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AVIATORS' GAZETTE

8 August 2014

Principal's Message

Year 11 Leadership 2015

This week has been a culmination for Year 11 leadership aspirants for 2015. The selected students will take up the role of school leaders from Term 4 2014. What a talented group of students who addressed their peers and spoke about what leadership qualities they will need in order to work with our school community. Some students spoke about serving others, some spoke about listening and some spoke about advocating. The collective comments that I heard from all potential and worthy students was about how they can in their own way, help benefit the students and our school community. Mr Wright and his team of teachers have done a wonderful job in guiding our future leaders. The next phase for the potential leaders will be to address school staff members early next week. Good luck to all candidates.

Year 10 SET Planning and Careers Expo

Letters and information are on the way to inform our Year 10 parents about upcoming important meetings for their students. It will take the form of meetings between parents, students and key school personnel to help choose subjects for senior school. Prior to the SETP meetings an Expo of different pathways for students will be held at the school.

Independent Public School Forum Monday 11th August - School Library - 5.45pm

For all parents this an opportunity for you to hear first-hand about how schools who are currently IPS are operating in relation to governance, public accountability, facilities, HR, curriculum, financial and procurement. I have invited Ms Karyn Hart, Principal of Macgregor SHS which is an IPS school to address parents' questions at the forum.

Primary Visits

Last week we had the pleasure of hosting principals and teachers from Hendra and Hamilton State Schools along with students in Years 4, 5, 6. This was an invitation we extended to our local schools in our catchment area for them to see our classrooms and school in action. We tend to see our Year 8's as small in comparison to our seniors but having even younger students in the school, the contrast was even greater. Our students were fantastic and the comments from our visitors was extremely positive. What a delight to see primary students running around the oval playing games with our students. Our teachers taught the primary students for the day to help grow our capabilities in the explicit teaching of younger students as part of our Junior Secondary Action Plan.

INTERACT and Year 10 Students Vinnie's and Red Cross Appeal

A big thank you to Ms Hardy and Ms Coman for helping to organise, along with the student leadership of INTERACT and the Year 10's, the appeals by Vinnie's and Red Cross. Red Cross is celebrating 100 years of service to communities all over the world.

Finally I have added the following information for our community to visit and to help build an understanding about the future direction of Education in Queensland.

QUEENSLAND EDUCATION ACCORD

<http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/educationaccord/index.html>

The Queensland Government is undertaking extensive consultation with parents, schools, unions and schooling sectors to map out the future of education and create Queensland's first Education Accord.

Education is a key foundation area identified in the Queensland Plan that was released on 31 July and the Accord will bring together ideas that will determine priorities for schools and ensure students are given the best possible education and job opportunities.

All Queensland Members of Parliament will be invited to conduct consultation across school communities to gather views on [seven key questions](#) stemming from the priorities identified in the Queensland Plan.

The summit will include renowned speakers such as the Grattan Institute's CEO John Daley, Learning First CEO Dr Ben Jensen and Dr Stefan Hajkowicz who leads CSIRO Futures.

These and other speakers will help participants to further explore the future of education in Queensland and lay the foundation for the ongoing success of schools and students.

You can also provide your thoughts on the seven key questions by completing the [online questionnaire](#) which is open until 8 August 2014.

All students from Prep to Year 12 Students can provide their feedback by submitting a [short video](#) or responding in writing using the Queensland Education Accord [student engagement questions](#) 196K ([accessible version](#) 127K).

For further information, contact the Queensland Education Accord project team via [email](#).

Key Priorities

<http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/educationaccord/key-priorities.html>

Seven key priorities have been developed to facilitate discussion and capture the diverse opinions of Queenslanders. Feedback from these questions will be extensively reviewed and will shape the content of the Queensland Education Accord.

1. How do we ensure that all young Queenslanders have access to an affordable, high-quality education, regardless of their circumstances? In particular, how do we ensure young people in rural and remote locations have access to world-class educational opportunities that build on the strengths and potential of our regions?
2. With competing demands on available resources, how do we ensure the school system and schools have the agility, flexibility and autonomy to keep improving in the changing environment over the next 30 years?
3. What qualities do we - as parents, educators, business leaders and community members - expect young Queenslanders will gain from their school education?
4. How do we ensure that schools equip students with the skills, knowledge, aptitudes and values they need to strengthen our economy and participate in a globalised 21st century world?
5. How do we assure and improve the quality of teaching and learning in our schools? How do we attract, retain and develop the very best teachers and school leaders?
6. How do we support young Queenslanders in making a successful transition from home or early childhood education and care to school, and from school to further education, training and employment?
7. How can we develop greater engagement and partnerships between schools and their communities (including parents and carers, other education and training providers, local government and community organisations, businesses and industry)?

