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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



ANZAC Tradition

Our students again showed a deep level of respect and understanding concerning the ANZAC tradition. Last week we held our special ANZAC ceremony at school with special guests Mr William Owen-Jones Division Two Councillor and Former Able Seaman Melanie Keegan representing the

North Gold Coast RSL in attendance. Again the guests made comment on the exceptional behaviour of our students during the service. Our students understand the importance of the event and their exemplary behaviour was a really strong indication of the respect they have for the men and women who fought and gave their lives in many arenas of conflict.

We also had a group of students who participated in the ANZAC Day march at the community service at Upper Coomera and at the Dawn Service at Helensvale. It was also great to see many school staff and our P & C Executive representing our school at these three events.

Learning Progress

All parents and carers should have received a report card regarding Term 1 learning progress. Please take the time to discuss this report with your son/daughter as it provides up to date feedback on student achievement, effort and behaviour for Term 1.

In the envelope were instructions on how to book a parent teacher interview. We encourage you to attend the interview with your son or daughter. Below is an example of the questions that you can ask our teachers:

- At what achievement level is my son and daughter at and how does this compare to the rest of the class and year level?
- What does my son/daughter need to do to improve his or her grade?
- What is my son/daughter good at and what do they need to work on?
- How does my son/daughter behave in class and how can they change any behaviour to improve learning?

- What can I do as a parent to help my son/daughter achieve in this subject?

Excellence Programs

We recently conducted exams, trials and auditions for our 2015 Excellence programs. These programs provide a unique opportunity to gain entry into our school irrespective of whether students reside within our enrolment catchment or not. If students missed the process then please contact Michele Dwyer at the school for more information.

Our Excellence programs include

- EXCITE Academic Excellence (English, Mathematics, Science and History).
- Specialist Excellence programs in:
 - Sport (Australian Rules, Netball, Touch, Athletics, Rugby Union, Soccer, Golf, Tennis)
 - The Arts (Dance, Drama, Visual Art, Music)
 - Japanese Excellence
 - e4e Education for Entrepreneurs

Uniform Review

The standard of our school uniform and dress code and how our student's wear the uniform help set the tone for our school. A uniform that is worn well and has a modern look sends a powerful message to the community about our high expectations and what we stand for as a school.

We are presently reviewing our current uniform. Thank you to the parents who attended our feedback session last week. We also received some great feedback from approximately 70 students who formed the student feedback group.

Our plans are to:

- Finalise new styles and items by end of Term 2, 2014
- Order new stock as soon as possible after this is completed
- Begin to sell our new uniform at the end of 2014 for the beginning of 2015

It is important to note that 2015 will be a transition year whereby students will be permitted to wear both the existing and new uniform items. Our plan is to have all students in the new uniform at the beginning of 2016. It is recommended that parents purchasing uniforms in the near future take this into consideration.

If you have any enquiries regarding the uniform review or like to provide feedback then please contact our Uniform Convenor Sally Todd on 5573 8571 Tuesday to Thursday.

FINANCE AND TEXT HIRE ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

Uniform Shop:

Commencing Term 2, 2014 new trading hours apply:

Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 8am-1.45pm
Closed Monday & Friday

Finance Counter:

Commencing Term2, 2014 new opening hours:

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - 8am-1.45pm
Closed Monday

SKI TRIP 2014

This year's Ski Trip is going ahead and we are looking for fun loving Year 11 & 12 students to come and join us for the time of your life at Perisher Ski resort in September. We have been running Ski Trips for nearly 20 years now with great success, giving students an opportunity to enjoy a week on the snow. Both skiing and snowboarding opportunities are available with lessons and on snow accommodation. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact me at the school on 55738552 or email parmi3@eq.edu.au . Places are limited so get in early.

Paul Armitage

HOD – Industrial Design and Technology



MISS BRAUN'S YEAR 11 FILM AND TELEVISION

In late March, Miss Braun's year 11 Film and Television class had the privilege to listen to guest speaker Simon Hunter as he presented an exciting and informative 2 hour lecture to the class. Mr Hunter is the Australian Director of the New York Film Academy Australia and in addition to his exceptional academic achievements; Simon's professional writing credits include feature films and television series for Columbia Tri-Star, Fox, NBC, and Australian television. His exceptional credentials continue further as he has worked around the world on a plethora of film projects, is credited for opening the New York Film Academy school in Abu Dhabi in the UAE, teaching a summer program at the New York Film Academy in Paris and the list goes on. He is a strong advocate for Film and Television

here in Australia and it was an absolute honour to have him present to our Film students. With his breadth of knowledge, he filled our students' minds with endless possibilities of future film ideas and gave students the knowledge on how to really capture an audience, even in a 3-5 minute short narrative. With his honesty and passion for films, he had our students talking about the lecture for weeks.



