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AVIATORS' GAZETTE

5 December 2014

Principal's Message

Welcome to this edition of the Aviators' Gazette.

Goodbyes

This term and end of the year is fast approaching. Year 10 and 11 students finished school last Friday and it is business as usual for the Year 8's and 9's. Year 8 and 9 students will be visiting NAPLAN practice exams on Monday and Tuesday next week. The information we receive will help the school measure the distance travelled by the Year 9's and the gaps to close in Semester One for the Year 8's. A schedule of events and alternative program arrangements exists and is published within this week's newsletter. Can I thank Mrs Taylor for a wonderful Year 12 final breakfast on the last day. It was wonderful way for our senior students to finish the school year with a wonderful breakfast and the acknowledgement of their families, friends and cohort.

Thank you for another great year at Aviation High School

Being the last newsletter for 2014, I would like to personally thank our school community for all of the hard work and effort that has resulted in Aviation High School having another great year. To all of our students who pursued excellence, to our dedicated Admin team, teaching staff and support staff, our P & C and our Aviation industry partners; thank you for all of your support during 2014.

2015

To comply with Workplace Health and Safety requirements, a reminder that commencing in 2015, the day uniform shoes must be black impervious hard leather lace up shoes. Canvas or suede leather are NOT part of our dress code. The sports uniform shoes are to be lace up sport shoes and are expected to be predominantly black or white. Students have been informed of this and I suspect most parents will be purchasing new shoes over the Christmas holidays in time for the new school year. I appreciate your ongoing support for the school's Dress Code.

Please note that we are looking at a pilot program for Year 9's with the use of iPads as part of the teaching resources. Mr Smith has placed a survey for all to participate in and for the school to receive feedback in order to move the program forward.

I also welcome to the school Mr Anthony McKeough who will be replacing Mrs Smith as Deputy Principal next year. Can I thank most sincerely Mrs Smith for her support and guidance over the past 20 months in role as Deputy Principal.

Our 2015 school year commences on Tuesday 27th January for **ALL** students.

Semester 2 School Results

- 91.7% A- C academic achievement
- 97.3% A-C positive student behaviour
- 92.7% A-C effort by students

These results to finish the school are a wonderful indication of how well our school community of parents, students and teachers are working.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the Aviation High School community I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope that you have a safe, happy holiday and return to us in the New Year refreshed and ready for another great year at Aviation High School.

Finally, it is my deepest sadness to inform our community that two of our students have suffered the loss of their mother this week. Mr Auston, father to Jacob and Nick, has kindly offered to all, who knew Leonie and the family to attend the funeral at 10.00am on Wednesday 10th December at Axis Church Cnr Discovery Drive and Gardenia Parade North Lakes. The school will send official representatives.

Your Partner in Education**David Munn - Principal**

Deputy's Desk

Junior Secondary

School continues until 12 December for Years 8 and 9 and we are starting the week with NAPLAN testing for all students. This will provide valuable data to allow teachers to support our students into 2015 and beyond.

A very successful Orientation Day for our Years 7 and 8 students for 2015 was held on Wednesday this week. Students enjoyed a range of school activities, supported by key staff and our school student leadership team. We look forward to welcoming all new students into Aviation High School next year.

Mandy Forbes

Junior Secondary Deputy Principal

Reports

School Reports for Year 8 to 11 are being posted this week. Along with the reports, Years 10 and 11 students will receive their timetables for 2015. Years 8 and 9 students have already received their 2015 timetables.

Year 12 will not receive school reports as they receive Senior Statements from the QCAA. Our preliminary data for Year 12 is very positive and we look forward to celebrating with our school community when results are finally announced.

As this is our final newsletter for 2014, Mrs Forbes joins me in taking this opportunity of thanking you all for your support during the year and of wishing you a safe and happy holiday. On a personal note, I will be taking leave for Semester 1 next year, so I wish you all a productive start to the year.

Susan Smith

Senior Schooling Deputy Principal

Welfare

Year 8

The Year 8 cohort has been wonderful to work with this year. They are focussed and determined to get the best results for themselves. It will be enjoyable to be their Welfare Leader again next year.

I hope they all have a well-earned rest over the summer holidays and return to school with the determination to have an even better year in 2015. Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to the Year 8 group and their families.

Jan Gough
Year 8 Welfare Leader

Year 9

I have been fortunate to have had such a wonderful group of students to guide. The Year 9 students have done well in their academic studies this semester and need to be congratulated on their results and on their movement into the Senior School as Year 10s.

