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AVIATORS' GAZETTE

25 February 2015

Principal's Message

Welcome to this edition of the Aviators' Gazette.

2015 Senior Badges and Student Council Ceremony

On Monday 23rd February 2015 our Year 12’s received their senior badges at the school assembly. All Seniors for this year applied for their badges as we have introduced certain conditions. The overwhelming majority of Seniors have applied because they see that the badge isn’t a rite of passage but an opportunity to demonstrate to our school and the wider community that they are leaders in their own right.

Congratulations to our school Seniors. Can I also congratulate our new School Council Leaders for 2015. This process has also been strengthened, students had to apply to be leaders and demonstrate to others that they are willing to serve our school community. I am very proud of the current attitude to learning at Aviation High School. This is a credit to our parents and teachers who work together to support that which is important to us… our students.
I feel sure that our new tradition was appreciated by the many parents who attended the ceremony and who witnessed proudly their students being awarded Student Councillor or a Senior Leader’s badge. It will also help clarify to Mr Wright our Year 12 and Senior School Leader that the thoughts and wishes of all our students are catered for. I would like to congratulate and sincerely thank all of those students who have taken on a leadership roles at Aviation High School for this year.

Assessment planners

All of our students should now have a copy of the Assessment Planner for their subjects. It is crucial that students (and parents/caregivers) are aware of when their assignments, exams etc are due so that they can plan and prepare in advance. If students have misplaced their planners they can be found on our school website or by contacting their classroom teacher or the Administration Office.

District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of our students who competed at the District Swimming Titles on Tuesday 17th February 2015. By all accounts, our students performed and behaved admirably and were a credit to the school. We also were awarded with third place. Overall, a fantastic effort, and further congratulations to Ben C, Jordan C, Joshua D, Adrian D, Jack H, Will H, Jarrin H, Samuel R, Morgan S and Corey S who are now in the District Team.

Parents and citizens

To our parents and caregivers, you have responded wonderfully to our formalising of the school uniform. I am aware that we have stock shortages but I can assure all that this is not of our doing and the P&C are working tirelessly to resolve the problem. Can I also thank the P&C executive for writing to our local MP Mr Tim Nichols and our local councillor to respond to the traffic situation on Widdop St and, more importantly, the safety of our students.

Junior Secondary

Mrs Forbes and Mr Clarke will soon be visiting our local primary schools. We have a plan in place to work closely with our primary school colleagues because they are essential to us in ensuring that what we are teaching in the Junior Secondary curriculum aligns with their prior learning experiences. I sincerely thank the Primary School Principal’s for helping to deliver our strategy and the hard work being achieved by Mrs Forbes the Junior Secondary Deputy Principal and Mr Clarke our Head of Department Aerospace and Junior Secondary.

Aerospace

Aviation High School has finally reached the moment when we can offer flight training to students at the school in Years 11 and 12. The school is currently invoicing those students and families that have shown an interest in flying one day per week. Mr Clarke is also working with senior students to ensure
that our junior students receive more skills in the aviation program.

Tutoring Program 2015

We are working hard to start our 2015 tutoring program. We have wonderful teachers on board and our Senior Leaders have signed on to work with the Years 7, 8 and 9 students.

Lockers

Finally, the lockers have arrived in the school. This has been an expensive exercise for the school and the lockers need to be wholly taken up by the school community before we can invest in any more. Currently there are lockers for hire after the initial take up by Years 7, 8 and 12. We are now offering the hire of lockers to Years 9, 10 and 11. Locker hire forms are available from our school website.

Your Partner in Education

David Munn - Principal

Deputy's Desk

Senior Secondary

Tutoring

Tutoring has commenced since Week 3 in the school Resource Centre. Student have the opportunity to receive assistance with their school work from teachers with some light refreshments being provided. Tutoring times are:

Monday – Tutoring for Senior students (facilitated by teachers) 3 – 4pm.

Wednesday – Tutoring for Senior students (facilitated by teachers) 3 – 4pm.

Thursday – Tutoring for Junior students (facilitated Senior students) 3 – 4pm.

Tutoring is highly recommended for students wishing to seek assistance in their schoolwork or for advice prior to exams or the submission of assignments.

Securing Bikes on the Premises

A new securable bicycle storage area has been created underneath K Block. It is recommended that students take advantage of this area which is locked during school hours for safety.

Student Laptops

It is permissible for students to bring their laptops to school if they wish to use them to support their learning. If students wish to do so they will need to:
• Obtain a copy of the Student BYOD Charter from the Administration Office, sign (parent and student) and return it.

• Have valid anti-virus on their device prior to connection to the network (how to obtain free anti-virus is outlined in the charter).

