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Welcome to Term 4

A message from the Acting Principal...



For the first three weeks I will be acting Principal while Ms Gentle enjoys some long service leave floating down the Danube.

For our Year 12 students, term four is a short term which will have a significant impact on determining their senior exit results. For the majority of students it is a time to consolidate their excellent achievements throughout Year 11 and 12 as they head to towards their future pathways. For others, it is a final opportunity to meet the minimum requirements necessary to gain a

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). The QCE is currently the benchmark for employers that demonstrates that a young person has successfully completed senior schooling and achieved something meaningful from their senior studies.

To become competitive in an international economy, students need to realise that completion of Year 12 or Certificate I and II courses are stepping stones into adult education. For students to have the best possible chance of being employable in the future, further education and training is crucial. Further study may take the form of university degrees, TAFE diplomas, VET courses, traineeships or apprenticeships and may be part-time study combined with full-time work. The table below shows

how higher qualifications, be they tertiary or trade, lead to significantly higher employment levels for young adults and higher participation rates in the Brisbane labour market.

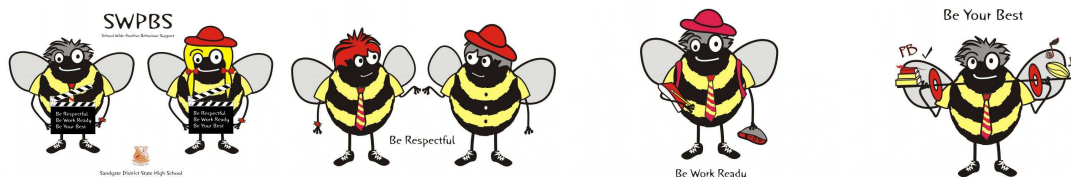
Qualification Level	Unemployment %	Participation %
Degree	3.5	89.5
Diploma	4.1	87
Cert III/Cert IV	4.4	89.8
Year 12	6.1	80.9
Cert I/Cert II	17.4	73.8
Below Year 12	13	68.8

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing

At a time of international economic uncertainty, our focus this term will be on ensuring the vast majority of our students leave Sandgate District State High School ready to set out along their pathway into the labour market or further education. This focus forms a significant part of our school vision of Expanding Horizons for all students.

A number of our Year 11 students have been involved in a variety of leadership activities over the last few weeks as we move towards electing our student leaders for 2015. Mr Stephen Smith, our Year 11 coordinator, recently organised for our aspiring leaders to be involved in some leadership challenges which involved an Amazing Race style scavenger hunt through New Farm and South Brisbane. Students were also involved in an outrigger canoe activity on the Brisbane River. We would like to thank the members of Brisbane River Dragons Outrigger Club for donating their time to work with our students.

Mr Jim O'Neill | ACTING PRINCIPAL



**P&C MEETINGS | THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
6.30PM | STAFF COMMON ROOM | ALL WELCOME
NEXT MEETING **WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2014****

What's On

13 - 31 October 2014



SEMESTER 2	2014	TERM 4
Week 2		
Wed 15 Oct	P & C Meeting 6.30pm	
Wed 15 Oct	Musical Dress Rehearsal All day	
Fri 17 & Sat 18 Oct	School Musical 7pm - 9pm	
Week 3		
Sat 25 Oct	Athlete Development Program Testing Day Yrs 7 & 8 in 2015	
Week 4		
Tue 28 Oct	Music Showcase 7pm	
Wed 29 Oct	Sports Awards 1.30pm	
Thur 30 Oct	Year 12 Rec Sport Canoe Trip 2 days	
Fri 31 Oct	Senior Art Exhibition 3.30 - 4pm	

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P&C News

SDSHS Response to NAPLAN 2014 Presentation

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008, with the assessment period occurring in May. The NAPLAN results were released in August this year, revealing mixed results by schools across the nation and raising questions about how individual schools roll out this program.