I regretfully say farewell to this fantastic group of students as I take on the role of Welfare leader for the Year 7 and 8 students next year. I do however, get to teach some of these great kids in HPE and Science classes when they are in Year 10 which I am very excited about.

Have a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in 2015!

Mrs Mara Kitson
Year 9 Welfare Leader

Year 10

Our Year 10 cohort have had a very successful year and are now enjoying a well-earned holiday as they prepare for Year 11 and the many challenges and rewards that are before them in 2015.

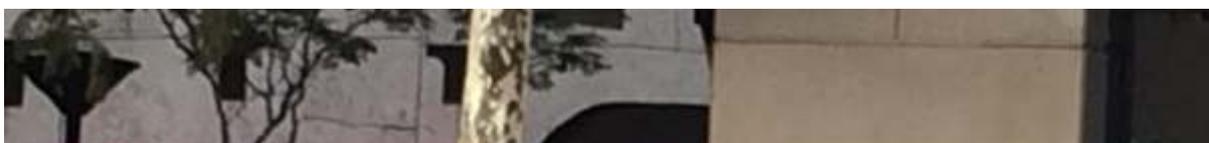
Brady S. (10A) has been a student at Aviation High School since commencing in Year 8 in 2012. He has been a wonderful role model for our school in pursuing excellence in all areas of his life.

It is with great pride that we announce that he has been selected for a prestigious scholarship for his academic and musical excellence at St Andrews College, Christchurch in New Zealand. The Pipe Band, that he will be a part of in 2015, are World Champions having won the 2013 World Juvenile Pipe Band Championship in Glasgow and consistently win all New Zealand juvenile competitions. The band is currently run by Gold Medalist (Oban, Scotland), Pipe Band Director Richard Hawke MNZM and World Juvenile Champion Solo drummer, Drum Sergeant James Laughlin.

We congratulate Brady and wish him every success in the future. He has already promised to return to play the pipes for us next year.

Wishing our school community a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Ms Louise Coman
Year 10 Welfare Leader





Year 11

Halogen Leadership Conference

The Year 11 Leadership team attended the Halogen Leadership Conference at the Convention Centre on Monday 24th November. It is termed “halogen” after the light source that provides light, and with it bright ideas about leadership.

Together with 1400 Year 11 students our leaders heard presentations from Leisel Jones, Olympic swimmer, Ben Roberts –Smith who was awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery under enemy fire, and Coen who suffers from cerebral palsy. Each gave a moving account of what leadership meant to them, discussed overcoming their difficulties and hardships in life, and ways of working together in planning for the future.

The students could also participate in the 10,000 ideas forum. This was so named after Thomas Edison who reputedly took 10,000 attempts to develop a filament that would burn long enough in his light bulb. Leisel Jones developed this theme with her presentation where she remarked that it took 10,000 hours of practice to become

a master at any given field of expertise. She had calculated her training and competition to have amounted to well over this figure.

Here are some personal reflections from some of our students on the day.

“When Ben Roberts-Smith spoke to us about leadership, he didn’t talk about himself and how he received the Victoria Cross, but spoke about his comrades and fellow SAS members. I admired him for that as it shows that leadership isn’t a selfish thing, but is all about how a team works together.” – Juliette A.

“We thoroughly enjoyed the speeches, as well as the opportunity to present the 4 time Olympic swimmer Leisel Jones with a gift for her presentation to the forum.” – James B.

“Ben Roberts-Smith the recipient of the Victoria Cross medal was an inspiring speaker. He spoke clearly about his experience as leader, but not once did he speak about his achievements. Instead he spoke courageously and truthfully about his mate Matt who in the heat of battle risked his life to save his regiment. I believe this is a quality of being a good leader.” Cassie J.

“Ben Roberts-Smith gave an important speech on morality. His reputation for being humble was displayed when he didn’t talk about himself but spoke about his team” –Callan J.

“We had the chance of listening to the speeches of brilliant people such as Leisel Jones and Ben Roberts-Smith. I really enjoyed their speeches as they had the same point of view but from different perspectives. I learned from Ben Roberts-Smith that to be a leader doesn't mean to give orders and expect that others would do their best but it is simply just being their friend and not their boss. He said it is easier to let down your boss but it's not easy to let down your friends, that's what he believes about leadership. On the other hand Leisel Jones was talking about how to use your skills to help you to be in lead and to be at the top of what you want. She believes that everyone has the skills but the challenging task is to discover and to use those skills. She said that nobody wants to be a clapper, but to achieve your goal and be at the top, you have to try hard and believe in yourself. I was really inspired by those people and their stories and it made me realize that I need to work as hard as I possibly can to achieve what I want, and to never be afraid to take risks. I also had the opportunity to talk to Murray Bunton and the CEO of the Halogen organization Mark Martin about students from a refugee background and talking about their exclusions compared to other students from the government. We talked about how they are just the same as every other student and in fact they are part of the future as every student is. We had a very good conversation where they encouraged me to do the 10,000 projects and have my thoughts filmed and recorded. Overall I had a great day”. –Mohammad S.

