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21st March 2014

Principal's Message

P & C

It is with much thanks and sincere appreciation that we farewell Dea Weston and Karen Long from the executive of the P&C. Both have worked extremely hard for the P&C and Dea has been our longest serving treasurer and we thank Karen for her role as vice president. I thank them for their hard work and delivery of outcomes to support our school families. Can I welcome our new families to the P&C committee and wish Mrs Sarah Ashby our President and the new executive team, Treasurer Mrs Sharon Baxter, Vice Presidents Mrs Leesa Watego and Mr Paul Hudson, Secretary Mrs Kerry Bond all the success for 2014 and beyond.

Students are encouraged to look at the possible design for our new senior shirt for Years 10-12 for Semester 2 onwards which is on display in the canteen.

A big thank you to the P&C for supporting parents by reducing the price of the school Blazer to \$100 with a \$30 down payment and all of Term 2 to pay off the balance. I am hoping that our students are reporting back to you that there have been changes to the food being served in the canteen. We are very lucky that we have secured the services of 'FRESH' a commercial catering company who have provided a chef Mr Mark O'Brien to run the canteen.

Lockers

One of the most asked questions by many students and parents is about lockers in the school. To support the inclusion of lockers in the school I am prepared to set aside two rooms to house the

lockers. Please see my letter which is attached to the school newsletter. If you wish for your child to have a locker please read the letter and fill in the acceptance section.

[Click here](#)

Tutoring program feedback

Parents as you know the school runs tutoring sessions during the week for our students. Our seniors look after the juniors and the teachers look after the seniors. We started the program for 2014 around four weeks ago. In order to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our students please feedback to the Welfare Leaders through personal contact or email or letters on how we are delivering the tutoring to our students.

Year 7 parents

We had over 50 parents attending the first of our open morning sessions in preparation for Year 7 students in 2015. This was an opportunity for us to demonstrate to potential parents what we have to offer. Can I say thank you to our Deputy Principal Mrs Forbes, Junior Secondary/Aerospace HOD Mr Jack Clarke and Year 8 Welfare Leader Mrs Jan Gough for a wonderful presentation? Our current group of Years 8 students as well as our schools leaders performed above and beyond expectations in taking parents around the school on the tours. At the end of the 2 hour session we enrolled 18 more students.

Flight Training

As our school name suggests we are Aviation High, however I am hoping that we will deliver this in real time. The tendering process for our school to be aligned with flight training schools closed last week. We have roughly 8-10 flight training schools wishing to teach our students to fly. Our HOD Aerospace Mr Clarke and two outside consultants will soon judge the merits of each flight school.

School Council Meeting- Mr Riordan

For the first time this year we had a meeting with all leaders across the school. This was organised by Mr Riordan and it was a good first meeting in which junior school leaders were able to let senior students know what is happening across the school. This is the first time we have engaged in this type of meeting and I for one am looking forward to much improved delivery of outcomes and leadership from our senior students as a result of our new format.

Priority Class Time

The school has entered 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 term exams or assignments, 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.

Your Partner in Education

David Munn

Principal

Deputy's Desk

As Term 1 draws to a close, all members of our school community are busy with assessment and reporting. Please support your students with special care and attention over what can be a stressful time for them. The new school diaries have a world of information which can support you in discussing common issues such as time management and managing stress. Our new Welfare program, delivered every week during form classes and in the weekly welfare lesson on Tuesday morning, also aims to develop wellbeing in our young people.

Interim Reports

Term 1 Interim Reports will be sent from the school by the end of term, and these reports will support the Parent Teacher interview evening which will run from 3 pm to 6 pm on Monday 28 April at the school. These interviews may be booked online. Details of access and times will be advised shortly. In your student's reports, some or all of their teachers may request an interview with you. If you do not have an interview requested, but would like to see your student's teachers, please book a time when the interviews open. We welcome contact with our parent body and our aim is always to foster strong relationships with our school community.

Hats

All students must now be wearing their formal hats with their formal uniform and the sports hats with their sports uniform. All sizes and styles have been available through our uniform shop for some weeks now. The school is aware that a few families may be experiencing financial difficulties, and have established a partial payment plan to assist these members of our school community. Once the student pays a twenty dollar deposit for a hat to the uniform shop, the school will issue a pass for that student. The hat pass will remain valid while the family is paying off the hat in instalments. No detention will be given while the student has the pass. All other students will be issued with a half hour after school detention each time they come to school without their hat. Our students are wearing their hats with pride and are building our strong reputation in the community as well as practising sun safe behaviours. We ask all families to ensure their students' hat is named correctly.

High Flyers



These students were presented with their Aviation High School High Flyer certificates on last week's Whole School Assembly.

