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Preparing Primary Students for High School

A message from the Principal...



It has been delightful to meet Year 6 students from our local primary schools. Year 7 students will visit the school next week. The students are visiting Sandgate DSHS as part of their transition program into high school. Students have enjoyed designing and building planes, making and firing rockets and doing science experiments involving energy. By spending time at high school, student's confidence to come to high school is enhanced.

The next stage of the transition program is our Open Day, Saturday 17 May 2014. Registration is from 8:30 am, Principal's Address

9:00/11:00am and information on specialist programs 9:30 am. Tours of the school will occur throughout the day. This is the perfect opportunity to visit the school, find out about Year 7 and 8 at Sandgate, talk to teachers and see what the school can offer your child.

Students have received an information pack about Sandgate DSHS on their visit to the school. If a student's primary school has not participated in our transition program, information packs will be distributed at their primary

school next week. If a child is going to enrol at Sandgate, enrolment packs can be collected at Open Day, or from primary school offices and from Sandgate DSHS, after Open Day. At Open Day, parents will also be able to make appointments for their enrolment interview to be conducted on Saturday 26 July 9am-3pm. All students and parents must participate in an enrolment interview before a student's enrolment is confirmed.

P&C Executive

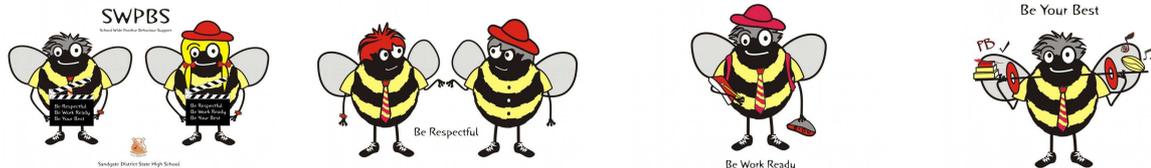
A big thank you to parents who responded to our call for nominations for the P&C Executive. Unfortunately we have yet to secure a treasurer. If you have accounting background, or are prepared to learn some new skills, we would love to hear from you. The treasurer is assisted by the P&C Administrator who maintains MYOB and does the accounts, so the position is not as erroneous a job as you may think. You will be supported to learn the job. Please email me on jgent8@eg.edu.au if you can assist.

Literacy

The school has received additional funding under the Government's "Great Results Guarantee". Sandgate is spending the money in the following way:

- A literacy support teacher has been employed to coach teachers in strategies to teach reading, comprehension and writing.
- Release time for English teachers to write intensive literacy starters for all Year 7, 8 and 9 units.
- Employing additional teacher aide's to deliver targeted reading programs to students who have not reached the NAPLAN minimum standard for reading.

Mrs Jeanette Gentle PRINCIPAL



**P&C MEETINGS | THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
7PM | STAFF COMMON ROOM | ALL WELCOME
NEXT MEETING **WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2014****

What's On

5 May - 23 May 2014



SEMESTER 1

TERM 2

Week 3

Monday 5 May 2014 | Year 10 Legal Studies | Court visit

Monday 5 May 2014 | Parent Teacher Evening | Performance Hall | 3.30pm - 7pm
 Tuesday 6 May 2014 | Year 11 Camp | Maroon Outdoor Ed Centre | 3 nights
 Thursday 8 May 2014 | Dreamworld | Year 9 Business Studies

Week 4

Monday 12 May 2014 | Year 10B & 10F Geography field trip | Sandgate foreshore
 Tues, Wed & Thurs 13-15 May 2014 | **NAPLAN** Testing | Year 9
 Wednesday 14 May 2014 | Winter Senior Sport | Round 1
 Thursday 15 May 2014 | Year 12 Legal Studies excursion | QSC Library

Week 5

Monday 19 May 2014 | District Cross Country
 Tuesday 20 May 2014 | Winter Junior Sport | Round 1
 Wednesday 21 May 2014 | Winter Senior Sport | Round 2
 Wednesday 21 May 2014 | Year 12 camp | Moogerah Dam | 2 nights
 Wednesday 21 May 2014 | **P & C Meeting** | 7pm

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Open Day



**SANDGATE DISTRICT
 STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

OPEN DAY

**Saturday 17 May
 9am-1pm**

Find out how Sandgate District State High School can "**Expand the Horizon**" for your son or daughter.



