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AVIATORS' GAZETTE

25 July 2014

Principal's Message

Parent Teacher Evening

For those parents who attended the parent-teacher evening on Monday, I hope you were able to pick up the handouts on information about Independent Public Schools. The turn out by parents to the evening was excellent and I hope the teachers were able to answer all your questions around your student outcomes.

Student Results

As I published in the last newsletter of the semester the results for our school were extremely positive: 90% A-C achievement, 93.5% A-C for effort/ industry and 96.5% A-C for behaviour.

Independent Public Schools

Over the past six months a consultation process has been in place involving the school LCC, P & C and school staff, but we are now seeking input from the wider parent body and our students. The process will begin at 5.45pm in the school library on the 11th August and is open to parents who wish to know further information about the benefits of becoming an Independent Public School. This is also an evening when the P&C meet and parents are welcome to stay and discuss further any concerns. I am now asking interested parents to email me

on the.principal@aviationhigh.eq.edu.au if they intend to be a part of the evening. Please let me know by Friday, 8th August if you are intending to come to the information session. Becoming an IPS school would mean an increase in autonomy in decision making, cut red tape and remove layers of management to improve outcomes for students. It will allow us greater flexibility with recruiting and retaining key staff. What IPS is **NOT** is a move to full fee paying arrangements where parents have to pay fees like a private school. For parents, the peak representative body is the Parents and Citizens

Association, which also has a very important role on the new School Council which needs to occur as a part of becoming IPS.

Senior Student Leadership and Student Council

I should also like to thank our senior school students who will continue to run tutoring for Years 8 and 9 students and a big thankyou to our teachers who are prepared to support our senior student with their own after-school tutoring. Please parents encourage your children to be part of the tutoring program for Term 3. For all details and times see our Deputy Principal Mrs Forbes and Mrs Smith who will be glad to assist.

Leadership is about serving others and the current group under the stewardship of Mrs Taylor and the Welfare Leaders have certainly delivered. They have raised \$1000.00 from the school raffle and the sausage sizzle at the Athletics carnival. Most money raised will go to charities but some will stay at the school to provide some sporting equipment that students can use at morning tea and lunchtimes. The students also raised approximately \$700.00 in Term One which the school decided to purchase two cold water fountains to replace the ones already in the school which no longer function.

P&C

As I acknowledge the efforts of our student leadership I therefore acknowledge the support of our P&C and Chef Mark for donating the prizes to the students for the school raffle. Both have been very generous to us and their hard work is certainly appreciated by school.

Audits

We have a very busy term ahead of us. The school will have three audits in 8 weeks: Financial, Discipline and Teaching and Learning. The audits are in place to support the school in preparing the strategic plan for the next four years. The results of the Discipline and Teaching audit will be posted to our website when released.

Athletics Day

Can I thank Ms Midgley and our teachers for organising on a wonderful athletics carnival last Friday. Great turn out by the students in support of the competitors and their houses.

Thank You

Sometimes in our busy schedules we forget to say thank you to staff members who make a difference to the feel of the whole school surroundings. It is a credit to our Business Services Manager, Donna Schmidt and her team across all areas of the school from teacher aides, cleaning staff, maintenance staff, and ground staff. The New

Year 7/8 area for next year is certainly a case in point that the hard work across the school has allowed us to finance the new retreat area for Junior Secondary. The positive comments from visitors to the school about our school environment is a credit to a team effort.

Welcome

We have 5 new teaching staff members to welcome: Silvana Gradwell, Mark Nunan, Tania Chisholm, Gerard Dunphy and Jessica Riley. We look forward to working hard with them over the coming term.

The success of the Open Day and our first Open Evening this week has seen many families already enrol their Year 6/7 student at Aviation High School for 2015. If you have a Year 6/7 student I encourage you to make contact with the school for an enrolment interview. The interview is a compulsory part of the enrolment process. Please pass this information on to family and friends

My thanks for your continual support of Aviation High School to ensure our students are READY TO LEARN with the correct equipment for classes and wearing the uniform with pride. As with the staff, students and parents welcome back to Term Three 2014. I hope the winter break was enjoyable for all.

