

Principal's Message

Thank you very much to the school community (staff, students and parents) for the warm welcome I have received since my arrival on Monday 29 July, 2013. There is a delightful calm about the place that supports the wonderful teaching and learning occurring in the classrooms. The clean, well maintained environment also highlights the pride this community has in its school. I note from the previous newsletter that there have been quite a number of staff changes into this term yet it is evident as I walk around the school that this has had minimal impact on the practical functioning of the school - a reflection of people's willingness to accept change and provide support when required. May I thank everyone for their support and assistance to new staff and staff in new roles.

Much has happened already in my brief time here:

- QCS Test Practice over two days for our year 12 students: an extremely valuable part of the program in best preparing our young people for this challenging event in the year 12 calendar. Ongoing support will continue in this area. Students will find that the feedback they receive from the marking of these tests will greatly assist them with their next stage of preparation.

This term is very important for our Year 12 students as they enter their final semester of senior schooling. Many will sit the Core Skills Test; others will undertake completion of vocational studies. Now is the time for them to consolidate their learning and produce the best results they can to best prepare for their future success.

- Career Education program concentrating on assisting our year 10 students prepare for their senior years at Aviation High. The SETP process is well underway and will culminate with individual student and parent interviews scheduled for the 15th and 16th of August. The SETP encourages students to consider their strengths and to select subjects for their senior years that will help them achieve their goals.
- Staff Professional Development - thank you to Steve Falzon from *Behaviour Support Services* for running the 2½ hr session held after school

last Monday. The presentation on *Essential Skills in Classroom Management* was well received by staff and I also wish to acknowledge the commitment of staff to professional development. This links with the *Explicit Teaching Implementation Plan* that is being phased in over the coming months.

We have a number of important and exciting events coming up and I would like to encourage our school community to spread the word that these events are happening:

- *Year 11 in 2014 Subject Selection and Information Evening* [Monday 12 August]: parents and students currently in year 10 as well as anyone considering enrolling into year 11 in 2014 are strongly encouraged to attend this evening. Valuable information that will impact on decisions for the senior years will be presented.

- *Year 8 in 2014 Information Evening* [Thursday 15 August]: an informative evening for parents and students considering enrolling at Aviation High from 2014. A night when all your questions will be answered. If you are a prospective parent/student or know someone who might be please invite them to join us here that evening.

- *Open Day & Celebrating 50 Years of Education* [Saturday 24 August]: an opportunity to see our unique facilities, meet staff and celebrate what has been and is still to come.

I encourage everyone to remain focused on their learning journey and ensure our classrooms are learning focused environments. Nurture and grow your talents so that you can be the best you can.

Regina Garrick
A/Principal

DEPUTY'S DESK

It's been a big week at Aviation High. We had a very successful Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to Mr Buckner and Mr Northcott for organising a great day!

QCST Practice

50 of our year 12 students had two huge days over Tuesday and Wednesday where they sat a practice Queensland Core Skills Test. Students sat the 4 papers: The Writing Task and Multiple Choice 1 on Tuesday and the Short Response and Multiple Choice 2 on Wednesday. These tests can be really stressful and tiring for our students but it's well worth it to get some insight into how the days actually run and what it's like to sit 4 big exams over two days. One thing that did come to light is how unprepared the students were in terms of what equipment they can and can't have for each exam. I have sent a copy of the equipment list home and I've also given a copy to the students. Parents can be of great support by helping their children to organise themselves and the equipment for the tests. The practice tests are being marked by a company that specialises in QCST preparation and students should receive their feedback soon.

Set Plan and Year 10, 2013 into Year 11, 2014 Evening.

The year 10 Set Plan interviews will take place on August 15 and 16. Students in year 10 are not required at school on those days but will attend an interview with their Parent/s or Guardian/s to determine their pathway and subject choices for year 11 and 12. Our Work Placement officer Mrs Lynne Beasley has been contacting year 10 parents to arrange the interviews. She hopes to have this process finished by Monday August 5.

To support Parents and students in subject choices the school will be running a Year 11 information evening on Monday August 12. Please take the opportunity to come along. We will be hearing from the Guidance Officer and Deputy Principals about pathways and subjects. We will have our Heads of Department and some staff to answer any questions you may have about the subjects they are offering.

Operational Matters

Hats

Under our sun safe policy students are required to be wearing the Aviation Hat while at school. Our uniform policy states that no other hats are acceptable.

Uniform jumpers

A reminder to parents, that in the cooler months, students are required to wear either the school pullover or the school track suit top. No other jumpers are acceptable.

Late Arrivals

Research shows that students who do well, attend well. Students who are late with no acceptable reason (Parents need to write a note or ring the

school, transport delays will be taken into consideration) will be given a 30 minute after school detention on the day following their late arrival.

Mandy Forbes
Deputy Principal

INTERVIEW WITH RYAN CAMPBELL

On Thursday a group of our students were given the chance to interview Ryan Campbell via a video link to the Oshkosh Airshow in the United States.

Ryan is attempting to set a world record as the first teenager and youngest pilot to fly solo around the world. The interview was arranged through a Telstra sponsorship and held in conjunction with Channel Nine's 60 Minutes program doing a story on Ryan.

The interview was a fantastic chance for our students to talk to someone with a similar passion for aviation as themselves. The interview brought a smile to my face as I watched an initially formal type of discussion evolve into just a group of like-minded young people discussing something that they are so interested in.

Ryan had previously had a couple of similar interviews with schools around the country and was asked all the generic questions about his trip and himself, but our students had him discussing the pros and cons of the aircraft he had chosen, the intricacies of local and international law in relation to his trip and allowing his modified aircraft fly through various internationally controlled airspaces. Both Ryan and our student's thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we all look forward to Ryan visiting the school next year when he recovers from his endeavour.