Instructions will then be provided for connecting to the school network. The use of the device may not be applicable for all classroom activities, it will be as directed by the teacher.

Mr Anthony McKeough
Senior Schooling Deputy Principal

Welfare

Year 7 & 8

As a whole the new students to the school have settled in extremely well. Our first whole group event was the Airport and Aviation excursion that occurred on Friday January 30th at the end of week one. Students got to see the Brisbane Domestic Terminal in action. We also did some plane spotting and identification. The highlight of this trip was our students receiving a guided tour of Aviation Australia. We got to experience some of the airline steward training and then had a look at the engineering and maintenance side of the facility and the training that is done there.
We also attended Ewan Maddock Dam Camp from the 11th to the 13th of February. The students faced many challenges and learnt a lot about themselves on the trip and had lots of fun!! The activities that we participated in included bush craft, canoeing/kayaking, a commando course, the yo-yo, high/low ropes and archery. I was impressed with how well most of the students conducted themselves.
The biggest impression that the camp left me with was not only the friendships that were made but the overwhelming support that students showed for each other while we were there. I certainly hope that this continues throughout the school year. The camp showed me how lucky I am to be working with such a wonderful group of students. On a side note there was a significant amount of lost property that was left behind in the boys cabins. Could you please ensure that everyone has come home with all their belongings. Students are to see me to collect anything that may be theirs. Any items that are uncollected at the end of term will be donated to charity.

Mrs Mara Kitson
Year 7 & 8 Welfare Leader

Year 10

Incredibly we are already half way through Term 1. The Year 10’s have, in general, settled in well and are working diligently. I would ask parents to ensure that their child is in correct school uniform at all times. I have noticed that a number of students do not have the correct shoes or socks required for the Sports Uniform (which is to be worn to and from school on a Wednesday only). Please make certain that your child leaves home in the correct uniform to avoid after school detentions.

There have also been a couple of instances of bullying both within the school and on social media. As a result Mrs Forbes invited Rob Priddey (an ex Qld Police Detective and now advisor for cybersafety and reputation management) into the school to speak to the girls in our year level. I believe that the information and cold hard facts presented had a profound impact on the girls and the message around appropriate social media behaviour was certainly taken on board. Please talk to your child about good behaviour, being kind to one another and the repercussions that they could experience from inappropriate comments and images that they may place on social media.

Mrs Robyn Taylor
Year 10 Welfare Leader

Year 11

Aviation High School’s Year 11’s were invited to a careers day at QUT’s Garden’s Point campus last Thursday together with four other schools to introduce possible career paths not just at QUT, but in the wider world.

The majority of Year 11’s went and really enjoyed the experience (not to mention the free Subway
lunch). The presentations were from some of QUT’s current students as well as career lecturers and advisors.

The day began with the students being introduced to some of the University students and their backgrounds, which was designed to dispel some of the myths about how intelligent, rich and privileged young people have to be to attend the institution.

Rather, the presenters came from a range of different backgrounds and talked about their conventional and unconventional paths into University.

The students came away with the usual bag of gifts and brochures, but they also seemed to have been given an optimistic glow, which they shared on the coach as we came back.

Therefore, having the QUT excursion at the start of the year became, by default, a rite of passage into the students’ senior years at the school.

**Mr Neill Smith**

**Year 11 Welfare Leader**
Guidance Officer

Career information including course and institution updates, Gap Year Program news, occupational information, Open Days and Career Markets and much more is available on the Guidance Officers noticeboard at the bottom of C Block steps.

Please read this information.

Study skills

Looking after yourself

A lot is required of you during Years 11 and 12. At times it can become quite stressful. It is important to build your resilience to meet the challenges of this time in your life. The Generation Success website at https://employment.gov.au/generation-success-looking-after-yourself contains strategies and resources for looking after yourself. Have a read and start the year off with healthy habits.

Support for senior students

The Desk at https://www.thedesk.org.au/ has been developed by the University of Queensland to help students cope with the ups and downs of study and life. While it has been developed for tertiary students, senior students may find it helpful.

The Desk covers topics such as study skills, stress management and communication skills. It also has a number of self-development tools. Do one of the quizzes on the website to get started.

The website includes a ' Freaking Out! Get Help' button with links to helpful websites. The Guidance Officer can be contacted for further information as well.

Tax file Number

What is a Tax File Number (TFN)?

Most people can apply for a TFN. It is a unique number issued by the Australian Tax Office. It is used for many purposes, including:
• Starting work (including part-time jobs) or changing jobs

• Lodging a tax return

• Applying for Commonwealth Government financial assistance such as pensions and other benefits

• Applying for the Higher Education Loan Program - HELP (e.g. HECS, VET FEE-HELP) when you commence tertiary study.

