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Independent Public Schools (IPS)

A message from the Principal...

I am beginning a consultation process with staff, students, parents and the community to gauge support for Sandgate DSHS to apply to become an Independent Public School.

Independent Public schools have greater autonomy in decision making, receive greater resourcing (\$50 000 per year) and are able to recruit staff to best suit the needs of their students. IPS schools are required to establish a School Council which approves strategic plans and documents, monitors school strategic direction, advises the



principal about strategic matters and is represented on the selection panel for the principal. IPS schools are able to innovate more easily because they have more autonomy to manage resources, infrastructure and staffing. IPS schools remain part of the State Education system and have access to existing liability insurance, legal advice, C2C, One School, myHR, work cover support and central and regional support. IPS schools are still required to participate in systemic audits and systemic accountability requirements.

I will do a presentation on IPS schools at the P&C meeting on Wednesday 18 June. If you would like more information please go to the hyper link on our web site or attend the P&C meeting 6:30 pm school library Wednesday 18 June (early start to accommodate State of Origin kick off).

End of Semester

All students should be completing assessment and studying hard for exams. The Year 11 and 12 exam block begins on Friday 20 June. Assessment will be continuing up to and including the last day of school. All students are expected to be at school every day, on time, with the correct equipment and complete revision, assessment and testing.

Implications Federal Budget

The Youth Connections Program will be discontinued in 2015. This program supported young people who have not completed, or are at risk of not completing Year 12 or equivalent qualifications and have barriers that make it difficult to participate in education, training and employment.

The Partnership Brokers program will be discontinued in 2015. This program assisted us to put in place partnerships with Yamaha, Northside Marine, and Universities etc. It focused on building partnerships to help young people to achieve Year 12 or their equivalent qualifications to reach their full potential.

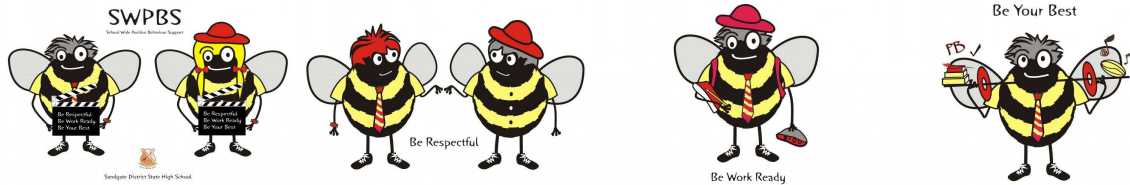
From 1 January 2015, school leavers who are new claimants for Youth Allowance must demonstrate appropriate job search and participate in employment services support for 6 months before receiving payments. After 6 months, claimants will be required to participate in 25 hours per week Work for the Dole to receive income support.

Job Guide and myfuture are excellent resources used by all students to investigate post school options and pathways through schooling. Job Guide print and web will be funded up to the 2015 edition, but not beyond, while myfuture will be funded only to 31 December 2014. It is a relatively small cost saving for such valuable resources used by all young people. Once lost, they will be difficult to re-establish. If you are concerned about these cuts please write to:

Minister for Education, **The Hon Christopher Pyne MP**, C.Pyne.MP@aph.gov.au

Assistant Minister for Education, **The Hon Sussan Ley MP**, Farrer@aph.gov.au

Mrs Jeanette Gentle PRINCIPAL



P&C MEETINGS | THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
 7PM | STAFF COMMON ROOM | ALL WELCOME
 NEXT MEETING **WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2014** (6.30pm start)

What's On

16 June - 4 July 2014



SEMESTER 1

TERM 2

Week 9

Tuesday 17 June 2014 | Winter Junior Sport | Round 5

Wednesday 18 June 2014 | Winter Senior Sport | Round 6

Wednesday 18 June 2014 | **P & C Meeting | 6.30pm**

Thursday 19 June 2014 | German Club Luncheon

Week 10

Monday 23 - Friday 27 June 2014 | Yr 11 & 12 Block Exams

Monday 23 June 2014 | Years 8-10 | In Class Assessment

Friday 27 June 2014 | **Last Day of Term 2**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - Monday 30 June - Friday 11 July

SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY 14 JULY 2014

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Enrolment Interviews



**SANDGATE DISTRICT
STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

**2015 YEAR 7 & 8
ENROLMENT
INTERVIEWS**

**Saturday
26 July 2014 | 9am**
Contact us for more information.

www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au | email - enquiries@sanddistshs.eq.edu.au | 41 Braun Street Deagon Q 4017 | 07-3569 9888

Year 12 Chemistry Cheese Making Success

'Blessed are the cheese-makers'. (Monty Python; 'The Life of Brian')

As part of their study into organic chemistry, the yr 12 Chemistry students produced several camembert cheeses about 6 weeks ago. This was timed to allow them to enter these cheeses into the RNA Food & Wine Show which was judged on Thursday last week. The winners were announced on Friday and Sandgate student cheeses have won best Camembert and, due to their high standard overall, also won Champion School!