Your Partner in Education

David Munn - Principal

Deputy's Desk

Junior Secondary

At Aviation High School we have been doing lots of work to prepare for next year's year 7s coming to our school. Year 7, 8 and 9 will now make up the section of high school and will be referred to as "Junior Secondary" across the state. The Queensland Education Department has identified 6 Principles of Junior Secondary.

These principles are

1. Distinct Identity
2. Quality Teaching
3. Student Wellbeing
4. Parent and Community Involvement
5. Leadership
6. Local Decision Making

Recently a team of Principals from other schools came to Aviation High School to audit our progress. We did exceptionally well and were commended on the changes we've made to our teaching practices, on our new Welfare program and on the plans we have for the Junior Secondary next year. All of these plans revolve around the 6 principles above. You can find more information about what we intend for Junior Secondary on our website. We are very excited about our plans for 2015

at Aviation High. We have another Information Evening for Year 7 and 8 2015 on September 18 2014. The evening will be held in the school library and will begin at 6pm.

If you already have students enrolled at our school and intend to enrol their siblings please contact Vicky Jenvey our enrolment officer on 3637 0111 (Monday – Thursday). Places are filling quickly.

Assessment Planners

Assessment Planners will be published from Monday. Information about accessing these will be on the website from Monday.

Mandy Forbes & Susan Smith

Deputy Principals

Welfare

Year 9

Issues Relating to Social Media and Facebook

Social media is becoming an issue amongst the Year 9 students. As a result it is important to give parents and students a timely reminder about the dangers and consequences of social media.

Firstly, when you publish content using the public setting it means that you are allowing EVERYONE, even people without Facebook accounts, to access and use that information and images including your name. It is also important to remember that privacy settings revert to default (public) with every update.

Your information is shared by Facebook with third party sites. Your friends on Facebook can also make you vulnerable to other sites through their privacy settings and who they share posts with.

When signing up to Facebook you give them licence to any content that you post (similar applies to Flickr/Yahoo/Instagram, etc.). This means that you allow Facebook to do whatever they wish with your photos/information.

Any information that you remove from Facebook is not gone it will stay on the system. Facebook can be trawled for this information. Experts can be employed to easily gain access to past information and photos that you have posted.

People can begin legal disputes based on information that is placed on Facebook and you can be suspended from school. For example in July last year in the UK a businessman was fined £22000 in damages after a former friend made false accusations about him on Facebook. Anything that you put on Facebook is like writing and you can face significant consequences. A post can also cost you your job, and has happened in numerous cases. Potential employers can also check your page to see whether you are suitable for their workplace.

Please take care and think carefully before you post!

Mrs Mara Kitson

Year 9 Welfare Leader

Year 10

Welcome back to Term 3. We have a very busy term ahead as we complete preparation for Subject Selection and SET Planning. The key dates for parents and students are:

- Tuesday 19th August- Parent Information Evening for SET Planning
- Tuesday 26th August- Aviation High's Inaugural Careers and Employment Expo 9am – 12 md.
- Wednesday 27th August - SET Planning for all Year 10 students and parents/carers

(Further information to follow)

The students will be continuing to develop and complete their SET plan that is accessible from home on the One School Website by going to My Education Plan.

Year 10 are also engaging in holistic development through the Values for Life that are at the top of each page of their *Diary and Student Planner* each week. Welfare teachers are working with students to develop an understanding that to flourish in their lives they need to be able to build healthy relationships with different types of people and accept and value diversity of approach, attitude, culture and willingness to contribute. The Value for Life of *Tolerance* shows that relationships make the world go around and nearly everything our students will achieve in life will come from working well with others. Therefore it is important that there is a deliberate focus on cultivating in students the necessary skills, dispositions and attributes to enable them to build high quality relationships. These include the following specific foundations of wellbeing which are described by Pollard and Davidson (2001) that is essentially about building students' moral, social, emotional, ethical and spiritual infrastructures.

"What is tolerance? It is the consequence of humanity. We are all formed of frailty and error; let us pardon reciprocally each other's folly - that is the first law of nature." Voltaire

Ms Louise Coman

Year 10 Welfare Leader



Year 11

Another extremely successful Aviation High School Business Week was held in the last week of Term 2 for the Year 11 students.