DIGITAL ART AND SENIOR DESIGN

Digital Art and Senior Design are off to a fantastic start this school year. With Miss Braun as the new Senior Design Curriculum Coordinator and continuing in her role as year 9 Digital Art Curriculum Coordinator, Digital Art and Senior Design is continuing to grow and flourish here at Helensvale. Miss Braun has introduced "Design of the Week" into both the year 9 and Senior Design subjects. Design of the week is a chance to showcase the fantastic work our students are doing on a weekly basis. They have their work displayed for the week in their classroom and receive a certificate for their great efforts. Big congratulations to our first Design of the Week award recipients:

Week 6

Chloe Harris Year 9 Digital Art
Natalie Edwards Year 12 Design

Week 7

Migule Drescher-Paler Year 9 Digital Art
Ben Crisp Year 12 Design

Week 8

Caitlyn Rush Year 9 Digital Art
Daniel Hawkins Year 12 Design

I look forward to displaying their work in our exhibition Visions later in the year.

Miss Braun
Visual Art Teacher

Industry at Work for YOU

Classic Holidays Work Inspirations

A small group of Year 10 students recently participated in Work Inspiration program at the Classic Holidays Head Office at Varsity. The aim was to inspire the students through the Work Inspiration Program.

There are three Insights they explore:

Insight 1- All About Me- this is where the students get to find out about themselves and the types of things, including careers they are suited to- this is what the students were calling their “Super Powers”.

Insight 2- Look Behind the Scenes- where they get to see how a place of business actually works and what is involved.

Insight 3- Careers Happen- When they get to look at their Mentors career path and find out how they got to where they are today.

The students loved this 2 day program and provided the following positive feedback

“The experience has been great and I would definitely do it again. The best thing was getting to know all of the different mentors and getting to know more about myself. Also, interacting with everyone else was good”.

“The experience and fun time I had, learning about my mentors careers and how they got there helped me realize its okay not to know what I want to do.”

“The Classic Amazing Challenge and behind the scenes- presentations with Mentors”.

“Finding how your business works and how our mentors got their career that they are in now”.

“Finding out what type of person I am. Doing the Classic Challenge. Making the “Career Paths Poster”.

“I learnt about many new jobs I have never heard of. I learnt about myself as well as others (workers). It showed me a different work space and what I want to do for my future job”.

“The best thing about Work Inspiration was learning about the Super Hero in us and we just need to take a little time and effort to find it in us”.

“Learning about so many different positions that you can work for. That you don’t have to be completely smart or go all the way through High School to do something you love”.

“Learning about what our mentors had to achieve to get to where they started as opposed to where they are now”.

“Learning about myself and opening options for future careers that I may like. I loved seeing what every position involves and seeing how they get there”.



Inaugural Childcare Industry Brunch

Last week we held an Industry Breakfast for our local Childcares Centres that either host our students for Structured Work Placement (Cert III Children’s Services) or employ our students as School Based Traineeships. We had Guest Speakers from Busy at Work and the Department of Training and Employment who informed the audience about State and Federal Government Funding for their centers and how they could go about employing School Based Trainees. 4 of our Childcare students talked to these Childcare Industry representatives about their experiences within the centers. This meeting has already produced results with the forming of a Local Hub Network Group who will meet every Term and a number of potential traineeship opportunities.



Year 12 Mock Interviews

Last term I had the privilege of assisting the English Department organise the Mock Interviews for the Year 12 English Communication classes. The students had been working on this assessment in the Employment Plus unit for most of term one. Students were interviewed by appropriate Industry representatives from their chosen industry areas. They were assessed on their interview techniques, appearance (including appropriate attire) and preparation for the interview. We received great feedback from these industry representatives and students gained a greater knowledge about their chosen industry and how to conduct themselves when the time comes to enter the REAL WORLD. As you can see by the photos, most students dressed for the part. Some of the male students even turned up in suits.



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STUDENT SUCCESS STORY - DRAGON BOAT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TITLES

Joshua Tremelling a Year 10 student at Helensvale State High School and competed recently in the Dragon Boat Australian National titles held at Kawana Waters between April 16th – 20th. This is the pinnacle of Dragon Boat racing in Australia and is hotly contested by hundreds of teams from both Australia and New Zealand.