In the past you could obtain a TFN application form from your school. Since 1 January 2015 a new application process is required. This process consists of three steps:

1. Complete an online form

2. Print a summary of your application

3. Attend an interview to present your proof of identity documents within 30 days at a participating Australia Post office.

Visit the Australian Tax Office website at https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/ for more information. Year 12 students intending to apply for tertiary study in 2016 should apply for their TFN this year to avoid a panic early next year.

**Australian Defence Force (ADF) general careers information sessions**

These sessions are for students interested in finding out more about life and work in Australia’s Navy, Army and Air Force. They will be held on:

• Wednesday 25th February 2015 at 6pm and at 7pm (two sessions) at the Defence Force Recruiting office, Level 11, 410 Ann Street, Brisbane.

To RSVP, call Alayna Bullock on (07) 3016 2425 or email abullock@dfr.com.au, specifying the location and session.

**Australian Defence Force (ADF) trade careers information sessions**

The Navy, Army and Air Force are now recruiting for a wide range of trade apprenticeship positions such as Marine Technician, Electrician and Avionics Technician.

Call Alayna Bullock on (07) 3016 2425 or email abullock@dfr.com.au, for further information.

**Free online career information resources**

Visit the Graduate Opportunities website at http://www.graduateopportunities.com/

To access free downloads and ebooks that can help you with your career exploration. The resources on this site include:
• Career information booklets on jobs in engineering, the environment, human resources, ICT, law, marketing, media and the arts, nursing and midwifery, social work, science and teaching

• ‘Your Career and You’ – a self-assessment booklet to help you gain awareness of your skills and abilities

• ‘Where the grads go 2014’ – information about what jobs students get into after they finish university and how much they earn

• Graduate Opportunities 2014 eBooks

• Nail that Job APP – useful job search skills.

**Money management online**

The MoneySmart website at [https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/](https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/) has a number of resources of relevance to senior students planning their next step after Year 12. Useful topics include:

• Managing your money

• Life events and you

• Budget planner.

**Mrs Alison McFarlane**

**Guidance Officer**

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**Science and Engineering Challenge 2015**

Science shapes our life in so many ways – the technology we use, the food we eat, the medicine we take. But do we think about it?

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide outreach program designed to allow high school students to gain hands-on science and engineering experience inspiring them to pursue careers in these fields. This year’s challenge was held at QUT on 11th February 2015.

Eighteen of our students put their science and engineering know-how to the test. They participated in a range of exciting hands-on activities, designed to demonstrate the varied and practical elements in the disciplines of science and engineering.

The “Future Power” activity required students to plug “power stations” into a large board and then control the supply of power to a variety of infrastructure.

Other students built a “bionic hand”, and were marked on their ability to manipulate it into each letter of the American deaf alphabet.
The “Stringways” activity involved developing networks that convey water in the most efficient way possible.

An “Earthquake-proof tower” activity required students to build a tall tower then put it to the test on an earthquake simulator.

Another team built a state-of-the-art “eco-habitech home” designed to withstand fierce tests (global warming, floods, drought, fire and extreme temperatures) yet be as ecologically friendly as possible.

Students also constructed a “hovercraft” using motorized propulsion units, testing its manoeuvrability, speed and ability to negotiate obstacles.

A “Bridge-building” competition required students to design & build a bridge (from balsa and paddle pop sticks) then test its load carrying capacity.

Congratulations to the “Mission to Mars” team, Arthur B and Kyle D. They designed and constructed a vehicle that would quickly transverse an undulating surface, and won first place for their Super-duper Mars Rover.

The Challenge was a practical day of fun, teamwork, discovery, innovation and creativity and we were very pleased to take fourth position overall.

Mr Craig McGrath
Head of Math and Science
Office News

Student Resource Scheme and Subject Levies

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have paid the 2015 Student Resource Scheme or entered into a payment plan.

By now, all students who have returned agreement forms, outstanding resources and made payment arrangements should have collected their textbooks.

The bookshop is currently open from 8am – 1pm Monday and Tuesday.

Invoices for Subject Levies will be sent out as soon as all classes are finalised. If your student changes subjects after invoices have been issued you will be required to pay a pro rata amount and will be re-invoiced if the new subject incurs levies.

Invoices will also be sent for textbooks which have been returned with damages, are deemed beyond further use and those which have not been returned/lost. Each year we evaluate textbooks based on fair wear and tear. Should you be invoiced for a ‘lost’ textbook and this is found and returned at a later date.
you can apply for a refund of the paid amount.

