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Celebration Time at Sandgate

A message from the Principal...



Things have been very busy at school since my return from leave. I really enjoyed Music Showcase. Our instrumental program is going from strength to strength, with more students in Symphonic Wind Ensemble and greater diversity of instruments and repertoire in the wind ensemble. The Stage Band continues to get feet tapping and people wanting to dance and the percussion band was simply exciting to listen to. I am pleased to announce that Ms Debbie O'Shea (previously music teacher at Sandgate State School) is joining us as a Year 8 teacher and music teacher next year. Debbie will be focussed on developing choirs as part of the school music offering and managing the

instrumental music program.

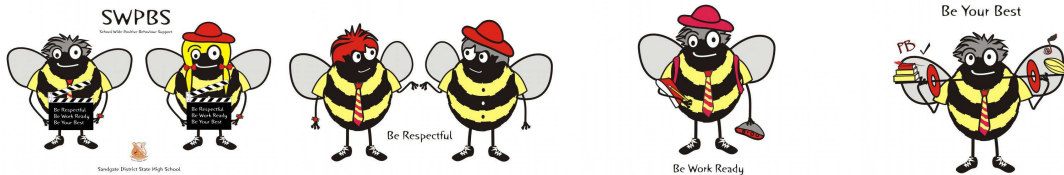
Awards Night is always a highlight of the school calendar. It continues to be a delight to report on the school's progress over the year and to celebrate the academic achievement of our students. There were a number of memorable performances on the night by Harrison Button on drums, Aariki-Jack Johnson and Tunoa Johnson singing (see our Facebook feed for a video of their performance) and a beautiful performance by the Dance Extension students. Sadly, this year's Awards Night was the last one to be organised by Deputy Principal Ms Liz Drew who will be retiring on 21 November.

Dance night was excellent. Twenty eight dances were performed with very smooth transitions between each performance. I particularly enjoyed Theresa Hebbard-Parr's performance "Shake it Off" and "Say Something" danced by Jocelyn Glencross, Rebekkah Law, Natasha Giannasca and Georgianna Berthaly-Martyn and beautifully choreographed by Natasha.

Our Performing Arts Department is made up of Briellen Bagdonas, Katie Mayoh, Emme Starkey, Deanne Thompson, Kelli Wyber and Amber Wasson. A number of these teachers work part-time but put in a full-time teacher's effort into extra-curricular activities. We are so lucky to have such dedicated professionals on our staff.

Next week it is Valedictory, Year 12 farewell parade and the Year 12 Formal. It is always with mixed emotions we bid farewell to our Year 12 students. They will be missed at school, but they also are ready to spread their wings and begin their post-school life. My best wishes for the future to all Year 12 students.

Jeanette Gentle | PRINCIPAL



**P&C MEETINGS | THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
6.30PM | STAFF COMMON ROOM | ALL WELCOME
NEXT MEETING **WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2014****



What's On

10 - 28 November 2014

SEMESTER 2	2014	TERM 4
Week 6		
Fri 14 Nov	G20 Public Holiday NO SCHOOL	
Week 7		
Mon 17 - 19 Nov	Year 12 Exams	
Wed 19 Nov	P&C Meeting 6.30pm	
Wed 19 Nov	Year 12 Valedictory Outdoor Piazza 5pm	
Wed 19 Nov	All Year 8s + Year 10 boys HPV3 vaccination 9am start	
Thurs 20 Nov	Year 12 Formal	
Fri 21 Nov	Year 12 Last day All Year 12 students must attend	

Week 8	
Mon 24 Nov	Year 11 Exam week
Mon 24 Nov	Year 10 Camp

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School Admin News



2015 Enrolments and Student details

Parents, if your student will not be returning to Sandgate DSHS in 2015 please advise the school as soon as possible.

If your student will be returning later than the first day of school in 2015 please let us know. This information is required for staffing purposes. Also please ensure we have the correct address and phone details.

C Dioth | Administration Officer

Senior Schooling News

Year 12

All results contributing to the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and OPS and FPs will be available in students learning accounts on the Student Connect website, <https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au> from **9 am on Saturday 20 December 2014**.

Students must know their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and password to log in and check their results.

Students will be able to access their results more quickly if they have previously activated their learning account.

Students will begin receiving their Senior Education Profiles in the mail from Monday 22 December 2014.

Year 11 QCS Practice Test

Two practice QCS tests have been scheduled this month for the Year 11 cohort in preparation for QCS in 2015.

The first of these tests will be held on **Wednesday 19 November** from **1 pm** in the Performance Hall. The students will be tackling a Multiple Choice paper. The second test will be held on **Friday 28 November** from **12.45 pm** and the paper will be a Writing Task.

It is extremely important that OP eligible students attend these practice test sessions. The papers will be marked and valuable feedback given to the students. The results of these tests also help to inform the preparation program in 2015, to highlight key areas we need to focus on to help the students develop their QCS skills. A note has gone home to parents with the relevant dates and times.

Year 12 School Leavers

There are currently a large number of TAFE courses and Certificate III courses available to Year 12 school leavers. We are also continuously receiving full time work, apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities for 2015. Once year 12s leave we will be unable to advertise these opportunities unless we have a non-eq email address and students have indicated they want to receive information regarding future options. Any year 12 students who are interested in receiving email updates on 2015 vacancies/courses are to see Sam in AG10 or email her on schur39@eq.edu.au

Ms Robinson | HOD Senior Schooling/VET/Business

P&C News

Invitation to End of Year Informal Meeting

Please join us for our end of year informal drinks and get together at the **Cardigan Bar** - 198 Seymour Street, Sandgate on Wednesday 19 November from 7pm. This is largely an informal gathering and getting to know you occasion, so if you have not yet attended a P&C meeting, here is a great chance to come and say hello! There will be some business to attend to, so you will also get to see how we operate in a casual environment.