A large number of students participated every day for the both exhausting, and rewarding, week. Students learned much about

- teamwork, communication and patience
- organising and running an airline to make a profit
- designing a company logo and an airline menu
- making a 30 second video commercial to advertise their company
- producing a product display board
- presenting tour route destinations and using the flight simulators to fly those routes
- delivering an airline safety announcement
- and finally making mega millions on the airline on line computer program

The winning airline was Air Borne. This airline was led by CEO Alex Childs and ably supported by his team. Close runners-up were New Age led by Matt Rosman. Well done!

This venture was very capably organised beforehand by Mrs Denise Dunn and run with passion and expertise by Mrs Robyn Taylor, Mrs Rose Martin and Mrs Jan Gough. I would like to make special mention of Jordan Richardson in Year 12 whose assistance throughout the week was invaluable.

Many thanks must go to the teacher mentors and business mentors, who guided the student teams through a very demanding and intensive week.

Many businesses assisted the program by their generous sponsorship and time donated. They are:

Boeing

Royal Aeroclub of Qld

Raytheon Australia

Aviation Australia

Honourable Company of Air Pilots

Aviation Business Week was a terrific culmination to Semester 1. Congratulations again to all students who participated.

Mr Steve Wright

Year 11 Welfare Leader









Year 12

Everything is really ramping up for the Year 12's! The Qld Core Skills Test is only 6 weeks away. In addition, student profiles will be submitted for final moderation the last week of term so a good result on these last couple of assessment pieces is vital. Please try and support your child through this stressful and difficult period. Ensure that they eat a balanced diet, exercise regularly and take a break every now and then.

On the social side of things, the Senior Jerseys have arrived! They look fabulous and my thanks go to the students who tweaked the design of the jerseys to really put the Aviation High School 'Seniors of 2014' stamp on them. Please be reminded that jerseys are only permitted to be worn on a Wednesday.

You should have received a letter this week providing information and a full explanation of the procedures for this year's formal. Could you please ensure that you and your child complete and sign the relevant forms and return to me by the due date. If you have any questions at all please feel free to contact me at any time.

Mrs Robyn Taylor

Year 12 Welfare Leader



TAFE 2015

The following table indicates the TAFE courses which will be offered to Years 11 and 12 students commencing in 2015. Current Year 10 students are encouraged to peruse this list and if they are interested in studying a TAFE course as part of their Year 11 studies, the students should make an appointment with Mrs Lynne Beasley – Workplace Officer.

Students who study a TAFE course as part of their studies, can drop one of their six subjects after Term 1 to enable them greater success at their studies. Students must attend the TAFE campus one day a week and make their own travel arrangements.

Code	Course	Semesters	Campus
ACM20110	Certificate II in Animal Studies	2	AH, CAB, GROV, LL
HLT21212	Certificate II in Health Support Services	2	AH, CAB, LL, SB
AHC20410	Certificate II in Horticulture	2	CAB, GROV, LL, MTG

SIH20111	Certificate II in Hairdressing	1.5	CAB, LL
SIH30111	Partial Certificate III in Hairdressing	1.5	CAB, LL
SIB20110	Certificate II in Retail Makeup and Skin Care	1.5	CAB, LL, SB
LMT20807	Certificate II in Millinery (Fashion Design and Hat Making)	2	BR, MTG
SIS20313	Certificate II in Sport & Recreation	2	AH
ICT20113	Certificate II in Telecommunications Technology (Networking)	2	BR, LL, MTG SB
SIB30110	Certificate III in Beauty Services	3	SB
CUV30311	Certificate III in Design Fundamentals - Graphic Design	3	BR, MTG SB
CUV30311	Certificate III Design Fundamental - Photo Imaging	3	SB
SIT20112 SIT30612	Certificate III in Events (Incorporating Certificate II in Tourism)	2	SB
HLT32512	Certificate III in Health Services Assistance	2	AH, CAB, LL, SB
SIT20312 SIT30713	Certificate III in Hospitality (Incorporating Certificate II in Kitchen Operations)	2	CAB,LL, SB
CHC30113	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	4	AH, BR, CAB,LL RED, SB

SIS30313 SIS20313	Certificate III in Fitness (Incorporating Certificate in II Sport and Recreation)	3	BR, CAB, SB
SIT30713 SIT20213	Certificate III in Hospitality (Incorporating Certificate II in Hospitality)	2	CAB,LL, SB
MSF31013	Certificate III in Interior Decoration Retail Services	3	SB
CUF30107	Certificate III in Media	3	BR, MTG SB
CUS30109	Certificate III in Music	2	SB
CUS30309	Certificate III in Music Business	2	SB

Campus key:

(AH) Alexandra Hills, (BR) Bracken Ridge, (CAB) Caboolture, (GROV) Grovely, (LL) Loganlea, (MG) Mt Gravatt, (SB) Southbank.