QUT University Day Experience

All Year 11's were invited to attend a day at Garden's Point QUT campus on Wednesday 26th November. Here they learnt all about life at university, courses to take, career decisions to make, OP scores to obtain to become eligible for courses of their choice. They discovered the wealth of information that can be accessed from the QUT University Library, even when they are still studying at school. The library made available many free resources to our students where they can access the main database to narrow their search on relevant resources.

Various QUT students spoke to the group about life at university, costs of courses, where to live, associations and groups to become part of, and most importantly gave a tour of the newest building called "The Cube".

Here are some personal reflections from some of our students on the day

"QUT has an enormous library containing vast information that we could access to assist us with our Year 12 studies. We were fortunate enough to visit the cube which is a building containing up-to-date technology. Large interactive screens were accessible by all students to use. This building is environmentally friendly having solar panels for heating and cooling and recycling water for the swimming pool." –Alan P.

"QUT provides great facilities such as their library, the cube and more. The cube is the centre of the science and technology for QUT. This building showcased all things new and environmentally efficient. It contained up-to-date computers that provided students with interactivity. The building has been awarded 5 stars for energy efficiency".
–Jeremie G.

Mr Steven Wright
Year 11 Welfare Leader

Year 12

What a wonderful end to 2014! After a rather soggy beginning to the Formal evening (that's an understatement!) the rest of the night went off without a hitch. I would like to thank Chef Mark, Mrs Calabro, Mr Wright and the Year 11 team for the smooth running of the Pre-Formal event. The food was lovely and plentiful, the hall and formal venue decorations were beautiful and the service from the Year 11's exemplary. Great fun was had at Riverside Receptions with dinner and dancing in a beautiful setting on the river.

To top the week off the Graduation Breakfast for students and their families was held at Kedron Wavell RSL on Friday morning. What a pleasant and grown-up way for the students to finish their high school years. The food was excellent, the speeches were great and we didn't shed too many tears when sending the Year 12's on their way! It has been my great pleasure to be part of the lives of this group of young people and I wish them every happiness in their future endeavours.

Robyn Taylor
Year 12 Welfare Leader

Interact Club

Aviation High School's students are committed to helping the local community and 2014 is the sixth year of collecting items for Christmas Hampers for the St Vincent De Paul Society to distribute to those in need this Christmas. The Interact Club wish to thank the Aviation High School community and the Brisbane Airport Rotary Club for their generosity in helping those less fortunate than ourselves help others to have a Merry Christmas.

Mr John Fitzpatrick and Mr John Gates from St Agatha's Conference of St Vincent De Paul accepted the 23 Christmas Hampers from our Year 8 Interact member Scott Allen.



Interact are also supporting the Brisbane Airport Rotary Club on Saturday 6th December at a Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Bunnings Stafford. Rotary sponsor and support the school's Interact activities and we wish to reciprocate and participate in their community fundraising event. Thank you to the following Interact members for volunteering: Scott A, Christopher N, James M, Jorrell M, Angus N and Joshua S and also Mrs Allen.

Ms L Coman

Interact Club Coordinator

Aviation High School iPad Pilot Scheme

Aviation High School is proud to announce an iPad Pilot Scheme starting in Semester 2 next year, 2015.

A Year 7 and a Year 9 class will use iPads within the classrooms to enhance and broaden their individual educational needs within Geography and English studies. The pilot scheme will be a combination BYO and school supplied iPads. Aviation High School's plan is to roll out a BYO iPad scheme to the rest of the student body by 2016.

Please take the time to respond to our quick survey on the internet:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LPGWHLV>

Mr Neill Smith
Communications Department

Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC22604'

The ATO will continue working with teachers to educate students about tax and superannuation. The curriculum resource Tax, Super & You is a free, easy to use, online educational resource aligned to the school curriculum of each state and territory. This resource can be accessed at taxsuperandyou.gov.au

In the meantime if you require any further information you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Office News

Don't forget that all textbooks and library books must be returned, 2014 student resource scheme fees paid in full and either full payment of 2015 fees or a payment plan in place and the first automatic instalment received prior to students receiving their 2015 textbooks and student ID cards.

A fee will also be charged for any text or library books that are lost or returned in an unsatisfactory state.

