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Pride in Sandgate's Achievement...

A message from the Principal...

While this time of the year is very busy, attendance at the variety of end-of-year celebration events evokes in me a sense of real pride in what our students, supported by an excellent staff, can achieve. One of the reasons that I have spent my professional life in state schools is that I believe that every child regardless of gender, socio-economic status, disability, ethnicity or geographic location should have the opportunity to access a quality education. This enables them to transition successfully into post-school tertiary education, training or employment. One of the defining elements of our school culture is to “do whatever it takes” to assist students to attain a good education. For example, at the start of Year 12, only 55% of students were on track for their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Individual interventions were put in place after interviews were conducted to discuss each student’s post school goal, their academic performance, QCE eligibility, and motivation. As a result 89.8% of the Year 12 cohort has graduated from high school with their QCE qualification. For many of the students, they are the first in their family to graduate from Year 12 and many have also achieved vocational certification which will assist them to secure apprenticeships, traineeships or full-time work. I was also proud to attend the Graduation of
the Year 10 Cert II in Active Volunteering. These students have learnt the joy of giving and contributing to a sense of community, as well as developing work-related skills. Cameron Peel was announced as the Student Volunteer of the Year. I also enjoyed attending the dinner and graduation organised by the Year 10 Academic Achiever students. Not only have these students achieved academic success, they are all decent young people our community can be proud of.

**What is Happening for the Rest of the Year?**

Year 10 and Year 11 students finish school on **Friday 29 November 2013** and are expected to be in attendance up to and including this date.

It is important that as students complete exams they return resources for that subject to the library. If this is not done, an invoice will be issued for the outstanding books. If a student is exiting the school and has a laptop, it must be returned. Failure to return will mean the matter will be referred to the police for follow-up as this is regarded as stealing. All laptops have a tracking device making it easy to determine where the laptop is located. To avoid the embarrassment of a call from the police, please return the laptop before departing the school.

We look forward to welcoming Year 7 students to our Orientation Day on **Thursday 5 December**. Students should be at the Performance Hall by 9:00 am. Students are to bring lunch if not pre-ordering from tuckshop, or having the sausage sizzle which is provided free of charge at 1st break. Snacks can be purchased from the tuckshop at 2nd break. Students will need to bring swimming togs, towel, hat, sun screen and a water bottle.

“Learning is Fun” week (beginning Monday 9 December) is made up of a number of enjoyable activities. If a student is choosing to participate in an activity with a fee attached, payment must be made to the cash collection office by Tuesday 3 December.

As the Cash Collection Office will close on **Tuesday 3 December**, all outstanding fees and payments will need to be settled by this date.

*Mrs Jeanette Gertle* PRINCIPAL

**P&C MEETINGS | THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
7PM | STAFF COMMON ROOM | ALL WELCOME
Place an emphasis on privacy.

Once you have completed the profile information, go back to the menu bar and click on Account. From the dropdown menu, click on Privacy Settings. Most Privacy Settings are set by default to Everyone. Here, it's recommended that you change all the settings to Only Friends. Remember, Facebook has a strong tendency towards openness, which may be fine later in life. However, when your teen is just starting in the social networking world, the emphasis should be on privacy.

Sandgate DSHS is on Facebook. Click here to follow the official page

What's On 25 November - 13 December

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**Week 8**

- **Year 10 into Year 11 Camp**
- **Year 11 Block Exams**
- **Monday** 25/11/2013 | Year 10 Assessment
- **Tuesday** 26/11/2013 | Year 10 Assessment | ENEWSLETTER
- **Friday** 29/11/2013 | Years 10 & 11 Finish

**Week 9**

- **Year 8 & 9 Assessment**
- **Monday** 2/12/2013 | Attendance Passports | Years 8 & 9
  - Formal Photographs | Year 12 | 11am-3.30pm
- **Wednesday** 4/12/2013 | Global Games Day | Year 9
- **Thursday** 5/12/2013 | Orientation Day | Year 7
- **Friday** 6/12/2013 | Medieval Fair Day | Year 8

**Week 10**

- **Learning is Fun Week**
  - National Volleyball Schools Cup | Melbourne
  - Small Ensembles Christmas Concert
- **Monday** 9/12/2013 | Year 11 OP Analyser Results
- **Tuesday** 10/12/2013 | ENEWSLETTER
- **Friday** 13/12/2013 | Years 8 & 9 Finish
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School Uniform Shop Hours 2013
Thursday 5 December 8.30am ~ 10.00am
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8.00am ~ 10.00am

School Uniform Shop Hours 2014
Tuesday 21 January to Friday 24 January 9.00am ~ 3.00pm
Tuesday 28 January 8.00am ~ 10.00am
Then normal trade Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8.00am~10.00am

Second Immerse IT Class for Year 8 2014
Enrolments for Year 8 2014

Sandgate District State High School would like to invite families, who are yet to enrol their child in Year 8 in 2014, to please collect an enrolment pack as soon as possible. Enrolment Application Packs have been made available to all Year 7 students in our local primary schools and can also be obtained directly from our school office. Year 8 2014 enrolment interviews are currently being conducted and classes are filling quickly. An Enrolment Interview will be arranged for you, by our office staff, once an Enrolment Application Form has been submitted.

