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A message from the Principal...

Harmony Day is scheduled for Friday 21 March. Students are required to wear their school uniform on the day, but can wear something orange (e.g. socks, ties) as orange is the colour associated with harmony.

At Sandgate we have a diversity of students from different ethnic backgrounds, different socio economic status and with different strengths. Some students are good with their heads and are academically able. Some students are good with their hands and are able to design, make and appraise things, while other students are

good with their hearts. They are the students who show lots of compassion and empathy for others and other people are drawn to them. All of these attributes are necessary to create a cohesive society where all people are valued for what they contribute.

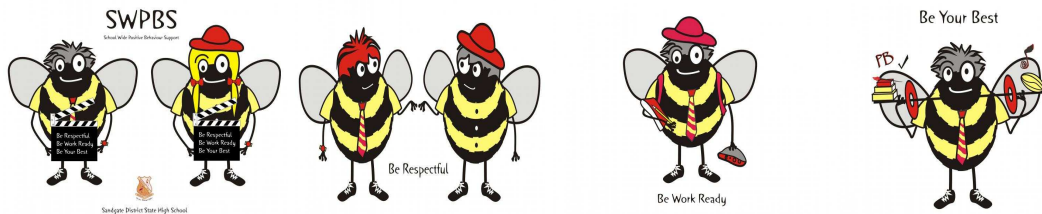
At a time where often the rights of the individual are deemed paramount, it is important to remember what defines us as Australians. The values of a "fair go to all", tolerance and appreciation of the strength that diversity brings to us as a nation, helps us to grow a sense of community and enables all people to contribute based on

their own personal attributes and strengths. I am proud to be principal of a State school which is respectful of all people and which helps all students to be work ready and to be the best they can be.

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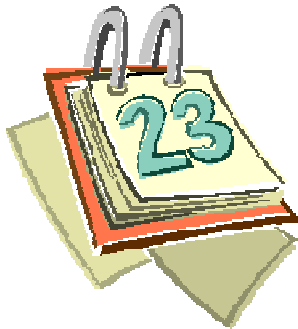
The AGM of our P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 March 2014 7:00 pm in the staff common room (above tuckshop). There is an opportunity to stand for election to the P&C executive. Filling an executive position is a fantastic way to help support the school.

Mrs Jeanette Gentle PRINCIPAL



**P&C MEETINGS | THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
7PM | STAFF COMMON ROOM | ALL WELCOME
AGM MEETING WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2014**

What's On 10 March - 28 March



Week 7

Tuesday 11 March 2014 | **ENEWSLETTER**

Tuesday 11 March 2014 | Junior Interschool Sport | Round 3

Wednesday 12 March 2014 | **SCHOOL PHOTO CATCH UP DAY** | ID Photographs only

Wednesday 12 March 2014 | Senior Interschool Sport | Round 4

Wednesday 12 March 2014 | Party Program | Year 11

Friday 14 March 2014 | Senior Art Excursion

Week 8

Monday 17 March 2014 | VTU Field Trip Sandgate Town Centre | Period 3 & 4 | Year 11

Monday 17 March 2014 | **WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE**

Tuesday 18 March 2014 | Junior Interschool Sport | Round 4

Wednesday 19 March 2014 | **P&C AGM Meeting** | 7pm

Wednesday 19 March 2014 | Senior Interschool Sport | Round 5

Thursday 20 March 2014 | Harmony Day practice | Period 4

Friday 21 March 2014 | **HARMONY DAY**

Week 9

Tuesday 25 March 2014 | Junior Interschool Sport | Round 5

Wednesday 26 March 2014 | Senior Interschool Sport | Round 6

Thursday 27 March 2014 | RST Lifesaving Camp | Year 12 | 2 days

Thursday 27 March 2014 | Boostrix Vaccination | All Year 10 students

Friday 28 March 2014 | German festival

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P & C Annual General Meeting Notice



Parents and friends are invited to attend the upcoming Annual General Meeting of our P&C.

