



HELENSVALE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Teaching and Learning Audit

Last week our school participated in a Teaching and Learning Audit. The audit serves to provide feedback to our school on eight domains. These domains reflect the latest national and international research on what makes highly effective schools. Two Teaching and Learning Auditors spent two days in the school interviewing students, administration, teachers, office staff and parents to gain a snapshot of what is happening in our school. The eight domains are:

- An Explicit Improvement Agenda
- Analysis and Discussion of Data
- A Culture That Promotes Learning
- Targeted Use of School Resources
- An Expert Teaching Team
- Systematic Curriculum Delivery
- Differentiated Classroom Learning
- Effective Teaching Practices

Our school received some positive feedback on how busy, orderly and productive our classrooms are. Our students also reported strong and positive relationships with our teachers and the auditors noted that they are generally focused on learning and they realise at Helensvale SHS that 'learning is our business'. The auditors also commended us on our strong Explicit Improvement Agenda and the dedication of the staff to embark on a road of improvement to make this an even better school for our students.

The main improvements suggested by the auditors were based around consistency of practice across our school and making sure that we are all on the same page in how we plan and teach our students. The official audit feedback and executive summary will be placed on the website shortly.

Our Four Pillars of Opportunity – Learning, Sport, The Arts and Community

I often talk to our students about the wealth of opportunities that exist within our school. These opportunities are provided by our hard working and dedicated staff that put in the extra hours to run the events. A classic example is our school musical 'Footloose' that is building to be a major highlight for the year. I went to rehearsal the other day and it was obvious that our teachers have provided these students with an outstanding learning opportunity. This event is providing a significant creative and artistic challenge for our students and a productive and memorable learning experience. The dedication and commitment of our students and staff is outstanding. **'Footloose' will be held at the Gold Coast Arts Centre on 21st and 22nd of May.**

Parent Teacher Night

A reminder to our parents and carers that our parent teacher night is coming up on **Wednesday 1st May 1.30pm – 7.45pm.** I encourage you to attend the interview with your son or daughter and find out:

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- At what achievement level is my son/daughter 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?

Interviews are booked online via PTO which can be found on our website www.helensvaleshs.eq.edu.au . Interviews can be booked online from Wednesday 17 April.

Student Drop Off/Pick-up Areas

A reminder to parents that the car parks inside the school grounds are not to be used by parents/guardians for before and after school drop off and/or pick up. The congestion caused by the overcrowding of cars poses a health and safety risk to our students and we have already had a near miss involving a student this year. These car parks are to be used for staff and delivery drivers only.

Please also note that the car park opposite Helensvale SHS on Helensvale Road is private property and is to be used by their customers only.

Parents are encouraged to use either the Rugby Lane car park or Discovery Drive for student drop off and pick up.

Mark Blackshaw
Executive Principal



Check our Facebook page to keep up to date with current Helensvale SHS news.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Helensvale-State-High-School/191726584227807?ref=hl>

LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AND LATE PROCEDURES

A number of students are not following the school policy and procedures for leaving the school grounds or arriving late. We have these procedures in place so that we can locate students in the event of an emergency such as a fire. If the student is not present and there is no evidence that they have left the school, someone may well be placed in danger if they return to a building to locate a student who has in fact left the school grounds. If a student leaves with someone other than their parent, this could be a potentially dangerous situation.

In the interests of student safety, we request that you familiarize yourself with the following policy and procedures.

Please note the following school policy regarding students who need to leave the school grounds and lateness to school. This information is from the Responsible Behaviour Management Policy for Students and can be found on the school website www.helensvaleshs.eq.edu.au under Documents, School

Policies, Responsible Behaviour Management Policy for Students. The document then is divided into sections.

Leaving the school grounds (page 31)

If a student needs to leave school, even if they are sick, they must go via Student Services. **Contact can only be made by a member of staff.** If a student contacts their parents directly on **their phone** they will be in breach of the policy.

- First offence the parent will have to see the relevant DP to discuss the policy
- Second offence the student will be moved a level and issued a warning of suspension
- Third offence immediate suspension

Late to School (page 22)

Students who have unexplained lateness to school

- Automatic lunchtime detention same day
- Student added to Detention log
- Students will get one reminder. If they do not show at lunchtime then an afterschool detention (ASD) will be issued by HLC (Head of Learning Community)
- HLC to follow up attendance on ASD

Please note, if a student does not bring the written explanation or we do not receive some form of communication such as a text or an email **by the time the student arrives**, the student is issued with a detention which will not be removed.