A discount of \$10 is applied to any 2015 fees paid before 6th February, 2015.

Subject levies will be invoiced to student accounts during the first term. This process can take some time due to class and/or subject changes.

Aviation High School will send statements for all accounts at the end of each term. If you have provided an email address you may also receive a copy of invoices as they are processed. Should you receive an account and have any questions regarding charges please call the school office between 8am – 4pm daily.

Please Note: The last day for payments to the school for 2014 will be Wednesday 10 December at 3pm.

The school office will be closed from Friday 12 December, 2014 and will reopen on Monday 19 January, 2015.

The Administration staff at Aviation High School would like to wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you again in 2015.

Donna Schmidt

Business Services Manager

Futsal GOL BRASIL Holiday Clinics

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2 Half Day Program

Thu 18, Fri 19 Dec

U6-10s 9:00am – 11:30am
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\$59 (2 days) \$44 (single day)

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Downey Park Netball Courts
Northey Street, Windsor
www.dpnaraiders.netball.asn.au



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Brothers Junior Rugby





Are you the next Reds or Wallaby player?

Come join Rugby at Brothers Junior Rugby Club

With more than 800 players across 50 teams supported by over 1,500 family members we are one of Australia's largest and most dynamic sporting clubs. We're passionate about our rugby and about our players enjoying their rugby.

Now is the time to be part of your local club!



Club Information

Play Junior Rugby from Under 6 to Under 17

Players in younger age groups will learn

from year-to-year. In 2013 we fielded more than 50 teams. The expansion in player numbers required expanding our playing

new skills, make new friends and enjoy a fun introduction to junior rugby. Older players wishing to play, improve and enjoy rugby are also welcome to join the great club of Brothers. All players from U12-U17 have an option to trial for grading in 2014 and to utilise the revised and improved coaching program implemented across all age groups. It is our aim to positively contribute to the community by encouraging young people to play, learn and support the sport of Rugby Union. Local residents are always welcome to 'cheer on the BRETHERN' at our home games and be part of their local club!

Who can register?

All boys and girls are welcome to join our under-6 to under-17 age-groups. Players must have turned 5 to be eligible to register to play (please note that proof of age is required).

About Brothers

Brothers has a rich history. Since 1905, 209 Brothers have represented Queensland with 83 going on to international level, including 66 as Wallabies. Among the list of notables to have worn the Brothers' jersey are six Wallaby Captains, JP 'Jimmy' Flynn, Des Connor, Paul McLean, Anthony Shaw, Rod McCall and John Eales. Today we are one of Australia's largest and most vibrant junior sporting clubs with a broad and enthusiastic volunteer base supporting the positive and efficient running of the club.

Club Expansion to Windsor Park

In 2011 we were again named Club of the Year by the Brisbane Junior Rugby Union – and our player numbers continue to grow

fields and facilities to include new space at Windsor Park. This has offered an improved playing and training experience for all age groups and players.

In 2014, we were excited to announce the launch of the Modified Rugby Program (MRP) pilot and Player Mentor Leadership Program.

The MRP is a Queensland first and is designed to offer families with children with perceptual and learning difficulties the chance to be a part of an existing rugby community. For this great cultural step the Club appointed Wallaby Legends Tim Horan and Nathan Sharpe as Program Ambassadors.

U8 – U13 Girls touch football program

Also in 2014, to increase more participation and promote a healthy physical lifestyle for siblings of our club we have introduced U8 – U13 Girls touch football program, with overwhelming success!! Our "Sisters in Arms" program will continue to grow and will offer another avenue for local children to lead a healthy happy lifestyle and be part of the great club that is Brothers.

Further information

Brothers Junior Rugby Club
103 Crosby Road, Albion
brothersjuniorrugby.com.au

U6-U9 email

registraru6-u9@brothersjuniorrugby.com.au

U10-U17 email

registrar@brothersjuniorrugby.com.au

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Diary Dates

Electricity & Lightning Show Excursion	Wednesday 10 December
Final Day for Year 8 & 9	Friday 12 December
Summer Vacation	13 December - 25 January 2015
Office Reopens	Monday 19 January

Student Free Day	Thursday 22-Friday 23 January
Australia Day Public Holiday	Monday 26 January
Term One Commences	Tuesday 27 January
Swimming Carnival Nominations	Wednesday 28 January
School Photographs	Thursday 29 January
Airport Excursion - Year 7 & Year 8	Friday 30 January
Year 7 & Year 8 Meet & Greet	Tuesday 3 February
School Swimming Carnival - Virginia Pool	Thursday 5 February
Year 7 & Year 8 Camp	Wed 11th to Friday 14th February

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