Supporting Our Students

A message from the Principal...

One of the strengths of Sandgate is our support of students. The student support team is made up of Mr Scott Wishart (Guidance Officer), Mandy Trempus (School Nurse), Adrienne Harries (School Based Police Officer), Mr Roger Boum (Youth Worker, being replaced by Sara Waller term 2) and Mr Andy Pickard (Chaplain).

The chaplaincy is funded by the federal government two days per week only. The number of days which the chaplain can be employed beyond this is determined by the level of community contributions. Unfortunately, this funding can only support the chaplain’s employment for one extra day, beyond the two federally funded days. A Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) is made up of a wonderful group of locals who co-ordinate fund raising efforts at both Sandgate and Bracken Ridge high schools. The LCC’s next big fund raiser is a Trivia Night to be held at Bracken Ridge State High on Wednesday 20 May, 2015. The cost is $20 per person, which also includes snacks. Raffles and lucky draw prizes will also be available on the night. Doors open at 6:30 pm for a 7:00 pm start. For catering, it would be helpful if participants could pre-register for the event by contacting the registration co-ordinator on 0421 632 838. In addition, you might want to commit to a longer term donation. The best way of doing this is to arrange a deduction from your salary. If a lot of people committed to $5.00 - $10.00 per week, the Chaplain could be employed full time. To find out how you donate, please go to:

http://www.suqld.org.au  click: Get Involved/Donate to a Local Chaplaincy Committee/Register on Choose where
your gift goes. List Sandgate DSHS as the LCC you want to support. Your donation will then go to support the employment of our chaplain Andy Pickard.

**Anzac Day**

I was very proud of our students at the school Anzac parade. All students demonstrated respect for the sacrifices made by service men and women to ensure our country remains a free and democratic society. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE) and choir added to the sense of occasion, while Sian Mewburn's rendition of the Last Post was very moving. It was also lovely that various groups of students attended services in the city, the Sandgate dawn service and the Sandgate Anzac Day parade. SWE also played with the St John Fisher band at the Sandgate service.

**Open Day**

The school opens its doors to the community on Saturday 16 May, 2015. Please encourage Year 6 students intending to enrol at Sandgate in 2016 to attend on this day. Current students and their families are also welcome to attend. We are very proud of our school and it is always fun to share what we do with members of our school community.

Jeanette Gentle | PRINCIPAL

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**P&C MEETINGS | THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**6.30PM | SCHOOL RESOURCE CENTRE (LIBRARY) | ALL WELCOME**

**NEXT MEETING: 20 MAY 2015**

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**What's On**

27 April - 15 May 2015

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**CLICK HERE** TO VIEW OUR UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Open Day
2015 NAPLAN Test

The National Assessment Program Numeracy and Literacy Test, better known as NAPLAN, is to be held on Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May, 2015 for all Year 7 and 9 students. For those students absent due to illness, a catch up on Friday 15 May will be arranged.

Information brochures for parents and carers can be found by going to http://www.nap.edu.au/ and following the parent/carer support links.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN please feel free to contact the Junior Secondary Deputy Principal Mr Kiss.

Shane Kiss | Junior Secondary Deputy Principal

Academic Achiever Exam

P&C News

I trust everyone had a safe and relaxing Easter holidays. Just a reminder that SDSHS will be having its open day on Saturday 16 May from 9am until 1pm. The P&C will be doing a stall on the day and would love some helpers to assist. We are also still looking for people to fill the following positions:

- Music Supporters Group Secretary
- Grants Officer
- Newsletter/Advertising Officer
- Tuckshop Liaison Officer
- Fundraising Co-ordinator (mainly for Einbunpin Festival)
If you would to contribute or are interested in any of these roles, please contact the P&C on: 
pandexecutive@sanddisths.eq.edu.au

The next meeting is 20 May, 6.30pm at the SDSHS Resource centre (library). Hope to see you there.