We look forward to working with your son or daughter next year.

Artrageous Results - 2013 Year 12 Visual Arts Students

Since 2006 with the re-writing of the Visual Art work program at Sandgate DSHS, every year the achievement levels of students has improved. At this year’s annual Artrageous Senior Visual Art Exhibition, Mr Anderson
(Head of Department – Visual Arts) was extremely proud to announce that all of this year’s Year 12 Visual Art cohort had been awarded Very High Achievements and High Achievements with nothing less. Alex Lipins was awarded a VHA 9, the highest achievement received by a student in Mr Anderson’s 25 years at Sandgate DSHS. Parents, students, staff and other visitors to the exhibition, received the news with enthusiasm and delight. This added to the already excellent atmosphere present due to the high quality of student artwork on display. The support shown by all in attendance was evident in that this was the largest opening since its inception in 2000.

The District Panel Chair informed Mr Anderson that the moderating panel were extremely impressed with the consistently excellent artwork produced by Sandgate DSHS students. He went on to say that since his involvement in moderation in 1999, he hadn’t seen results such as these.

The Visual Arts staff and students deserve the highest praise for their unparalleled achievements in ‘Expanding Horizons’. Mrs Rosemarie Baker deserves particular recognition for her tireless work. We wish all of the Year 12’s the very best for the future.

Rob Anderson | Head Visual Arts Department

Pictured - Year 12 (VHA 9) Student Alex Lipins with one of her installation artwork pieces.
Music Department News

The Music Department has been busy over the past five weeks. Fifty of our instrumental students spent a week in Hobart, joining with students from The Friends' School, Taroona High School, Ogilvie High School and Rose Bay High School to rehearse and perform. We also spent a day at Port Arthur and visited the Museum of Old and New Art. Our final music experience of the week was to visit the Naval Cadets for a marching band performance, followed by a chance to try some marching ourselves. It was cold, it was busy and it was a fantastic week.
On Sunday 27th October, our Symphonic Wind Ensemble competed in the Brisbane Schools Band Festival at Centenary High School and won a Gold Award. Then on Tuesday 29th October, we had our annual Showcase Concert. It was a night to celebrate our achievements and to share our music with parents and friends. We are especially grateful to the Music Parents Support Group who raised a great deal of money towards our Hobart trip and who have also introduced a new Teamwork Award for our students. Four students were given this award at Showcase.
On Wednesday 30th October, after a late night at Showcase, our Stage Band was up early to pack the bus for a tour of local primary schools.

On Tuesday 5th November, our students voted for the 2014 Music Student Committee.

Cafe Ibis News
TUCKSHOP

WILL BE CLOSED

THE LAST

WEEK OF SCHOOL

LAST DAY FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER

Dance Night

On Friday the 6th November Sandgate held yet another successful Dance Night, showcasing the range of talent and skills possessed by Sandgate High Students. There was something for everyone with a variety of styles including; hip hop, ballet, contemporary, tap and musical theatre. The Year 12’s showed their expertise in what was their final dance performance at Sandgate High, and it was particularly exciting for the Year 8’s who took to the stage for the first time. A number of students who successfully auditioned for the night, performed their dance item, including Year 10 male student Oceanic Ioakim. Amidst the hairspray, tulle and glitter the students’ excitement was palpable, and a good time was had by all.

Special thanks to the parents who ran such a wonderful canteen on the evening (yum!), and Thea Gordon for sewing costumes for the night. The students and staff had a great evening and are looking forward to doing it all again next year.

Ms Paterson | Performing Arts Teacher
Lions Traditional Cakes and Puddings

Lions traditional Christmas Cakes are packed with 50% fruit containing mixed fruit, sultanas and raisins. The Traditional Puddings are made with 45% real fruit and contain no artificial colours or flavours. Support the community and buy one today.

900g Puddings $11 each | 1kg Cake $11 | 1.5kg Cake $15

To order please see Mrs Dargusch in the office.

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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 (http://sanddisths.eq.edu.au/wcms/). Alternatively, please click on the links below to access the portals.

Community Notices
Christmas Twilight Markets
Sat 30th November
Kicking off at 4pm
FREE ENTRY
Stalls, Craft
Homewares
Jewellery &
Much More!
BBQ plus meals at the Clubhouse*
* Dinner bookings essential.
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