Your Partner in Education

David Munn - Principal

Deputy's Desk

Primary School Visit

Last Thursday we had the pleasure of hosting the Year 4, 5, 6, and 7s from Hamilton State School and the Year 5, 6, and 7s from Hendra State School. Both schools visited us together and we had lots of fun introducing the primary students to high school.

Students worked through a normal school day of 4 lessons where they were entranced by Mr McGrath's amazing human disease experiment in Science. They spent some time in an Art class using PhotoShop with Ms Park. Ms Lowe took them for an English class where they found out about the structure of rhyme and other poetic devices. Mr Wright took them for Aeroskills where they made a plane and learned some of the basics of flight. All the teachers took them through our normal lesson structure of Uninterrupted Silent Reading, Learning goals - WALT, WILF and TIB and our lesson structure I Do, We Do and You Do. They had a great lunch provided by Fresh Catering and our Chef Mark and it was wonderful to see them playing soccer on the oval with the older students.

Over the coming weeks we will be welcoming students from Nundah, Virginia, Northgate, Woolloowin and Eagle Junction State Schools. Our aim is to showcase our school as a quality small school, with great academic achievement, that caters for every students' career aspirations.

If you intend to enrol your child at Aviation High School please contact Vicky Jenvey our Enrolment Officer at the school on 3637 0111 or by email at admin@aviationhigh.eq.edu.au. Please check our website for further details.





Absences

Text Messages for Absences

Parents will by now be used to us contacting you by SMS if your child is away from school. If you do get a text please assist us by replying to the text with the reason for your child's absence. Parents can still phone the school to explain absences.

Leave Passes

If your child needs to leave the school early please get them to bring a note to the admin before school so that we can arrange a leave pass. Again a phone call is acceptable. Where possible it is preferable to get this information before the school day starts. There are times when it is very difficult for our Office staff to leave the office unattended if they have to find a student in class.

Extended Absences

Education Queensland now requires the school to contact parents after an absence of 3 days and parents are required to furnish the school with a medical certificate.

Exhibition Holiday

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents that the Exhibition Holiday is on Wednesday 13 August. All other days of that week are normal school days and students are expected to attend school.

Assemblies

A school assembly is held in the hall every second Tuesday morning instead of form meeting.

On Tuesday 12 August, our Music Department will be presenting some items. All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

General Appearance of Students

Our students take great pride in their appearance, presenting themselves very well in the main. It is timely to reiterate our standards on general appearance to remind all students of our school's high expectations:

- Hair must be neat, clean and a natural colour. Hairstyles should not distract students from learning
- Hair must be tied back if shoulder length or longer
- If ribbons are worn, only ribbons in school colours of dark blue, light blue or red are acceptable
- Shoes should be clean
- Make-up must not be worn
- Coloured nail polish must not be worn
- No facial piercings allowed
- Neck chains with locker keys or religious medals must be worn against the skin out of sight
- Wrist watches are acceptable
- One small plain stud earring in each ear is acceptable
- No other jewellery is allowed
- No visible tattoos

Attention to this is important, as we must all work together to keep Aviation High School as a source of pride to us all.

Susan Smith and Mandy Forbes

Deputy Principals

Welfare

Year 8

So far this term, the Year 8 group has had lessons around: Stress Reduction; Anger Management; Exercise, Relaxation and Stress Control and Memory Training.

In Week 5, the lesson will explore SQ3R study technique. This sounds like an interesting conversation starter.

Please ask you student to tell you about their Welfare Lesson on Tuesdays as they have covered some interesting topics this year.

If any parent would like to speak with me about their student, I am available on 3637 0111.

Jan Gough

Year 8 Welfare Leader

Year 9

The girls (across the school) have recently had a girl talk from Mrs McFarlane our Guidance Officer with regards to appropriate physical contact at school. The girls were encouraged to be confident to report inappropriate behaviour and to be assertive in their right to be treated respectfully.

In addition, as a year group we discussed ways in which we can show personal and school pride. This included the use of appropriate language in communication, how personal presentation affects the way others perceive us as individuals and us as a school community, and how the condition of our grounds and school environment reflects our personal and community pride.

Mara Kitson

Year 9 Welfare Leader

Year 10

Year students and parents have a very busy few weeks ahead of us. Letters have been sent home in regards to a number of key events in the Year 10 SET Planning Process.

Aviation High School's Inaugural Careers and Employment Expo on Tuesday 26th August from 9am to midday will have at least 15 exhibitors from universities, defence, aviation, trades, and training and education service providers. Year 10s will be attending the whole session as well as Year 11 and 12 students. Parents are also invited to attend to speak with exhibitors in regards to your student's subject selection for their career pathways.