Denise Dunn

Head of Department

Senior Schooling

Year 10 Senior Education and Training Plan Interviews

These interviews will take place on Wednesday 27 August. There will be no scheduled classes for Year 10 students on this day. Instead, all students must attend an interview with one or more of their parents/care givers. A letter will be sent home soon with more information.

Denise Dunn

Head of Department

Senior Schooling

From the Guidance Officer

QUT Think Big Day

On the last day of Term 2, 41 Year 12 students travelled to QUT Gardens Point campus for the 2014 QUT Think Big day.

The excursion gave students the opportunity to understand why people study after finishing school and what it is like to be a university student, the pathways between qualifications and careers and the opportunity to make connections between their current skills and future options.

Students heard current students speak about the faculty that they are enrolled in, what their courses entail, their desired careers and just what is involved with study at university level.

All students found the day stimulating and seemed impressed if not a little overawed by how big a university campus is. Students were also able to use the interactive screens in The Cube at QUT.

I would like to thank all students who attended for their outstanding behaviour whilst at QUT. You are a credit to our school.

A very big thank you to Mrs Farlow and Mr Noonan who also attended the excursion and supported our students.

QTAC Applications

QTAC – Qld Tertiary Admissions Centre handles all applications to universities in Qld as well as a number of TAFE courses within Qld.

Students who attended school in the final week of Term 2 and who were not involved in Business Week participated in a session relating to tertiary applications through QTAC. I will be following up this session with individual meetings with students.

Students involved in Business Week who did not receive or who would like a QTAC book please come to my room to collect one. Any other Year 12 students who missed out on a QTAC book please collect a book as well.

Applications to QTAC open on Tuesday 5 August 2014 with on time applications closing on Tuesday 30 September 2014.

Please contact me at the school if you have any queries in relation to the QTAC process. Please note that applications to other states in Australia are through their admissions centres and also have closing dates.

University Brochures

The brochures from universities have begun arriving. These are displayed outside of my office. Year 12 students please have a look and collect brochures that you are interested in.

Career Information

On the blue board outside of my room I have put up a lot of career information. I encourage students of all ages to drop by and read the board. KEEP YOURSELVES UPDATED!!

School Leaver Event in Brisbane

SCIPS (School Community Industry Partnership Service) will hold a School Leaver Event evening for students who wish to meet employers looking to recruit staff in 2015. The event will be held from 5 – 6.30 pm on Wednesday 20 August 2014 at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane. For more information, visit <http://www.scips.org.au/event/scips-school-leaver-event-2014/>

Job Prospects

There are a number of resources you can use to research the employment opportunities available in various occupations. These include:

- The Job Outlook website at <http://joboutlook.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx> provides information from the Australian Bureau of Statistics about job prospects. The information is based on trends in the employment market. Just go onto the website and search for the occupation in which you are interested by the name of the occupation or alphabetically.
- The Australian Jobs 2014 can be downloaded at <http://docs.employment.gov.au/documents/australian-jobs-2014-publication>
- 'Where Grads Go' on the Graduate Careers Australia website at <http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/research/researchreports/wheregradsgo> provides the latest information on what Australian graduates do and how much they earn shortly after graduating, as well as providing guidance on where to find further information.
- 'Graduate Stats and Salaries' on the Graduate Opportunities website at <http://www.graduateopportunities.com/graduate-salaries/> provides information about the characteristics of graduates in specific occupations, their employment outcomes and their earnings.

It is important to remember that no graduate is guaranteed a job. It is recommended that students start their job search (do work experience, develop a network of contacts) during their course not after they receive their qualification. All the universities have Careers and Employment Services that can help students with this process.

Women in the Navy tour for students

Female students interested in a trade in the Navy are invited to participate in this event to be held from 9.30 am – 2 pm on Monday 11 August 2014 at the Maritime Museum, Southbank, Brisbane. Participants will have an opportunity to try some of the trade skills that are used to keep a Navy ship at sea. They will also be able to meet and talk with sailors from the Royal Australian Navy about their time in the Navy. RSVP to email wid@dfr.com.au by 1 August 2014. Participants must be at least 16 years of age and have passes in Year 10 Maths, English and Science.