Sandgate District State High School | www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au | 41 Braun Street Deagon Q 4017 | 07 3869 9888

Literacy Help Tip for Parents and Students

The next time your child finishes reading a book or watching a movie, ask them about it. Don't accept the typical 'it was good' answer – get them to recount the movie from beginning to end, and explain what they liked about it.

Practise of this procedure will help with their summarising and analysis – key skills necessary for assessment and exams. It will also aid in your child's inferential reading skills – vitally important for NAPLAN.

Examples of questions to help guide parents are: Why did the main character...? What was the effect...? Who was...? How did...? Imagine if...? What message was intended by...? What would happen next...?

Kirsti Lines | Literacy Support Teacher

NAPLAN

All Grade 9 students will sit for NAPLAN next Tuesday – Thursday inclusively (13th-15th May) in the school hall. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, and it's an Australian-wide test that all year-level students sit for on the same day, at the same time.

Tuesday 13th – Language Conventions (45 mins) and Writing (40 mins)

Wednesday 14th – Reading (65 mins)

Thursday 15th - Numeracy – Calculator (40 mins) and Numeracy – Non Calculator (40 mins)

It is considered extremely important, especially as it allows each student the opportunity to achieve their personal best. Students can gain personal advantages of pride, knowledge and possible access to certain school subjects and programs.

The results are given out to parents in September and then published (as a grouped student cohort) shortly after. Students need to sit each exam refreshed, so a good night's sleep the night before is crucial. Students also need to ensure they bring the proper equipment of two 2B pencils, eraser, sharpener and calculator.

Kirsti Lines | Literacy Support Teacher

ANZAC Ceremonies

School ANZAC Ceremony

Sandgate District High School commemorated the 99th anniversary of the ANZAC's landing at Gallipoli on the 25th April, 1915, with a special ceremony at the school on Thursday 24 April. Our special guests included four war veterans from the Sandgate RSL.

Our School Captain's (David Watts) main address reminded us all of the courage, mateship and unselfishness the ANZACs displayed and how these attributes still permeate the sense of being Australian or New Zealander to this day. I have added David's address to the end of this report.

I would like to thank the School Captains and Vice Captains for their efforts in conducting the school parade with reverence and respect for those diggers of battles past. The brass and trumpet ensembles are to be commended for their touching performances and Siarn Mewburn, who sounded the Last Post and Rouse, added to the solemnity of the occasion with her moving rendition.

It was a privilege to have veterans from Sandgate RSL attend our commemoration ceremony and to have them join us for the morning tea provided by the Yr 11 Hospitality Class, under the guidance of Ms Miller, and the SEU Coffee Crew, ably assisted by Mrs Nicki Cannard. Our guests mixed with the students present and spoke of their past experiences. We thank them very much for their attendance. Thank you also to Mr Tom Stewart and Hayden Kadel for their assistance with sound and lighting, to Mrs Carol McDonald for the presentation of a display and to Mrs Dargusch for all of her work in making the ceremony possible. Thank you to everyone involved and to the whole school community, staff and students, for the way you embraced the occasion.

David Watts' ANZAC DAY Address:

This year commemorates many milestones, the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War, and the 75th anniversary of the beginning of the Second World War. But solely for Australia, this year commemorates the 99th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. Tomorrow 99 years ago soldiers from Australia and New Zealand, the ANZACS, waded ashore on a beach now known as ANZAC cove. The men, brothers, sons and husbands but most importantly mates, would suffer an ordeal unimaginable to us.