FOOTLOOSE – THE MUSICAL

60 Days to go until Footloose hits the stage!!

Rehearsals are intensifying, costumes are being constructed, the band is being conducted – it's all happening in the Performing Arts in preparation for Footloose 2013!! Here is what the actors are saying about their experience of Footloose so far...

Ren – played by Kyle Wheeler



Kyle what is your favourite thing about being in the musical? Finally being able to come out of my shell.

What do you think people have to gain from being in the musical? You make a lot of friends and you become like a little family. It's such a good experience being part of a big show like this from the start to the finish.

What do you want to do when you leave school? I want to be a music producer and open my own recording studio.

Ariel played by Atiya Le-Chalmers



What is your favourite thing about being in the musical Atiyah? My favourite thing about the musical is getting experience from a real life production and also the script work. I also like being able to perform in front of an audience – it's an amazing feeling!

How do you balance the commitments of the musical with your school work? I make sure school work is done during school and every moment I have free after rehearsals and other commitments.

What do you think people have to gain from being in the musical? Definitely working with new people and making new friends. Also, the experience is fantastic and will be memorable for everyone!

JUNIOR SECONDARY NEWS – YEAR 8

Mr Tindall and Mrs Jones have introduced the 'Thumbs Up' award for Year 8 students. These awards will be presented each Monday at our Year level assembly to two students who have demonstrated an attitude of leadership, courage, respect and responsibility. The awards are not for the student who is achieving the best, nor the student who is best behaved. Our first recipients of these awards were:

Ryan Abbott – Ryan has a good friend who has a significant medical condition. Ryan is in all of his friend's classes and ensures that his friend is safe and cared for. Ryan takes this responsibility very seriously. In fact, Ryan's friend had a recent hospital appointment to which Ryan also attended to be of support for his mate. Ryan is a great role model to other students. Thumbs Up to you Ryan!

Ashley McIntosh – Recently, a student in Ash's class was being called names by one particular student. This had been going on for some time. Ash could see that this was having an impact on the student and stood up to the name caller. Ash told him to "stop calling him names. It is not nice." Ash is a great leader amongst Year 8 students. Thumbs Up to you Ash!



Travelling Transition Show

During the next few weeks, Mr Blackshaw, Mrs McConnell and myself will be travelling to our local feeder primary schools to present information to the Year 6 and 7 students about our EXCITE Academic Excellence program and our Specialist Excellence Programs. We are fortunate to be taking some very talented Year 8 students with us. Two POD Leaders – Tyla MacDonald and Daniel Farquhar will be hosting the presentation, and our talented dancers – Shanaye Percival and Victoria Murray will enthuse our young audience.

Heidi Booth
Deputy Principal

EVERY DAY COUNTS

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html>

QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS TEST PREPARATION & NAPLAN PREPARATION

Queensland Core Skills Test Preparation

Students involved in sitting the QCS Test have been involved in two *Turbo Days* this term with an intense focus on the skills required to achieve well. They have completed two practice tests which will be marked and inform the program for next term. Overall, I have been impressed with the students' commitment to this program with the *Turbo Days* being well attended.

The students have identified their Team Trademarks which are:

We are Dedicated, We are Positive and We are Determined. These are the behaviours I am expecting from all students during the PEP Preparation lessons and Turbo Days.

Following the Block Exams, there will be a second round of OP Estimation meetings early in Term 2 based on latest results. This will give students a clearer indication of where they are in terms of their possible OP and they can reassess their goals accordingly.

I look forward to working closely with the students to ensure they achieve the best possible results.

*"Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success."* Henry Ford

NAPLAN PEP Preparation

In my role as Academic Performance Head of Department I will be co-ordinating the NAPLAN Program and working closely with the Year 9 students leading up to the National Testing dates.

In preparation for the NAPLAN testing on 14,15 and 16 May, Year 9 students will be involved in some literacy and numeracy activities in their PEP lessons early in term 2. Within the delivery of the Australian Curriculum in their subject area classes, students are taught all of the required knowledge

for these exams. The PEP preparation is simply to familiarise them with the style of the test and make them comfortable with the format prior to the actual test dates.

