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## AVIATORS' GAZETTE

27 June 2014

### Principal's Message

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#### Open Day

On Saturday afternoon 21 June, Aviation High School had its Open Day. This was a different type of open day for our school. My aim was to show future parents and the community at large what happens in the classroom on a daily basis. Research tells us that if we only show the 'bells and whistles' then students and parents become disappointed over time. The day nevertheless provided an excellent opportunity for us to showcase our teaching and learning, cultural and performing arts talent, facilities and hospitality.

I would like to thank all teaching and support staff for their commitment and organisation of the day. In particular, I would like to thank 100 students who volunteered their time on a weekend to help showcase our School to the Clayfield community. It truly does show our students' levels of pride and willingness to become involved in our wider school community and showcase their individual and collective talents. I would also like to thank the P&C for all the hard work behind the scenes and Chef Mark who with his team who provided wonderful food delights for all.

## Year 7 2015

Exciting changes await our school as 2015 marks the first year that Year 7 will be a part of high school. This means that next year, we'll be welcoming both Year 7 and 8 students into our community.

Many of you will recall making that transition with your children over the past few years, and we're focused on providing as much support as possible to the students coming across from our local primary schools. Especially with the double cohort expected next year.

The students starting in Year 7 and 8 here next year will be a part of Junior Secondary for Years 7, 8 and 9, along with those students currently in Year 8. The Junior Secondary model we have developed will best support the academic, social and emotional needs of students who are in these early years of high school.

We're really looking to our whole community to welcome and support the students coming across to our school next year. We'll be continuing to hold Information sessions. The next – is an evening session on 24<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm -7.30pm (see flyer attached in Deputy's Desk). This will be a great opportunity to showcase our community and our Junior Secondary model.

If you have any questions or concerns on the transition of Year 7, please contact us.

## Every Day Counts

As we reach the end of Semester 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week this quickly adds up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html>

## Semester 1 Results

Our total school success for Semester 1 2014:

90% of our students attained an A, B or C standard for achievement. This is an increase on this time last of over 13%. One of our targets for the year is for 50% of students to obtain an A or B standard for achievement we are currently achieving 55%. Our Industry result across the school is currently 92.3%. Although a great effort we can do more and I salute the students who are rising to our mantra of High Expectations. Our total school behaviour is 96.2% A-C standard.

This is simply a point in time but I feel it indicates that many of our students have worked very hard this semester and our Year 10/11's are certainly rising to the challenge that was set at the beginning of Term 2.

## Changes to the Code of Conduct on Buses

Please see attached link [www.translink.com.au/buscode](http://www.translink.com.au/buscode)

Finally, I should like to inform parents and the wider community about the possibility of Aviation High School becoming an Independent Public School for 2015 and beyond. To date I have spoken to staff about the possibility and the potential implications. I have attached a link for all concerned to read and gain some knowledge of what could be our future.

<https://oneportal.deta.qld.gov.au/EducationDelivery/IndependentPublicSchools/Pages/default.aspx>

At this stage it is only information giving and at the next P&C meeting I can provide more information and feedback to all community stakeholders. I should like to acknowledge the parents, teachers, students and the P&C for their support during this semester and look forward to working harder for our students during Semester 2.

### Your Partner in Education

**David Munn - Principal**

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the Open Day Slideshow

## Deputy's Desk

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It's been a very productive Semester One. Students and teachers have been working hard to get the best results possible. Congratulations to the Year 11 and 12 students who have completed their exam block successfully.

We had a fabulous Open Day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of June where we showcased all our school had to offer. It was a very positive and successful day. Thanks to all who helped out especially the 100 or so students who participated on the day. These students helped to show what our school is really about.

In the last week of Semester One, the Year 11s are attending Aviation Business Week and the Year 12s are working on Queensland Core Skills Test preparation and also on their VET certificates. The Senior students always get a great deal out of this week. Thanks to the staff who work hard to make it all possible.

**Report Cards/Parent Teacher Night July 21, 2014**

Report cards for Years 8, 9 and 10 have been posted early in this last week of term. The Year 11 and 12 reports will be posted this week also.

With your report cards you will receive instructions to log onto our Parent Teacher interview website. As some classes will change for Semester Two, please make appointments with the teachers who have reported to you in the report card. Parent Teacher Night will be held on Monday July 21, 2014 in the Library.

With your report card, you should also receive a list of unexplained absences. We ask parents to explain any absence on the form and return the form to the school. Research shows that learning occurs in every classroom, every day. The best way to do well at school is to come to school every day. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents that any absence over three days should be explained with a medical certificate.

### Timetables for Semester Two

Students in Year 8, 9 and 10 will have timetable changes next semester as electives in Year 9 and 10 change over for the semester. Year 8s move from HPE to Literacy and Numeracy. This is a program that we are very proud of at Aviation High School as it delivers excellent results for our students as they improve their literacy and numeracy skills. The program has been written in conjunction with Dr Carol Christiansen who is a learning expert and who has achieved great results with the schools where she has implemented her program.