This is a great commendation for the students as there is very intense competition in this area. The win reflects the very high degree of focus and attention to detail the students displayed when making their cheeses. Well done Yr 12 Chemistry!

Kent Bulger | Science HOD



This photo courtesy of RNA



Year 12 Chemistry Class

Farewell Ms Meg Daley-Reynolds

Sadly at the end of this semester the school bids farewell to Ms Meg Daley-Reynolds after 26 years meritorious service to Sandgate DSHS. Meg began her teaching career as a music teacher in Townsville in 1978. She was later transferred to Mackay North SHS, before taking up her appointment at Sandgate 1 February 1988. During her career Meg has been an acting Performing Arts Head of Department and finishes her career as Acting English HOD. Meg is a teacher who is passionate about her subject area, works towards achieving the best outcomes for students, is kind and caring of students and staff and has been prepared to participate in extracurricular activities including school musicals and debating. Meg's sons Joel and Jeremy were educated at Sandgate DSHS. We wish Meg and her husband, Mr Andrew Foster (previously Mathematics HOD at Sandgate), a long, healthy and happy retirement.



Jeanette Gentle | PRINCIPAL

Debating News

What a super effort from our debating teams this year. The first four rounds for the Year 9s, 10s and 11s are now complete with the Year 9s winning all four of their debates and the 10s and 11s winning three of their four debates. The Year 9s will progress through to the semi-final rounds and will hopefully be joined by the Year 10 and 11 teams. Congratulations to all of the students and a big thanks to their coaches Ms Marie Makropoulos and Mr Michael Bain.

Meg Daley-Reynolds | HOD English (Acting) and Year 11 coach

Language Perfect Update



Hold on to your seats! The end of May saw us winning 18 certificates in the International Language Perfect Competition. This is an outstanding achievement. Here are some statistics about what exactly was achieved:

Total questions answered globally: **187,170,294**

Total questions answered at Sandgate District State High School: **151,443**

School Achievements:

- 361st overall globally (out of 1151 schools)
- 27th overall in the 51-100 students category (out of 169 schools)

- 51st overall in QLD (out of 176 schools)
- 260th overall in Australia (out of 778 schools)
- 17th in Australia for the 51-100 students category (out of 98 schools)
- 6th in QLD for the 51-100 students category (out of 33 schools)
- 63rd overall in German (out of 878 schools)
- 5th for German in the 51-100 students category (out of 113 schools)
- 13th for German in QLD (out of 136 schools)
- 54th for German in Australia (out of 599 schools)

Questions answered in each language: **German: 92529, Japanese: 21780**

Student Achievements:

Elite Awards: **2** (10,000+ points) (0 last year)

Gold Awards: **5** (3,000+ points) (1 last year)

Silver Awards: **1** (2,000+ points) (1 last year)

Bronze Awards: **5** (1,000+ points) (4 last year)

Credit Awards: **5** (500+ points) (2 last year)

We have improved in all categories. WOW! However you will have to be patient for a little while longer before you get see the names of the winners. As soon as the certificates arrive from New Zealand, the winners will be announced.

Thank you for your patience.

Simone Phillips | German Teacher

Literacy Tip for Parents #4



Helping Your Child to Read Fluently

If your child sounds choppy or broken when reading, chances are they struggle with fluency. Fluency does not mean speed reading, rather, it's reading with expression, proper pausing and pace. Fluency helps with comprehension. Children need practice with hearing how good reading sounds, and this is best done by reading out loud. Get them to read aloud to you, their brothers or sisters, or even record them on a mobile phone to play back afterwards. You can even read to them out aloud. This way, they will be able to tell the difference between good and bad reading, therefore improving accuracy and fluency.

