A message from the Principal...

It has been another happy and successful year at Sandgate. One of the defining characteristics of Sandgate is that so many students take the time to keep in touch with the school. Last week it was wonderful to catch up with 2009 Dux of Sandgate DSHS, Gal Strasberg. Gal achieved an OP1, completed a two year accelerated degree in the Dean’s Scholarship Program at QUT and has nearly completed his medical degree at Deakin University. He wrote me the following email which I thought would be a nice thing to share in our last newsletter. Gal wrote

"Thank you so much for your time today, it was an absolute pleasure catching up and walking down memory lane. For the first time ever, I felt old! It's amazing to think four years have passed already.

I am very impressed with the school's remarkable progress, state-of-the-art facilities and laudable student achievements - it makes me very proud to be a graduate of Sandgate High.

I appreciate your help in establishing contacts in the medical field, I embrace the opportunity to get to know and spend time with people who are willing to lend their professional wisdom and experience."
The quality, professionalism and commitment of staff at Sandgate is phenomenal and I treasure the support I received throughout my schooling. It has provided me with a solid foundation and established valuable skills that I still use today. (Interestingly enough, the most important skill in Medicine is communication - all those essays and speeches have been a life-saver: Thanks Ms. Clement!) Similarly, the research assignments and investigations in Biology, Chemistry and Physics have been really helpful in creating the necessary skills for research/inquiry early on.

I am always available and happy to be of assistance to yourself and the staff. Please feel free to pass on my name and telephone number to any students who wish to know more about applying for, and studying science or medicine. Similarly, if you would like a past student to come and speak with current students, I am more than happy to do so".

It is truly a joy and a privilege to be a teacher and know that you do make a difference to the lives of so many young people and in so doing shape the community and society in which we live.

When students return to school next year the asbestos will have been removed from the Manual Arts block, the top of F block will have been rebuilt and the playground area between F and C block redesigned, ready for the Year 7 students in 2015 and a large storage shed built behind art so we can return a room back to classroom use.

We will welcome our new Year 8 students, together with our Senior Leaders, at the Performance Hall on Tuesday 28 January 2014 8:45 am. All other students start school on Wednesday 29 January with a parade in the Sports Hall 8:45. Please make sure students get a really positive start to the year by being compliant with the dress code published on our web site.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for your support this year and I look forward to continuing to work with you in 2014.

Mrs Jeanette Gentle PRINCIPAL
Teach what's appropriate.

Once your teen's account is up and running, spend some time together discussing what's appropriate to write or post. Teach them to ask permission before posting photos of other people. Set up the right way, Facebook can provide an invaluable opportunity for parents to teach cyber awareness and appropriate online behaviour. Grab the opportunity before it's too late!

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

What's On 9 December - 13 December
Week 10

Learning is Fun Week
National Volleyball Schools Cup | Melbourne
Small Ensembles Christmas Concerts

Monday 9/12/2013 | Year 11 OP Analyser Results
Tuesday 10/12/2013 | NEWSLETTER
Friday 13/12/2013 | Years 8 & 9 Finish

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY CHRISTMAS

School Returns – Tuesday 26 January 2014

CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR CAFE IBIS MENU
CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR UNIFORM PRICE LIST

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

Frohe Weihnachten! (Merry Christmas)

Free time, daily activities, nouns, pronouns, verb conjugation, separable verbs and time phrases were words thrown around in the German classroom recently in Year 8. To celebrate a job well done, hard work and the end of the year the Year 8 German class had a ‘typical German style’ breakfast. Items included: Brötchen, Brot, Wurst, Butter, Nutella, Schokoladenmilch und Obst.

I was impressed! The table conversation was interesting; students were polite and willing to try new things.
Thank you Year 8 for an enjoyable year. Have a magical and safe holiday.

Bis nächstes Jahr! Ich wünsche Euch alle ein schönes Weihnacht fest und einen guten Rutsch ins neue Jahr!

Frau Phillips | German teacher

Sandgate Students Decorate Boxes for Christmas Food Hampers

Christmas boxes donated by Rod Chiapello from Bracken Ridge McDonalds, were recently decorated by Visual Art students at Sandgate District State High School. The boxes are going to be filled as Christmas Food Hampers for families in need in the local community.

Bracken Ridge Baptist Church has been coordinating the Christmas hampers for over 20 years for our local community. They are now produced as part of the Bracken Ridge Christmas Festival, that is run in conjunction with local community organisations and business leaders and politicians.
The purpose of the festival is to support those in need at Christmas time and to help bring people together.