- Wednesday 19 March 2014
- 7pm (General Meeting to follow)
- Staff Common Room (above tuckshop)

A message from the Minister for Education

2014 Next Step survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The *Next Step* survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the *Next Step* survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

John-Paul Langbroek | Minister for Education, Training and Employment

Debating

The Year Nine and Year Eleven teams competed in the first round of QDU debating last Wednesday night with both teams notching up a two point win. That is a wonderful start to the year. The Year Elevens managed the very challenging POIs (Points of Information) for the first time and certainly grew in confidence as the debate progressed. Mr Michael Bain is coaching the Year Nines this year and a number of new students will be participating in the remaining three rounds.

The Year Tens will be debating at Genesis this Wednesday night and the Year Eights next week at St Pats. Best of luck to students competing and well done to our year Nines and Elevens.

Thanks to our coaches and also the parents – Sandgate High generally has the best parent turn out.

Meg Daley-Reynolds | Debating Co-ordinator and Year 11 coach

Guidance Officer News

Years 10, 11 and 12

There are numerous opportunities for year 10, 11 and 12 students to engage in a myriad of experiences at a number of Universities, including The University of Queensland (QUT) and Australian Catholic University (ACU) at Banyo.

Students who are interested in exploring these opportunities further should speak to Mr Wishart (Guidance Officer).

Scott Wishart | Guidance Officer



Want to fast tracking your way to Tertiary Education?

Australian Catholic University at Banyo are offering **Year 11 and Year 12** students from our partner schools an opportunity to undertake a university unit whilst still at school. This is a great way to get a head start on your tertiary education, and experience life as a university student. There are no fees/HECS involved and you will receive 2 bonus points towards your QCE.

The following subjects are available- commencing in the June/July school holidays:

Subject	Intensive days at ACU
1. Arts- 2D Studies 1-ARTZ109	30 th June-3 rd July (Online support throughout)
2. Business- Principles of Marketing -MKTZ100	30 th June-3 rd July (Online support throughout)
3. Education-Children's Literature for Literacy-EDLZ108	30 th June-3 rd July (Online support throughout) 22 nd -24 th September (Online support throughout)

Applications close Friday 4th April 2014.

For further information please contact your Careers Advisor/Head of Department or

Maureen Davis, P: 3623 7668, E: Maureen.davis@acu.edu.au

www.acu.edu.au

School Chaplain News

Worlds Greatest Shave

There will be an event held at school Monday 17 March with professional Hairdressers shaving and colouring hair for those who have registered and raised money.

Ways you can get involved:

- Go online to www.worldgreatestshave.com and click on "join team: Sandgate High". Fill in the registration form and within two (2) days you will receive your official sponsorship booklet in the mail. (Remember to pick up your Parents' permission form from Chappy).
- Donate money to your fellow Sandgate Students or Staff members who are fundraising for this event.



- Ask your favourite teacher to sponsor you or ask them if you can shave or colour their hair if you raise a certain amount.

Last year we as a school, raised \$3000 for the Leukaemia and Blood Cancer group, let's see if we can do the same or even better.

Harmony Day

Harmony day is coming just a around the corner on Friday 21 March. This is a big day in the life of our school where we celebrate all of our different cultures. This is expressed through dance and music performances by our students, food stalls, music, Photo Booth, fun activities that bring our school community together and local community cultural group performances.

It should be a great day on Friday 21 March (gold coin day donation at the start of the day for ALL students to help contribute towards our Harmony day)

(Please remember each Wednesday after school there are auditions and rehearsals in the piazza)

Parent Evening

On the evening of Wednesday 26th March Local High School chaplaincy service are coming together to put on a Parent Evening. This parent evening will cover Managing Disrespect in the Home. This presentation will cover:

- *Why this generation doesn't think they are disrespectful*
- *Teenage aggression and ways teens bully parents*
- *A step by step guide to saying no to a difficult teenager*
- *A behaviour management system that actually works*
- *The importance of teaching teenagers to apologise*
- *The importance of winning the little battles*
- *Incorporating respect into your home routine*

