

Principal's Message

Welcome back to school for Term 2, 2013.

Can I thank Mr Cooper for his wonderful leadership of Aviation High. I have spoken with him and when his health stabilises we are hoping that he will return to see us all during one of our school assembly's.

Can I also thank Mr Donald for his role as Acting Principal during the end of term 1 and wish him every success in his Acting Principal role in Gladstone for term 2.

I am honoured and feeling very excited about leading Aviation High as Principal for this term. I thank the school community for the warm welcome I have received and look forward to meeting more members of our community throughout the rest of the term. I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome those families and students who join us for the first time.

In my opening addresses to staff and students I was clear that my main focus as Principal will be on student learning. On my first day I reminded students about the school vision of pursuing excellence and proceeded to highlight their achievements from last year. I remind all of us to ensure that throughout the year that we are **READY TO LEARN**. Thank you for your hard work in getting your children ready to learn and work. This readiness to learn also includes being dressed for learning and I congratulate the vast majority of students on their excellent presentation in their uniforms.

Our teachers have been busy preparing for term 2 learning. The Australian Curriculum implementation is well advanced at Aviation High in the core areas of English, Maths, Science and History. Our students will be

well supported with the Australian Curriculum with teaching staff doing extensive research and planning on how best to teach. Evidence based teaching strategies such as setting learning goals are part of our Pedagogical Framework based on work achieved by the Marzano Institute. Head of Departments and the Administration team will be attending professional development on ASOT and the Fleming model (the Art and Science of Teaching and the John Fleming Model on coaching and supporting classroom teachers).

Supporting this will lead to the setting of academic targets for each student in each of their subjects. I encourage you to speak to your child about their targets. It is really important for all young people to have a clear sense of what they are trying to achieve each day in every classroom. Teachers will also discuss specific strategies students need to apply to their studies to improve results. Can I congratulate Year 9's on their efforts during our practise NAPLAN testing last week. Our teachers and Year 9's are working very hard in preparation for the 3 day testing event in May.

We have a strong Administration team, Heads of Departments and Year level Co-ordinators responsible for the leadership of our school in curriculum and welfare in **Mrs Forbes, Mrs Smith, Mrs Dunn, Mr Buckner, Mr Wright, Mrs Milinovich, Mr Wilcox, Mr Clarke, Mrs Gough, Mr Riordan, Mrs Bermingham**

Your Partner In Education
David Munn
A/Principal



Mr David Munn (A/Principal) congratulates our students & staff who attended the NASA 2013 Space Camp.

DEPUTY'S DESK

Welcome back to Term 2.

We are now at the pointy end of Semester One. This is the term where students have to ensure they are working as hard as they can to get the best possible results for this semester. Many of our Senior students have changed subjects and are now pursuing courses that are more suited to their ability.

This week (Monday 22 April) we had our Semester 1 Parent-Teacher night which was a great success. I'd like to take a moment here to commend our teachers who after teaching for the day spent up to 5 hours (with only a 20 minute meal break) talking to parents about their students. No mean feat!

Can I remind students and parents that our exam block for Year's 11 and 12 is set down for Wednesday the 5 June until Wednesday 12 June. The actual timetable for the exams will be set shortly and depending on the exams that are necessary the exam block will occur between the above dates.

The Year 9 NAPLAN tests are set down for Tues 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May, 2013. We have already had a successful practice session with students sitting practice numeracy and literacy tests. The results of those practices will be discussed with the Year 9 students shortly.

We are holding our ANZAC Day ceremony this Wednesday 24 April and as usual our senior leaders have a wonderful ceremony planned. This planning has been ably supported by Ms Coman.

This term we have two guest speakers. On May 30 Paul Stanley of the Matthew Stanley foundation will be talking to our Senior Students about the "one punch can kill campaign". Last term on the Anti Bullying day we held a free dress day and raised \$555.00 which the school will donate to the Matthew Stanley foundation. On June 14 Lindsay Williams will be speaking to our OP eligible Year 12 students about how to do the best they can in the Writing Task of the Queensland Core Skills Test.