Students have been given their new timetables on Tuesday 24th June in their Welfare lesson.

### Uniform

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Parents for their support for our school uniform. Uniforms say a great deal about a school and our students look great in their uniform. All students now have (or have ordered) a formal hat and should be wearing it to and from school. In Term Three the Blazer will be compulsory for Year 10 and 11. Please contact the relevant Deputy if your student will have problems wearing a Blazer in Term Three.

### Year 7 and 8 2015 Information Evening

Parents with students in Year 7 and 8 in 2015 and other interested community members are invited to an Information Evening on Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the School Library. We intend to give an overview of our plans for Year 7 and 8 (Junior Secondary) in 2015. There will be a school tour and light refreshments following, where parents will have a chance to talk to the Principal and key staff members. (Please see attached flyer)

[CLICK HERE](#) to view details for Yr 7 & 8 2015 Parent Evening

## Tutoring Term 3

Our tutoring program will resume on the first Monday of Term 3 – Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Teachers run tutoring for the seniors and this is held in the school Library every Monday and Wednesday.

Senior students run tutoring for Year 8 and 9 in the Library on Thursday.

All tutoring sessions run from 3pm to 4pm.

**Susan Smith & Mandy Forbes**

**Deputy Principals**

## Welfare

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### Year 8

#### **End of Semester One, 2014**

#### **Snapshot of Year 8 Life**

Airport Visit, Camp and Welfare Lessons were new experiences for Year 8. New approach to lessons, Swimming Carnival, Cross Country, Afternoon Sport, Assignments, Tests and Homework formed the basis of the students' school life as they progressed through this semester. As a result of all this, they have thrown themselves into high school life with lots of youthfulness and excitement.

Every Tuesday morning, they have worked in their Welfare group to uncover topics which enrich their lives. Each Welfare teacher has a different way to approach these topics to suit the different personalities of their group.

The students have embraced changing class every 70 minutes so now it feels so natural for them. They enjoy attending Tutorials on a Thursday afternoon to improve their results as well as spending time with the Senior students who run these sessions.

Overall, this Year 8 cohort is a pleasure to work with and support and Semester Two is already looking good.

**Jan Gough**

**Year 8 Welfare Leader**

### Year 9

This term the Year 9 girls have begun the Rock and Water program. The main aims of this program are to develop inner strength, communication and confidence along with including some aspects of self-defence.

The rock aspect enables girls to believe in their own strength and to increase their self-confidence. The water aspect provides the tools to translate this new-found strength into communication with others.

If you have any questions about the course please contact Mrs Kitson.

**Mrs Mara Kitson**

**Yr 9 Welfare Leader**



## Year 10

Year 10 Welfare have completed our first semester of sessions to advocate for the Values of Life outlined in their student diaries each week.

This week we also had School Leader 2013 Jesse Gane as a guest speaker. Jesse is now a Seaman in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and undergoing training at HMAS Cerberus in Victoria. He then undertakes his six year posting to Perth as a Submariner. He was able to explain to students the subjects he selected that have given him the foundations to build a successful career. Jesse's sister Tasma, a Year 10 student, hopes to follow her brother in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Jesse was able to answer questions from the students and is a wonderful example of the success of our past students from Aviation High in the ADF.

The three classes combined to enjoy our Inaugural Year 10 Welfare Picnic to celebrate our achievements in all areas, including academic and holistic development, for Semester One. The amount of food the students brought to be shared was a fantastic reflection of the community spirit enjoyed by our cohort in 2014. The end of this term also is significant as students are now half way through their secondary schooling. I thank the Welfare teachers Mr Nunan, Mr Clark and Mrs Martin

as well as Deputy Principal Mrs Smith and our Guidance Officer Mrs McFarlane for their support of Year 10.

Next term students will continue working in their Welfare sessions on SET Planning as we draw closer to subject selection on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing holiday!

*Try to discover the road to success  
And you'll seek but never find,  
But blaze your own path and the road to success  
Will trail right behind. ~ Robert Brault*

**Ms Louise Coman**  
**Yr 10 Welfare Leader**

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the Year 10 Welfare Picnic slideshow

## The ARTs Department

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It was fantastic and rewarding from a Head of Department position to see the teachers and students working together to present what we have here at Aviation High on Open Day.

**Congratulations** to my teachers Mrs Hardy & Renae (Hospitality), Ms Park (Art), Ms Lowe (Drama), Mrs Miles (Music) and Mrs Doucet (Instrumental Teacher) who along with our great students put on an excellent performance, demonstration or display.

Attached are photographs displaying the Band, Drama students and Art Students works. Special thanks also to Mr McGrath (HOD Science Maths) who assists by being an important part of the Ground Crew Band. Also what a great vocal by William H (Yr 8).