Amber, Year 9, for being our Solid Pathways representative,

Brady, Year 10, for being selected as our representative on the Lord Mayor's Youth Advisory Council,

Arshia, Year 10, for being selected as our representative on the Student Environmental Leadership Network,

Tiffany, Year 12, for representing the school at the Boeing Defense table at the International Women's Day breakfast,

Laura, Year 12, for representing us at the International Women's Day breakfast

Sue Smith

Deputy Principal

Welfare

Year 10

In all of their subjects Year 10 students are required to complete sections of learning at home and in other settings such as the library and on excursions. In many cases students don't have the resourcefulness on their own to set timelines to follow and plan what, when and how they are going to do it. The weekly focus goes beyond their study timetables to looking at setting explicit drafting timelines to complete essays, assignments and other learning requirements at home and in other settings.

Learning how to set flexible planning schedules and implementing them will cultivate in students a 'can do and want to' attitudes. Home Learning and learning in places other than in the classroom are key elements in the establishment of an efficient study program and effective time management habits. Students learn from a vast variety of sources and experiences and to make connections to what they already know they require individual time away from class to reflect on it. Their confidence in how they allocate their time is the key ingredient.



The Values of Responsibility and Logic are also integral to success. Encouraging students to participate and contribute enthusiastically in class will yield increased understanding, better comprehension and a more enjoyable learning experience all round. Students who take responsibility for their own learning and using logical reasoning cultivates a genuine love of learning that is an attribute which will benefit students for life.

"People with purpose create their own lives." Michael Morgan

Ms Coman

Year 10 Welfare Coordinator

Year 11

Plans are well underway for our Leadership Camp in late May which we are all very excited about. On Tuesday, students were issued with an information sheet and a medical/consent form. Could I ask that the forms are completed and returned and your deposit paid as soon as possible, as this allows me to book the appropriate sized bus for our journey. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the time. Looking forward to a great camp!

Mrs Robyn Taylor

Year 11 Welfare Coordinator

News from the English Department

On Monday 17th March popular Brisbane author Michael Gerard Bauer visited the school to talk to Years 8 and 9 students about both his novels and the writing process. Michael Bauer author of the internationally successful ***Don't call me Ishmael*** was a huge success with the students who were entertained by his stories of his own school days.



Author Michael Bauer meets his No 1 fan at Aviation High - Tauwite 8C

Ms Milinovich

HOD Communications

Library News

Using On-line Databases to Research for Assignments

Australia New Zealand Reference Centre and Academic Search Complete are on-line databases of thousands of articles from newspapers, magazines, news wires and reference works that Aviation High students can use both at home and at school when researching for assignments. These articles cover the full range of subjects in the curriculum. They come from reputable Australian, New Zealand and international sources (e.g. *Australian Encyclopedia, Aviation Week & Space Technology, Popular Science, The Australian* and *ABC News*). These sources will provide material with greater authority than some information found searching on the Internet.

The database is available for use by students at home via the Internet. Go to <http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=uid>

At school go the school internet home page and go to the link in the list on the right hand side: 'EBSCO Database logon'

Username: aviationhigh

Password: library

Students are welcome to ask library staff at any time for assistance with using this database in their research.

Accelerated Reader

Students in Year 8 and 9 English classes have been progressing well with *Accelerated Reader*. In this reading program students are able to choose from a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books to suit all reading levels. Students will be reading in class and at home. The program keeps track of how students are achieving with reading comprehension and produces statistics such as how many words a student has read. Kaedyn in 8A has become the first 'Word Millionaire' for 2014. He was also one of the students who have already read at least 5 books and have achieved more than 85% comprehension accuracy on these five quizzes. Students who have received this prize are Narissa 8B, Ashley 9A, Brendan 9C, Caitlin 9B, Douglas 9B, Casey 9B, Denis 8A, Heramb 8A, Jaewon 8A, Audrey 8A and Jade 8A.

Ms Wilkinson

Librarian

From the Guidance Officer

Important information for Year 11 and 12 students wanting to apply to the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)

Year 11 students considering applying for a place at the ADFA are encouraged to commence their applications now. To do this call 131901 or use the online tool at <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/>. It is not too late for Year 12 students to start their application but you need to start the process as soon as possible.

Join the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC)

Any young Australian who is between the ages of 13 and 18 years and is physically fit enough to participate in the activities is welcome to join the AAFC. Through this organisation you will gain important life skills in leadership, self-reliance, self-confidence, self-discipline, self-respect, good communication, teamwork and citizenship. You will also have an opportunity to experience life in the Air Force. Visit <http://www.aafc.org.au/> to find out more.

