Principal's Honour Roll

A message from the Principal...

Students who obtain five (5) 'A's or more on their Semester 1 report card are admitted to the Principal’s Honour Roll. This year, 54 students have met the criteria and will be honoured in a presentation on 4 August 2014. Recipients and their families will have received an invitation to the presentation and morning tea. A list of recipients will be published in the next newsletter.

Year 12

Mr Jim O’Neill (Deputy Principal Studies) is currently interviewing all Year 12 OP eligible students and students at risk of not receiving their QCE. OP eligible students are being given information on possible OP and where they sit in rank orders. Students need this information when considering which university courses to apply for through QTAC. Students who are in the possible OP 1-4 range should be visiting university web sites and applying for any scholarship for which they might be eligible. Before submitting a scholarship application, students are advised to see Mrs Gentle. Students at risk of being ineligible for their QCE are being given explicit feedback on what they need to do to become eligible and a plan is being put in place to support students.
Year 9 Subject Selection Evening

As you know, the curriculum in Year 10 2015 is being restructured to better align to the senior school. On Wednesday 6 August commencing at 6:30 pm in the Performance Hall, a subject selection evening is being held. This will be your chance to get information on OP and VET pathways through the senior school and the subject selection which will be available to Year 10 students next year. It is important that parents and their Year 9 students attend.

Dress Code

The new school uniform will be available for purchase from the uniform shop in Term 4. Information will soon be distributed so that it is clear what the new requirements are. Students will be able to continue to wear the old uniform until it needs to be replaced during the transition to the new uniform period. Please remember that the sport shoe dress code is “predominantly black or predominantly white” sports shoe. Some students are purchasing grey shoes with bright colours which are not compliant with the code. Unfortunately this means that students will have to purchase another pair of shoes which are compliant with the code.

Mrs Jeanette Gentle
Principal

P&C MEETINGS | THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
6.30PM | STAFF COMMON ROOM | ALL WELCOME
NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST 2014

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### 2014 QUT Student with Potential Awards

The 2014 QUT Student with Potential Award is aimed at encouraging students to work hard at school and aspire to a university education.

Congratulations to the following students are recipients of the award this year.

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Year 10 recipients
Academic Awards Night 7pm - 5th November 2014

This premier event of the Academic Life of the school takes place on the first Wednesday in November each year, and recognises and rewards students' Academic success and achievement. The evening, run by the Year 12 Student Leaders, incorporates student performances, the Academic and Special Awards and a maximum of two speeches to conclude before 9pm.

The criteria for Academic and Special Awards are published on the school website, [www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au).

Students and teachers are able to nominate a student for such prestigious awards as Rotary Best All-Rounder (Year 10), Caltex Best All-Rounder (Year 12), ADF Long Tan Leadership Awards (Years 10 and 12) and Yvonne...
Levien Student of the Year (Year 12). Self nominations are also encouraged for these awards and also for the Evergreen Church Grants (Mathematics, Science and Education – Year 10), and Northgate Remembrance Lodge Bursary (Year 12).

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the website [www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au) or obtained at the student counter in the office.

Completed forms must be submitted no later than **Friday 19 September 2014**. All nominations will be considered by a committee of Administration, Heads of Department and Year Level Coordinators.

**Important Dates**

- ADF Long Tan Leadership Awards - Nominations closed Monday 21 July 2014
- Evergreen Church Grants Applications Close - Wednesday 27th August 2014
- All other Applications close – Friday 19th September 2014

**Uni outcomes - Private Education v's State School**

Click on this link to read an interesting article from 'The Conversation' website.