Joshua has been a member of the Broadwater Dragon Boat Paddling Club for the last two years and is the longest participating member of the Broadwater Blades Junior team established to encourage the participation of junior paddlers (12-17 year old) in Australia's fastest growing sport.

Joshua's team won 4 Gold and 1 Silver medal over 3 days of paddling:

- Junior Open 10's 500m - Australian National Champions – Gold
- Junior Open 10's 200m - Australian National Champions – Gold
- Junior Mixed 10's 200m - Australian National Champions – Gold
- Junior Mixed 10's 500m - Australian National Runner Up - Silver

In these divisions Joshua and his team were not only racing against Junior teams of the same age category but also against two under 24 age categories proving the achievements to be even more remarkable.

This is all in lead up for Joshua's preparation to compete in the Club Crew Dragon Boat World Titles to be held in Ravenna Italy in September 2014 in which he and his team will be up against the best junior teams in the world. Great job Joshua!!

STUDENT SUCCESS STORY – AUSTRALIAN LITTLE ATHLETICS NATIONALS



2 Helensvale State High School students had a very successful competition at the Australian Little Athletics Nationals held in Melbourne recently. Year 8 students Izaya Leota placed 2nd in the High Jump (jumping 1.71m and attaining a PB) and 8th in the Discus whilst Year 11 student Jake Evans placed 4th in the Pentathlon and 2nd in the 4x100m mixed Relay and also attaining PB. Congratulations Izaya and Jake!!

2014 NORTHERN COLLEGIATE AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS WEEK

The Northern Collegiate consists of Helensvale SHS, Pacific Pines SHS, Coombabah SHS and Upper Coomera State College. In 2014 these four schools will combine for the second time to run Australian Business Week collectively. The main goal is to produce a program that is not only competitive and intensive, but one that allows students from across all four schools to work together in teams to develop leadership, business and enterprise skills.

Students will learn about running a business from the business perspective by working closely with Business Mentors and engaging in presentations by leaders within the local business community. 2014 Northern Collegiate Australian Business Week runs from Monday 23 June to Friday 27 June. An awards presentation dinner will be held on Friday 27 June at Bond University, Robina, to announce and present awards to winning teams in several categories.

This year our Northern Collegiate ABW has been extremely privileged to be sponsored by two Platinum Sponsors, Eco Energy and our local member for Fadden, Stuart Robert MP. Club Helensvale who have provided continuous support to the Northern Collegiate ABW over the years, have come on board as a school sponsor. We have also been very fortunate to receive 12 Team sponsors this year;

Coomera Chamber of Commerce ~ Small Business Association of Australia ~

Boost Juice ~ Klearnet Solutions ~ Nerang RSL ~ Gold Coast City Councillor William Owen Jones~

Federal Member for Forde Bert Van Manen MP ~ QT Mutual Bank ~

CSG Print Solutions ~ MSP Photography ~ Barbizon Lighting Company ~ Bendigo Bank

Many Thanks go out to these local businesses for so graciously giving their time and assistance to the students and for their generous financial contribution to the Australian Business Week program.

Lisa Campbell (ABW Co-Ordinator)
HOD Business

STUDIO VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY

Studio Village Community Centre is holding its Annual Family Fun Day on Sunday the 25th of May. This event is a fantastic way for community services to become involved and promote services in the local area to families. This year a singing competition will be held for 16 year olds and under with prizes being donated by sponsor, LJ Hooker Pacific Pines. Click on the link for details of singing competition.

FREE PARENT EDUCATION SEMINAR

Click the links below for more information on the 'Engaging Adolescents' free seminar. Registration details are listed on the flyer.

DO WE HAVE ALL YOUR CORRECT DETAILS?

Have you moved home? Bought a new mobile? Has your family situation changed recently? Do you need to change/update your emergency contacts? Please make sure that all your details are kept up to date for the safety of your children. If you have also changed your email address lately – can you please advise the School via fax 55738500 or email your changes to office.hshs@helensvaleshs.eq.edu.au with Subject “Change of Details”.

Please click on Student Record Update Form link to the side under Forms and Documents.

Ks4KIDS

Ks4KIDS is proudly supporting SE QLD state school chaplains that are working in our school communities to provide assistance, love and more positive options for our young generation. Why not donate to someone walking for this great cause or better still....walk yourself and raise valuable funds to ensure these invaluable Chaplaincy services are maintained and expanded to bring hope to every child in our school communities. See the website for more information or to register.

<https://suqld.goregister.com.au/ks4kids2014/fundraise/>