Michelle Mitchell will be the guest speaker for the evening. "Michelle Mitchell has been featured on The Today Show, Today Tonight and Channel 10 Morning News, as well as countless print media including print media including The Age, The courier Mail and magazines. She is a regular contributor to Get Ahead kids, Prime Time Radio and 96.5fm's segment. As a speaker, Michelle is down to earth, energetic and passionate. Michelle was recently awarded Inspirational Speaker 2013 by the state government". <http://michellemitchell.org/>

When: Wednesday 26th March 2014

Where: 68 Barfoot Street, Bracken Ridge in the Multi-purpose Centre

Time: 7pm – 8.30pm

Cost: This evening is covered by the Chaplaincy Service

Tea and Coffee will be provided on the night.

We encourage all parents of students to come along to this special evening. It will be a great night with Michelle who also encourages guests to raise any questions they have on the evening. If you would like any more information please contact Trudi Howard or Stephanie Sweetman on 3869 7276.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Chaplain Andy | School Chaplain

Human Movement News

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Monash House for winning the 2014 swimming carnival and to all students who represented the school at Central Districts.

Mr Kiss | Human Movements Teacher



[Click on the image above to view slideshow.](#)

Metropolitan North Softball

Congratulations to Year 10 student Carly Schulz for being selected in the Metropolitan North 19 Years Girls Softball team to contest the State Championships in March at Downey Park. Great work and good luck Carly!

Mr Kiss | Human Movements Teacher

Cafe Ibis News

Breakfast is available each day from 8.15am.

Our breakfast menu includes: Toasties; Toasted Focaccias, Fruit, Yoghurt and a range of juices.

New additions to our breakfast menu are:

- Ham and Egg Roll \$3
- Milkshakes \$3



Absentee Phone Line 3869 9802

Sandgate District State High School has established a phone line to report student absentism. Please phone **3869 9802** directly to advise the school that your child will be absent.

You will be directed to a message bank, please leave a message ensuring you clearly state the students name, year level, reason for absence, dates absent and your relationship to the student.

Subscribe to our ENewsletter

We are excited to introduce you to our interactive, graphically rich, full colour, professional electronic newsletter.

To receive this service you will need a computer with internet access and email.

If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically, please use the link below to add your contact details.

http://mailouts.austnews.com.au/subscription/sandgate_district_subscribers.html

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

Student Exchange Program

WEP Student Exchange – A Once-In-A-Lifetime Opportunity!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2014/15 exchange programs for a summer, semester or year. Students can choose to study and live life with a carefully selected host family in more than 25 countries.

Exchange students return to Australia with maturity, confidence, and in many cases, proficiency in another language. If learning another language is not for your child, excellent programs to the USA, Canada and Ireland are also available.

I did it! 10 months in a foreign country, without knowing the language or culture. Thinking about all the amazing people I've met, the lessons I have learnt and things I have seen, I feel truly lucky to have been here living a different life. I have no regrets, as I have grown to be more mature, open to life and aware of the world around me. Despite it being hard, it has also been the best thing I have ever done for myself. I now feel ready to start life in Australia with a clearer idea of my strengths, weaknesses and my future goals. Exchange has really helped me define myself.

Alison (Moreton Bay College) year program to Italy

Become a WEP Host Family!

Experience the joys of hosting an exchange student and gaining an international family member. We have students arriving in July from Belgium, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Finland, Switzerland, Canada, France, Chile, Brazil and Argentina.

Find out More!

Request an information pack online or attend one of WEP's online or group information sessions. Visit www.wep.org.au to find out more.

Early Bird Specials are now available for programs commencing in 2015!

Web: www.wep.org.au

Phone: 03 9598 4733 / 1300 884 733 (cost of a local call)

Email info@wep.org.au

Upcoming Information Sessions

BRISBANE

Chermside Library
375 Hamilton Road, Chermside
19 February 7–8:30pm

Sunnybank Hills Library
Cnr Compton & Calam Roads,
Sunnybank Hills
19 March 7–8:30pm

Kenmore Library
9 Brookfield Road, Kenmore
2 April 7–8:30pm



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