Welcome to this edition of the Aviators' Gazette.

Congratulations to all of our Award winners

Aviation High celebrated its Annual Awards last Tuesday evening. In what I consider to be the most prestigious of nights, we celebrated student excellence in academic, cultural, citizenship and sporting endeavours. It is refreshing and reassuring to be able to come together as a school community and acknowledge and celebrate what is best about what Aviation High School has to offer.

I was very impressed with the way students presented themselves and standard of dress. I particularly wish to pay tribute to students involved in the stage band with our teachers for their professional and polished performances. It was wonderful to see such talent on display. To add further information regarding attendance and award recipients we doubled the amount of high performing acknowledgments and added a further 200 parents and friends who attended the evening.

I wish to thank Mrs Mandy Forbes for her organisation and coordination of the evening; support staff for their administration; students who performed entertainment items and all other staff who
contributed to the Awards’ success. Thank you also to our special guests including representatives from the P&C, Raytheon Australia, Virgin Australia and the Australian Defence Force. PK Australia, Aviation Australia, Rotary, the minister of state the Honourable Tim Nichols for his continued support and acknowledging in his speech the hard work by our whole school community over the past 2 years developing the future of Aviation High School

A special congratulation goes to James R (12A) the 2014 Aviation High School Dux and Caltex Award winner (photo below).
Day for Daniel

Thank you to our Student Council for their efforts in supporting the Day for Daniel. Students were encouraged to wear a red tie. Some of them have been extremely creative and it is a timely reminder to all students to be aware of their surroundings and to travel as much as they can with friends.

Arts Festival

Last Friday was another showcase of excellence from our students and teachers. The Arts put together a festival that displayed all facets of creativity by our students. With the introduction this year of Drama our juniors and seniors put on a wonderful performance. To our artists their standard was excellent and the rest of the evening listening to wonderful music by the jazz band, big band and some individual performance was highly entertaining. To our parents and friends can I say thank you for your support of the evening in which we had about 250 people in attendance. To our teachers who were in the supporting role for the Arts Department thank you.

Teachers Day

Today we celebrate World Teacher’s Day in Australia. It is hard to find the right words to express to our teachers their pivotal position in society in shaping and developing young people for the future. So I will simply add the following poem that I discovered in reading about World Teachers Day.

“One hundred years from now
   It won’t matter
   What kind of car you drove
   What kind of house you lived in
How much money you had in the bank
Nor what clothes you wore
But the world may be a little better
Because you were important in the life of a child"

**Principals Round Table**

I was invited to a round table forum by our local member Mr Tim Nichols to meet with our local primary Principals along with the Minister for Education Mr John-Paul Langbroek to discuss areas that concerns our local Clayfield Community from enrolments, curriculum, Junior Secondary, traffic around schools, student behaviour and support from P&C’s. Thank you to Tim for the opportunity and I can state that it was an excellent opportunity for sharing with our primary colleagues.

**Quadrennial School Review/Public Forum**

As you are aware, earlier this year, Aviation High School conducted a Quadrennial School Review. Emanating from this review were discussions about the future of our Learning framework in the junior school. As a result of significant discussions with Heads of Department and after consulting with guidelines attached to the National Curriculum, we have reviewed our approach to learning in junior secondary. This means that our focus will be on meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum with a particular focus on incremental improvements in literacy and numeracy for all students. While preferred learning styles will always be catered for, we will also ensure that a student has exposure to a wide range of student preferred learning experiences as well as providing a range of curricula, co and extra-curricular activities which will encourage and promote individual achievement.

**Farewell**

With only two weeks to go before our senior students depart from Aviation High School, it is an appropriate time to wish all senior school leavers the very best for their future endeavours. I have reminded senior students of the importance of exiting the school with dignity and respect and to role model appropriate behaviours to younger students, particular during the last two weeks. The school has also provided students with education around Schoolies Week celebrations, harm minimisation strategies and making healthy and safe choices both at ‘schoolies week’ and beyond.

I look forward to celebrating the end of year with our senior students of 2014.

**Public Holiday 14 November**

Can I remind all parents and students that the 14th November is a Public holiday due the G20 conference in Brisbane.
Deputy's Desk

Subject Selections

All our subject selections are now complete. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will follow the curriculum guides set down by the Australian Curriculum and so no subject selections have occurred for 2015 for Year 7, 8, or 9. The basic structure of the curriculum is illustrated in the table below.

