

Principal's Message

Welcome to this edition of the Aviators' Gazette

District Athletics

Congratulations to our District Athletics team who performed very well at the recent Central District Athletics Competition held at Wavell SHS and UQ Sport Centre

Highlights include first places awarded to Sam Watt-15's Long Jump and Nicolaas White-17's Discus & Long Jump. Our team representing Aviation High finished fifth overall out of 8 schools. Great effort for a small school! Well done to all of the students who competed and thank you to Mr James Northcott, staff and students who helped with the running of the event.

Priority Class Time

The school is currently in Priority Class Time. This time is allocated in the school calendar to ensure that all students are in class and focussed on their studies. Student excursions and class disruptions are avoided during this period. We would seek the support of parents and caregivers to ensure that their students attend on time every day and do not miss any of the assessment items that the majority of classes are currently completing. Parents and caregivers may also support their students by ensuring they have healthy, regular meals, sufficient sleep and find a balance between their studies and their social life. (A reduction in the time spent on social media may also be beneficial during this assessment period.)

UAV Outback Challenge – IPSWICH

Good luck to Aviation High's three teams who have entered in the 2013 UAV Outback Challenge to be

held at Gatton, (west of Ipswich) during the first week of the September school holidays. Our teams have been preparing all year for the competition, both before and after school as well as during the lunch breaks. I would like to thank in advance both the teachers and students for their commitment to this extra curricula activity and wish them well for the competition.

School Assembly

Can I thank our local member of parliament Mr Tim Nicholls for helping the school in presenting students with 'High Flyer' awards. I especially acknowledge Jack Stephens and Isaac Jennings for their science achievements.

Dr Jim Watterson our Director General of Education visited on Friday 23 August and was greeted by our senior student leadership team who subsequently took the DG around the school to show off our wonderful facilities, teachers and students in action.

Aviation High Open Day

This was truly a wonderful day and I thank all, our staff and students for working throughout the day to show our school in the most positive light. The feedback from potential parents was excellent. The end of the day was given over to the 50th anniversary of education on this site. A great time was had by all who turned up to see past teachers and students. Mr Les Winkle the oldest surviving principal made a speech and cut the cake made by one of our parents, Mrs Janine Hughes. This was followed by Mr Angus McKay a previous teacher who opened the time capsule to reveal all sorts of memorabilia- thank you Sharon Baxter and the P&C for their hard work in organising this event.



Dr Jim Watterson, Director General of Education visits Aviation High

Qld Core Skills Test

On Tuesday 3 Sept and Wed 4 Sept 2013, many of our Yr. 12 students sat the Queensland Core Skills Test in the Hall. Our students equipped themselves extremely well and I thank Mrs Forbes our Deputy Principal for organising the two day event. Can I also thank the canteen staff, Mr Riordan our Yr. 12 welfare coordinator and our Yr. 11 students for serving breakfast to the Yr. 12 students.

Our school based police officer addressed our senior students last week after parade to give safety advice about driving to and from school and I thank senior constable Rory for his concerns for our students.

We are in the last two weeks of term three and it is a hectic time for all staff and students due to the heavy demands of assessment. I take this opportunity of thanking all staff and parents for supporting the school and our students at this time.

School Parking

To those parents who are waiting in the car park until the majority of students exit the school safely I thank you most kindly. Can I remind all parents that we do have a drop off zone and it needs to be used if you wish to leave quickly?

Your Partner in Education
David Munn
Principal



Elliott Carey one of the winners of the P&C raffle



Congratulations to all of our students who received "High Flyer" certificates at Parade on Friday



Hon. Tim Nicholls MP congratulates Jack Stephens



Senior Constable Rory Vanery

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

Mon 7	Public Holiday
Tue 8	First Day Term 4
Wed 9	P&C Meeting 6.15pm
Thu 10	Yr 8 & 10 Immunisation 1.30pm
Wed 16	U/16 Nth Bris Schools Touch Carnival at Aviation High
Mon 21	Student Free Day
Tue 22	Awards Night

SCIENCE

In August we celebrated National Science Week to recognise and celebrate all things Science. Aviation High was honoured when our budding scientist Jack Stephens was awarded the prestigious Peter Doherty Award for excellence in Science and Science Education. Congratulations Jack.

Lots of activities and science shows were conducted to ignite the imagination of our students. We had our awesome Mr Wilcox thrilling the students with his sodium demo and Mr McGrath's exploding hydrogen bubbles. There was a lot of excitement with our juniors perfecting the technique of making soda bicarb and vinegar rockets, each one vying to outdo the other to reach maximum heights.

Jack Stephens was awarded a prize for conducting informative and interactive Science shows. Brendan Gyte (year 8) was the winner of the Science Quiz and Ryan McDougall won the lucky boarding pass prize.

On Open day, our Year 8, 9 and 10 students showcased their science skills, confidently conducting interesting interactive experiments with the visiting students and parents. None of these would have been possible without our very supportive and helpful Scientific Operations Officer, Ms Karen Bowes. Thanks Karen.

Through the Scientists in Schools programme, our school now has professional partnerships with three Scientists: Dr Peter Wilson, Queensland Centre for Medical Genomics; Dr Felicia Goh, Prince Charles Hospital and Dr Robert Raven, Queensland Museum. Last month, Dr Peter Wilson visited our school to discuss his work in pancreatic cancer research involving sequencing and comparing the genomes of cancer patients' tumours and matched normal samples to determine what changes have occurred to lead to the development of the cancer. In the coming months, we look forward to seeing science from a different perspective when our science teachers and our scientists work together to support science teaching and learning at Aviation High.