[https://theconversation.com/state-school-kids-do-better-at-uni-29155](https://theconversation.com/state-school-kids-do-better-at-uni-29155)

**Canberra Trip 2014**

A total of 52 very eager students from years 9 and 10 will be travelling to Canberra from 9th August. They will be participating in a wide variety of activities and programs that focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. They will also take advantage of a variety of Science-based facilities while in Canberra and Sydney.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

* Kent Bulger | HOD Science

**Magazine Update**

The Magazine team has had a big Semester One this year. Traditionally, Term 3 is the busiest time of year for the team and 2014 is lining up to be no exception. Now that the Year 12 write-ups have been collected, the Year 12s were given the unique opportunity to peruse through the top 15 entries and vote for the top three. We had an outstanding amount of responses to this which resulted in a range of votes going to all different write-ups which will be announced, in a creative way, in this year’s Magazine. The editing team met with a few publishers.
over the last couple of weeks and we are pleased to announce that Metro Printing has championed over the competition for the second year in a row. The pressure is now on for the team to produce pages!

Athletics Day, which is the last of the sports carnivals, was a big success! This year we had more photographers than ever before which means that we have an abundant amount of pictures! A big thank you to all the photographers who participated and a special thank you to all of the students and staff who jumped in front of the cameras, you made the photographer’s role a real pleasure and as a result, we are predicting a high quality double spread page for this year’s Athletics day.

The page-collation cycle is bigger than it seems. Did you know that every year, there is an average of 19,000 photos that need to be sorted and 45+ Magazine articles that need to be collected from staff, students and members of the community and each of these need to be proof-read by at least two people before they can go into a page? Stay tuned for the next update from the Magazine team!

Erinn Fogarty | Jnr Editor – SDSHS Magazine

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**Literacy Tip #6**

There was a recent article in the Melbourne Age newspaper highlighting the fact that in today’s society, proficient English language skills are extremely important in getting a job. Jim Bright, a professor and business partner, mentions that if a person’s English skills are poor, it limits their choice of occupation; are less-considered for jobs; and suffer social withdrawal, self-limiting and avoidant behaviour. He goes on to note that just one spelling or grammar error in a resume or cover letter can reduce a person’s chances of being shortlisted for an interview by 50%. Many jobs today require at least some sort of certificate, diploma, trade or degree, so both written and verbal literacy has become very important. Even in the sales and services sector, employers are looking for people who can interact with clients, articulate themselves well and even produce good quality written pieces for websites.

If you want to read the article in its entirety, here is the link: [http://www.theage.com.au/business/-zs5fo.html](http://www.theage.com.au/business/-zs5fo.html)

Kirsti Lines | Literacy Support Teacher

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**CUA Community Care Grant Program**

**Voting For CUA Community Care Now Open!**

Voting for CUA Community Care is now open and we’re keen to get as many votes as we can!

To recap, we have entered this community-focused initiative fun-run by CUA to be in the running to win $5,000 for a school project of our nomination – to **refurbish our school oval**, which is currently a safety hazard and in urgent need of repair. We’re up against 6 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner is determined by community voting, we need your votes!
To learn more about the program and our project proposal, please visit [www.cuacommunitycare.com.au](http://www.cuacommunitycare.com.au) and select our school from the drop-down menu.

Voting is simple. You can place your vote via this website or go to the local CUA Kippa Ring branch located at Shop J01, Peninsula Fair Shopping Centre, 272 Anzac Ave in Kippa Ring.

Don’t forget, every person can vote once online **AND** once in the branch. Also, please feel free to get friends and families involved and voting.

So, place your votes and help us be in with a good chance of winning $5,000 to improve our school!

Thank you for your support.

Student Environmental Leadership Network (SELN) Program

Environmental Fact #3

97% of Earth’s water is undrinkable salt water, 2% is trapped in ice caps and glaciers; only 0.003% of all the Earth’s water is fresh and able to be drunk. This shows we need to use our water wisely, because some people just take it for granted.

Emma Venzke | SELN Representative

Taoist Scholarship Information for 2015
1. Three scholarships are available - for Year 10 students only.

2. The grant will be directed to students whose aim is to study a Science, Mathematics or Education-based course at university and who will be able to contribute back to the Sandgate community through their professional work.