The ANZACS would never take the high ground that was vital to the campaign. Instead the ANZACS would spend 9 months fighting in trenches dotted along hills of ANZAC cove, never to advance more than a few kilometres from the shoreline. They paid dearly in lives for each metre of ground gained. It was however the conduct of the troops that would define the campaign, not the horrific losses. It was the conduct of the troops that built an identity of a nation. Until Gallipoli, Australia had only been known as a recently independent colony of Britain. The conduct of the ANZACS over their ordeal has formed what we like to consider the defining traits in our society.

The attributes of the ANZACS can be described briefly as mateship, courage and self-sacrifice. These attributes formed under fire have been tested time and time again, in Tobruk, Kakoda, Kapyoung and Long Tan. These attributes, formed and tested under fire, have become the identity of our Australia. These ideals which bring us here today have shaped us for nearly a century.

These ideals are present in every Australian. Mateship in the trenches of Gallipoli meant respecting and looking after everyone, not just your best friends. Courage was to take a suicidal dash across machine gun raked ground to save a mate. And self-sacrifice in Gallipoli is told in the famous story of Simpson and his donkey. Simpson sacrificed his life, to save the lives of many of his mates. Even 99 years later, Australians still possess the traits that were forged in the trenches of Gallipoli. The natural disasters

that devastated Australia and New Zealand resulted in strangers rolling up their sleeves and looking out for each other. It's a trait which makes ordinary adults and in some cases children dash into burning building to save complete strangers. It's a trait which has Australians sacrificing their money or time to look after those in need.

Many foreign counties wonder why Australians honour what was essentially a military failure, and why interest in the ANZAC tradition has increased, not waned, with the respective generations of Australians. The reason we commemorate a single campaign is because rarely in history has a nation's identity been created as it was at Gallipoli. Gettysburg didn't forge the identity of modern America; Waterloo never transcribed into the ideals of the French republic; and Trafalgar was not the crowning moment of the British Empire. French, English and American identities were formed over centuries of events. Rarely has a nation's identity been formed in a single campaign.

Generations of Australians have honoured the ANZACS not because we are war mongers, but because was see ourselves in the trenches of Gallipoli, we see our traditions, we see our ideals, we see men selflessly sacrifice their lives in the name of our freedom , and we see the shaping of modern Australia. Seventy-four years ago, after The Battle of Britain, Winston Churchill spoke to the British parliament: 'Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed to so few'. These words remain true today for the 24 million Australians who owe our freedom and our identity to the small contingent of ANZACS that fought at Gallipoli. Paraphrasing Churchill can explain why we commemorate ANZAC day and why generations of Australians remember the fallen: never in the field of human conflict have so few shaped the lives of so many.

Lest we forget.

Mr Neil Dargusch | A/HOD-Social Sciences – Organiser









ANZAC Day March

Thank you to all our students who took part in the ANZAC day march at Sandgate.



LOTE News

CONGRATULATIONS!

It is time to congratulate Emma Venzke. Emma has taken the opportunity to join the Language Perfect program again this year and thus choosing to improve and learn German in a fun and interactive way. She has achieved a fantastic 663 points as of 2 May 2014. This means that she has answered 1971 questions so far this year alone. Her translating skill is at 96% accuracy and that is a brilliant effort. Emma has been translating word lists across four different skills (reading, writing, listening and dictation). Hence she is the recipient of a 'KIWI'. (Language Perfect was established in New Zealand.) GO EMMA!

The Language Perfect World Championships will be held this year from 19 – 29 May 2014!

Simone Phillips | German Teacher



Hospitality News

High Tea at Stamford Plaza

Year 11 Hospitality students recently visited the Stamford Plaza for a formal high tea in search of inspiration for their own high tea Anzac Day Function. Whilst watching the river flow by, we sat and enjoyed an array of exquisite and delicate sweets and sandwiches while sipping on hot chocolates and English tea. Students were overwhelmed and impressed by the food and service at the Stamford Plaza, but determined not to be outdone for their own function at school.

