2015 Excitement

A message from the Principal...

Next year will be a very important year in the school's history. We will be welcoming at least 180 Year 7 students into high school, as well as around 120 Year 8 students.

Important dates are as follows:

Wednesday 3 December 2014: Year 6 Sandgate High Orientation Day.

Thursday 4 December 2014: Year 7 Sandgate High Orientation Day.

Students will be given information packs on these days including information on Welcome to Sandgate BBQ, school camp, stationary list, timetable, uniform shop opening hours and some handy hints to help students successfully transition to high school.

Tuesday 27 January 2015: First day of high school for Year 7 and 8 students. Students should wear their formal school uniform. Year 7 students will go to the Sports Hall and Year 8 students to the Performance Hall. Senior Leaders will attend on the day to assist our new students to settle into the school. The rest of the school will start the next day and should go to the Sports Hall.
Wednesday 11 February 2015: Welcome to Sandgate BBQ. The emphasis of this BBQ is to share a sausage and meet teachers, other parents, your child’s new friends and members of the P&C. In addition, during the year, there will be many opportunities for parents to be actively involved in the school through invitations to visit classes and attend special events, parades and celebrations.


Wednesday 4 March – Friday 6 March 2015: Year 7 transition camp Ewen Maddock Dam (Approx. cost $230-$240).

Uniform

In 2015 the new formal school uniform is required to be worn by all Year 7, Year 8, Year 11 students and Senior Leaders. Other students are able to continue to wear the old uniform until that uniform needs to be replaced.

School Uniform shop (phone 0410 514 598) hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00-10:00 am. January 2015 trading days are 19 January to 23 January 9am -3pm. Be aware that the school is paid a percentage of sales for uniforms purchased from the school shop. However, if you cannot access the school shop, uniforms can be purchased from “wearitto” 41 Kirby Road Aspley. Uniforms can also be purchased on-line at www.wearitto.com.au

As this is our last newsletter for the year, may I take the opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas break? It has been a fantastic year at Sandgate and we look forward to 2015 with great excitement and enthusiasm as we establish our new school structure of the Junior School (Years 7-9) and the Senior School (Years 10-12).

Jeanette Gentle | PRINCIPAL

What's On

24 November - 12 December 2014
Week 8

| Mon 24 Nov | Year 11 | Exam week |
| Mon 24 Nov | Year 10 | Camp |

Week 9

| Wed 3 Dec | Year 6 Orientation Day |
| Thurs 4 Dec | Year 7 Orientation Day |

Week 10

| Fri 12 Dec | End of School Year |

HAVE A SAFE and HAPPY CHRISTMAS

School Returns: Tuesday 27 January (Yrs 7 & 8 only)
Wednesday 28 January (whole school)

CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR CAFE IBIS MENU

CLICK HERE TO VIEW OUR UNIFORM PRICE LIST

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

P&C News

Holiday Notice and Thanks
On behalf of the P&C, I would like to extend our wishes for a safe and happy holiday period. As we look forward to our days being filled with sunshine and relaxation, it is the perfect time to reflect on the great things we have achieved this year.

Firstly, congratulations to the students and families of graduating Year 12’s 2014 cohort – what an achievement! It is obvious from the celebrations and awards of the last weeks that your time at SDSHS has moulded you into the fine young people you are today and can now go forth with confidence and abilities to succeed in life.

To valued staff members who are leaving us - We give our thanks to Emily Prindable our administration officer who has been with us 7 years and assisted the P&C greatly in book keeping and tuck shop. Emily will be sorely missed. We also extend our thanks to the lovely Liz Drew for her 17 years of valuable service to the school in her capacity as Deputy Principal. We wish Liz all the best in upcoming endeavours.

Last, but certainly not least, we would like to give our thanks to our dedicated tuck shop team, led by Sheree Tregoning, who has given many years of service. All year round they keep our kids fed with friendly and efficient hospitality, they are a vital part of the school environment. The Tuckshop is our main source of fundraising and we urge you to support it in any way you can.

Our first meeting back will be **Wednesday 6.30pm, 18 February 2015** at the School library – we hope to see you there.

**P&C News**

We are very excited to announce that at our last meeting for the year on November 19 2014, we have agreed to go forth with the fee proposal with Mode Design for the creation of a Master Plan for the Creative Arts Precinct at SDSHS. This incorporates replacement/refurbishment options for the Performing Arts Hall, Music and Visual Arts buildings, which we hope to accomplish in staged implementation. This is the first step towards what will be a massive undertaking, and will greatly contribute to building our school into a world class education facility. For more information – please contact us on **pandc@sanddistslhs.eq.edu.au**.

*Justyne Wilson* | P&C President

**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
Academic Awards Night

Congratulations to all of our Academic Award recipients and performers at the recent Academic Awards Night. A very special congratulations to our 2014 Dux of the School, David Watts!