All the best to everyone in what has already proved to be a very busy term.

Mandy Forbes
Deputy Principal

STUDIES DEPARTMENT

KEY EVENTS TERM 2

SPORT

School Cross Country

The school's Cross Country will be held on Wednesday May 8, at Kalinga Park. This week letters are being given to students to obtain permission to compete (these are due back on May 6).

This year we are asking students to also register in a School 'Fun Run' program sponsored by Adidas. All students have been given a Sponsorship Form to help with their fundraising - thereby raising money for the school, in particular future sporting equipment. Please note **NO CASH** donations will be accepted at the

school. All fundraising is to be done through the on-line account that students set up on www.schoolfunrun.com.au. A letter has been sent home to explain the process. I thank Mr Northcott for organising this program.

InterSchool Sport

Interschool Winter Sport for Yrs 10, 11 & 12 will commence in week 5 with the following sports on offer:
Boys Football, Basketball, OZ Tag, Volleyball and AFL
Girls Netball, Volleyball and Oz Tag

Again we thank those students and teachers who make a commitment to compete in sport and travel by bus to other venues. Students will be receiving a permission letter this week to allow them to travel on buses as required to outside venues.

It is important that students wear the proper sports uniform and shoes for their Sport and/or practical PE lessons.

School-based Sport (Commencing in Week 3)

Tuesday's School-based Junior sports are: Cricket, Football, Netball, Touch, and Floorball.

Wednesday's School-based Senior sports are: Table tennis and Ultimate Disc, (note a Study Group also exists for Yr 12's).

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Instrumental Music

The Aviation High School band was involved in the School's ANZAC Day service (with the School Captain Alex Brand playing the 'Last Post').

On Saturday May 4, the band will be performing at the 'May Fair' as part of the City Council and Rotary 'Movie in the Park' event being held at Lanham Park Stafford (1pm to 8pm). The band will be playing at 2.45pm and I encourage parents and students to enjoy the day and support our students. Thanks to Mr Dovey and Ms Miles for their commitment.

Robin Buckner
HOD Studies

WESTERN FRONT "AUSTRALIAN-MILITARY HISTORY BATTLEFIELDS" TOUR 2014

Aviation High's inaugural Western Front "Australian Military History Battlefields Tour" to France and Belgium is planned for Yr 11 & 12 students during the **April school holidays (5-16 April) 2014.**

Students will be touring the Western Front with an historian from Matt McLachlan Battlefield Tours. 2014 marks the Centennial Commemoration of World War One and offers a unique opportunity for Aviation High students to participate in learning and experiencing our Australian military history.

Further information will be available at the beginning of Term Two.

Louise Coman
Teacher

P&C FUNDRAISER

The P&C will be holding a Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 10 May, from 8.00am – 8.40am. Please come and support this event, everyone is welcome.

SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM

To the parents & guardians of Year 11 & 12 students

The Australian Government introduced the Medicare Teen Dental Plan to help with the cost of an annual dental care for eligible clients aged over 12 years.

Each year, Medicare Australia automatically sends a voucher to eligible families and teenagers, allowing teenagers to receive their annual check up and preventive care through a private dentist or a public oral health facility. Not all private dentists participate under this scheme.

For Year 11 & 12 students to be eligible you will need to be under 18yrs old, have a current Medicare Teen Dental Voucher and a current Health Care Card.

Appointments can be made by calling:

1300 365 997 between 11 am – 2pm Wednesday to Friday

We will book an appointment for your examination, professional clean and radiographs**

There are no gaps to pay and this includes a full course of general treatment.

Please don't forget to bring your Teen Dental Voucher and Health Care card to your appointment.

The following details need to be written on the voucher.

YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME
MEDICARE NUMBER
REFERENCE NUMBER (NEXT TO THEIR NAME)
and
CARD EXPIRY DATE

*** Radiographs would be taken if considered necessary*

**Metro North Oral Health Service
Metro North Hospital and Health Service**



**IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE
WE ACCEPT TEEN DENTAL VOUCHERS**

You need to be either: Year 7 to 10
OR

Year 11 & 12 and a current healthcare card holder*
**Call 1300 365 997 between 11am - 2pm
Wednesday - Friday**

We will book an appointment for your examination, professional clean and radiographs** at one of our clinics or vans.