**Mr Buckner**  
**Head of The Arts**

[CLICK HERE](#) to see view more Open Day photos

## From the Guidance Officer

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With the school holidays nearly upon us it is timely to remind students about the issue of cyber-bullying and excessive use of social media.

As we know young people socialise very differently these days and much of this socialisation takes place on the internet or via mobile phones. In order to support your son or daughter you can consider the following tips for talking to them about cyber bullying.

- Educate your child about cyber bullying and reinforce which types of online behaviours are acceptable and which are not
- Advise them to only give their mobile number and personal email to friends
- Enforce time off from the computer or mobile phone
- Do not open emails or respond to cyber bullies on Face Book or SMS
- Encourage them to only talk to people they've met in person
- Block bullies from their phones or email accounts

It is advisable to locate computers, iPads etc in a public place within the home in order to monitor on line behaviour.

If concerned, young people are advised to call Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 or parents can call Parentline QLD 1300 30 1300.

### Year 12 QTAC (Qld Tertiary Admissions Centre) Applications

Year 12 students will receive their QTAC – Guide to Tertiary courses booklets this week. I will also be delivering a session on QTAC applications to students as well as meeting individually with all Year 12 students next term.

The QUT website has great resources that you can access to assist your son/daughter with career decisions and study planning.

<http://studywell.library.qut.edu.au/>

### Defence Force

Students wishing to seek entry to the Defence Force post school are reminded to book in for their YOU Session. It is important to begin this process now.

**Ms Alison McFarlane**

**Guidance Officer**

### UAV 2014

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All team members should have paid the \$50 deposit by now. T-shirts will be issued when all deposits have been paid.

An invoice for the balance will be issued early next term. Please do not pay until you receive the invoice.

All team members are reminded that UAV is in Kingaroy from 21-23 September, 2014.



All the school community is welcome to attend the Competition Day, 23 September, to support our students.

**Jan Gough**

**UAV Co-ordinator**

## Interact News

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The Interact Club at Aviation High School is once again gaining a presence in the school community. The club has met many times this year but we have seen many new faces at the last couple of meetings. We usually meet every second Tuesday in H Block.

This week Stephen Green from Airport Rotary was our special guest. He spoke about how Rotary enriches his life and he presented our club the 2013-2104 Presidential Citation for actively working to Engage Rotary, Change Lives certificate. This was accepted by James Reid in Year 12.

Some of our projects for this year include a grocery drive for St Vincent de Paul early next term. We'll be collecting non-perishable grocery items in the welfare groups to be used by the local community. Also the club plans to buy a new flag pole for the school community. Everyone is welcome to our meetings so please come along and help make a difference to our school and community.



**Trina Hardy**

**Interact Co-ordinator**



## Space Camp 2015

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A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 12 August in the MMR for parents and students interested in this wonderful opportunity.

A representative from the Travel Agent will attend with up-to-date financial figures from the airline and tourist destinations. The meeting will start at 6.30pm.

**Jan Gough**

**Space Camp Co-ordinator**

## Office News

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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

Could parents please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled, so that lost items can be returned to the rightful owner when handed in to lost property.

## Financial Statements

Statements have recently been sent out to parents as a reminder of the status of your account.

Parents who have organised a payment plan at the beginning of the school year will have their third and final payment processed early in Term 3. It would be appreciated if all other parents could finalize their accounts during Term 3. Payment methods available are:

- EFT (BSB 064-120 Account Number 0090 6948 - *Please ensure student name and/or invoice number is shown as a reference for easy identification of your account*)
- Credit Card (payments can be made over the phone or in person)
- Cash or Cheque

If you have any queries regarding your account, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

## Guide Dogs Queensland Open Day

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The Guide Dogs Queensland Open Day 2014 will be held on Sunday 6 July, the middle weekend of the July school holidays.

This annual event at the Breeding and Training Centre in Bald Hills is packed with dog displays, family fun activities and plenty of food to eat. Families will get a "behind the scenes" look at our operations, including the training of our iconic Guide Dogs, and an educational experience where they can learn about the challenges of being vision impaired and what support is available.

The day is also a valuable fundraiser for our organisation, helping us raise the funds we need to continue our work with blind and low vision Queenslanders.

[CLICK HERE](#) for further information about the Open Day

## Diary Dates

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Last Day - Term 2	Friday 27 June
School Resumes - Term 3	Monday 14 July
P & C Meeting - 6.15pm - Library	Monday 14 July
Athletics Carnival	Friday 18 July
Parent / Teacher Interviews - 3pm-6.30pm - Library	Monday 21 July
Yr 7 & 8 2015 Information Evening - 6pm - Library	Thursday 24 July
UQ Senior Geography Excursion	Friday 25 July
QUT Extreme Science & Engineering Van - Yr 9 Science	Friday 25 July

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