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Regular School Attendance

Research shows that higher student attendance at school is associated, with higher student achievement. Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for: birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children or family members, minor check-ups or care such as hair cuts. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?
You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. It is now an Education Department requirement that you complete an Exemption From Schooling form that must be approved by the Principal. Contact the school for access to this form.

Mandy Forbes
Deputy Principal

Senior Secondary

Year 12

Year 12 students are approaching the final stages of their formal secondary schooling. Their Examination Block will be conducted from Monday 10 November to Monday 17 November. Remember that Friday 14 November is the G20 Public Holiday and school will not operate on that day. Students will be able to have home study during Examination Block time as long as they have successfully completed their Clearance Forms which will be distributed to them next Tuesday. Those Clearance Forms must be successfully completed and submitted to the school Administration office by Friday 7 November at the latest.

During Examination Block, students must attend their scheduled examinations. Individual examination timetables have been distributed today. Please note that students must wear full formal uniform for their examinations. Once students arrive for examinations, they are to stay until they finish their tasks for the day. No one will be allowed to leave school and then return. The canteen will be available for them during this time.

Student Assessment Records were distributed to year 12 students last Tuesday. They are to be checked, ensuring their home email address is recorded,. Students are to make any changes, sign, obtain parental signature and return immediately. This is most important as this is the basis for their certification. If you have not sighted tis, please ensure your student has it in hand.

Students have been given a countdown for each day until they graduate on Friday 21 November. Important dates are:

IMMEDIATELY - Checked and signed Student Assessment Records returned

7 November - Final day for return of completed Clearance Forms, including payment of any outstanding fees, Reference applications

10 – 17 November - Examination Block

Tuesday 18 November – In classes to check results

Wednesday 19 November – Formal
Friday 21 November – Graduation Breakfast at Kedron Wavell Services Club. Students dismissed from there.

Years 8-11 Clearance Forms

Years 10 and 11 – Distributed Tuesday 11 November and due back by Friday 14 November

Years 8 and 9 – Distributed Tuesday 25 November and due back by Friday 28 November.

Susan Smith
Deputy Principal

Welfare

Year 8

Congratulations to Jack L (8B) and Irina F (8A), the Inaugural Junior Secondary Captains for 2015. They will be wonderful leaders for the Junior Secondary cohort.

Congratulations also go to all the Year 8 Academic Award winners. There were many students who achieved remarkable results and received recognition at Aviation High School’s Awards night on Tuesday 21 October.

We are close to the middle of Term 4. The students are aware of the assessment activities they will have between now and the end of the term.

Most of the students are completing homework as asked from their subject teacher. Homework is a great way for the students to revise classwork from the day. It forms part of the overall study plan which the students should have in place.

The students are working towards having wonderful end of year report cards.

As summer approaches, I am concerned at the number of Year 8 students who are still wearing jumpers all day. Those students looked very uncomfortable on the warmer days we have had recently. Please encourage your student to leave the jumper/jacket at home if possible.

With the warmer weather, we also need to encourage the students to bring a refillable water bottle to school. They may take a water bottle into every class. This saves wasted lesson time when needing a drink.

Jan Gough
Year 8 Welfare Leader

Year 9
On Tuesday October 28th the Year 9 students completed their subject selections for electives in OneSchool on the computers. The subject selections went smoothly with most students returning blue forms signed by parents. I would like to thank the parents and caregivers of the Year 9 students for assisting in making this such a smooth process and would also like to thank them for showing such a keen interest in their children’s education at the Subject Information Evening held recently in the school library. Both events were a success.

Mrs Mara Kitson
Year 9 Welfare Leader

Year 10

The Value for Life this week was Harmony and the importance of finding balance and peace with ourselves, families and with those around us. The Wellbeing focus was on our students who are now faced with completing assessment tasks and sitting tests/exams in the next few weeks of Term 4. They experience anxious feelings which cause them to lose focus on the task at hand. It is important for them to understand that having these feelings are normal, however they need to learn how to overcome them positively. When positive growth mindsets are cultivated in their approach, students are empowered to remain focused on achieving their intended outcomes. Recent research on positive psychology has revealed that these mindsets not only build students’ self-esteem, but more importantly, stimulate them to shine as people and do good things. Positive structures underpinning their thinking enable students to be proactive when pressure situations arise. The acronym M.A.R.B.L.E.S. describes such a structure to scaffold their thinking. The strategy is to concentrate on each letter in turn in order to not lose their M.A.R.B.L.E.S. The letters stand for:

* M – Meta-cognition: not letting their minds wander and focussing on thinking about their thinking using Habits of Mind

* A – Attitude: to achieve personal best, PBs, they need positive growth mindsets and can do and want to attitudes

* R – Respect: believing in themselves, their teachers and having real respect for themselves as successful students

* BL – Body Language: assertive but not aggressive, confident but not arrogant, focused but not consumed

* E – Effort: when the going gets tough, they increase their efforts; they find a way through positive mindfulness

* S – Sync: when exam/test day arrives all the pieces of the jigsaw need to fit together perfectly; they need flow in what they do
Time spent practicing concentrating on M.A.R.B.L.E.S. will build positive growth mindsets which will reap significant benefits for students’ performances on assessment tasks and tests/exams.