Kirsti Lines | Literacy Support Teacher

Cafe Ibis News

Lunch pre-orders are now available at Tuckshop.

Orders must be placed and paid for before school. They can then be collected at the requested break. Please note it is the students responsibility to collect their order - no refunds will be given for orders not collected.



Sheree Tregoning | Cafe Ibis Manager

Student Environmental Leadership Network (SELN) Program

Environmental Fact #1



More than one-third of all energy is used by people at home.

Reducing the amount of energy you use at your home definitely helps the environment, even if it's as simple as turning a light off when you leave a room.

Emma Venzke | SELN Representative

Human Movement News

Year 10 HPE

This term our two year 10 HPE classes have been studying Badminton and Biomechanics.

Sandgate was lucky enough to combine with Badminton Queensland and present some expert

coaching lessons with a qualified coach earlier in term 2. The students loved the interactive classes which were taught using a game sense approach so that all could have fun! For some of our students, Year 10 HPE is the first time they have played badminton!! It is always an opportunity for all ability levels to have success with practice.



Biomechanics is a part of the Senior PE program and as such, HPE students are introduced to this sport science unit in Year 10. This year's students have found doing the Laboratories in class relating to 'Projectile Motion', 'Stability' and 'Levers' interesting and useful in assisting to improve their technique in Badminton. We have had

fun with our new tablets, when students videoed each other performing some 'clears' or 'smashes', and then watched themselves to assist their rate of learning.

We are looking forward to working in our two groups next Semester, where we will be studying Touch Football and Exercise Physiology in Term 3, and Lifesaving and Skill Acquisition in Term 4.

Have a great holiday break.

Mrs.Cameron | HPE Teacher

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This link is also available on our School Website at www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au

Paper copies are available for collection (each fortnight) from the student foyer, for families who do not have access to the internet.

Sandgate DSHS Online Communities

In 2012, Sandgate DSHS has launched into the 21st Century and have set up official Facebook and Twitter accounts. Regular updates from the school calendar and messages about upcoming events are fed into the social network. During the school closure in January this year, Twitter and Facebook served as a fundamental tool to keep the community up to the date with the flooding in surrounding areas. Direct links to the official Sandgate High Twitter and Facebook pages can be accessed through the school's website (<https://sanddistshs.eq.edu.au/>). Alternatively, please click on the links below to access the portals.



Community Notices

Music by the Sea

Bayside Sandgate has scored a win, hosting the World Premier Performance of the latest work by highly acclaimed Australian composer Lyle Chan, played by Acacia Quartet for Music By The Sea on **Saturday 5 July**.



A tour-de-force of emotionally powerful music, 'String Quartet - An AIDS Activist's Memoir in Music' is a reflection of historic events, portraits of activist friends, and unusual effects like the use of police whistles to recall street demonstrations.

Chan will introduce and narrate the 90 minute memoir, inspired by his experience as an activist, running the 'buyers club' that brought in pharmaceutical products from the USA.

He says, " During those years I'd given up music to be an activist. But a composer is always a composer. I sketched a lot of music. The music was my diaries, a way of writing down feelings. I think of music as the sound that feelings make."

Celebrating the memoir on stage with Lyle, renowned Sydney based string quartet, Acacia returns to Sandgate following a stand out performance in 2012 when the group's play list included one special piece by Chan.

He says his work was so well received that audience members wrote him letters of appreciation.

A cheeky, spiritual kind of guy, Lyle is lauded as one of the more interesting people on the planet, and applauded internationally for his growing reputation.

One fan who has graced Lyle with public accolades is John Corigliano, winner of Oscar, Pulitzer, Grammy Awards, and of Red Violin fame, who is considered to be one of America's greatest composers.

Meanwhile, on a local note, violinist Myee Clohessy will appreciate performing at Sandgate again with fellow musicians, Lisa Stewart violin, Stefan Duwe viola, and Anna Martin-Scrase cello, giving her the opportunity to visit family who live locally, are regular Music By The Sea audience members, and also her greatest fans.

Formed in 2010 Acacia has quickly won the great respect for their versatile and innovative programs which often couple established repertoire with the unorthodox.

In 2013 the group was nominated for both ARIA and Art Music Awards, Limelight magazine Editors Choice and CD of the week on ABC Classic FM.

Have a quick listen to the newly released work on iTunes. And put in a special order at the World Premier Performance for a pressed album out late July.

For program information and bookings go to musicbythesea.com.au.

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