Mrs. Maureen Monteiro
Teacher



Dr Peter Wilson with our student leaders



Jack Stephens performing the Science Extravaganza Show on Open Day to a sell-out crowd

THE 2014 SIMPSON PRIZE

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 9 AND 10 STUDENTS

I am pleased to provide advice about this year's competition. The Simpson Prize is a national competition for year 9 and 10 students which will see eight students, one from each State and Territory, accompanied by two teachers flown to Gallipoli or the Western Front to attend the dawn service and other ANZAC Day ceremonies in 2014. Students can choose to respond to the topic by writing an essay or preparing an audiovisual presentation.

The competition, whilst managed by the History Teachers' Association of Australia (HTAA) on behalf of the Australian Government, will be state based in terms of the judging. Schools can submit up to three entries to their local HTAA affiliate who will select the State/Territory winner and the runner up from these entries.

In March 2014, the winners and runners up will attend a two-day briefing program in Canberra. The selected teachers, who will accompany the winning students to Turkey or the Western Front, will also attend this program. The teachers will be selected by the Simpson Prize Advisory Committee from two nominees provided by each HTAA affiliate.

Entries close 8 November, 2013.

Detailed information about the competition, including entry instructions, conditions of entry, and other details are available on the Simpson Prize Website www.simpsonprize.org.

JOB VACANCY

Casual Cleaners Required

We are looking for responsible, hardworking people to add to our casual cleaners' pool.

If you would like to be added to this list please forward details and a 1 page resume to the Business Services Manager, Donna Schmidt, by email dschm35@eq.edu.au

LILLEY AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

LILLEY AUSTRALIA DAY LITERARY COMPETITION

As part of our annual Lilley Australia Day Awards, the Committee is delighted to announce the Literary Competition will be again conducted during 2013.

The Competition was established to allow students to express their feelings about Australia. We are fortunate to have such sponsors as The English Speaking Union, Quest Newspapers (Northside Chronicle), The Geebung Writers Group, The Bayside & Northern Suburbs Star and Federal Member for Lilley Wayne Swan to foster this competition.

Cash Prizes and Certificates are awarded in four categories which include Primary and Secondary Poetry and Primary and Secondary Essay competitions. The winners will be announced and prizes presented at the Annual Lilley Australia Day Awards presentation ceremony at Kedron-Wavell Services Club on Australia Day, 26 January 2014.

Entries in the Poetry competitions should make reference to Australia, its' land, culture or people and entries for the Essay competition should be based on the theme "I am Australian — What Does it Mean to Me?" Entries will be judged by members of the Geebung Writers Group and the judges' decisions will be final. It is our intention to compile an anthology of selected entries which will be available at the presentation ceremony.

Please find enclosed the terms and conditions and an entry form. These may be photocopied for each student or further copies are available on request. An entry form must be completed for each entry. **Entries close on 30 November 2013.**

For further information, please contact our Chairperson, Mr Bob Steele on 0438 260 850 or E-mail:- bobsteele@optusnet.com.au.

RAYMONT LODGE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE TERTIARY STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Ramont Lodge is currently offering accommodation options for tertiary students for 2014.

The college provides comfortable and safe services within a supportive Christian environment of tertiary students who are planning to study in the Brisbane area.

Facilities include fully furnished single rooms and onsite meals for up to 120 students, internet access, music practice and study rooms, onsite chaplaincy and recreational activities.

Raymont Lodge is centrally located in Auchenflower just four kms from the heart of Brisbane city and close to the University of Queensland, the Queensland University of Technology and other tertiary institutions. All public transport is within easy access.

THE BRAVE PROGRAM FOR TEENAGERS

Help for Shy or Anxious Teens: Online Treatment for Social Anxiety is now available!

For teenagers with Social Anxiety, school can be an incredibly difficult time. Activities like presenting oral reports, participating in class activities, playing or competing in team sports and joining in with groups at lunch can be extremely anxiety provoking situations. But there is help available... and it's online!

A team of researchers (BRAVE Team) at Griffith University, University of Southern Queensland, and the University of Queensland are seeking teenagers (13-17 years) suffering from social anxiety; a fear of being negatively judged by others, or extreme shyness.

The BRAVE program aims to help adolescents and their parents learn strategies for managing social anxiety and teach techniques to cope with anxiety-provoking social situations. The treatment program involves 12 online sessions for teens and 7 online sessions for parents, with each session taking approximately an hour to complete. Families are charged a one-off fee of \$120 to assist in covering treatment costs. Families will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews, but will receive a rebate of \$25 in vouchers each time they complete a post-treatment assessment.

For more information, or to register your interest in the program, please visit the BRAVE ONLINE website: www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety.

Alternatively, you can contact the BRAVE team on (07) 3735 3312 or Email: brave@psy.uq.edu.au.

For further information, pay a visit to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/braveforanxiety

QUEENSLAND BADMINTON ASSOCIATION INC

2013 BRISBANE SCHOOL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 12 October 2013
Mansfield State High School, Ham Road

Play is expected to commence at 8.30 am and conclude by approximately 5.30 pm. All schools – public, private or independent are welcome to participate.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Midday, 9 October 2013
Entry Fees: \$3 per player

A schedule will be sent out by email to the nominated contact on Thursday 10th October 2013 evening and will also be available on the QBA website www.qba.net.au For further information please email secretary@qba.net.au