won’t be ‘fixed’ immediately. It will take persistent and determined action. The Mind Tools website at http://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newHTE_96.htm has a number of anti-procrastination strategies you might like to try. Breaking the procrastination cycle now will help you achieve your goals in the future.

What type of learner are you?


**QTAC Updates**

A free QTAC App now available – The app can be used to access the latest course details, find out key dates and institution contacts, search for courses and add your favourite courses to My Courses. Visit the home page of the QTAC website at http://www.qtac.edu.au/ for more information.

Late QTAC applications - The on-time application due date for applying for semester one 2015 tertiary courses through QTAC was 30 September 2014. However, for a higher processing charge ($130), Year 12 students can still apply for all courses except those with a fixed closing date that has already passed (see page 5 of the QTAC Guide). The due date to apply for the major offer round on 15 January 2015 is 10 December 2014. Other application due dates can be found on page 4 of the QTAC Guide.

Changing preferences - You can change preferences, delete preferences or add new preferences (except for courses with a fixed closing date that has expired) through the QTAC Current Applicant online service. The 7 January 2015 is the final date to change preferences for the 15 January offer round. You have three free preference change sessions for most courses. Further preference change sessions will incur a fee of $35 each.

Course changes - There have been many course changes since the publication of the QTAC Guide. To access a list of changes, visit http://www.qtac.edu.au/Courses/CourseChanges.htm

Applicants with a disability - If you indicated on your QTAC application that you would like further information about the disability support services offered by the institutions to which you applied, you will be provided with the ‘Applicants with Disability’ information sheet. This information sheet can also be downloaded at http://www.qtac.edu.au/InfoSheets/disabilityinformation.html. It is recommended that you make contact with the institution disability services staff before you commence your studies.
Educational Access Scheme (EAS) applications - If you indicated on your QTAC application that you intended to apply for EAS, it is important that you submit your EAS application (i.e. cover sheet and required supporting documents) to QTAC as soon as possible. See your guidance officer/counsellor if you require assistance with your EAS application. You can still apply for EAS even if you did not indicate this intention on your QTAC application (see [http://www.qtac.edu.au/InfoSheets/EducationalAccessSchemeEAS.html](http://www.qtac.edu.au/InfoSheets/EducationalAccessSchemeEAS.html)).

Year 12 QCE Eligibility

As the end of schooling approaches for Year 12, it is of vital importance for the students to pass their subjects to be eligible for their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). All students are aware of their eligibility to gain this certificate. If any parent wishes any further information regarding their child’s current status with QCE status, please contact Mrs Denise Dunn at the school – [ddunn5@eq.edu.au](mailto:ddunn5@eq.edu.au).

Interact Club

Interact is a service club for young people ages 12-18. Sponsored by our local Rotary Clubs at Brisbane Airport, Interact clubs give young people an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends.

We meet every TUESDAY at FIRST BREAK in the MULTIMEDIA ROOM in E BLOCK. All students from all year levels are welcome to attend and participate in planning and participating in serving our school and wider community.

We have planned many interesting activities for Term 4 and 2015. Upcoming events include our annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Drive, Chappy’s Day Out Event, Breakfast with Rotary members, Annual Interact District Conference Caboolture and a DVA Working Bee and Barbeque to name but a few. Please encourage your student to be a part of this international organisation.

Ms L Coman
Interact Coordinator

P & C News

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED MONDAY 20th OCTOBER AS IT IS A STUDENT FREE DAY
TRIVIA NIGHT - Friday 7th November

This is going to be a fun night! Students - bring your parents, grandparents, High School friends and family and make up a table of up to 8 players. (The evening isn’t suitable for primary age children and below). Don’t worry if you want to come but don’t have a team – send in your form and we will make sure you have a seat.

Chef Mark is providing a special range of hot meals from 6pm so if you have to come straight from work or don’t have time for tea, delicious food will be available (any special dietary requirements, contact the school to let Chef know at least 3 days in advance).

PRIZES – If you can provide a prize, please bring it to the Admin Office as soon as possible. Or, if you can donate towards purchasing prizes, that would be awesome. We have already received a few lovely items, including original artwork, but we need more – please give generously!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON 7th NOVEMBER – WE KNOW BRIGHT KIDS HAVE STELLAR PARENTS – COME AND SPARKLE!!

CLICK HERE for TRIVIA NIGHT Registration Form Page 1

CLICK HERE for TRIVIA NIGHT Registration Form Page 2

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For further information: Contact David Smit (07) 3115 6202 or 0417 436 183 OR david.smit@thesmithfamily.com.au

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