The Year 11 Camp forms were sent home and a deposit of $50 by November 10th to secure a place for your student as places are filling fast. The final payment is not due until March 24th 2015. This is a significant event for all our senior students at Aviation High School.

“Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.” Marie Curie

Ms Louise Coman
Year 10 Welfare Leader


Year 11

Student Involvement

The school leaders have been busy over the past weeks planning and organising the many different activities. The seniors will be involved with assisting with the organisation of the Pre Formal for the Year 12 leaving students. This will be held in the Assembly Hall on Wednesday 19th November before the formal. The leadership team are responsible for organising teams to decorate, serve food and drink and to ensure all who attend have a memorable and relaxing experience.

The leadership team are also considering the roles they will play as Year Level Mentors in 2015. The year levels they will be paired with will be announced soon, and I am confident that our four seniors will make a positive impact with these students in 2015.

School Captain’s Breakfast

Juliette A (11A) and Cassandra J (11D) attended the Girl Guides Woman of Substance leader’s breakfast on Friday 24th October at the Victoria Park Golf Club ballroom. Both girls had a very productive time and Juliette shares her thoughts as follows.

“Cassie and myself were fortunate enough to attend the “Woman of Substance” mentoring breakfast recently. There were over 40 Year 11 girls in attendance. Each girl was matched with their own mentor that shared similar career goals. There were many interesting guests in attendance who were both inspirational and successful. These included business women and the premier of Queensland’s wife, Lisa Newman. These women gave great speeches and inspired everyone attending to remain fixed to their future aspirations, no matter what life throws in their way. The morning inspired both Cassie and I to pursue excellence and keep pushing forward in whatever we do. And of course the full cooked English breakfast was a bonus. Coffee and females talking – what could be better?”

Other decisions the Year 11’s will be involved with include, finalising the 2015 Senior Jersey and looking at possible venues for the 2015 Senior Formal.

A busy and exciting end of year awaits. Keep focused on the end goal and do your best at all times.

Mr Steven Wright
Year 11 Welfare Leader

Year 12

This is it! The last week of formal schooling. Please take note of these important dates.

Exam Block begins on Monday, the 10th of November. Tuesday, the 11th is a normal school day and all Year 12 students will be expected at school for their last Whole School Assembly. Please note: this will not be a Graduation Assembly, however parents are welcome to attend if they wish.
Wednesday, the 19\textsuperscript{th} November is the Formal and Friday, the 21\textsuperscript{st} of November is the Graduation Breakfast at Kedron Wavell RSL which will begin at 7.30am.

Please remind your child that there is still assessment to be completed and nothing but the highest standard of behaviour will be expected up until their last day. If you have any questions about the procedure for the last 2 weeks of school please do not hesitate to contact me.

Robyn Taylor  
Year 12 Welfare Leader

The Arts Fest 2014

What a great night we had with over a 120 parents, staff and students in attendance at the ‘Fourth Arts Fest Evening’. A successful and entertaining evening that was only made possible by our talented students and teachers of ‘The Arts’, as well as support from staff and parents.

This event brought together our school community to celebrate the achievements and talent of our Art, Drama and Music students.

As Head of Department I had emailed all parents and students of Aviation High School, prior to the evening, to encourage support and attendance. I now say a big thanks to those family and friends who turned up on the night to not only support and encourage the students, but also thanks to those who assisted in cleaning up the hall. I am fully appreciative of those parents, students and staff who assisted on the night.

From all reports back it was a very successful night with special mention of the students’ talent on show (Music, Drama, Art, Hospitality). All students were fantastic and played or performed with confidence.