3. Each student will have $500 per year for Year 11 and Year 12 credited to the school account for expenditure on education purposes. For up to a maximum of four years of undergraduate study, each student will receive $2000 per year.

4. Are you eligible? :-

   • Do you have family circumstances which could be a barrier to your completion of Year 12 and gaining university entrance?
   • Do you have a level of academic achievement which is indicative of your potential to undertake and be successful in university study? You do not have at the top of your class to be eligible.
   • Does your SET plan reflect your aspirations to pursue a post-school pathway in a Mathematics, Science and/or Education course of study at university which will lead to employment (e.g. doctor, nurse, teacher, engineer)?
   • Are you interested in contributing to the Sandgate community after graduation (i.e. work in the Sandgate community, return to the school to tell their success story, mentor Sandgate students)?
   • Do you have high standards of effort, attitude, behaviour, attendance and punctuality?

Application forms are available on the school website or from Ms Mackay in the Performing Arts staffroom.

TIMELINES:

Wednesday 27 August: final date for submissions. Hand them into the Office.

Monday 8 September: short-listed applicants will be notified and interviews booked.

Friday 12 September: interviews.

Successful applicants will be announced at Awards Night in November

Student Exchange Free Information Evening
Rotary Club of Sandgate

RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is on next year May 2nd to 7th May at Luther Heights Camp at Coolum. RYLA is a five (5) day program sponsored by Rotary Clubs to develop leadership and social skills in young people 18 to 25 years old who are destined to be future community leaders equipped with the Rotary ideal of service to the community. Students who have finished Grade 12 or are finishing grade 12 this year and are interested are welcome to contact Dianne Ray | President Rotary Club of Sandgate for more information.

dianneray1@gmail.com

Absentee Phone Line  3869 9802

Sandgate District State High School has established a phone line to report student absenteeism. Please phone 3869 9802 directly to advise the school that your child will absent.
You will be directed to a message bank, please leave a message ensuring you clearly state the student's name, year level, reason for absence, dates absent and your relationship to the student.

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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.

Youth Support Coordinator Newsletter
What is YSC?

I'm Roger Bouth, Youth Support Coordinator (YSC) for Aspley, Wavell and Sandgate High. I began this role in 2006 and prior to that taught at Wynnum State High School. I look forward to collaborating with the school staff and community to support young people to remain engaged in ‘learning or learning’. The three areas I have found most effective to engage/support young people are:

Individual Support
Group Work
Community development projects.

The YSC program has changed over the past few years to meet the needs of young people and the expectations of the wider community, business, training and education.

Background
7 years ago the Department of Education and Training (DET) and the Department of Communities (DoC) introduced the Youth Support Coordinator Initiative (YSCI) as part of the Queensland Government’s Education and Training Reforms for the Future. A key feature of the reform was the requirement for 15-17 year olds to be ‘learning or learning’. The YSCI recognised that many young people in the compulsory participation phase of education face difficulties in staying at school or in making a transition to further education, training and/or employment.

New arrangements
Strategic use of the valuable services of YSCs is a top priority. In 2011 seven Regional YSCs were appointed.

In addition to undertaking front line work with young people, Regional YSCs will work with DET Regional Directors, principals, teachers, non-government organisations and other stakeholders to ensure that services are targeted at supporting young people to make a transition to further education, training and/or employment.

The focus of the YSCI under these new arrangements will be 14-17 year olds who have recently disengaged from education or training, or who are at risk of disengagement or not transitioning to work. The target group will include young people who have been suspended or excluded or whose enrolment has been cancelled and those with high truancy levels.

Up to 25 per cent of clients may be young people under 14 years.

Thank you to the YSC for helping me transition to alternative education. Next term I start at Music Industry College to complete my year eleven and twelve.

A year 11 student from our school.
Harmony Day

Aspley Harmony Day was a chance to share cultural diversity through activities, food and live performance.

Highlights included sharing some Indonesian recipes with year 9 students and listening to past students share stories of their own culture.