Student Exchange

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is holding a FREE Information Evening in Redcliffe on Wednesday, 6th August at 7.30pm.

The session is being held at the Redcliffe Library Meeting Room, 41 Anzac Ave, Redcliffe.

Students can find out further information about the exchange program which is available in over 25 countries.

12 Scholarships valued from \$2,500 to the full price of the program are available.

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au or call 1300 135 331 for further information.

Ms Alison McFarlane

Guidance Officer

[CLICK HERE](#) to view QUT Think Big day photos

Year 12 QCS Test

Approved Calculators

QCS Test items are developed on the basis that the type of calculator used should not constitute an advantage or disadvantage for a student. Calculators with computer algebra system (CAS), spellchecker, dictionary, thesaurus or translator functions could provide an advantage to students using them, or prohibit the proper testing of some common curriculum elements (CCEs).

The calculator to be used by students during the QCS Test should be able to perform the basic functions of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, square roots and powers. Graphing calculators without CAS functionality are permitted. The calculator is to be hand-held, solar or battery-operated, noiseless and not attached to a printer.

Calculators with any of the following functions — whether inbuilt or downloaded — are not approved for use during the QCS Test:

- computer algebra system (CAS)
- spellchecker
- dictionary
- thesaurus
- translator

All other electronic devices — including mobile phones, laptops, notebooks, tablets, wearable devices, handheld organisers and pocket PCs — are not permitted in the QCS Test unless express permission has been granted under special provision arrangements.

Student Declaration requirement

Before sitting the QCS Test, each student must sign a *Form QCS 10: Calculator declaration* to certify that the calculator used in the test is an approved calculator. Calculators are checked before the test.

Space Camp 2015

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.

UAV 2014

T-shirts have been issued to all students who have paid the deposit.

An invoice for the balance of \$165.00 has been issued. Please make the final payment by 1 September.

Medical and permission forms will be issued once the final payment has been made.

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.

RedSox Softball Club



The poster features a red and white logo with a baseball bat and the text 'RedSox SOFTBALL CLUB'. Below the logo is a green and yellow softball. The main text reads 'SOFTBALL SIGN ON 28th July 2014' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'Trials will commence after sign on and run for 3 weeks' and '4pm - 7pm Windsor Park'. At the bottom, there is a grey button with the website address 'www.redsoxsoftball.com'.

**RedSox
SOFTBALL
CLUB**

SOFTBALL SIGN ON

28th July 2014

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4pm - 7pm

Windsor Park

www.redsoxsoftball.com

Redsox Softball Club is committed to the Qld Government "Get Started" program to encourage more young girls and boys to become actively involved in sport for fitness and fun.

Redsox currently has teams from SIS (Swing into Softball) for new players from 6yo (boys and girls), several U13 teams (boys and girls) and U15 and U17 grades.

Redsox Softball Club is located at Windsor Park, Windsor. For further information www.redsoxsoftball.com

North Brisbane Basketball Assn



Are you aged 6 to 11 and want to learn **FUN**damental Basketball skills? Dragons Club is again conducting their highly successful **B.L.A.S.T.™ 6eleven** non-competitive skills development program from Saturday July 19 for 9 weeks. Now in its thirteenth season, over 450 children have participated in **B.L.A.S.T.™** since inception.

Numbers are **strictly** limited and filling fast. For further information, email blast@northbrisbanebasketball.com.au or visit our website www.northbrisbanebasketball.com.au.

What Spectrum? Peace of Mind Expo

We at What Spectrum? have put together an Expo which is being held at Strathpine Community Centre on Saturday 16th August 2014. It has been designed and organised for parents by parents and teachers of special needs children.

For further information please see the attached flyer or contact Helen-Christi (Events Co-ordinator) on 0415 773 767.

[expo flyer for public colors pdf 3.pdf](#)

Diary Dates

District Athletics (half day)	Monday 4 August
District Athletics	Tuesday 5 August
Space Camp Meeting - 6.30pm - MMR	Tuesday 12 August
EKKA - Public Holiday	Wednesday 13 August

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