Of special mention were the awards for the night:

Music – James R (Year 12) - Band Captain

Art – Indiana M (Year 12) and Tara F (Year 11)

Drama – Tara F (Year 11) Caitlin M (Year 9)

Finally to ‘The Arts’ staff who have supported the students all year and have guided them in their performances – Ms Miles (Music Co-ord), Ms Doucet (Instrumental Teacher), Mr Mc Grath (Head of Maths, Science –member of Ground Crew band), Ms Park (Art Teacher), Ms Hardy, Ms Gough (Hospitality Teachers), Ms Hindmarch and Ms Lowe (Drama Teachers). Thanks also to all staff that have supported this event.
Rob Buckner
Head of Dept. 'The Arts'
60,462,795 and counting!

As of 27th October the years 8 & 9 students participating in the Accelerated Reader Program have read 60,462,795 words. The Millionaires Club now has 23 millionaires five of whom are multimillionaires.

This club is part of the Accelerated Reader Program and celebrates those readers who have read over a million words, with advanced levels of comprehension.

The Accelerated Reader Program encourages students to read for pleasure and understanding, checking their progress with quizzes on the computer system. It also rewards students for their achievements and allows teachers to monitor their progress.

Congratulations to all these students and watch this space – we have four near millionaires!

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss

Western Front Tour (France & Belgium) 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 – Wed 6th April 2016). This is for Year 8, 9 and 10 students ONLY (will be in Yr 10,11 & 12 in 2016). 2016 marks the Centennial Commemoration of World War One and the Battle of the Somme, Fromelles and Pozieres.
Places are filling fast as over 300,000 Australians fought on the Western Front so we need to book now to secure accommodation, flights and tours for 2016.

Please have your student collect an Expression of Interest Form from Ms Coman (E6 Staffroom).

Our Parent and Student Information Evening will be held next Thursday 6th November from 6pm-7.30pm in the school library. The cost is approximately $6600 with a $500 deposit payable upon your student receiving confirmation of their place on the tour by 27th November 2014.

A schedule of payments has been estimated with monthly payments to be invoiced and total costs to be finalised by 29th January 2016. Only 20 Places available.

Please ring Ms Coman on 3637 0139 if you require further information.

Ms L Coman

Western Front 2016 Tour Co-ordinator
Aviation High School Interact Club

The Aviation High School Interact Club members did a wonderful job wrapping our hamper boxes for our sixth annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. We will hand these out to all welfare form groups on Tuesday.

Monday 3rd November is our Interact Pink Ribbon Day. Please bring along some cakes, slices, muffins etc. to sell at first break under A Block. Please take your cakes to the canteen before school so they can be placed in the fridge. We also have Cancer Council Merchandise to sell on the day to support cancer research.

On Wednesday 29th October, Mr Stephen Green from the Brisbane Airport Rotary Club presented the following students with their Interact Badges for participating all this year:


Mr Green also explained the Interact DVD Competition to our club members. The winner is to be announced at the Interact District Conference to be held at St Columban's College Caboolture on Sunday February 22nd 2015. So we will make sure to pay attention - we want the Trophy!

Club members are also encouraged to go to the following link to find information on the Science Experience to be held at QUT, UQ Griffith on 20th to 23rd January 2015. If you are interested in participating and/or seeking a grant towards the cost please see me at our next weekly meeting.


The Commemoration Group will be planning for next year’s working bee to improve the area around the flag pole, so make sure you see Jarrod J with your ideas. Another event to apply for in 2015 is the National Youth Science Forum: http://www.nysf.edu.au

Interact is part of an international group supporting the community - school, local and global.

All students from all year levels are welcome to attend and join us in helping the community.
We meet every Tuesday in the Multi Media Room at First Break 10:05am.

Ms L Coman

Interact Club Co-ordinator
P & C News

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!!
AVIATION HIGH
TRIVIA NIGHT
FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

PUT TOGETHER YOUR TABLE OF UP TO 8 PEOPLE
AND JOIN US! (no minimum number)

- School Hall from 7–10 pm
- $15 per person includes table platter of nibbles
- HOT Meals available for purchase from 6—7pm
  (approx. $10)
- BAR
- Great prizes and fun for all!
- High School Students are welcome to participate with
  their family, however student only tables are not permit-
  ted
- Registration form on reverse side.
- Please direct any questions to
  kerryspandc@orbisit.com.au

AVIATION HIGH TRIVIA NIGHT!
FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER 7—10 PM

1. Give your team/table a name.
2. Ensure any person paying on a separate form uses
the same TEAM/TABLE name, to ensure you are all registered at the same table!

3. Return your registration form to the office by the 3rd of November.

**TEAM/TABLE NAME:**

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(OR: I don’t have a team at this time)

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