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Welcome back after Easter

A message from the Principal...



It was pleasing to see the good attendance at school this morning and students returning to school well presented, work ready, with a smile on their faces and a sense of enthusiasm for what the new term will bring.

Term 1 Reports

Term 1 reports will be posted to parents the week beginning 28 April 2014. Parent teacher reporting evening is scheduled for Monday 5 May starting at 3:30 pm. Information on how to make interview appointments will be included in the post out.

P&C Meeting

The P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 April 7:30 Library, as our regular meeting time fell in the Easter holidays. Unfortunately, we are still **seeking nominations for the P&C Executive. The situation is critical.**

Unless we can fill all positions on the Executive, the P&C will cease to operate. This means the P&C will no longer run the tuckshop, the Music Subcommittee will not be able to operate and, as Principal, I will not have a

parent body to seek advice and consult with. It will be difficult for the school to apply to be an Independent Public School when we are unable to form a P&C, let alone a School Council. The P&C employs a very competent administrator to assist the Executive and I am sure the past Executive would be more than willing to assist a new Executive. I value the input of the P&C in the running of the school. For example, at the next meeting I will be discussing fees, dress code and models for information technology and curriculum delivery in 2015. Our P&C is a very friendly group of people who always have the best interest of our students at heart. Meetings are usually concluded by 8:00 pm and are run in a focused business-like manner. If you need more information please contact me on 3869 9888.

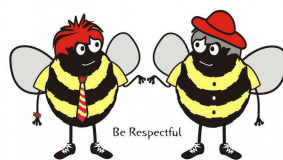
Transition to High School/Open Day

Next week and the following week, Year 6 and 7 students from local primary schools will be visiting Sandgate DSHS. This will enable students and their teachers to experience high school and get to know a bit more about Sandgate DSHS. Open Day is scheduled for Saturday 17 May 2014. Registration will take place from 8:30 am. Further information will be distributed to all Year 6 and Year 7 students in feeder schools in the next couple of weeks.

NAPLAN

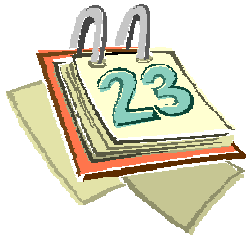
All Year 9 students undertook a practice NAPLAN test at the end of last term. The aim of the practice was to build student confidence to undertake NAPLAN 13-15 May 2014. NAPLAN testing gives teachers useful information on student strengths and weakness in numeracy and literacy and enables teachers to put in place intervention strategies where students need extra help. Please ensure all students attend the exam with the correct equipment including 2B or HB pencil, black or blue pen for the writing task, an eraser, a sharpener and a calculator for the calculator allowed numeracy test.

Mrs Jeanette Gentle PRINCIPAL



**P&C MEETINGS | THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
7PM | STAFF COMMON ROOM | ALL WELCOME
NEXT MEETING **WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 2014****

What's On 22 April - 9 May



TERM 2

Week 1

Tuesday 22 April 2014 | **SCHOOL RETURNS**

Tuesday 22 April 2014 | Junior Interschool Sport | Round 7

Wednesday 23 April 2014 | **P&C Meeting | 7pm**

Wednesday 23 April 2014 | Senior Interschool Sport | District Finals

Thursday 24 April 2014 | School Anzac Ceremony | 10.15am | Formal Uniform

Friday 25 April 2014 | **ANZAC DAY**

Week 2

Tuesday 29 April 2014 | Junior Interschool Sport | District Finals

Thursday 1 May 2014 | Inter-house Cross Country & Fun Run

Week 3

Monday 5 May 2014 | **Parent Teacher Evening**

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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 9885

A message from the Office

Student ID Cards

Student ID CARDS have been distributed to students. Students need to produce their ID CARDS when arriving late to school or leaving early from school. No ID CARD and a DETENTION will be issued for not being WORK READY. ID CARDS are also required for borrowing library and text books. If your student has not received their ID CARD they need to report to the office for collection.

Parent Teacher Evening



Parent Teacher Online

Over 5 million parent teacher interviews booked!

Parent Teacher Evening | Monday 5th May 2014 | 3.30 pm – 7.00 pm

Parent teacher interviews will be held in the Performance Hall.

Information on how to access the online booking system – known as PTO (Parent Teacher Online) has been posted home with the report cards. Parents/care givers log on to PTO via the school website or by using the following link - <https://bookings.parentteacheronline.com.au?school=sms2b>

When making a booking you will need the EQ ID number of your child. This number can be found on your student's ID card and timetable. If you experience any difficulty with the online system or do not have access to a computer, please contact the school on 3869 9888 for assistance.

Bookings open: 9 am Monday 28 April

Bookings close: 8 am Monday 5 May

Guidance Officer Appointments

Our Guidance Officer, Scott Wishart, will be available for appointments during the evening. If you would like to discuss anything with Scott, please contact the office for an appointment time.

SEP Teachers

The school office will be managing the appointments for Jamie Wylie and Kym Webb. To make a booking with either of these teachers phone the school office on 3869 9888.

Mr Jonathan Hatch | Acting HOD Strategic Priorities

Anzac Ceremonies



School Anzac Ceremony

An ANZAC DAY Parade will be at 10:15am this Thursday 24 April in the Sports Hall. All students are required to wear full FORMAL school uniform. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Anzac Day March

Staff and Students are invited to participate in the Sandgate ANZAC Day Commemorative March and Service on Friday 25 April 2014.

Please meet Mr Charlton in front of the Sandgate Courthouse in Keogh Street, Sandgate at 8.45am.

The march will commence at 9am from Keogh Street to Sandgate Memorial Park where a Service will be held.

Students are requested to wear Formal Uniform as they are representing our school. The Service is scheduled to finish at 10.15am.

It would be wonderful to see as many students as possible attend the march this year.

Magazine Team News

The Magazine team of Sandgate was a hive of activity last term. The group are responsible for assigning photographers to school events as well as collecting articles, proof reading and collating the images together to make a variety of eye catching pages. Thank you to all of the students who have jumped in front of the camera to have their photo taken; this has given us a wide range of photos to choose from and your enthusiasm makes all the hard work that goes into each page worthwhile.

There have been a number of firsts this year, along with new recruits to the team, the Magazine created the first photobooth at Sandgate for Harmony Day. With students donating a gold coin to have their photo taken, the team raised over \$180 for the Chaplaincy fund. This was a huge success and we would like to thank Ms Traci Harrison for her amazing photography skills

The team has chosen to bring the Magazine online this year. The Year 12s have been asked to write between 100-140 characters about themselves and enter it through an online forum. They have the choice to talk about their ambitions, favourites, school achievements or leave an inspirational message to future students. Can't wait to see what they come up with! Bring on Term 2!

Erinn Fogarty | Junior Editor School Magazine

School Chaplain News

Harmony Day

On March 21, our school celebrated cultural diversity with 42 students performing 17 different cultural music, dance and drama skits. We had 12 diverse food stalls from all staff departments and this year we added a photo booth with props.

Harmony day at Sandgate DSHS is always celebrated with peace, love and happiness. This eventful day was based on accepting everyone for who they are and their different cultural backgrounds. The day kicked off with a parade that included Cultural Captains giving the 2014 Harmony Day address, Welcome to Country by James Sandy, willing students and staff welcoming everyone in other languages and our wonderful school band played (inspiring student leaders and principals to get their Harmony day dance on!).

Motivational media gave out a message to be your best and achieve your goals during the morning. Outside School Groups included a Red Frogs speech, Bollywood dance instructors, Button Factory (lead by one of our year 12 students), Islander Dance Crew and a solo singing performer who shared her story of being bullied in school.

THANKS to all staff and students who made the day possible.

Overall a great day that I hope added to the lives of all students and staff; as we all continue to make our school more harmonious every day.

Chaplain Andy and the Harmony Day Committee

[Click on the image below to view more photos from Harmony Day.](#)



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.



Music Supporters Group

Rotary Youth Programs

Rotary Adventure in Citizenship

This is a Rotary experience for Year 11 students who are interested in

- Canberra, your national capital
- Our Constitution
- Your role in citizenship
- Australia's Parliament
- Learning about the work of Federal Members of Parliament
- Meeting fellow students from around Australia
- Sharing your passion and views
- Having fun

This is being held from Saturday 10 May to Saturday 17 May. Applications are now open and will remain open until Sunday 27 April.

Application forms and further information are available from the web site www.raic.org.au Look under the tab 'Participate' for the application forms. If you have any questions please contact me on 0408 034 080 or email raic.aus@gmail.com or phone Colin Holmes on 0408 756 120.

Dianne Ray | Rotary Club of Sandgate Youth Director

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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

WEP Student Exchange Depart on an Adventure of a Lifetime!



Choose from over 20 countries around the world to complement your secondary studies with an international, cultural exchange experience. You will be invited by a welcoming, volunteer host family to live and learn like a local teenager, attend school overseas and make new friends. You will return more mature, independent, goal-oriented and with memories and skills for life.

Early Bird Special – Save \$500!

WEP is currently offering Early Bird discounts for programs starting in January '15 to any of the following countries: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Application deadline: 30 May '14.



Find Out More!

Request an information pack, including WEP's FREE application form.

Visit www.wep.org.au

Call 1300 884 733

Email info@wep.org.au

Come along to a WEP Information Session!

CHERMSIDE	KENMORE	GOLD COAST
Chermside Library 375 Hamilton Road Chermside QLD 4032 30 April (7:00-8:30pm)	Kenmore Library 9 Brookfield Road Kenmore QLD 4059 2 April (7:00-8:30pm)	Merrimac State High Dunlop Court Mermaid Waters QLD 4218 7 May (7 - 8:30pm)

Hosting Is Fun!



Extend your family with a curious exchange student from Argentina, Italy, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Thailand, or South America. It's fun for the whole family!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved.

To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.



Gregorio with his host brother

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