2014 Dux of the School - David Watts with Principal Jeanette Gentle

Wayne Swan Perpetual Award for the Year 11 top Academic Student - Georgianna Berthaly-Martyn
Victoria Newton Award for the Year 10 Top Academic Student - Jesse Moss

Yvonne Levien Student of the Year Award - Harrison Button
School Captains for 2015

From left Abigail Pycroft (Vice Captain); Julie Lindner (Captain); Christopher Abbey (Captain) and Jayden Hancock (Vice Captain)

Click here to view more photos from Awards Night

Language News
Polyglot – why would you bother to become one?

To be able to see the world in different ways, not just one way but in many different ways, is but one of the advantages a polyglot has over single language speakers.

I still get asked why we teach languages in schools when the trend apparently is that English is becoming the global world language. Brisbane has just completed the G20 summit and representatives from other countries spoke in English. Angela Merkel even had a beer in a bar and spoke with young Australians.

I remember arriving in Australia many years ago speaking ‘the Queen’s English’ with a few utterances, such as ‘How do you do?’ That was a long time ago and since I have achieved being bilingual and this enables me to view the world from a couple of perspectives. I think that this has positive aspects that contribute to me being a global citizen. Language is embedded in the culture of a country and culture is embedded in the language of a country and at times the two are difficult to tease apart. Ask a language student about this point at our school and you will soon find out that we have many interesting discussions in our classrooms about culturally embedded aspects in the language learned. Hence students get to view the world we live in from another perspective.

I came across the following article about an amazing man called Matthew Youlden and he has this to say about the benefits of being able to communicate in many languages:

“Therefore, having learned other languages and been surrounded by other languages, I couldn't possibly choose only one language because it would mean really renouncing the possibility to be able to see the world in a different way. Not in one way, but in many different ways. So the monolingual lifestyle, for me, is the saddest, the loneliest, the most boring way of seeing the world. There are so many advantages of learning a language; I really can't think of any reason not to.”

To read the full article and watch the video where you can see him demonstrate his ability at being a polyglot, please click on the following link.


Ms Phillips | German Teacher

Tuck Shop News

The final day for Tuckshop this year will be Friday 5th December. For the remainder of the term we will be providing a limited menu so we encourage students and staff to use the Pre-Order system. Orders can be placed and paid for at the Tuckshop before school.

The Tuckshop Staff would like to thank students and staff who patronised Cafe Ibis this year. A special thanks also to our 5 volunteers, your assistance is greatly appreciated.
We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you at Tuckshop in 2015.

Sheree Tregoning | Cafe Ibis Manager

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.

Year 12 Formal

Congratulations to all of our Year 12 class of 2014, we wish you every success for your futures.
2015-16 Swiss/German student exchange
2015-16 Queensland Swiss/German student exchange program

Are you a Year 11 student studying French, Italian or German?

Would you like to improve your language skills?

Do you want the opportunity to host an overseas student?

The Queensland Swiss/German student exchange program could be for you!

This student exchange program is a reciprocal program with students from Switzerland or Germany.

We are currently celebrating eighteen years of hosting international students and sending Queensland students abroad.

The program gives you the opportunity to:
- improve your understanding and speaking of French, Italian or German languages
- experience the customs and culture of a non-English speaking country in Europe
- connect globally and make new friendships.

Year 11 students and their families will host an international student from Switzerland or Germany for nine weeks. Queensland students then travel to either Switzerland or Germany and live with their exchange partner’s family for nine weeks.

The Swiss/German exchange program is for the purpose of educational, linguistic and cultural advancement.

Indicative dates and costs:
- Queensland hosting period Friday 24th July 2015 – Saturday 26th September 2015
- Queensland students travel period Saturday 21st November 2015 – Sunday 24th January 2016
- Approximate costs: $3,950 inclusive of flights, transport and insurance.

To register your interest email
InternationalServices@dete.qld.gov.au
or for more information contact:
(07) 3513 5729 or (07) 3513 5730

Great state. Great opportunity.

Sandgate District State High School Newsletter

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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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.


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

Application/Invitation for RLSSQ Water Safety Officials
QSS Triathlon Water Safety Student Official Application 2015

In an attempt to recognise the qualifications and skills of students attending Queensland Schools, QSS Triathlon Committee is inviting suitably qualified students to participate at the QSS Triathlon Championships (Hervey Bay) as RLSSQ Water Safety Officials. Selected students will be under the guidance of a Schools Student Officials Manager, and the Hervey Bay Surf Lifesaving Club Captain in an official capacity at the 2015 Queensland Schools Triathlon Championships from 19th – 21st February 2015. Students will be required to arrange their own transport to the venue, however billet accommodation can be arranged if required. (A copy of the championship schedule and information for students, parents, officials, should accompany this form).

