Welcome to this edition of the Aviators' Gazette.

Start of 2015

Welcome to all of our new parents/caregivers/students not only in grade 7 and 8 but across the school and welcome back to those who are returning to Aviation High School for 2015.

I should like to start by informing our community that all staff were involved in three days of professional development around our school priorities for 2015 and for the next 4 years.

Priorities for 2015

At Aviation High School, our unrelenting focus on student learning and improvement will continue in 2015 with four priorities identified and planned for:

- Literacy and Numeracy
- Explicit Teaching – evidence-based teaching strategies
- A culture that promotes high expectations
Maximizing student opportunity

2014 Year 12 results

Can I state that we are very proud of our 2014 Year 12 students and their results:

- 80% of students – OP 1-15
- 43% of students – OP 1-10
- 100% students receiving a QCE/OP and or VET qualification
- 98% students receiving a Queensland Certificate of Education

These results are enhanced by our whole school results for Semester 2 2014 in which 92.7% of students at Aviation High School achieved A-C for academic achievement.

Lockers

Just to let everyone know the lockers have arrived. Please see attached the hire agreement form if you are interested. As part of our getting ready for junior school the Year 7 and 8’s will be offered the lockers first, followed by those parents who paid their deposits last year, then Year 12’s, followed by the rest of the school on a first come basis.

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Lions Youth of the Year 2015

If you are a young person and will be between the ages of 15 and 19 years of age as at 30th June, 2015, then you are eligible to enter Lions Youth of the Year. This is a prestigious event for young people, which boasts many high profile Australians amongst the ranks of former entrants. These include: Kevin Rudd; Peter Beattie, a past premier of Queensland; the ABC’s Sabra Lane and Senator Simon Birmingham. Through entering the program, which is now in its 50th year, you will have an unequalled opportunity to experience an interview situation – in a friendly atmosphere – and a chance to practice your public speaking skills.

The best way to enter, is to talk to your local Lions Club. If you don’t know how to do this then please email the Australian Chairman at md201yoty@iinet.net.au and he will contact a local club.

Parental Support and Welfare of our students

We value input from parents and believe that the stronger the relationship between the school, the home and the student, the more likely students will succeed. These relationships within our school will continue to be enhanced in 2015 with the new school nurse Nerissa Baker for this year. We welcome two new teachers Melinda Hammond and Melissa Ellis to our school community. We also welcome Mr Anthony McKeough our Deputy Principal as a result of MrsSmith taking long service leave. We also welcome back Mr Riordan for this year who has been acting HOD English at Eamshaw State College.
I invite you to come and visit the school at any time. We have an Open Day on Saturday 30th of May 2015 for the community. We also have planned for the coming year Open Evenings and Mornings.

Traffic

Can I ask parents who utilize the school car park at 2.45pm that they not turn right when exiting the school before 3.00pm. Turning right causes frustration to users as it holds up staff and parents trying to exit and holds up traffic on Widdop Street. I should also like this to apply to parents who use the drop off and pick up area. It is probably easier to turn left and go to the roundabout at the top of Widdop Street and Gelibrand Street and make a U-turn at that point. Currently we are looking at ways to protect all users but not frustrate Widdop Street traffic. The school and the P and C are investigating the installation of “no right hand turn” signs during certain times of the day with the support of our local councillor.

Finally congratulations to James Reid who achieved an OP 1 in 2014.

Welcome back to 2015.

Your Partner in Education

David Munn - Principal

Deputy's Desk

Junior Secondary

It’s been a real pleasure to welcome the year 7 and year 8 students to Aviation High School. We’ve had a fabulous start to 2015 with our new Year 7’s and 8’s joining us and they’ve settled in really well. Our oval is full every break with our junior students playing and being active. It’s wonderful to see.

The Junior Secondary precinct has been buzzing with our new students and the teachers are all reporting that we’ve got some excellent students to carry on our Aviation High School traditions.