SET Planning Interview Information was sent home last week. Please ensure you have confirmed your booking online. All Year 10 students must complete their subject selection through the SET Planning Interview Process on Wednesday 27th August.

Please ensure both students and parents attend our Parent Information Subject Selection Evening on the 19th August in the Library. Folders with important information for the following week's interview will be given out on the night. The attendance for our first evening was a great success due to the support from home to school. We again ask you to attend this important event.

Year 10 continue to be proactive in upholding the school values of respect and responsibility as we contribute to the celebration of 100 years of the Red Cross. We are holding a fundraiser on Friday 22nd August. Please support the Red Cross: Big Cake Bake to raise funds for the community by bringing baked goods or paying \$2 entrance to the hall to share a cake with our school community. All donations gratefully accepted! Thank you for your continued support of our Year 10 cohort.

This week we also congratulated a number of High Flyer Achievement Awards for students that have shown themselves to be exemplary role models and ambassadors at Aviation High School.

"A leader is one who does not care about his rank and role but remains always responsive to lead, shoulder responsibility, and achieve the goal in such a way that everyone, in and outside the team, respects him for touching their revered souls." Anuj Somany

Ms Louise Coman

Year 10 Welfare Leader



Year 11

Year 11 Leadership was the main focus for students who are aspiring to fulfil roles of captain, vice-captain and leadership positions for 2015.

Students had opportunity to present a three minute speech to their peers recently; outlining the qualities they would bring to the new leadership team.

I would like to express my thanks to all nominees who delivered presentations. The staff were most impressed with the articulate delivery and excellent manner of students.

Voting will be finalised by next week with the Leadership Team announced early in 4th term.

The other exciting event held recently was a Leadership Breakfast Forum held at the Wilston Grange Business Community Centre.

The forum was an excellent experience and provided a wealth of knowledge to Joshua S (11D), James B (11A) and Callan J (11C) who were able to attend. At the forum, four guest speakers spoke as well as the chairman of the Wilston Grange Business Community, the Shadow Minister for Education, Mr Donald and several other teachers. The four guest speakers were from different industries and sectors; however they all found ways throughout their careers to give back to their community, including Fiona King who is currently the Councillor of Marchant. All in all it was an excellent experience for all parties and the food was great. The forum inspired the students by assisting them to encourage those around them to give back to the community wherever able.

Mr Steve Wright

Year 11 Welfare Leader

Year 12

A representative from Mighty Minds attended this week's Welfare Meeting to give the students feedback on their practice tests and explain what is required of them in the Writing Task. With only three weeks left until the QCS test students will be continuing intensive training in their welfare lessons right up until the 2nd of September. A reminder also that the deposit of \$65 for the formal is due on the 22nd of August – please pay at the school office as soon as possible.

Mrs Robyn Taylor

Year 12 Welfare Leader

Red Cross: Big Cake Bake

Aviation High School's Year 10 cohort are holding a fundraising event on Friday 22nd August from 10-10:40am in the School Hall as part of our Welfare Program. Big Cake Bake is a fun, easy and rewarding way to support Red Cross "Bake the World Better for Another 100 Years" as we celebrate 100 years of people helping people.

Year 10 will be asking for a \$2 donation to enter the hall and share in the cakes and baked treats as a school community to raise much needed funds for the Red Cross. All donations raised from Big Cake Bake will support the everyday work of Red Cross, including programs and services to help some of the most vulnerable people in Australia and further afield.



Please bring any baked goods to the Hall Kitchen before school on Friday 22nd August and your donation of \$2 to gain entrance to the hall and a selection of cakes.

Year 9 History

In this depth study, Year 9 students have been investigating the following question: What was the significance of World War I (1914 - 1918) which marked a significant turning point in the formation of the Australian national identity. Australia had only been a nation for thirteen years when war broke out in Europe and the Australian Imperial Forces (AIF) was committed to fight for the 'Mother Country'. On the battlefields of Gallipoli and on the Western Front the resourcefulness, heroism and bravery of the Australian soldiers helped to personify the Anzac legend. The legendary Lighthorsemen in the

Middle East and the Charge of Beersheba also built upon the Anzac legend and exemplified the values of mateship, courage, sacrifice and resilience.

The centenary of the First World War is a significant international event and has relevance for many Queensland families who were touched by the conflict. These ties to WW1 have led to the current surge in numbers researching and travelling to the places where these battles changed our nation forever.