Students are encouraged to engage fully in these PEP lessons to fully benefit from them and improve their learning outcomes. We would encourage you to ensure your family does not book holidays at this time, or any other events that might take your children away from the school at this time. The results from these tests assist us in our teaching.

Nicole Brazeau
Head of Department, Academic Performance

MATHS TUTORIALS

Our dedicated Maths staff offer **FREE** Maths tutorials every Thursday between 3.00pm – 4.00pm in SM07. This is for students of all year levels so take advantage of this fabulous service.

GAUREMALA CLUB

Gauremala is the Yugumbeh language word for learning. Gauremala (pronounced 'gurry-mar-la') club is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the Library 3pm - 4pm. The point of this club is to help students with their studies. Members of staff and some university students will be present to help students with their homework and assignments.

Gauremala Club is **free** and open to **all students**, so we hope to see you on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the library after school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GIRL BASKETBALL PLAYERS

Helensvale State High School basketball players Milly Distledorf, Jess Phillips and Pearl Grantham have been selected for the Open Girls South Coast Basketball Team. This is a great reward for these three girls who have shown sustained excellence in their sport for the year to this point. The South Coast basketball team will play in the State titles, to be held on the Gold Coast against regions from all over Queensland later this year.

Milly, Jess and Pearl form the nucleus of a strong Helensvale Girls' squad that will push for the "All Schools State" title to be held later this year. With the Under 15 South Coast trials to be held next month there are high hopes that up to five more Helensvale students will be selected for South Coast.

Congratulations also needs to go to Damir Helvida, Drew Sardeson, Dimitris Armenis, Sky Ti Miha and Stephanie Mills who were all selected for the Broadwater Open Basketball team.

Well done girls!

ANDREW BOSTON BECOMES A SUN

Former AFL Excellence student and 2011 graduate Andrew Boston tasted the agony and ecstasy of professional sport during the AFL draft. His dream of being drafted by an AFL club was initially dashed at the National AFL draft held in November last year but was then thrown a lifeline by the Gold Coast Suns through the rookie draft.

Andrew joined the AFL Excellence program in year 8 and excelled during his five years at Helensvale. He led the other students by example with his very professional attitude towards training and playing which has now landed him a shot at the big time with the Gold Coast Suns.

Andrew had been interviewed by many of the AFL clubs interested in his talent, but it emerged that the North Melbourne Kangaroos were almost certain to pick him with one of their few picks. Unfortunately a late change of heart by the Kangaroos meant Andrew's dream had come crashing down which was obviously a very bitter pill to swallow.

Luckily a few days after the draft the Gold Coast Suns confirmed their interest in Andrew and selected him as a priority rookie draft selection. This means that Andrew now lives the life of a professional footballer and can get elevated to the main list at any time.

To cap off a remarkable twelve months or so since graduating, Andrew was selected to play in the NAB cup against Hawthorn and the Brisbane Lions. He played alongside and against AFL legends Gary Ablett Jnr, Buddy Franklin, Daniel Rich and ex-teammate Dayne Zorko from the Lions.

Andrew has fitted in amazingly well at the Suns and the Helensvale community can follow his career with pride.

CLUSTER SPORT DAY

Cluster Sport Day was held on Tuesday 19 March. We had 651 students making their way to various venues around the Gold Coast. Each student has signed a Code of Conduct Form and our expectations are that behaviour and sportsmanship will be of the highest level. This also includes travelling on the bus. Our school had some good results and we hope that you all had a great day. The next Cluster Sport Day will be the first Tuesday back in Term 2 – Tuesday 16 April.

CROSS COUNTRY

This will be held on Thursday 18 April, in the first week back after the holidays.

All year 8's will either run or walk the course. Year 9's will be competitors only taking part. Students will be required to **attend all classes if they are NOT competing**.

TAYLOR BEER – DANCE STAR

Congratulations to Taylor Beer in year 10, who attended an advance dance workshop, with the Broadway Dance Centre from New York, at the beginning of March. Taylor attended the workshop and was placed in a group with dancers up to 20 years old. Taylor was then selected from the group to receive a scholarship, to attend classes, with their dance company in New York! Congratulations Taylor this is a fantastic opportunity for you!

SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

RACI Titration competition

We have 4 teams entering this competition held at Griffith University on the Gold Coast on May 18. This is run by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute and enables students to practice the skills they require throughout senior Chemistry. During this competition each team of students must carry out several titrations to determine the molarity of a weak solution of acetic acid, and therefore require competence in both the skill component and the calculations. Students get rated on their accuracy in achieving this and how close to the correct molarity they come.

For each participating school a list showing the performance of each individual is provided and all students receive a participation certificate. The leading teams enter into the finals of the Australian Chemical Analysis Competition and for each individual who performs well a merit certificate is awarded in one of the following categories:

High distinction – result within 0.25%
Distinction – result within 0.50%
Credit – result within 0.75% and
Competent - result within 1.00%

The Rio Tinto Big Science competition will also be held here at school between 22 and 29 May, 2013. The competition is open to students of all abilities, at three levels:

- Junior (Years 7 – 8)
- Intermediate (Years 9 – 10)
- Senior (Years 11 – 12)

We encourage all students interested in Science to participate in this competition which is a multiple choice test that assesses students on the four key areas of Science and is based on the Australian Curriculum. This competition tests critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well as science knowledge. **If your son or daughter would like to enter, there is still time.** They need to ask their Science teacher for a permission letter and pay \$7.00 for the entry fees. Certificates are awarded as follows:

- High Distinction (top 5%)
- Distinction (top 15%)
- Credit (top 15%)
- Participation to all other participating students.

Good luck to all students participating in the above competitions.

Fiona MacRae
Head of Department, Science

CHAPPY CHAT

What a term we are having! There have been a number of positive and exciting things going on in school life lately. We had a speaker from Just Motivation and Juice 107.3's afternoon radio show, Az Hamilton, come and address the entire year 11 cohort. He delivered a powerful and moving presentation on social justice. The two principles underpinning the presentation were thankfulness and generosity, with the idea that once a person is truly thankful for what they have, they are then empowered to be generous towards others around them. This was a humbling message for teens who can sometimes be stereotyped as selfish and ungrateful. They learnt they are amongst the richest 5% of people in the world right now. Az shared his experiences in the slums of India and Haiti to bring context to the issue of social justice.

He introduced a movement currently sweeping the Gold Coast and beyond called 'T.A.G. You're It'. Timely Acts of Generosity. This movement is proving to be a mechanism for over 13,000 students across the Gold Coast helping make a positive difference to the world they live in. What happens is, students are given a T.A.G card. The student must then perform a Timely Act of Generosity to somebody that they come into contact with, passing the T.A.G card onto the person receiving. That person who has just been tagged must then do the same for somebody else. The T.A.G. movement has gone crazy! Testimonials of people being blown away by a random stranger helping them in some way have been coming in from all over the Gold Coast, Australia and the World. I was personally flawed by over 90% of the students in the presentation responding straight away to the program. It truly had an impact! I have since heard many stories of students generously helping teachers, parents and friends which is very encouraging.

We are currently working with Az Hamilton to put an event on called 'Love our City' in the near future. The event will involve the schools on the Gold Coast who are interested, chaplains,

student volunteers and churches doing a free car wash at each of their respective schools. The event will have no agenda but to generously care for the Gold Coast community of which the schools are a part of. I am excited to think about Helensvale High generously giving back to the community which so generously supports us!

Words cannot describe how happy it has made me seeing students from Helensvale High becoming thankful for what they have, and acting generously towards others in our school and community.

I pray that you have a happy and safe Easter break! I look forward to seeing everyone back in term 2 and remain very excited about the future of our young people.

Todd Firth
Chaplain

FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

Helensvale Combined Schools Chaplaincy Committee are holding a Family Portrait Fundraiser on Saturday 27th April, just in time for Mother's Day! Photographs will be taken at Oxenford Anglican Church, Holy Rood, 192 Oxenford-Nerang Road, Oxenford.

You will receive a giant 10"x13" framed portrait for your donation of \$15.00 - a great family gift idea.

These funds (plus bonuses) will go back to our schools Chaplains and at the same time, if you choose, you will have the chance to purchase additional portraits at exceptionally good prices.

Please spread the word – it will help us tremendously!