**Student Qualifications:** In order to apply for this position, students will need to:-

- Attach a copy of your ‘current’ RLSSA Certificate 11 in Aquatic Practices.
- Obtain a signature from a RLSSAQ Surf Club Representative (Patrol Captain / Club Captain / Education & Training Officer) and written endorsement for your application.

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**Endorsement (Surf Club Representative) Name** | **Position** | **Signature** | **Date**

**Statement of Endorsement**

For further information about this opportunity please contact:-

**Kim Beckinsale** (Chair QSS Triathlon Committee) Ph 54404219 Email kbeck2@eq.edu.au or

**Mr Steve Steel** (QSS Student Manager Official) Ph 54404215 Email steele31@eq.edu.au or

In order to be considered for this opportunity please complete, scan and return form to Kim Beckinsale (Chair QSS Triathlon Committee) or Steve Steel (QSS Student Manager Official) by **Friday 30th January 2015** preferably via email or alternatively via post to Kim Beckinsale, Queensland Schools Triathlon Q/O Sunshine Beach SHS 45 Ben Lexen Drive Sunshine Beach 4567

Raiders All Stars Netball Sign On Day
Music By The Sea
Music By The Sea Festival 2015 is on 9th, 10th and 11th January at the iconic Sandgate Town Hall. This is the 13th annual festival and once again brings international and Australian artists to Sandgate. The program is exciting and diverse, and as always, we believe it will cater to all musical tastes.

Opening on Friday night, the program kicks off with Jaron Freeman-Fox & The Opposite of Everything from Canada. Jaron’s fiddle playing is something to behold.
Saturday opens with a morning raga by Sarangan Sriranganathan (sitar) & Bobby Singh (tabla). Highlight of the day’s program is *FourPlay String Quartet* - an indie rock band that just happens to be a string quartet. *Mantratonic with the legendary Sandy Evans* is a stellar addition.

Sunday morning opens with the heavenly music of two viola da gambas, a theorbo and a lute by the *Ensemble Re-creation*. Exquisite Sydney artists - *Acacia Quartet* are back, followed by our own young Brisbane award winning concert pianist, Alex Raineri. Sunday evening features the *Orava String Quartet*, now Brisbane based as Quartet in Residence with the Camerata of St John’s Chamber Orchestra. And the festival closes a great weekend in air conditioned comfort with one of Australian finest pianists - *Tamara-Anna Cislovska* (pictured) who performs works by Peter Sculthorpe from the recently released album of his complete works for solo piano.

Ticketed performances are at the *Sandgate Town Hall*. Free performances are on at local venues - *Cardigan Bar*, 198 Seymour St., Sandgate - *Matthew Thomas Cafe*, 198 Seymour St., Sandgate - *Eclectic Tea Cafe*, 15 Gladstone St., Brighton.

Tickets sell online from mid November at *musicbythesea.com.au*. Also, from 3rd December tickets will be available at *2 Knox St., Sandgate*, next to the Railway Station. Open Wednesday to Saturday, 7am to 11am.

Media Liaison – Donna Phillips - media.musicbythesea@gmail.com – (07) 3269 7224

Sandgate PCYC Workshops and Chill Out

At Sandgate PCYC we are keen to get more young people on board. We have some great facilities (a new gym opening in January 2015), offer some great opportunities for personal development as well as involvement with local community.

Our Youth Team are running a free sausage sizzle - 10-1pm Saturday 29 November at Deagon Skate Bowl. We are trying to encourage young people to come along have a free sausage and chat.

During the school holidays we are running workshops as per flyer and we will give free PCYC membership for 12 months to any child attending 2 or more days.

Also, we will be running the chill out program through BCC and will have; *Fishing* 16th Jan 8.30-10.30am - $5. *Pottery* 8.30-9.30am Monday 19th - $5. *Gymnastics* 2.30-3.30pm Tuesday 20th – free. Limited numbers so bookings essential.
SANDGATE PCYC January summer SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

FULL DAY WORKSHOPS
LIMITED SPACES
BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

Prices per Week:
1 Day  - $35
2 days  - $65
3 days  - $90
4 days  - $110
5 days  - $125

Monday – Friday 8.30am-3.30pm
Morning Tea Included!!
5 years – 14 years

Please bring: lunch, hat, running shoes, water bottle and sunscreen
PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A NUT FREE AREA - NO FOOD BROUGHT ONTO THE PREMISE IS TO CONTAIN NUTS

Workshops Include:
Pottery & Craft Activities
Giant Games
Tumbling & Trampoline skills
Gymnastics & cheerleading
Soccer, Softball, Volleyball
Martial Arts
Drumbeat
+ incursions and excursions
EXCURSIONS – EXTRA – PLEASE SEE PROGRAM FOR PRICING

5 days of non-stop FUN!
Monday 12th January – Friday 16th January
Monday 19th January – Friday 23rd January

Come and have some fun, make friends, get fit and lots more!!

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AGENDA AVAILABLE – subject to change
Christmas in Sandgate