As we commemorate the Centennial of WW1 students were able to touch history as we examined the medals, personal items and badges that were worn by our Australians as the legend of the Anzac was forged on foreign shores. All of the students were able to feel the shrapnel and bullets found in the field where battles raged one hundred years ago. The badges so proudly worn that now are memorials to the men that fought for their country and the personal items such as a Princess Mary tin with fingerprints of the soldier visible on the case from continual use in the trenches of the Western Front. The silk postcards sent from France to their loved ones on the homefront, small messages of love and loss as many were never to return.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them. Lest we forget."

Ms L Coman

Year 9-10 History Teacher



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.

All parents of interested students are welcome.

From the Guidance Officer

QTAC 2015

All students intending to apply for a Tertiary course in 2015 must apply via QTAC. All Year 12 students should have a QTAC book. If you do not have a book please see the GO.

Students are requested to make appointments with the GO to review course selections and to assist them to make appropriate choices based on interests, location, course pre-requisites and academic performance.

Parents/guardians please encourage your Year 12 students to make these appointments.

QTAC applications open on 5 August, 2014.

On time applications cost \$35. Closing date for on time applications is 30 September, 2014. After this the cost rises to \$130.

Students are also reminded to explore scholarships at the institutions that they are applying to. These all have closing dates so please begin this process now.

Open Days

Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) Information Evening

Interested in working in Psychology, Counselling, Case Management, Coaching or People Management? If so, you may be interested in attending this information evening at ACAP's Brisbane campus at 6pm on Wednesday 20 August 2014. ACAP offers accredited degree and diploma courses. FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP are available for eligible students. For more information and to register to attend, visit <http://www.acap.edu.au>

Aviation Careers Expo

This event will be held from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday 23 August 2014 at Aviation Australia, 25 Boronia Road, Brisbane International Airport Precinct. The Aviation Careers Expo has a strong focus on careers, training and employment. Download the Aviation Career Expo Prospectus at <http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/expo/>

Brisbane Beauty Therapy Open Day

The Australian National College of Beauty (ANCB) will hold an open day from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday 23 August 2014 at its Brisbane campus in Fortitude Valley. ANCB offers the Diploma of Beauty Therapy. VET FEE-HELP is available for eligible students. For more information, see <http://www.ancb.edu.au/events/open-day-brisbane>.

Griffith University Open Days

Griffith will hold its open day on 10 August 2014 at its Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses. On the open day website at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/open-day> you can register for updates, download a program and app and plan your day. Also, this site has 'Tips for Open Day' to help you make the most of your day.

New York Film Academy (NYFA) Australia Gold Coast Open House

NYFA invites students interested in filmmaking or acting to its open house from 12 – 2 pm on 16 August 2014. Students under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. For more information and to RSVP, see <http://www.nyfa.edu.au/nyfa-events/>

Open Day for Natural Therapies

The Australian College of Natural Therapies will hold an open day from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday 23 August 2014 at its Brisbane campus in Fortitude Valley. This institution offers accredited tertiary level courses in nutrition, naturopathy, Western herbal medicine, massage, health science and sport development. Eligible students have access to FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP. For more information and to register for the day, visit <http://www.acnt.edu.au/about-us/events/brisbane-opensday>

SAE Qantm Open Day

The open day at SAE Qantm Brisbane campus provides an opportunity to check out the campus and the courses offered. It will be held from 11 am – 3 pm on Saturday 23 August 2014. SAE Qantm offers accredited tertiary level courses in the fields of animation, audio, design, film, games, and web and mobile. FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP are available for eligible students. For more information and to register for the event, visit <http://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/>

Christian Heritage College Open Day

Christian Heritage College is holding their Open Day on 23rd August, 2014 - 10am – 2pm.
For further information phone 3347 7900 www.chc.edu.au

Year 10

Year 10 students had the QTAC Prerequisites books distributed this week. If you did not receive a book please see Ms Coman.

This booklet contains information and subject prerequisites for tertiary institutions in Qld and Northern NSW.

Please make sure that your young person is familiar with the book and courses available prior to the SETP meetings on 27 August.

Diary Dates

Independent Public Schools Meeting - 5.45pm - Library	Monday 11 August
P&C Meeting - 6.15pm - Library	Monday 11 August
Space Camp Meeting - 6.30pm - MMR	Tuesday 12 August
EKKA - Public Holiday	Wednesday 13 August
Year 10 to 11 Information Night - 6pm - Library	Tuesday 19 August
Community Open Morning - 9am-10am	Thursday 21 August
Red Cross - Big Cake Bake	Friday 22 August
Year 10 - Careers & Employment Expo	Tuesday 26 August
Year 10 - SET Planning Parent Interviews	Wednesday 27 August
QCS Test - Year 12	2-3 September

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