Access Programs at CQ University (CQU)

CQU has two access programs that provide pathways to further education. These are:

Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) is a program that provides students with the skills they need to be successful at university. It is available at CQU campuses in Brisbane, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Mackay, Noosa and Rockhampton. For more information, see <http://www.cqu.edu.au/study/special-programs/enabling-programs/steps>.

Tertiary Entry Program (TEP) is provided by Nulloo Yumbah (CQU's Indigenous Learning, Spirituality and Research Centre) to ensure that university studies are accessible to all Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. Read more about this program at <http://www.cqu.edu.au/study/special-programs/enabling-programs/tep>.

Brisbane's first Chiropractic Degree launched

Earlier this month, the B Science (Chiropractic) was launched at the Brisbane campus of CQUniversity (CQU). The successful completion of this degree qualifies students to apply for entry to the Master of Chiropractic Science, which is the professional qualification required for registration as a chiropractor in Australia.

The B Science (Chiropractic) is a three years full-time degree offered at CQU's Brisbane and Mackay campuses in Queensland. The subject prerequisites for the course are English and one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics. The cut-off for this course in the January 2014 offer round was OP12 for the Brisbane campus and OP14 for the Mackay campus. For more information about this course do a degree search on the CQU website at <http://www.cqu.edu.au/>.

Career Tool on the ACU website

In the 'Future Students' section of the Australian Catholic University (ACU) website there is a free career questionnaire that can help you discover your strengths, abilities and personality style and the jobs that match these. It also links the jobs that come up for you with ACU courses.

Go to http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/future_students/undergraduate, click on 'Discover your dream career' and register to do the questionnaire. Shortly after completing the questionnaire, you will be emailed a comprehensive report.

Careers that started in Science

The Faculty of Science at the University of Queensland has gathered the profiles of scientists who have used their qualifications to gain entry into a diverse range of interesting and rewarding jobs and now work worldwide. The profiles can be accessed from Careers that started in science at <http://www.science.uq.edu.au/career-profiles>

International College of Hotel Management (ICHM)

ICHM, located in South Australia, is the only Swiss Hotel Association institution outside of Europe. It offers a dual B Business and B Hotel Management course. During the course, students have an opportunity to learn a language and to experience an industry placement in Australia or overseas. Visit <http://www.ichm.edu.au/> for more information.

Updates from Griffith University (GU)

Griffith Honours College

High achieving school leavers who meet the eligibility criteria can apply to be part of this career-enhancing program. The College provides a range of experiences including mentoring, leadership development, international study, work and research, networking and social events. Year 12s apply to the College when they submit a Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship/Honours College application, usually in November.

Resources for Year 12s

The GU Future Students website at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/future-students> has a section specifically for Year 12 students that will give you some ideas about what university is like and how to apply.

New degrees for 2014

- B Industrial Design, Gold Coast
- B Occupational Therapy, Gold Coast
- B Science, Gold Coast and Nathan
- B Psychological Science/B Criminology and Criminal Justice, Gold Coast

Find out about these degrees by using the search function on the GU home page at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/>.

Year 12 Bonus Admissions Scheme

Under this scheme Year 12 students who have successfully studied nominated senior subjects will receive bonus admission ranks to study at GU. You can receive:

- two bonus ranks for passing Maths C and/or a language other than English.
- one bonus rank for completing the GUEST or an equivalent program.

Find out more at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students/bonus-entry-options>

The Career Expo That Never Stops

The Virtual Careers Expo at <http://www.virtualcareersexpo.com/> provides non-stop information about occupations, employment and study opportunities across Australia.

Alison McFarlane

Guidance Officer

International Women's Day

Two weeks ago International Women's Day was celebrated at a number of events throughout Australia. On Thursday the 6th of March Mrs Smith and I had the privilege of attending an International Women's Day breakfast at the Brisbane Convention Centre where the school was proudly represented by Tiffany, Laura and Jordan.

Then on Friday, the female staff and students enjoyed a lovely morning tea where we had fun celebrating the day, but also discussed the serious issue of equality for women all around the world. Firstly I would like to thank Mr Munn for kindly supplying morning tea. I would also like to thank both the boys and girls from Mrs Martin's PVM class for their assistance in the setting up and decorating of the multimedia room. I would particularly like to acknowledge Jordan, Kira, Jade and Megan for their invaluable assistance in the organisation of the morning tea. Thank you for your help girls and to all of those staff and students who attended.

Mrs Taylor



Parents Aloud! The latest from Aviation High P&C Association

Hats

The new consignment of hats arrived three weeks ago and we immediately began to receive complaints about the quality of the fabric and manufacture. When you are paying \$65 for a hat you expect a certain quality and it was obvious that the new hats were nothing like the old, even though they were from the same supplier. The problem is that the new hats are made of a different woollen fabric which doesn't hold its shape. Many thanks to Dea Weston and Michelle Lindenmayer who pursued this with the company and the result is that all the new hats will be replaced. Unfortunately they take several months to make and ship from China but as soon as they arrive, any student with the new type of hat will be able to swap it for a replacement. We will let you know as soon as the replacements arrive and we have a full list of students who purchased from the defective stock.

