

## Principal's Message

Welcome to this edition of Aviators' Gazette. I am very happy to share with you a snapshot of our student results from Term One 2013. This snapshot looks at the results achieved by all students at Aviation High.

### Achievement Breakdown.

77% of our students were awarded a C or better in their subjects.

43% of our students were awarded an A or B in their subjects

### Behaviour Breakdown.

93.1% of our students received a C or better for behaviour in the classroom

73.3% of our students received an A or B for behaviour in the classroom

### Effort Breakdown

87.8% of our students received a C or better for effort with their studies

62.0% of our students received an A or B for effort with their studies

These are very positive results and I congratulate students who have really tried their best with their studies. At all levels – whole school, departments, classrooms, students and parents/caregivers the issuing of reports and collection of data is a good time for reflection and planning for improvement. I encourage you to talk with your student about strategies they could apply to improve their results including ensuring study time is productive, working on particular areas that need attention for example paragraph writing and/or ensuring students are reading every day.

I will be talking with the Heads of Departments and teachers about our current practices and how we can get even better at ensuring our students are achieving their best. I would like to be able to report back after Semester One 2013 that there has been an increase in our overall achievement levels due to our collective effort to improve. Our school's target for achievement levels for 2013 are:

89% C or better; 49% A or B.

Can I congratulate the organisers of our ANZAC Parade? It was truly a wonderful ceremony from the

students. Our School Captains and Leaders, the Australian Air Force Cadets, our School Band presented a polished, dignified and respectful ceremony that did honour to the ANZAC tradition. As a new person to the school the respectfulness and the exemplary behaviour of our 400 students throughout the whole ceremony was beyond reproach.



NAPLAN will soon be upon us and again can I acknowledge the teachers and students for the work achieved leading up to next week. Some initiatives that we have introduced are the '20 questions in 20 days' as warm up sessions at the beginning of the lesson across many of the key Learning Areas and a Homework NAPLAN Extension Booklet. Parents are welcome to view the booklet and work with their year 9 student to help them understand the language and types of questions that students will have to undertake on the 3 days of exams.

Our parent teacher evening went extremely well and can I thank the Deputy Principals for their efforts in arranging the evening. Parent/Teacher evenings are crucial in building partnerships and support structures to engage and encourage students to think about what their educational goals are for Term 2. Parents and caregivers can support the school by talking to their students and asking them what they would like to achieve this term and what things they will need to do to achieve their goals. It may be as simple as ensuring every assignment draft is submitted on time (Assessment Calendar on the school website) or

committing to be prepared for every class with the appropriate materials and equipment. If we all work together, this may well help our students achieve their educational goals.

Can I bring to the attention of all our parents and carers that the school has a drop off point outside the school at GATE 1. My concerns are around the safety of students as they enter the school at gate number 1 and 2. Parents are reminded to not enter the admin car park area unless they are coming to pick up a sick student or to see a teacher or Administrator

Finally I witnessed on Saturday 3 May our 'Pursuit of Excellence' by being thoroughly entertained by the school ensemble band at LANHAM PARK. Thank you Mr Buckner, Mr Riordan, Miss Miles, Mr McGrath, Mr Dovey and the student band members and their parents and their efforts

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Aviators' Gazette.



Mr David Munn (A/Principal) congratulates Connor Kelly on being selected for the State Water Polo Team.

Your Partner In Education  
David Munn  
A/Principal

## DEPUTY'S DESK

### NAPLAN testing time again

Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 14–16 May.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing.

Further information is available on the [ACARA website](http://www.nap.edu.au/): (<http://www.nap.edu.au/>)

### The timetable for the testing at Aviation High is:

Tue 14 May: Language Conventions (45 minutes)  
Writing (40 Minutes)

Wed 15 May: Reading (65 minutes)

Thu 16 May: Numeracy (calculator) (40 Minutes)  
Numeracy(non-calculator)(40 minutes)

Sue Smith  
A/Deputy Principal

## CABIN CREW

During the year, students have been studying Certificate II in Aviation (Flight Operations) in partnership with Aviation Australia. The on-line course is conducted at school for two lessons a week as well as individual work at home. Once completed, the students receive a Certificate II in Aviation (flight Operations) as well as four QCE points.

Topics of study include:

- Health and safety in Aviation
- Roles and responsibilities
- Emergency equipment
- Aviation medicine
- Non-normal situations
- Evacuation procedures
- Grooming
- Standard operating procedures.

Mr Simon McNair (Training Manager – Aviation Australia) visited the school recently to discuss with the students the benefits of being cabin crew and types of equipment used. Four Year 12 students (Yolanda, Cameron, Saffy and Emily) have passed the theory elements and are looking forward to completing their practical elements during the September school holidays. The year 11 students (Brooklyn, Jordan, Keely, Megan, Indiana, Shelby), will complete the course next year.



Mrs Dunn  
HOD Technologies

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

On Thursday 2 May we were pleased to host Ruben Meerman "The Surfing Scientist" presenter from ABC TV. With a dynamic display of atmospheric effects strongly linked to the Aviation Industry Ruben kept all the Year 9 and Year 8 students enthralled. It may have been the super cold liquid nitrogen with its accompanying condensation spreading across the floor or possibly the production of liquid oxygen and solid carbon dioxide in a balloon of exhaled air that captured the students attention, but the highlight was undoubtedly the explosion of a balloon that demonstrated that the volume of liquid nitrogen expands by 700 times as it warms up to room temperature. It was spectacular.

Earlier that day we were also proud to host a group of Year 6 students from Eaton's Hill SS on a culminating activity for their "Flight" unit. They explored the hangar, built a small glider and test flew it in the hall and of course had a great time developing skills in the Flight Operations Room in J Block.

It is a great pleasure to see that this year the number of entrants in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science quiz has trebled upon the numbers from 2012. This is a credit to every student who has nominated for the competition exam on 5 June and also to Mr McGrath who has been organising this event. In term 3 the ICAS Mathematics test and the Australian Mathematics Trust competition are also run. Students should discuss their applications with their teachers well ahead of the closing dates at the beginning of next term.

Finally a reminder to all students in Year 9 and their families that next week is NAPLAN week – students will be completing these national benchmarking tests on 14, 15 and 16 May. Apart from the individual benefit for students in being able to identify what their individual level of skill is these data have significant benefit to the school. All students are encouraged to make sure that they attempt every question and try their absolute best in every aspect of the tests. Good luck to one and all.

Tony Wright  
Head of Department (Science, Mathematics, Aerospace)



### DIARY DATES

#### MAY

Tue 14 - Thu 16	Yr 9 NAPLAN Testing
Thu 16	Yr 8/10 Immunisation 1.45pm
Mon 20	District Cross Country
Mon 27/5 – Fri 14/6	Priority Class Time – All Year Levels

#### JUNE

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

#### JULY

Mon 8	First Day Term 3
Thu 18	Yr 8&10 Immunisation 1.30pm Parent-Teacher Interviews 1pm – 6pm
Fri 19	Snr Geography to UQ