The P&C will host a special **SDSHS Response to NAPLAN 2014** information session with Acting Principle Mr Jim O'Neil at the next P&C meeting **tomorrow – Wednesday October 15** at the SDSHS library. We would like to invite you to attend this special presentation and Q&A, which will run from **6.30 – 6.45pm**, and general meeting to follow. Some of the topics covered include:

- How does SDSHS prepare students for NAPLAN?
- How to interpret results/what do the 2014 results say about our school?
- How can parents support their student in the lead up and during assessment periods in 2015?
- How will the integration of Year 7 into SDSHS in 2015 effect how NAPLAN is rolled out?

All questions welcome! Let us know you are coming and for further enquiries, please contact the SDSHS P&C on pandc@sanddistshs.eq.edu.au. We look forward to seeing you there.

Helpful NAPLAN Websites:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html>

<http://www.myschool.edu.au/>

Justyne Wilson | P&C President

Year 7 and Year 8 2015 Students

Athlete Development Program Testing Day

Sandgate District State High School Athlete Development Program 2014 Testing Day



If you are interested in being enrolled into the School Athletes Development Program, you are required to attend the compulsory Athlete Development Testing Day. The day will consist of a range of *Athlete Physical Fitness* tests that will determine your suitability for the program and guidance on any issues that may be of a concern.

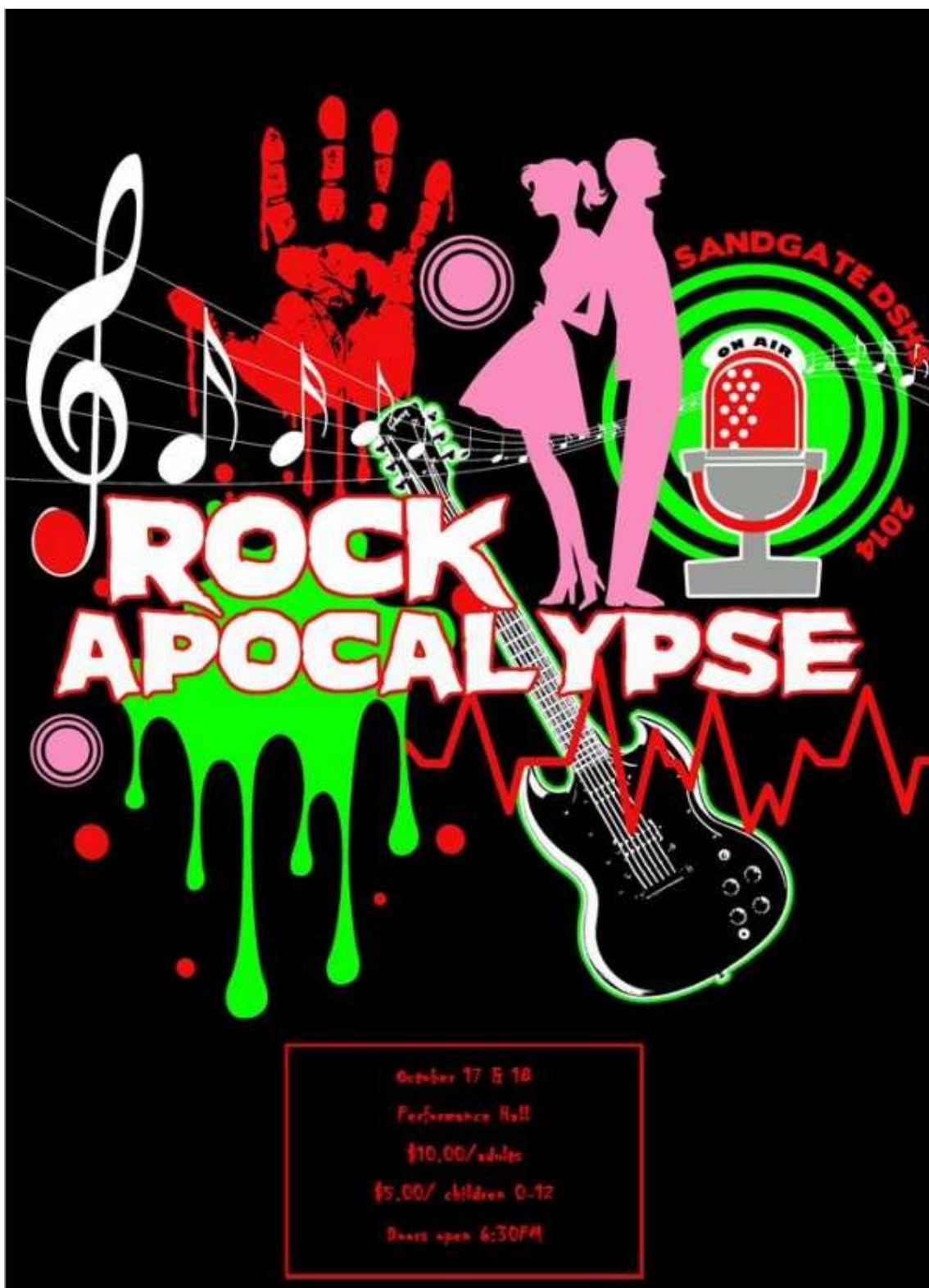
In accordance with our School's mission statement and core values, there are several requirements in the entry process that need to be met by applicant to be admitted into the Athletes Development Program.