If you are planning on attending the Annual Valedictory event we have scheduled our meeting a little later than usual in the evening so that you can join us afterwards. We are able to order take out (Thai and Pizza) to have at the bar, so it is sure to be a great night. For more information, please contact us on pandc@sanddistshs.eq.edu.au, or alternatively have a look at their website <http://www.cardiganbar.com>

Justyne Wilson | P&C President

Senior Valedictory

Year 12 Students and their families are invited to attend the 2014 Senior Valedictory on Wednesday 19 November, in our Outdoor Piazza, commencing at 5pm.



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Valedictory Ceremony

*We invite you to attend the
Annual Valedictory of 2014*

in the

Sandgate DSHS Outdoor Piazza.

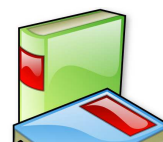
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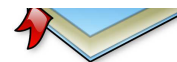
*Expanding
Horizons...*



Library and Text Hire News



2014 has seen strong borrowing from the Library and Text-hire, with our collection of new manga / graphic novels in high demand. However, final return dates for 2014 loans are fast approaching.



For Year 12 students, all library and text-hire loans are due back by 14 November 2014. Students attending block exams should return books to the collection box in the Hall, or to the Library. Please ensure that you are returning *your textbook copy* by checking the name written inside the cover.

Years 10 & 11 students should return books by 21 November.

Years 8 & 9 students should return books by 28 November.

Please assist us to ensure adequate texts will be available for borrowing at the start of the new school year by returning this year's loans when due, so that we have time to check and clean books.

We encourage you to check your local library for borrowing over the summer vacation and to register with them if necessary for any of the many popular programs they run.

Mr B Hoad | Teacher Librarian

Literacy Tip #12

A recent article in *The Age* newspaper, by Benjamin Preiss, titled '*Victoria's VCE Students Open Their Study Diaries As Exams Begin*', gave some insight into Grade 12 students preparing for their final exams and subsequent advice. The following quotes are from some of these Grade 12 students who wrote open diaries to the newspaper:

"I am organised, making my VCE journey much easier than it would otherwise have been."

"I prioritised my workload and forced myself into bed at a reasonable hour."

"A balanced school life, social life and rest helped me survive the year."

"Organisation has been the key."

"Keeping my books organised and listing the dates of my assessment tasks and exams on a big whiteboard to stay on track."

"Revision notes helped me to learn."

"I shifted my priorities."

"I dedicated more time to my weaker subjects."

"Taking a break from study and being able to relieve stress was important and going to the gym was a great escape."

"Spending my study time wisely so I could still hang out with friends and family was crucial."

"As exams approached, I continued revising and checking in with teachers to make sure I was on track. Avoid cramming."

"For me, the most important reason why Year 12 is the best year is because friends and teachers are going through the same torture as you."

Kirsti Lines | Literacy Support Teacher

Dance Night Photos

[Click on the image below to view more photos from Dance Night](#)



Language News

iPod Winner



After an exciting evening of top awards going to top students I can also make a final announcement for one of our senior students of German.

Big congratulations to Vishaal Narayan who has won himself a 2GB iPod shuffle in the recent World Languages League monthly prize draw!

Thank you from Sandgate District State High School to Language Perfect for their wonderful encouragement and endeavours to promote the learning of languages worldwide.

Ms Phillips | German Teacher



Student Environmental Leadership Network (SELN) Program

Environmental Fact #9

Approximately 100,000 square kilometres of rainforests are being destroyed each year.

Unnecessary deforestation is destroying animal and plant life, which isn't right.



Emma Venzke | SELN Representative

Lions Traditional Cakes and Puddings



Lions traditional Christmas Cakes are packed with 50% fruit containing mixed fruit, sultanas and raisins. The Traditional Puddings are made with 45% real fruit and contain no artificial colours or flavours. Support the community and buy one today.



900g Puddings \$12 each | 1kg Cake \$12 | 1.5kg Cake \$16

To order please see Mrs Dargusch in the office.

Win a trip to Gallipoli in 2015

WIN
\$25,000 ONCE IN
A LIFETIME TRIP
BE AT GALLIPOLI
FOR THE 100TH

Like AUSTRALIA IN
THE GREAT WAR
TO UNLOCK THE COMPETITION
AND ENTER TO WIN
Terms and Conditions at australiagreatwar.com.au

GALLIPOLI 2015

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY
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AUSTRALIA
IN THE
GREAT WAR
1914-1918

A PROUD HISTORY OF SERVICE
and the battle goes on

NOTE: The prize does not include access to the official dawn service on Anzac Day

A once in a lifetime opportunity to be at Gallipoli next Anzac Day

You can win a trip for two to Istanbul and Gallipoli in April 2015 by visiting the Australia in the Great War Facebook and just clicking to enter.

Competition closes 11 November 2014 so hurry to enter.

Anzac day 2015 will be a special time as we commemorate 100 years since the Gallipoli landing and being there will be an amazing experience.

www.facebook.com/AustraliaGreatWar

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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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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 launched into the 21st Century and set up official Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Regular updates from the school calendar and messages about upcoming events are fed into the social network. 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

Guitar Teaching Website Awareness



Create and Improvise

Your Own Guitar Music

Start Now...For FREE!

Playing your own music is FUN...

...so you learn faster, remember more, and enjoy practice!

Also, discover the 'WHY' of song making... and learn others songs more easily!"

- **All the greats create their own**
- **Have others look up to you**
- **Be original and lead the way**



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