Uniform

Thanks to all parents who have been supportive in ensuring their students wear the school uniform correctly. We know there have been some issues with supply. If students don’t have the correct uniform due to any issue please send them to see me for a uniform pass.

School Camp

This morning we saw 70 Year 7 and 8 students leave for the Year 7 and 8 Camp at Ewan Maddock Dam. They were very excited and I know Mrs Kitson and her team has a wonderful program ready for them over the next 3 days. I will be visiting the camp on Thursday and I look forward to seeing what they are all up to.
Welcome back to everyone – let’s hope we have a fulfilling year.

Mandy Forbes
Junior Secondary Deputy Principal

Senior Secondary

Introduction

My name is Anthony McKeough and I am most excited to be a new Deputy Principal at Aviation High School. I have previously acted as Deputy Principal and was the permanent Head of ICTs at Kenmore State High School and worked as an archaeologist prior to my teaching career. I look forward to bringing the benefit of my prior experiences to Aviation High. The students and parent community have been most welcoming and I look forward to productive partnerships with both moving forward.

Welfare

The 2015 Welfare program has commenced at Aviation High School with Welfare Leaders leading their form teachers through the welfare program which is delivered through daily form classes and at weekly Welfare lessons.

The 2015 Welfare Leaders are:

Year 7 and 8 – Mrs Mara Kitson

Year 9 – Mrs Jan Gough

Year 10 – Mrs Robyn Talor

Year 11 – Mr Neill Smith

Year 12 – Mr Steve Wright

Over the first two weeks of school, students have been familiarising themselves with their new diaries which contain a vast array of rich resources. I encourage you to become familiar with your student’s diary. It is an essential text book, which must be brought into each class every day. For our welfare program to succeed, students must respect this strong diary culture. This diary is a textbook, and your student is accountable for it. If it is lost, new diaries can be purchased by contacting the school office.

Behaviour on Public Transport

Thank you to those members of the community who have alerted us to poor behaviour of our students on public transport. Aviation High takes its reputation very seriously and any student who brings our school into disrepute will be dealt with promptly. We have dealt several such incidences of late and we want to reassure parents that any misbehaviour by our students will not be tolerated. Thank you to the
majority of our students who always do the right thing and add to our school’s strong reputation.

**Anthony McKeough**

**Senior Schooling Deputy Principal**

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**Welfare**

**Year 10**

Hello and welcome to what I have no doubt will be an inspiring and productive year for your child. My name is Robyn Taylor and I have the pleasure of being the Welfare Leader for this group of young people for 2015.

The Year 10’s have now entered the Senior School of Aviation High. Our first Year Level Assembly for 2015 was held last week. I encouraged the students to make the most of their opportunity this year to experience the whole range of subjects that the school has to offer in order to make informed subject choices when entering Year 11 in 2016.

Mrs Dunn (Head of Senior Schooling) explained that their results at the end of Semester One will be taken into account when subject selection in August takes place. Subsequently poor results in this semester could prohibit students from choosing their preferred subjects in 2016. Therefore, I cannot stress enough how important it is that your child applies themselves and does their very best this semester.

I look forward to assisting your child in any way that I can this year and if you have any problems or questions feel free to contact me at any time.

**Mrs Robyn Taylor**

**Year 10 Welfare Leader**

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**Year 11**

On the very last day of the 2014 academic year, Ms Louise Coman was offered a promotion, which meant unfortunately leaving as Year 10 Welfare Leader at Aviation High and heading for a bright new future in Central Queensland.

Therefore, it was without hesitation, I accepted the offer of becoming the Year 11 Welfare Leader for 2015 and was looking forward to working with a great cohort of students and a dedicated welfare team.

The Year 11’s have a full diary of events this term and have already attended a ‘Mighty Minds’ presentation and will be attending a day out at QUT to discuss their future plans and options open to them at the end of Year 12.
We, as the Year 11 Welfare Team, have linked the welfare program to our House points award system, whereby students can gain points for participation and contribution during the welfare sessions. This was discussed in collaboration with the welfare team and Year 11 student suggestions.