The Christmas Hampers are distributed through local community groups including SANDBAG, and All About Living. Around 140 food hampers will be delivered with food provided by donations from local community members.

The Boxes provided by Rod Chiapello from McDonalds Bracken Ridge and decorated by local school students provide both a festive and practical presentation for the hampers.

Well done to all involved!
Year 12 Formal

Congratulations to all of our Year 12 class of 2013, we wish you every success for your futures.
Image 1: Two young boys with their arms around each other, smiling.

Image 2: A group of young people dressed in formal attire, including dresses and suits, posing for a photo.

Year 9 Foodbank Collection

Thank you to all the staff and students who have contributed to the year 9 Food Bank collection. As a school we raised $283 (in only 8 weeks)! The money has now been used to purchase more grocery items which will be packed with previously collected items by year 9 students. The effort by everyone, especially the year 9 leadership team, has been terrific and the result is absolutely wonderful. Students will begin boxing up items for Food Bank this week.

Ms Patricia Fong | Year 9 Co-Ordinator
Drama News

The year 8 drama class performed their ritual performances this week. Students have been exploring both the cultural and historical origins of ceremonial performance, and drew on this knowledge to create their own celebratory rituals in small groups.
They had to manipulate the dramatic elements and perform using a range of dramatic conventions including; significant person, sacred place and space, chant, chorus, repetitive movement, props and costumes. Some students drew inspiration from their own cultural backgrounds, others from their imaginations.

It was lovely to see how far the students have come since beginning of the year. They demonstrated a good degree of focus, commitment and creativity. We look forward to seeing more of this next year!

Mrs Wyber | Performing Arts Teacher
Magazine Misprint

Four of the student names listed on page 12 in the 2013 School Magazine were printed incorrectly. Our sincere apologies to these students and their families.

Academic Awards | Special Awards

Taoist Church Grant - Science - Peter Jew
Taoist Church Grant - Mathematics - Jocelyn Glencross
Taoist Church Grant - Education - Mokiana Langford
Past Student Air Commodore David W Richards Scholarship - Female - Rheanna O'Brien

Sports Department News

AFL Academy

On Thursday 21st November, the Year 8,9 and 10 AFL Academy travelled down to the Gold Coast for the NAB AFL draft. Before we went to the draft we went to Metricon for the day to do some testing. Some of the testing that happened throughout the day was: vertical jump, 20 metre sprint, the Nathan Buckley kicking test and the Matthew Lloyd handball test. After the testing we had lunch and then went on to play some 9-a-side games. After the games, Shane Crawford, a former Australian rules footballer and Brownlow medalist, engaged us with his
positivity towards playing the game of AFL. The day had finished and then we went back on the bus to watch the NAB AFL draft at the Gold Coast Convention Centre. We entered the centre and saw young boys, whose dreams of playing professional AFL with their idols come true!

Charlotte Johnstone | Year 10 Student and AFL Academy Member

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

Community Notices

Music By The Sea

Book yourself in for Brisbane’s Music By The Sea Festival 2014’s world class program in the cool (air con) comfort of Sandgate’s restored, 100 year old Federation style Town Hall - on 10th, 11th, 12th January. Recognized as one of the country’s better end festivals, you’ll enjoy performances of classical, jazz, folk, comedy and world music.

Virtuoso guitar duo Slava and Leonard Grigoryan - Joseph Tawadros Trio with oud, riq, bendir and piano - Apollo Ensemble (Holland) - and the Sojourners with C. R. Avery (Canada) are a taste of the superb line-up.

Local Sandgate High School student Macarra Berthaly-Martyn will certainly be there. Macarra won the opportunity to perform at the festival as winner of this year’s SSHS ‘Music By The Sea Performance Award’. The 17 year old will give a short vocal performance on Friday evening.

Between sessions, enjoy your coffee with musical flavours of the world with the Acoustic Cafe Series in the intimacy of Gloria Jeans, Coffee Club, and Cardigan Bar - all in the proximity of the Town Hall.


NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

SIGN-ON DAY

Saturday 1st February 2014

12.00 PM to 3.00 PM

Darien Street, Bridgeman Downs

PLAYERS WANTED
All Age Groups - from 3 Years old

Male & Female

Tiny Tots, Juniors, Youth & Seniors

Full Details:

www.northsidefootball.org.au

0417 191 141

School Uniforms Wanted

Wanted 2nd hand uniform for 2014 grade 8 size 12-14 girl, formal and casual anything considered. Contact Anahera on 0434212273

School Holiday Songwriting Courses
From all the staff at Sandgate District State High School

Have a safe and Happy Christmas!!!