There are no gaps to pay and this includes a full course of general treatment.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR VOUCHER WITH YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

**Proof of current healthcare card is required for students in year 11 & 12*

***Radiographs would be taken if considered necessary*

Further information available from:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/dental-teen>

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

A reminder Matt, our "Chappy", is at school Mondays and Tuesdays. Matt can be contacted on 3637 0145 or matthewg@chappy.org.au. To make a booking contact the school office or visit Matt in E block.

Year 10, 11 & 12 students: the annual Australian Centre for Mission Aviation (ACMA) camp is from 1 to 5 July. Cost; from \$395. Check out acma.vic.edu.au. Matt also has camp forms.

For other camping opportunities in 2013 (including schoolies events in the Whitsundays, Samoa or Melbourne) check out sucamps.org.au

rev Matthew Govan
Chaplain

DIARY DATES

MAY

Wed 8	School Cross Country 1pm Metro Sport Final (SNR) P&C Meeting 6.15pm
Thu 16	Yr 8/10 Immunisation 1.45pm
Mon 20	District Cross Country
Mon 27/5 –	Priority Class Time – All Year Levels
Tue14 -Thu 16	Yr 9 NAPLAN Testing

JUNE

Wed 5 – Wed 12	Yr 11/12 Exam Block
Thu 13	Yr 11/12 RSA Course
Mon 17 – Fri 21	Aviation High Business Week Yr 12 QCS Prep & Work Experience
Fri 21	Reports Posted Last Day of Term 2

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Did you know there's a one-stop-shop for your family to access 24/7 cybersafety advice and support?

The internet is an exciting way for all Australians to connect with loved ones, engage with others socially and to learn new things. We've all heard about dangers in the online world such as cyberbullying, offensive content, scams, fraud and unwanted contact. These things shouldn't stop us from using the internet, however it's important to know what to do and where to get help if you or a loved one encounters a problem.

The Cybersafety Help Button (Help Button) is a **FREE** resource that is easy to install and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The Help Button is for everyone as it assists users of any age including children, parents, teachers and older Australians with practical advice, support and information.

Because you never know when you might need cybersafety information, the Help Button is a constant online companion. Once downloaded, it sits on your computer desktop or mobile home screen so support and advice is always just a click away.

Through the Help Button users have the option to **TALK** to someone such as the Kids Helpline or lifeline about issues of concern, **REPORT** inappropriate content or behaviour directly to social networking sites or the appropriate authorities and **LEARN** how to ensure your family is safe online through our many educational resources.

The Help Button is quick and easy to install and can be downloaded from the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy's web page: www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton.

If you would like to view the Help Button site before you download it, please visit: www.cybersafety.dbcde.gov.au/helpandadvice.

Through the Help Button you can also access The Easy Guide to Socialising Online which provides cybersafety information for 27 social networking sites, search engines and online games.

The Easy Guide provides step by step instructions on how to report cyberbullying, abuse and inappropriate content on these sites.

It also provides clear information for parents, educators and young people on how to adjust privacy settings on these sites as well as tips on how to stay safe when using any social media site.

The Easy Guide is available at www.dbcde.gov.au/easyguide.



IS THERE ROOM IN YOUR LIFE FOR ONE MORE? FOSTER A CHILD

Foster carers open their hearts and homes to children and young people who are unable to live at home with their families because they are at risk of harm.

Anyone who is willing to provide children and young people with a stable, supportive and nurturing home, be it short or long-term, can apply to become a foster carer.

The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services has launched a new foster carer recruitment initiative – 'Is there room?'

The initiative aims to raise awareness of the need for more foster carers and increase the understanding of the role of foster carers in our community. It also acknowledges and supports the work of current foster carers in caring for children and young people who need help.

For more information about becoming a foster carer, call 1300 550 877 or go to www.qld.gov.au/fosterachild

Tracy Davis MP
Minister for Communities, Child Safety
and Disability Services