SKI TRIP 2013

The Helensvale SHS Ski Trip 2013 is now being organised. This year's trip will begin on Thursday 19th September to Thursday 26st September 2013. This year, we are travelling to Perisher Ski Resort in NSW for 5 days of skiing and snowboarding. This is always a really fantastic experience and all our participants return having learnt new skills, made new friends and generally had a wonderful time. Meetings are starting to be held and information distributed. We encourage senior students to consider taking part in this trip. If parents or students have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr Paul Armitage or Ms Marnie Griffiths at the school. We look forward to a wonderful trip.

HELP TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE RSL

To help raise funds for the Australian Defence Force, the RSL have unveiled a commemorative \$2 coin. Click on the icon for further details

INSURANCE

Please read the following information carefully regarding insurance cover for students at school.

SWELL (STUDENT WELLBEING E-LEARNING LOUNGE)

On March 6th we had an extremely positive response to our parent information evening, 'Why Young Minds Matter' presented by Pam Day from EdlinQ. Many parents and caregivers have already committed to the Mental Health First Aid training next term and we have further information evenings and program opportunities planned in the coming

months. Construction work has begun within the Learning Centre as we convert to the Student Wellbeing and eLearning Lounge. Check out the Young Minds Parents Survival Guide included for some of the tips discussed at the information evening.

Carley O'Connell
Guidance Officer

INDUSTRY AT WORK FOR YOU

There has been a great response to the School Based Traineeships (SATS) that I have advertised this last month. Congratulations to the following students who have gained traineeships and apprenticeships by either applying directly through the ILO Office or by approaching local businesses in the area to see if they would be interested in giving them the opportunity of work experience that has led to a SATS.

Student Name	Qualification /Industry Area
Jessica Kilian	Pastry Chef Apprenticeship – Broadbeach Patisserie
Jai Waterhouse	Greenskeeper Apprenticeship – sanctuary Cove Country Club
Nikki Vuksanovic	Hospitality Traineeship – Southport Coffee Lounge
Marley Wilson	Hospitality Traineeship – Southport Coffee Lounge
Kieren Hendren	Fitness Traineeship – Coomera Gym
Jaimee Sperling	Fitness Traineeship – Coomera Gym
Chelsea Brown	Aquatic Coaching Traineeship – Nerang Swim School
Jack Fellows	Media Traineeship – Crystal Crayons
Elysia Gough	Cheffing Apprenticeship – Thai Restaurant Broadbeach
Darcy Gilbert	Business Administration Traineeship – Bookkeeping Business
Jacinda Passeri	Hospitality Traineeship – Southport Sharks
Tahlia Brown	Hospitality Traineeship – Royal Pines Resort
Cassandra Turner	Hospitality Traineeship – Royal Pines Resort
Ben Crisp	Digital Media Traineeship – Intouch Consultancy
Jacob Elvy	Digital Media Traineeship – Intouch Consultancy
Tre Bell	Digital Media Traineeship – Intouch Consultancy
Jayne Dugan	Digital Media Traineeship – Intouch Consultancy
Roi Wirihana-Hoskins	Digital Media Traineeship – Intouch Consultancy
Braedan Jones	Fitness Traineeship – Helensvale Gym
Melody Vickers	Hospitality Traineeship – Club Helensvale
Samantha Kaden	Hospitality Traineeship – Club Helensvale
Riley Winbanks	Hospitality Traineeship – Helensvale Coffee Lounge

If you are interested in your Year 11 son or daughter participating in a School Based Traineeship, please contact Paulina Ford 55 738 545 or email pford2@eq.edu.au Have a safe and happy Easter and see you in Term 2.

Paulina Ford
Industry Liaison Officer
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UNIFORMS / STATIONERY

Uniform Shop Operating hours: Monday to Friday 8am to 1.45pm

Thank you to parents/carers for their patience and understanding regarding the supply of formal blouses and shirts. Many parents have been happy to loan shirts/blouses or purchase second hand items to assist with laundering until the stock arrives. Please be aware that we are in constant contact with our supplier, but have unfortunately been unable to obtain a definite date for delivery.

An SMS message will be sent out to parents once the stock has arrived.

Please remember it is very difficult to answer the phone between 8am and 9am and in student break times as these are our busiest times. If parents/carers need to provide credit card details over the phone to purchase an item for a student, you may leave a detailed message on the answering service.

Please remember to include a phone number to enable us to call you back. The call back from the uniform shop will be shown as 'private number'.