Mr Jack Clarke
Teacher/Yr 9 Coordinator

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

School Opinion Survey

The annual *School Opinion Survey* has been occurring in our school this week. The *Parent/Caregiver Survey* has been sent home to a randomly selected sample of families, and can be completed either online or using the paper form provided.

Selected students have completed their survey online at school and all school staff have been provided with access details to complete their survey online.

A big thank you to everyone who have already completed their survey, and a reminder to other survey participants to please complete their survey to ensure that their opinion is included in our schools' reports, which we will receive later this year.

Survey queries can be directed to our school contact Sue Smith on telephone 07 3637 0111 or email admin@aviationhigh.eq.edu.au

STUDIES DEPARTMENT

Aviation High Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in the recent Athletics Carnival. An excellent turn out by students enabled a successful carnival, resulting in over 40 students being nominated for the District Athletics Carnival (to be held on 5 & 6 August).

A thank you also to all staff; teachers, facilities officer, groundsman & teacher aides who assisted on the day to ensure an efficient and effective program. Finally a big than you to Mr Northcott who co-ordinated the program as well as having run pre-athletics day events to ensure all events were finalised on the day itself.

District Carnivals

On Monday 5 August, students will be competing at Wavell SHS from 9am – 1pm. On Tuesday 6 August, students will travel to University of Queensland campus to compete from 8.30am – 3.30pm.

Year 10 Work Experience

All Yr 10 students have been invited to nominate for 'Work Experience Week' to be held in the last week of this term, 16-19 September.

At this stage 75 of our 95 Yr 10 students have returned forms to enable 'Worklinks Inc' to find a placement for them. As a fee is charged by Worklinks to ensure a quality placement is found, it is important that students not only return all forms signed, but also ensure they attend their place of work for that week.

Parents of those Yr 10 students that have not returned their application form have been contacted by either mail or email. It is now past the deadline for Worklinks to find a placement and therefore any late forms will require students to find their own placement.

Work Experience will provide Yr 10 students with the opportunity to explore and observe an area of interest and possible future career, as well as interacting with other employees in a real work environment.

All students are expected to work the same hours as other employees in that particular field of work, eg: 9am-5pm or 7.30am-3.30pm. If a student is ill he/she must notify the employer as well as the school of their absence.

NOTE all students not attending Work Experience for the week are to attend Aviation High where they will be given literacy & numeracy activities for the week.

Yr 11 & 12 Work Experience

As well as Work Experience for Yr 10's this term, we have had student's from Yr 11 & 12 attend Work Experience.

Students attend Work Experience general to discover what 'work' may be like in a particular field of interest. However we also place students on Work Experience in preparation for a possible 'School Based Traineeship' managed by our work placement officer Mrs Lynne Beasley.

We would like to thank the following companies who have provided 85 days of Work Experience so far this year:

Valley Car Clinic
Red 5 Aviation
Aviation Australia
Pacific Turbine Brisbane
Boeing Defence Amberley
Nundah Car Clinic
Australian Defence Force (Enoggera Army Barracks)
Virgin Australia
Coffee Club (Sandgate)
Victor Scott
Pipework
Boeing Defence Brisbane
Good Deal Mowing
Brisbane Aero Engineers
Simjet Training Systems

Robin Buckner
HOD Studies

Seeking contributions to the Aviation High P&C
Annual Monster Raffle.

Can your business donate a product or service?



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DIARY DATES

AUGUST

Mon 5	District Athletics (1/2 day at Wavell)
Tue 6	District Athletics (full day at UQ)
Mon 12	Yr 11 2014 Information Evening
Tue 13	Yr 11 Geography Excursion
Wed 14	Public Holiday – Exhibition Day
Thu 15	Yr 8 2014 Information Evening
Thu 15-Fri 16	SETP Interviews Yr 10 Students & Parents
Mon 19	Yr 10 Immunisation 1.30pm
Wed 21	Cabin Crew Excursion
Sat 24	Open Day & 50 th Celebrations
Wed 28-Thu 29	Regional Athletics

OCTOBER

Mon 7	Public Holiday
Tue 8	First Day Term 4
Wed 9	P&C Meeting 6.15pm

SEPTEMBER

Mon 2-Fri 13	Priority Class Time
Tue 3-Wed 4	QCS Test
Wed 11	P&C Meeting 6.15pm
Mon 16 – Fri 20	Yr 10 Work Experience
Fri 20	Final Day of Term

**YEAR 11, 2014
SUBJECT SELECTION & SCHOOL
INFORMATION EVENING**

The purpose of the evening is to inform prospective parents and students of the future direction and facilities development, provide details of the aviation contextualised curriculum, summarise the school's policies and practices, uniform details and outline the enrolment procedures.

DATE: Monday 12 August
TIME: 6.00pm start (Please note the change of start time)
WHERE: Aviation High school hall

**YEAR 8 – 2014
INFORMATION EVENING**

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**AVIATION HIGH
OPEN DAY**

**SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 2013
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

67 Widdop St, Clayfield

**THIS EVENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO COME AND SEE OUR UNIQUE FACILITIES AND
MEET WITH STAFF**

**Formerly Hendra Secondary College
&**

Hendra State High School

Celebrating 50 Years of Education

You are cordially invited to celebrate the 50 years of Education

On Saturday August 24

12 pm to 4 pm

In conjunction with the school's Annual Open Day

Take part in tour of the school 12.00 – 2.00pm

BBQ lunch available

Display of memorabilia in Library

3.00pm Afternoon tea in Hall

3.30pm - Opening of time capsule

3.45pm - Principal's address

4.00pm Celebrations concluded

Please register your interest in attending

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