With the standard of the Stamford Plaza fresh in their minds, the year 11 Hospitality students were eager to plan, prepare and present an outstanding high tea function.

Jodie Miller | Subject Coordinator



Human Movement News

2014 Cross Country

House results:	1st	Collins	521 points
	2nd	Monash	391 points
	3rd	Hinkler	389 points
	4th	Story	261 points



Age Champions

Age Group	Girls	Boys
13 years	Koby Osborne	Alex Brown
14 years	Amy Coupe	Jack Powell
15 years	Ruby Middleton	Tom Salter
16 years	Jessica Corliss	Connor Bloss
Open	Eden Langley	Shaquile De Klerk

Congratulations to our Overall Winners : Jessica Corliss and Connor Bloss

The top 10 runners for boys and girls in each age group now qualify for the Sandgate High team to run in the District Cross Country.

Letters are available for these athletes from the sports centre staff room. A list of these qualifiers are available for viewing in the sports centre.

Shane Kiss | HOD - Human Movements

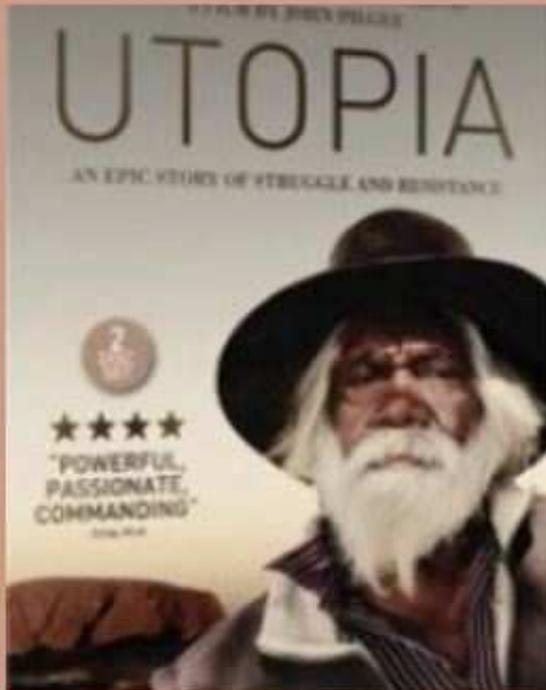
Click picture below to view photos from the cross country



Community Notices

UTOPIA - a film by John Pilger

Utopia is a rare and powerful insight into a secret Australia and breaks what amounts to a national silence about the indigenous first people.¹



Screening at
 SANDBAG Film Club
 Community Centre,
 153 Rainbow St, Sandgate
 Phone: 3869 3244 FilmClub@sandbag.org.au

Friday 23 May

6:00 pm

Cost: \$10

Welcome to Country and
 Conversation with Uncle Des Sandy

Come along, see the film,
 share some stories,
 have a cuppa and a snack pack
 or a drink

Adam Goodes: Australia has a very black past; Utopia shows real-life stories of what has happened over the past 225 years. I cried like I had lost a family member on three occasions watching this film - a must-see for all Australians.²



Second Hand Uniforms for Sale

Taslon Track Jacket – small - \$15 VGC

Taslon Track Jacket – large - \$10 GC

Boys formal grey Shirt – size small - \$5 VGC

Boys formal grey shirt – size 16 - \$5 VGC

Boys formal grey shirt – size 16 \$5 GC

Boys formal grey shorts – size 87 \$5 VGC

If you are interested, please call Jenny on 0409 871 164.

Performing Arts and Music Department News

School Hairbands for sale

A reminder that school Hairbands are for sale in the Performing Arts staffroom.

Hairband prices

Small Packs: 2 x Hairbands | 2 x Button Bands | 2 x Ribbon

Hair Clips - all \$3.00 each.

Corker Hairband \$5.00 | Ribbon Puffs \$5.00 | Long Steamers

on Band \$6.00 | Large Bow \$10.00 | Large Ribbon Flower \$10.00.



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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.



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