The minimum requirements for the Athletes Development Program are;

- You must be registered with a sporting club in your chosen sport
- Demonstrated ability to follow the behavioural expectations of the school
- Demonstrate an enthusiasm and desire in being part of the program
- A desire to further advance their techniques, skills and personal fitness
- A final opportunity to submit a reference from your coach

Location:	Sandgate District State High School (Sports Hall)	
Date:	25th October, 2014	
Time:	10:00am -10:30am	Registration
	10:30am – 12:00pm	Physical Testing
Equipment:	Athletes are required to wear suitable training clothes and running shoes	

School Musical News



Come along to the school musical, a night filled with zombies, rock and roll and some teachers and deputies dancing around the hall for your entertainment!

Keep an eye out for any stray zombies that may have escaped over the next two weeks, they bite!

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased on the night. Be at the performance hall on the 17th and 18th of October when the hall doors open at 6:30pm for a night of fun!

Rock Apocalypse Cast



Left to Right: Blake Hadley, Siobhan Hagan (sitting on floor), Rosie McCrossin, Hayleigh Smith, Emma Venzke, Melanie Larose (sitting on bed), Cheryne Dela Rosa, Paul Orbeta, Aariki-Jack Johnson.

Blake: Ash Raimi | Hayleigh: Dawn Raimi | Aariki: Ricky Valiant | Paul: Dr. Barium Enema
Mel: Tiffany | Rosie: Klaatu | Emma: Barada | Siobhan: Nikto | Cheryne: Bub

Music Showcase

On Tuesday evening, 28th October, our instrumental students are presenting a concert that showcases their talents and achievements for 2014. All of our ensembles will be performing, together with some smaller groups, so you will hear a wide range of music played with enthusiasm by our young musicians.

As well as the musical items, we will be presenting important awards, including the Most Outstanding Music Student, Conductor's Awards and the Most Improved Student Award. Our Year 12 students will be farewelled and the music student leadership group for 2015 will be announced.

Wine and cheese and hot food platters will be available, courtesy of our wonderful Music Parent Support Group.

The concert starts at 7.00pm in the Performance Hall. Entry is by gold coin donation. All are welcome.

Ms Mackay | HOD Performing Arts



Sports Awards



On Wednesday 29 October our annual sports awards will take place in the Performance Hall from 1:30 -2:55pm. Award recipients should have received their invitation in the post. Parents are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony. All year 10 students will be in attendance.