Meanwhile, any student currently without a hat must purchase one to complete their uniform but they will also be entitled to a replacement. If finances are a problem we have instigated a lay-by system and any student using the scheme will be exempt from reprimand for a limited period.

Senior Shirts (Years 10, 11 and 12)

The new shirts are now on display in the canteen and we will be requesting expressions of interest so that we can order the correct amount. The shirts are not obligatory at this stage though it is hoped the years 10 and 11 will purchase at least one this year for formal occasions. The price will be the same as for a blue formal shirt.

Second Hand Items

All the second hand uniform sales are now through the uniform shop. Only good quality, washed and ironed garments will be accepted for resale through the P&C.

Canteen

The feedback (excuse the pun) from the students regarding the caterer and Mark the Chef has been excellent. The sales have increased and the quality and range is superb. If your child has not tried the canteen yet, give yourself a break from sandwich making and let them try it out. The caterers, Fresh, will soon be introducing their own version of online ordering so either you or your student will be able to pre-order and pay very easily. Most primary schools have moved to online ordering and it is fantastic that we will be able to continue offering this service when students transition to High School.

Parental Contribution \$50

If you haven't yet paid your contribution for 2014, please do so at the office as soon as possible. Many of our projects, such as making adjustments to the room ready for the lockers and supporting various school initiatives rely on having a pool of cash available therefore your annual contribution is vital.

AGM

The P&C AGM was held on Monday 10th and many thanks to all who attended. Please note you can apply to join the P&C anytime and we are always interested in your comments even if you are not a signed up member – we try to represent the views of all the parents and carers in the school community so, to do that, we need to hear from you.

There were a few changes to the committee as Lisa Watago decided to resign as secretary due to other commitments though she agreed to stand for Vice-President: Karen Long stood down as Vice-President as her two girls have completed very successful years at Aviation High, and Dea Weston resigned as Treasurer after many years in the role, during which time she looked after the P&C

transition from Hendra High to Aviation High. Very many thanks to all three for all the hard work and time that they gave to the school.

The Officers for 2014 are President – Sarah Ashby; Vice - Presidents - Leesa Watago and Paul Hudson; Secretary - Kerry Bond; Treasurer - Sharon Baxter.

DON'T FORGET: P&C MEETINGS EVERY 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE LIBRARY AT 6PM. PLEASE JOIN US. (NB: No meeting in April due to the school holidays)

2014 Mooloolaba Triathlon

On Sunday 14th March 2014 three Aviation High School staff members made the trip up to the Sunshine Coast to participate in the 2014 Mooloolaba Triathlon Series. Mrs Denise Dunn, Head of Department Senior Schooling/Business, Mr Nick Johnston, Administration Officer and Ms Donna Schmidt, Business Services Manager took part in the teams' triathlon event. This involves each member of the team contesting a leg of the triathlon. Mr Johnston started off the day with a 1.5km open water swim in the Mooloolah River; he transitioned to Mrs Dunn who set off from the wharf at Underwater World on a gruelling 40km bike ride along the Sunshine Motorway. Mrs Dunn returned to the wharf where Ms Schmidt then took on the final leg of the race with a 10km run down the Mooloolaba Esplanade. Out of over 200 competitors in the category our staff members finished a respectable 63rd with a time of 2 hrs 54 mins.

We congratulate our staff members and hope their efforts may encourage others to stay fit and healthy.



Parent Contact Details

Please remember that as the term is coming to an end we will be posting out progress reports for all students. If you have moved recently please contact the office to make sure that we have the correct address for you.

Also we have just set up our system to be able to send text messages for student absences. Can you please make sure that all contact details ie:- **mobile numbers, email addresses and postal address** are all correct. Thank you for your continued assistance.

Diary Dates

Vaccinations - Year 8 (all) and Year 10 Boys	Monday 24 March
Term One Interim Reports Posted	Tuesday 1 April
Last Day for Term One	Friday 4 April
Western Front WWI Battlefields Tour to France & Belgium	5-16 April
Good Friday - Public Holiday	Friday 18 April
Easter Monday - Public Holiday	Monday 21 April
Term Two Resumes	Tuesday 22 April
Whole School Assembly - Anzac Day Parade	Thursday 24 April
Anzac Day - Public Holiday	Friday 25 April
Parent Teacher Interviews (3pm-6pm)	Monday 28 April
School Cross Country	Friday 2 May

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