

Principal's Message

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and Public Education Day

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who supported 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' at Aviation High on Thursday 23 May, 2013. Some of our teachers wore green today in support of 'Public Education Day' and the celebration of the work they are doing in the classrooms with our students. We had 4 tables full of donated food which approximately 200 students enjoyed. A special thank you to all of the parents, students and staff who prepared homemade food for the event. The entertainment provided by the school ensemble was first class and greatly appreciated by students and teachers alike during their morning celebrations.

Priority Class Time

The school is about to enter what we call Priority Class Time. This is the period of time leading up to the exams where we make every effort to ensure that students have uninterrupted class time. We avoid excursions and interruptions to normal classes as much as possible. Parents/caregivers can support the school during this period by ensuring that their students attend every day, arrive before the bell and are fully prepared to participate in class.

Leading up to the end of semester exams, it is important for parents/caregivers to ensure that their students stay focussed on their studies. Please remember that the Assessment Planner for all year levels can be found on our school website. This Planner lays out what assessment items (assignments, exams etc) are coming up for every subject and is very handy for reminding your students what they need to focus on.

School Uniforms

With the weather turning cooler, it is timely to remind students about wearing the correct school uniform to school. I would seek the support of parents/caregivers to ensure that their students continue to be dressed smartly in the Aviation High uniform and avoid non-uniform items especially jumpers, jackets, track suit pants etc. The school has always been praised for its smart formal school

uniform - we would like to continue this reputation with your support.

If you require new uniform items, the Uniform Shop is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8.00am to 10.30am. The P&C also have second uniform items that may be purchased at the Canteen between 8.00 am and 2.00 pm (not during Canteen serving times).

Student Leaders

Currently our student leadership group are trialling for the next 5 weeks a tutoring program for Yr.8 and 9's. They meet on Tuesday mornings at 7.45am until 8.30am and Thursday afternoons from 2.45 until 3.30pm. This is a wonderful example of senior students giving back to the community in supporting our junior secondary students

NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 9 students who worked extremely well with the NAPLAN exams this week. My observations and the feedback from Mrs Smith and her team were positive during all the exam days. Thank you to you the parents and carers for the feedback with regards to our NAPLAN Extension Homework Booklet and engaging your students in the process. The NAPLAN results will be known towards the end of the year.



Year 9 NAPLAN Testing

P&C

I would like to recognise and thank our hard working Parents and Citizens Association at Aviation High for their wonderful efforts in raising funds at last weeks 'mother's day breakfast BBQ' and for the welcome I received at my first Aviation High P&C meeting . It is encouraging to see so many engaged parents, carers and citizens in our community who are supporting our students.

Finally can I thank all of our parents and carers in recognising the school and the P&C's concerns around the safety of students and not entering the school at gate number 1 and 2.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Aviators Gazette!

Your Partner in Education
David Munn - A/Principal

DEPUTY'S DESK

Our Senior Students have commenced a 'Tutoring Program' for Year 8 & 9 students. This wonderful initiative has had overwhelming response.

Year 8 & 9 students are able to attend tutoring sessions in the Library on Tuesday mornings at 8.45am and Thursday afternoons from 2.45pm – 3.30pm.

This is an impressive demonstration of shared values in our school community. Senior students pass on their high expectations to our juniors.

Aviation High would like to thank all of our Senior Students who are giving their time to support this very successful initiative.

Sue Smith
A/Deputy Principal



RACI TITRATION COMPETITION 2013

The RACI Competition takes place in May every year. Schools from all over Queensland take part in this competition. Students compete as a team to accurately determine the concentration of three unknown solutions. Nine of our chemistry students have been working hard to practice their titration and calculations. The group then competed as three separate teams of three students each in this year's competition.

Acid-base titration is a method in Chemistry that allows quantitative analysis of the concentration of an unknown acid or base solution. It makes use of the neutralisation reaction that occurs between acids and bases.

The competition was held on Saturday 18 May, 2013 in QUT's modern undergraduate teaching laboratories of the Chemistry building, Gardens Point campus. It was a fantastic day and though we did not receive a place, some of our students showed great skill and achieved excellent results. Two of our students – Blake McLeod and Jack Stephens impressed the Judges with their perfect results.

A big thank you to our lab technician, Karen Bowes for preparing all the solutions for our practice sessions and helping clean up after our practice sessions during the morning breaks. A sincere thanks is extended to our chemistry teacher, Mrs Monteiro who took the time to instruct us and accompany us on competition day.

Jack Stephens
Yr 12

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

LANHAM MAY FAIR & AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Thanks to Frank Fee (Aviation High's Teacher Aide & Rotary member), Aviation High's Instrumental Band was invited to perform at the Annual 'Movie in the Park' (sponsored by the Brisbane City Council & Stafford Rotary)

As one of many performances (Bollywood Dancers, Back to Basic 1940's Swing, Juke box Heroes and other local School bands), the Aviation High Band performed exceptionally well with its selection of jazz/rock classics and quality of play. Our thanks to the students and teachers who performed on the day as well as the parents who also gave up their valuable time to ensure students were on time for a polished performance.

Thanks to Mr Dovey (Instrumental Teacher) for preparing and managing the band and Mrs Miles (Music Teacher) for her support as always. Thanks also to the 'Roadies' who assisted and our resident photographer, Ms Park.



Alex Brand (Trumpet), Jack Stephens (Bass Guitar), Eliot Carey (Guitar), Juliette Ashby (Tenor Saxophone), James Reid (Saxophone), Zac Hugo (Drums), Nathan Rosser (Congos), Josh Steinke (Trumpet), Mr Mc Grath (Saxophone), Mr Dovey (Trombone), Mrs Miles (Keyboard), Mr Riordan (Vocals and Compere) with Mr Buckner and Mr Munn (Roadies).

P&C FUNDRAISER

A big thank you goes out to all the P&C Members and Students who rolled up their sleeves and helped out with cooking and selling egg and bacon rolls on the morning of 10 May despite the drizzle. And, of course, to everyone who bought one. Thanks to you we sold over 100 rolls and raised \$220.

The stalls success can also be credited to the work put in by Jan (tuckshop), Greg and Chris (maintenance), Joanne (Administration), and our Executive Chef Craig who along with his Sous Chef Tim made sure the breakfast tasted fantastic.

We also would like to thank Coles, Toombul, for their very generous community support, which included 150 eggs.

Thank you very much (and look out for the next one!)

Stall organisers
Belinda Ansford & Lisa La Rosa



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

OFFICE

The School Office is open Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 4.00pm during school term. Messages including absences can be left on our phone outside of these hours.

Lost Property

Once again the office is holding a lot of lost property, including a collection of pencil cases, many containing calculators. Could parents please ensure that all items are clearly labelled, so that they can be returned the rightful owner when handed in as lost property. If your student is missing anything, please have them come to the office.

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WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKEND



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DIARY DATES

MAY

Mon 27/5 – Fri 14/6

Priority Class Time – All Year Levels

JUNE

Wed 5 – Wed 12

Yr 11/12 Exam Block

Wed 12

P&C Meeting- 6.15pm

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

Wed 10

P&C Meeting - 6.15pm

Mon 15

Extended Form – Goal Setting

Thu 18

Yr 8&10 Immunisation 1.30pm
Parent-Teacher Interviews 1pm – 6pm

Fri 19

Snr Geography to UQ

Thu 25

School Athletics Carnival

Mon 29

AN Chem Quiz