Mr Roberts | HPE Teacher

Senior Art Exhibition

SANDGATE DSHS 2014 Senior Art Exhibition

THE LAST WORD POP UP ART GALLERY

3:30-4:30pm Fri 31st October 2014
LGo1 ART BLOCK

Please join us for the opening of
Sandgate DSHS's first POP UP ART GALLERY

View the amazing artworks produced
by the 2014 senior students

Ms Baker | Art Teacher



Danielle Tedim, Tanisha Vidale-Zissovitis and Haakiem Trinder with some of the artwork on display

Year 11 Leadership Activities

Late last term year 11 students were encouraged to fill out leadership applications for the roles of school captain, cultural captain and house captains. The response to the applications was enormous

with the 2014 students providing an exceptionally talented and competitive field. I have never before had the privilege of working closely with such an extraordinary group.



As part of the Leadership Development Program, the students travelled to Colmslie Reserve for a lesson in Outrigger Canoeing. Our hosts for the activity, the **Brisbane River Dragons Paddling Club**, were gracious enough to provide their time and expertise to ensure the students had an amazing experience.

Students had to demonstrate leadership over a variety of activities designed to test teamwork and thinking skills. A race through the centre of Brisbane culminating at the SouthBank pagoda saw the order determined for the next challenge – the dreaded speeches to the year level.

Motivating, humorous and eloquent speeches were heard and the assembled students voted. At this point I would like to say that I would be happy to work with any of the nominees in whatever role they have chosen to apply for and that I thank them for taking the time during an incredibly busy schedule to divert some energy towards the process. Candidates, your efforts have not gone unnoticed. The waiting game continues this week and the counting of the votes will soon decide who goes on to the final stage - interviews with a panel.

Special thanks goes to Tracey Horan (IT HOD), Chris Swalwell (SEU), Ray Zewe (Lab Tech) and Jon Hatch (HPE) for their assistance in the leadership process.

Stephen Smith | Year 11 Coordinator

Year 10 Social Justice Committee Term 3 Project

In term 3, the Year 10 Social Justice Committee were committed to raising funds for the RSPCA, who have a vital role in our society through the prevention of cruelty to animals by actively promoting their care and protection. Amazingly, in 2012 – 2013 the RSPCA received a staggering 126,673 animals in their 39 animal shelters across the country. With only 1% of their annual funding originating from the government, the assistance they receive from the local community is vital to their ability to the delivery of their services.

The school was amazing in their donations to the RSPCA fundraiser. A big thank you to everyone who donated to this special organisation and special thanks must go to the Year 10 Active volunteering class who, through their car washing campaign, were able to collect over \$200! As a school our total collection for last term was a whopping \$520! This blew our target of \$350 out of the water – what a great effort on Sandgate's part! We were very honoured to have Michael Beatty a representative from the RSPCA visit our school on Monday 13th October to accept the donations on behalf of this very worthy organisation.

With only 72 days until Christmas, the Social Justice Committee will be focusing on collecting gifts and monetary donations for the Kmart Christmas Tree Appeal this term. The Kmart Christmas Tree Appeal is in its 27th year and have so far distributed over 6 million gifts to families throughout Australia. This is a great cause and all donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to Ms. Fong. We hope you will take the time to support us in our collection for the Kmart Christmas Tree Appeal this term.

Ms. Fong and the Year 10 Social Justice Committee



RSPCA representative Michael Beatty with Ms Fong and students Sophie Stanton and Morghan Van Rossum



Year 10 Social Justice Committee with Michael Beatty and Acting Principal Mr Jim O'Neal

Human Movements

Year 10 HPE Swimming Reminder for Term 4

Year 10s enrolled in HPE will be completing **Level 7 Swim & Survive** for their practical unit in term 4. Parents, please ensure that students are Work Ready and have the equipment they require to complete this unit of work (*see below*).