The youth support coordinator program provided funding for some workshops and equipment for live performances.

Harmony Day Sandgate District State High School

The youth support coordinator (YSC) worked together with school staff, the support team and chaplaincy to present cultural acts to the school. The highlight included cultural dance and stories of overcoming adversity. Singer-songwriter Erin Rens gave some practical advice about bullying. The YSC supported all rehearsal prior to the event, providing funding and production equipment. Thank you to chaplaincy and the support team.

Studio Sessions

“Community Development has many advantages. It can help identified goals and interests.”

After a successful Talent Quest at Wavell State High School, many students were interested in pursuing other creative platforms. ‘Studio Sessions’ is an opportunity for these students to have a song recorded and experience what is needed to create a track.

In collaboration with the music department the YSC program has recorded 7 tracks, this process will continue through term 3 with a ‘Studio Sessions’ CD to be release in 2014.

The YSC program has provided all the recording equipment for this project.

Young Men’s Group

Working in collaboration with Chaplaincy, school staff and community speakers. Each week we worked with eight year 9 Sandgate District State High students.

The goal of the project is to improve school engagement and to support social and emotional wellbeing.

The program themes include: perspectives (how the young men perceive themselves, how they are perceived by teachers, how to project positive perceptions) careers planning and community participation. We have been fortunate to have had a guest speaker share their story of growing up, becoming a business owner, winning art awards and sharing the importance of family.

Thank you to Andy Pickard (chaplain) for coordinating this project.
Are You Smarter than a 12th Grader

The project was lead and run by student leaders, inviting teachers to a quiz challenge. The program was based on ‘Rock WC’ (a well-known ABC television program) the quiz included:

- Quiz questions
- Singing the school uniform policy to a designated tune
- Physical challenges
- Sing the end of this song

It was a great opportunity for the students, teachers and support staff to collaborate on a project, enjoy the project and laugh together.

Around a quarter of all young people aged 16-24 years have a mental disorder (approximately 26% of 671,000 young people). (ABS)

Worlds of Work

Worlds of Work (WOW) is a national initiative that builds the skills and beliefs that young people need to make successful transitions into life beyond school. Over one intensive week, WOW takes Year 10 students on a journey that broadens their view on what it means to be successful in the changing world of work. This is achieved through facilitated workshops focusing on personal development and future employment. Conversations with employers from a number of Australia’s leading workplaces occurred all week. Through collaboration young people and employers alike learned that it takes courage, imagination and will to succeed in life and work. Thank you to Scott Wisker (Guidance officer: SORHS) for inviting me to this project.

Thank you WOW! I never thought I would get to speak to managers from IBM about their journey. I have a much clearer idea what I need to do to.

Careers day at Wavell

The Youth Support Coordinator program coordinated one of the careers day workshops. Inviting a lecturer from Griffith University (Vince Perry) and ‘signed artist’ and university Graduate, Travis Lee to chat to the year 10 students.

The workshop shared the journey of both guest speakers and engaged the students through a live recording workshop where a student was recorded live in the classroom to an instrumental track produced at the same time. The students enjoyed the process of recording and sharing it with the class. I particularly enjoyed the probing questions around earning capacity in the creative arts field.

Lecturer from Griffith university discussing course options and links to career paths.
Community Notices

Music By The Sea

There were 319,800 people aged 15-24 years who were enrolled in secondary school in 2012 but were not in May 2013. Of these school leavers, 75% had completed Year 12.

Sport n Feed

Aspley High School has been piloting the Thursday after school ‘sport n feed’ program. A way for the students at the school to engage in some active and healthy activities, and for the year 12 fitness students to lead and manage the project.

A big thank you to Greg and Gareth for encouraging the sports activities, Nigel from the local community centre for bringing down the music and mentoring some of the year 8s, Lauren for managing the kitchen and ensuring safe food practices, Liz for organising the fitness workshops.