**Lockers**

Student Lockers are now available for hire. Should you wish for your student to hire a locker you must first have paid or arranged a payment plan for the Student Resource Scheme.

Locker hire is $80 per year including a $20 refundable deposit. Locker Hire Agreement forms are available at the office.

**Ms Donna Schmidt**

**Business Services Manager**

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**Library News**

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**Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday 8.00am – 4:00pm

Friday 8:00pm – 3:00pm

Students are welcome in the library to study, read and work on assignments during breaks and before and after school.

**Borrowing Resources from the Library**

Students may borrow up to four library resources at any time. Fiction books are on loan for two weeks. Non-fiction and any other resources are for one week. A 'date due' will be stamped on the item and students should ensure that they return or renew the loan by this date. Overdue notices are issued periodically.

If a student has an overdue item they will not be able to borrow anything else until the overdue resource has been returned. It would be appreciated if parents would assist their students to be considerate of others and return loans promptly because the library collection is a shared resource and other students are often waiting to borrow overdue books.

While students are waiting for their ID cards to be issued by the Administration Office, they may borrow from the library after identifying themselves with their timetable or their 2014 ID card.

Once 2015 ID cards are available, students will need their ID card to borrow from the library.

**Brisbane City Council Library Services for High School Students**

Brisbane City Council Libraries have developed ‘library’ especially for high school students so that they can get quick and easy access to resources and databases.
Students can access the services on the internet at www.library.com.au

Through the website, students can search the BCC Library catalogue to find books, CDs and DVDs that they can borrow from their local BCC library if they are members.

Databases can also be accessed on-line by Brisbane City Council Library members. Check out the ‘A to Z List’ of available databases on the website (e.g. World Book On-line, Britannica On-Line, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Access Science, Oxford Art, Oxford Music and Opposing Viewpoints Resource Centre).

Joining the BCC Library Service is free for anyone who lives, works or studies in Brisbane.

Students can join at any Brisbane City Council Library and then use their card on-line to borrow eBooks and audiobooks, find and reserve books and resources on the catalogue. A parent will need to go to the library to sign up with a student who is under 18. Even if students have not yet managed to join the BCC Library, they can still sign up to use ‘library’ at www.library.com.au

Mrs Elizabeth Wilkinson
Librarian

IT News

Free ‘Student Advantage’ Microsoft Office 2013 Suite

Students can now download a free copy of the Microsoft Office 365 Suite. This suite provides students with a subscription to the full versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote.

After downloading, students will have the latest Office suite at home, on their personal PC’s, Macs and other mobile devices (up to five in total).

Aviation High School encourages students to visit the Learning Place student space to access a step by step guide and the download link.

Additionally school staff can access these guidelines on the MIS Helpsite to support their students.

IT Team

Swimming Carnival

Aviation High Inter-house Swimming Carnival

On Thursday the 5th February 2015, Aviation High School held its annual Inter-House Swimming Carnival. All students and teachers should be commended for their participation levels and enthusiasm
which resulted in a great day for all. Miller house was victorious on the day, scoring a total of 1947 points. Special thanks go to all house captains (Alex Childs, Lloyd Matson, Joel Gregory, Alex Reynolds, and Logan Mulder) for their superb efforts and assistance on the day. Amid the array of colourful dress and cheering, there were some outstanding performances resulting in some very deserving age champions. Age Champions are as follows:

12 years

Champions: Alina A (girls) and Joshua D (boys)

Runner Ups: Madison H (girls) and Jack H (boys)

13 years

Champions: Chloe-Louise J (girls) and Oliver L (boys)

Runner Ups: Isabella R (girls) and Adrian D (boys)

14 years

Champion: Jordan C (boys)

Runner Up: William H (boys)

15 years

Champions: Morgan S (girls) and Connor S (boys)

Runner Ups: Claudia M (girls) and Kiaan T (boys)

16 years

Champions: Isabella T, Kayse S (girls) and Corey S (boys)

Runner Up: Liam R (boys)

Opens

Champions: Shanaaz F (girls) and Alex C (boys)

Runner Ups: Lakeley D (girls) and Mitchel R (boys)

Mr Robin Buckner

Head of Sport

P&C News
Aviation High School P&C Gala Film Night

5th March 2015

Barracks Cinema Petrie Terrace

Start at 6:30pm and finish at 9:00pm

First drink free

$20

RSVP: By liking this advert on the P&C Facebook page or email phudsonsolicitor@ozmail.com.au by Friday 27th February 2015.

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.

For more information about diseases, vaccines or the School Immunisation Program, please visit www.health.qld.gov.au/clinicalpractise/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/immunisation/default.asp or call 13 Health on 13 43 25 84.

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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