It has been an exciting start to the year and I am looking forward to supporting the Year 11’s throughout their senior years at Aviation High.

Mr Neill Smith
Year 11 Welfare Leader

Guidance Officer

At parade yesterday we welcomed Nerissa Baker, Aviation High School’s new School Based Youth Health Nurse.

Nerissa is an experienced School Based Youth Health Nurse and has come to our school from Earnshaw College. Nerissa will be here each Monday and can be found upstairs in E1. Appointments for Nerissa can be made through the office.

Welcome Nerissa.

Yesterday at parade we also farewelled Matt Govan our school Chaplain and familiar face around the school. During his time at Aviation High School, Matt has built relationships with a number of students, was involved in running the Young Mens Group and the ever popular breakfasts on Monday and Tuesday mornings before school.
Unfortunately due to lack of recurrent funding Matt has had to move on from Aviation High School. We wish Matt all the very best with his future endeavours.

QUT Explore Uni

Can I remind parents and students to return the permission slips for the visit to QUT Gardens Point Campus on 19 February. This trip is not just for students who are contemplating university studies after finishing school. It is an opportunity for students who are uncertain about their future to explore options and pathways that might be available to them.

There is no cost involved and all students are expected to attend. Students will need to bring a small bag with a pen, snack and drink bottle. Lunch is provided by QUT. Full school uniform is to be worn.

Extra forms are available in the plastic box on my door for those who have lost their forms.

Welfare Lessons

Welfare lessons have now commenced for all students. If you have any queries please direct them to the relevant Year Level Welfare Leader.

UMAT – Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test

Students considering entry into medicine and health science degrees at an undergraduate level must sit the UMAT test. There is information about 2015 UMAT test, including registration and test date, on the Guidance noticeboard at the bottom on C Block stairs.

Rangatahi Kohanga
**Office News**

Can parents please ensure that all contact information is up to date with the Administration Office, this includes current residential address, home and mobile phone numbers and emails addresses. The office sends home important information regularly via SMS and email, therefore it's very important that parents notify the office if there has been any change of contact details.

*Donna Schmidt*
*Business Services Manager*

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**High Flyers**

Congratulations to the recipients of Aviation High School's first High Flyer Awards for 2015.
Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students that won swimming awards at Aviation High School’s annual swimming carnival for their outstanding achievements. Also congratulations to Miller House for winning the Aviation High School Champion House for swimming.
P&C News

Dear All,

The cinema night at The Barracks, Palace Cinemas, Petrie Terrace requires at least 20 people to attend.

I have tentatively booked for next Thursday, 26 February at 6.30pm.

The price is $20 which includes a pre film drink.

The film starts at 7pm.

We will be in a cinema with others that caters for 85 people.

The film will be open to all parents & citizens of the school, with a particular emphasis on new parents & citizens.

Parents/citizens interested in attending, can like the flyer on our facebook page, or email me on phudsonsolicitor@ozemail.com.au

Regards,

Paul Hudson
Vice President
Immunisation

Immunisation program comes to school.

This year, Brisbane City Council will be providing free vaccinations for **all** Year 8 and Year 10 students, on Monday 16th March 2015, as part of the Queensland Health School Immunisation Program.

Year 8 and Year 10 students are eligible to receive the following vaccines:

- **Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)** – a 3 dose vaccine given to Year 8 students only
- **Chickenpox** – a 1 dose vaccine given to Year 8 students only
- **Boostrix** – a 1 dose vaccine given to both Year 8 and Year 10 students

Your child will receive consent forms to take home. If you wish for your child to take part in the School Immunisation Program, please ensure that you fill in the forms correctly and return to the school as soon as possible. Failure to return the forms to school on time may result in your child missing out on important vaccinations.


Please note: **All** vaccinations carried out through the School Immunisation Program are performed by fully qualified registered nurses.

All students are encouraged to have breakfast (or small meal) on the morning of vaccinations.

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**Diary Dates**

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