The Swim and Survive unit is a Royal Lifesaving program that students have been working through since Year 8. The intention of this course, delivered through the HPE program, is to make sure that our kids have the tools to be able to enjoy water safely.

Equipment: Swimmers, towel, a rashie/T-shirt and a plastic bag to put wet gear into.

Mrs.Cameron's class swims on Mondays & Tuesdays

Mrs.Bowman's class swims on Thursdays & Fridays



Mrs.Cameron | HPE Teacher

Literacy Tip #10

Boys can be harder to teach than girls. Their brains are wired differently, so for female teachers and mothers it can make our jobs a little bit harder. At a recent Boys and Education seminar, a few helpful tips came out:

1. Boys are visual and physical learners. Use visuals to reinforce messages.
2. Boys communicate better if they are moving. Eg at home - kick a ball, go walking with them or even when driving, converse then.
3. Better communication with a boy happens not face-to-face but when side-to-side.
4. Boys respond well to women who are confident, competent but caring.
5. Don't hold grudges against boys who make a mistake.
6. Deal with problems ASAP.
7. Boys need reminding of boundaries and rules. They always try to push them.
8. Boys respond better if there is a connection with the female teacher or mother. Women have to work harder than males to do this. You don't have to be too friendly or accept bad behaviour to create this connection, however.
9. Good male role models are important. They need to show boys how to act appropriately.
10. Boys are easily distracted and often need refocusing.
11. They respond well to leadership roles.
12. The more and more a female authority figure talks, the more a boy disengages.
13. Boys prefer to practise a skill in private, not public.
14. Boys like to know when they do something good. Isolate the good from the bad.
15. Boys remember things learnt outside eg environment outside of classroom/house.

Kirsti Lines | Literacy Support Teacher

Student Environmental Leadership Network (SELN) Program

Environmental Fact #7



More than 2 million people globally die prematurely every year due to outdoor and indoor pollution.

Pollution is killing so many living things in our world. This has to change!

Emma Venzke | SELN Representative

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 students 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.



Community Notices



Music by the Sea

If you enjoy really good folk music, make sure you mark your diary for Saturday 1st November when Aria Award winner, songbird and folkloric explorer Kavisha Mazzella headlines for Music By The Sea.

Passionate about justice, Melbourne based Kavisha was awarded an Order of Australia in 2011 for her services to singing and song writing, reflecting the experience of refugee, multicultural and indigenous communities through performance.

Singing original songs, the lyrical ingredients of her style mixes a delicious blend of humour, poetry, social justice and spirituality.

The effect is an uplifting, boundary riding journey of well-crafted stories and songs ringing with echoes of Celtic, Fado, Italian and Gypsy influences that are the hallmark "Voice of an Angel" - experience of a Kavisha concert.

Born Paola Mazzella, she was just three when her father from the island of Ischia in the Gulf of Naples and Scottish-Burmese mother brought the family to Western Australia from London.

This Italian influence saturates her latest album Riturnella (The Swallow), influenced by a 19th century Calabrian song about a little bird that returns from migration to Africa.

She describes the album as being "Very earthy and somehow a relief to all the spin and glitter and glitz and the speed of our times."

"Mazella's voice has a wonderful purity of tone and can lift over a melodic line with bell-like, weightless grace."

Jessica Nichols - The Age.

"Irresistible, heartfelt collection of beautifully produced songs."

Robyn Johnston - ABC Radio National on "Love and Sorrow".

For program information and bookings: musicbythesea.com.au



Pine Rivers Community Education Classes

Term 4 enrolments are now open. There are many classes on offer in the following categories:

Career Advancement, Computer Skills, Craft/Hobbies, Fiction Writing, Dance, Fitness, Golf, Languages, Marriage Enrichment & Mental Health Support, Music, Personal Development, Relaxation, Welding

See the website for more information www.pineriverscomed.com.au or email Jenny info@pineriverscomed.com.au or phone 0432 116 973.

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