The highlights have been:
- Seeing all the young people participate so enthusiastically.
- The year 12s in the kitchen so helpful and confident.
- Year 8 to 12s eating together on the 1 block hill and chatting.
- The teachers and support staff members working collaboratively.

The musical students coming down after practice for a ‘feed’

The consistent number of students attending each week, approximately 50.

This is such an excellent example of community development work.

The 10 week project was funded by the Youth Support Coordinator program and it is intended to continue into Term 3.

Backyard Bonanza 2014

Backyard Bonanza is an annual event which provides the community with a chance to interact with fellow residents in a fun-packed environment.

This year Cr. Amanda Cooper was kind enough to supply a youth area, where young people participate in community activities.

The Youth Support Coordinator program supported young people to perform on the youth stage, provided industry experience for a number of young people interested in events and stage management.

The highlight was seeing young people who have never performed at a community festival, get on stage, perform and be supported by their friends and family.

Chermside Mural

The ‘Walls and Colours’ program transforms Brisbane’s laneways and walls into imaginative, fun and engaging spaces. An exciting new art program has been incorporated into the wall at Chermside’s ‘kids space’.

This provided an opportunity for young people to be skilled in the planning and design of murals.

Thank you to Brisbane City Council Youth Team (Visible Ink) and Zillmere Community Centre for coordinating this project.

One of the most successful comic operas in history comes to Sandgate, as Music By The Sea presents an opera buffa - La Serva Padrona by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi, on Saturday 2nd August.

To celebrate the Empress of Austria's birthday back in 1733, Pergolesi (1710 - 1736) was commissioned to write an opera in which La serva padrona formed a two act intermezzo, however this section later went on to gain extraordinary popularity as a separate work.

This tale of two archetypal characters, the cunning maid Serpina and her aging master Uberto, has been very palatable to audiences around the world for almost 300 years.

Now, after a year of planning, a contemporary version performed by Hungarian born, Brisbane based soprano Judit Molnar, baritone Mark Howlett, music director Spiros Rantos and his musicians, and director Sharyn Henry, makes for good entertainment that is as relevant today as when the work was first penned.

Ms Molnar said "Mark (Howlett) has performed this opera many times before. I've sung a couple of the arias in Italian, but never in English. So, it's been a challenge for me to learn to sing in a new language. But everyone, including our director Sharyn Henry has been so supportive and so professional helping me master it."

"If people haven't seen opera before, it's a good one to start with. It's a simple comic opera with modern costumes. I wear a short black maids uniform, and Mark wears normal clothing, a shirt and trousers." she added.

The event commences at 7.30pm, at Sandgate Town Hall.

For program information and bookings: musicbythesea.com.au

Free Community Event
Ketsushin-Kai Karate

Learn the Correct Way

High quality instructors all taught by
Chief Instructor Sóchó Barraud, 7th Dan
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Junior and senior classes

Geebung State School Activities Hall
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Ketsushin-Kai Karate is a specialist Art that provides junior and senior students the opportunity to learn a unique range of skills and build overall strength and fitness.

In junior classes, children have fun while learning advanced motor and coordination skills with technique. Teaching also focuses on self-esteem, motivation and discipline.

Senior classes are more advanced, with students learning higher level technical skills. Physical training is more intense to help develop strength and overall wellness. Students also learn about principles of correct conduct, care and respect to assist them in their daily life.

Classes are run by experienced black belt instructors all personally taught traditional Karate by Chief Instructor, Sóchó Barraud (Seventh Dan) who has over 40 years experience in Karate.

Instructors are: N. Fichera (Third Dan), J. Bebbington (Third Dan), J. Plumb (Third Dan), L. Bohan (Second Dan), and K. Henning (Second Dan).

Good individual and family rates available.

Where: Geebung State School Activities Hall, 250 Newman Road, Geebung
When: Tuesday and Thursday
Time: Juniors: 6.30pm  Seniors: 7.30pm

For more information, phone 0422 817 150 or 0438 83 8445.