USB's now available

2GB	\$7.50
4GB	\$8.95
8GB	\$9.95
16GB	\$14.95

Scientific calculators

Sharp scientific calculators are available for \$27.00.

Did you know we sell?

Pens, pencils, display folders, exercise books, rulers, rubbers, glue sticks, scissors, watercolour pencils, highlighters, sharpeners and math sets.

Industrial Design & Tech stock available

Earmuffs \$13.50
Safety Glasses \$8.00 Safety Glasses cases \$3.00

Jumpers have arrived

The V-neck school jumpers are unisex and are available in sizes 85, 90, 95,100,105, 110 at a cost of \$38.00.

Refund policy/Cheques

We have been experiencing some confusion with our refund policy, the refund/exchange policy is as follows.

Refunds/Exchanges will only be provided if all original tags and packaging are in place, the original receipt is presented and it is within 30 days of the initial purchase.

If an item that has no tags attached, has obviously been worn or has been 'worn only once & washed' we are still unable to refund or exchange as the item is effectively second hand and cannot be resold as 'new'.

NB: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE UNIFORM SHOP DOES NOT ACCEPT PERSONAL OR BUSINESS CHEQUES.

Loan Items

The uniform shop loans items to students when they arrive to school in the incorrect uniform or when the uniform they are wearing becomes soiled or torn. Could parents please ensure that the loan items are laundered and returned promptly to enable other students the same service.

ID cards will be now held when loaning uniforms to ensure the prompt return of items and to deter loaning for convenience rather than necessity.

Dance T- shirts Available

The dance shirts are now in stock. There are two styles to choose from. A fitted slimline t-shirt or a looser fitting style.

The t-shirts are \$17.00 each. Leggings are also available in a variety of sizes for \$13.00 each.

GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES LAUNCH

You are invited to attend the historic unveiling of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games emblem during a fun-filled, early morning community event at Surfers Paradise Beach on Thursday, 4 April 2013.

The emblem launch will be held exactly five years out from the Opening Ceremony in 2018, and you're welcome to come along, show your pride and be part of the city's history.

Set against the Gold Coast's stunning, iconic backdrop, the launch will take place on Surfers Paradise Beach from 7.00am, with the 30-minute emblem unveiling ceremony and celebration commencing at 7.15am.

The emblem will symbolise to Australia and the world, the Gold Coast's distinct character and unique attributes, while highlighting the Commonwealth Games as one of the world's great international sports events.

The emblem will inspire athletes throughout Queensland, and across Australia, to win selection for a "home" Games and achieve the ultimate dream of winning a gold medal.

The Commonwealth Games emblem represents another important and exciting step towards the Gold Coast staging a great Games in a great City, leaving great memories and great benefits for all.

Apart from showcasing sport at its best and revealing new heroes, the Commonwealth Games will provide significant economic benefits, business and employment opportunities for the Gold Coast, and leave outstanding and enduring legacies.

Keep an eye and ear on local media for more details about the morning celebrations.

Visit: www.gc2018.com

QLD GOVERNMENT 2013 NEXT STEP SURVEY

Queensland Government is conducting its annual survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2012. For further information take a look at the attached article.

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

Host families needed in June/July experience another culture in 2013 improve your language studies at home. For further information please click on the icon.

DON'T PLAY IN STORMWATER DRAINS

As the wet weather season continues please take the time to warn your children about the dangers of playing in or near flood waters and stormwater drains.

Queensland Fire and Rescue's Swiftwater site can help you get this important message heard by your children or listen to flood stories told by young people.

<https://www.fire.qld.gov.au/communitysafety/swiftwater/default.asp>

<http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/redalert.asp?details=flood>

TEACH YOUR CHILD TO DIAL TRIPLE ZERO (000) AND REMEMBER DETAILS

The Queensland Ambulance Service is encouraging parents and caregivers to teach their children how to become potential lifesavers by practising calling Triple Zero (000) with a disconnected or toy phone, or by playing an online training game at <http://kids.triplezero.gov.au/>.

When calling Triple Zero and requesting an ambulance, an emergency medical dispatcher will provide advice and dispatch medical help to your location.

For this reason, it's also important for families to familiarise themselves with their holiday surroundings by memorising holiday addresses and beach access codes, so they can relay the correct information to Triple Zero staff.

More information can be found at <http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/default.asp>

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter