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Learning in a Digital Age

A message from the Principal...



A previous federal government recognised that if schools were to deliver learning in a digital age, additional funding would be required. The funding covered the installation of infrastructure including wireless connectivity, technical support, software, training and 1-1 devices for students. However, when this program stopped, the funding stopped and schools have been left with the challenge of how to fund the maintenance of existing infrastructure, technical support and devices to maintain the existing level of service delivery.

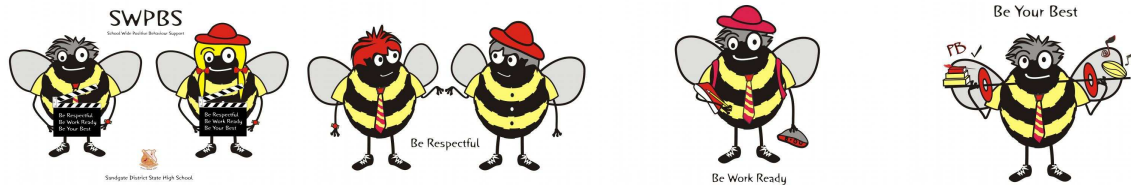
The disjuncture between what a school receives as a government grant and the actual cost of ICT delivery in a school is best demonstrated by the following. The ICT for Learning Grant for Sandgate DSHS is \$55000 per year. \$25000 of this grant is automatically spent on internet connection for the school and a Microsoft agreement for software. Next year the school will need to spend around \$500 000 to maintain computer rooms with high specification to run complex software needed to deliver the curriculum in subjects like Graphics and Multimedia, to deliver 1-1 Year 10-12, AA and Immerse IT Year 7-9, software licences, technical support, internet access, printing and repairs. This money will be raised by charging \$200 a student for 1-1 (at this fee the cost of device is not completely covered), through additional government grants for

Year 7 coming into high school, through income derived from renting the school and general income into the school. However, this is unlikely to be able to be sustained in the long term.

The future could be that students are required to "Bring their own device" to school. This would mean that parents would be responsible for purchasing a device which meets the specifications of the school. Instead of parents being able to "lease" a device over 3 years (e.g. at \$200 a year) as is currently the case, parents would incur the full cost of a device at time of purchase. These devices would be the responsibility of the student who would also cover the cost of insurance, repair, hot swap and maintenance. Currently the school covers the cost of this.

This is just one of the cost pressures impacting on schools and is at the heart of advocacy for needs based funding to state schools.

Mrs Jeanette Gentle PRINCIPAL



**P&C MEETINGS | THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
7PM | STAFF COMMON ROOM | ALL WELCOME
NEXT MEETING **WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 2014****

What's On

2 June - 20 June 2014



SEMESTER 1

TERM 2

Week 7

Tuesday 3 June 2014 | Winter Junior Sport | Round 3

Wednesday 4 June 2014 | Winter Senior Sport | Round 4

Thursday 5 June 2014 | Year 11 & 12 Vtu & Business | Dreamworld

Week 8

Tuesday & Wed 10 & 11 June 2014 | Northside Junior Music Camp | Performance Hall

Tuesday 10 June 2014 | Winter Junior Sport | Round 4

Wednesday 11 June 2014 | Winter Senior Sport | Round 5

Thursday 12 June 2014 | Year 10 Boys HPV2 vaccination
Thursday 12 June 2014 | Year 8 HVP2 & Chicken Pox vaccinations

Week 9

Tuesday 17 June 2014 | Winter Junior Sport | Round 5
Wednesday 18 June 2014 | Winter Senior Sport | Round 6
Wednesday 18 June 2014 | **P & C Meeting | 7pm**
Thursday 19 June 2014 | German Club Luncheon

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[CLICK HERE](#) TO VIEW OUR UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Preparation session (Wednesday 28 May)

As part of our QCS preparation program our university and tertiary-bound students were entertained and enlightened by Matthew Rigby on the 'secrets' of the short response component of the QCS test. Matthew is a highly qualified and experienced consultant who is working with our school to ensure the best possible results for our QCS students. The practical, hands-on session focused on strategies for responding to short response questions, time management techniques and how to write with confidence.

Judi Robinson | HOD Senior Schooling & Business



Literacy Tip for Parents #3

Language play and writing can be fun. Have fun with language yourself and share that sense of play with your teenager. Point out new words and phrases you come across in the newspaper or on the radio; share favourite song lyrics; get creative in naming a new pet or writing humorous gift tags or cards. If your teenager chooses to share their writing with you, point out specifically what you like best about the piece. Rejoice in effort, delight in ideas, and resist the temptation to be critical. Maybe you'll want to ask your teen to read the piece aloud. Make it clear that you are always interested in reading any writings they want to share with you.



(From the National Council of Teachers of English)

Kirsti Lines | Literacy Support Teacher

SELN Program

Hello Staff, Students and Parents of Sandgate District State High School, my name is Emma Venzke and I am the 'Student Environmental Leadership Network' (SELN) representative of this school for 2014. This is a program run by the Brisbane City Council which lets Year 10 Brisbane students gain the knowledge and skills needed to develop and lead behaviour change projects in schools. This leads to helping Brisbane becoming a cleaner and greener place, which is exactly what Lord Mayor Graham Quirk wants for this beautiful city. As part of this project at our school, an environmental fact will be put in the newsletter fortnightly. This will hopefully keep encouraging our community to take care of the world we live in. So, keep a look out for the facts, and remember to G.R.O.W - Get Real about Our World!

Emma Venzke | SELN Representative

VET Department News

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Luke Perry who recently signed on to complete a school based traineeship with a Certificate II in Horticulture. Luke spends one day per week working around the school with our Head Groundsman Dale Woods, participating in various tasks such as mowing, garden maintenance and planting. Luke even has the opportunity to drive the tractor as part of his traineeship! Here, Luke is hard at work beautifying the rotunda garden out the front of A Block. This qualification is a great pathway for Luke to move into landscaping or green keeping after school and it also contributes 4 points towards his Queensland Certificate of Education. Well done Luke!



In April, Nelson Smith, Will Anderson, Isaiah Hill and Caleb Boyd volunteered at St Oliver Plunkett Primary School Sports Gala Day in April. The Year 12 students assisted as part of their Certificate III in Active



Volunteering and it was especially gratifying for each of them to receive a letter from the Principal of the school to thank the boys for their exemplary efforts.

Will Anderson, Nelson Smith
and Isaiah Hill

School Based Traineeships available

Do you have an eye for detail? Have great Customer Service skills? Enjoy working in a business environment? Do you love Hospitality? If you have answered yes to any of these questions and are in Year 10 or 11, then you need to apply for these positions!!

Fitness Industry Training are offering School Based Traineeships for Certificate III in **Fitness** commencing in Term 3 at the following gyms - Jetts Kenmore, Jetts McDowall, Jetts Camp Hill, Snap Lutwyche, Jetts Goodna, Jetts Ashgrove, Jetts Brisbane CBD and Jetts Darra.

The following School Based Traineeships via **Mission Australia** are available to Indigenous students - Certificate III in **Business** at Chermside and Certificate III's in **Children Services** at Mango Hill and Deception Bay.

If you have a great attitude, a desire to succeed, an eye for detail, are extremely well presented and have a passion for Customer Service these School Based Traineeships may interest you. **Rydges Southbank** are offering a Certificate III in **Hospitality** and **Rosies**, Friends on the Street are offering Certificate III's in **Business**.

If you are interested in applying for any of the above positions, please see Samantha Churchill in AG10 or phone 3869 9834.

Samantha Churchill | SDCS Coordinator

School Chaplain News

Chappy week was held at school the last week in May. During the week the following events were held with the help of the senior leaders and teachers. Chappy week is a great week to hold different activities to highlight chaplaincy in the school and encourage students to be respectful, be their best and be work ready.

- Chappy verse student challenge
- Open mic competition with itunes voucher for the winner
- Teacher chocolate and coffee van treat
- Thursday and Friday Chappy breakfast
- Teacher verse students basketball game (13-12 students won)
- Red day where chocolate and soft drink was sold to help raise money towards chaplaincy events and holiday camps.
- And the classic jelly bean counting completion, well done to Sophie from yr 12 for guessing the closest at 1755.

Andy Pickard | School Chaplin





Have you seen this bike??



On Friday 23rd May, sometime between 8.15am and 2.55pm a bike went missing from the bike cage at school.

Bike Details:

- Mens Giant Boulder 3 Mountain Bike
- Blue, Black & white in colour.
- Has an extra reflector light under the seat.
- Only 6 months old

If you have seen this bike or know of its whereabouts, please contact the school office.

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.

Community Notices

Raising Teens in the Technology Generation



THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND AUSTRALIA

NEW STUDY!

RAISING TEENS IN THE TECHNOLOGY GENERATION

Help us understand the effect of technology on families!

ARE YOU THE PARENT OF AN 11-18 YEAR OLD?

Take our anonymous 30-minute survey about the influence of technology on parent-teenager relationships, parenting practices and teenager wellbeing.

You will answer questions about technology, your teenager's behaviour, their relationship with you and your parenting.

You can also ask your teenager to take part in a similar anonymous survey.

This research is completely voluntary and confidential.

TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY GO TO:
EXP.PSY.UQ.EDU.AU/PARENTTEENSURVEY/

For more information contact the research team on parentingteens@uq.edu.au.



Positive Parenting for Healthy Living with Type 1 Diabetes

Are you a parent of a child with type 1 diabetes?



Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children's behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P-Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child's illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study. Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes> for more information.

Badminton

Nundah Junior Badminton Club



WHEN: Fridays 5.30pm – 7.00pm

LOCATION: Nundah State School, Boyd Rd, Nundah

COST: \$6 per player (membership of \$40 applies from THIRD visit).

Mixture of coaching and fun

For more information or email info@brisbanebadminton.org. Please wear non-marking shoes, comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle. Rackets available for use at no charge.

FIRST TIME FREE IF YOU BRING THIS FLYER

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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