**Tuckshop**

The school tuckshop is run by the P&C. Our tuckshop convenor is Mrs Sheree Tregoning and is capably assisted by Deb, Michelle, Jo and Di. The tuckshop is open five days a week, serving breakfast (from 8.15am), morning tea and lunch. Our tuckshop supports the healthy food choices initiative which was brought in seven years ago by Education Queensland.

Currently, the tuckshop is the main fundraiser for the P&C. The P&C prides itself on being able to provide this service. We would like to see families within our school community supporting our tuckshop as often as possible. One of the ways you can support our tuckshop is by volunteering your time to help with meal preparation. Volunteering is a great way to be involved in your child’s schooling and familiarize yourself with staff, students and school procedures. If interested, please call the tuckshop on 3869 9840.

**Justyne Wilson | P&C President**

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**Senior Schooling News**

**Year 12 QCS Workshop**

The Year 12 QCS students will be participating in a QCS workshop on Wednesday 29 April. The workshop will be held in the school Library commencing at 8.45am and will run for the whole day. Mr Matthew Rigby, the presenter, has vast experience and success in preparing students for the QCS Test. We are very fortunate at Sandgate District State High School that he is able to work with our students.

**Try a Trade Day - Years 10 and 11**

Are you thinking about a career in a trade industry? Are you interested in completing a TAFE course in a trade while studying at school? If so, Careers Australia is hosting a Try a Trade Day giving students the ideal opportunity to get a close up look at a number of industries including:

- Electrotechnology
- Engineering, and
- Logistics.

Students will have the chance to speak to industry-experienced educators about future potential growth in these sectors and job opportunities. Educators will also be available to answer any questions students may have, to help gain a greater understanding of these careers. More importantly, students will have a chance to try the tools and get their hands dirty!
Bowen Hills Campus Try a Trade Day

Date: Wednesday 13th May
Time: 9.30am – 1.30pm

Spaces at these events are limited, so we are looking for those students who have expressed a genuine interest in a trade career.

- Only students in grades 10 and 11 are eligible to attend.
- Students are required to wear their school uniforms and closed in shoes. All other personal protective equipment will be provided.
- Morning tea and a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.

If you are interested, please see Samantha Churchill in AG10 for further details.

BRAKE Driver Education Course

Commencing Wednesday 6 May, our year 12 students will commence the BRAKE driver education program in period 4 on Wednesdays. BRAKE stands for Behaviour, Risk, Attitude, Knowledge and Education. The program focuses on a range of topics to develop good decision-making skills while behind the wheel of a motor vehicle, including risk assessment, peer pressure, cognitive skills and also the responsibilities that passengers have. To complement the BRAKE program, the RACQ will be presenting ‘defective vehicle’ workshops. These will focus on what students should consider when buying a second-hand car.

Business and Tourism excursions

On April 23, our Business and Tourism students visited Tangalooma Resort on Moreton Island. The students spent the day learning about the marketing of the resort both domestically and internationally, the workplace health and safety considerations, the operation and structure of their work teams and the challenges the resort faces to access basic services such as water and electricity. The students also enjoyed a trip to the area known as ‘the desert’ where they raced down sand dunes on sand boards.
Recently the year 12 Business and year 10 Tourism students visited Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre for an ‘eco-experience’. The Business students, who were studying sustainability, examined the impact of business activities on the environment through conducting water quality testing, exploring the local waterways by canoe and investigating eco-tourism possibilities - focusing on crocodile farms and considering Indigenous perspectives.

The Tourism students experienced Indigenous sustainable initiatives and investigated eco-tourism. Congratulations to Nathan Knight who created fire from two sticks and all the brave students who handled the...
Community Education News

Welcome to Country/Acknowledgement of Country

Mr Sammy Leone, assisted by Bailey Carrington, was our guest speaker on Monday's parade. He explained to our students and staff the difference between a Welcome to Country and an Acknowledgement of Country.

Both the Welcome to Country and the Acknowledgement of Country recognise the traditional custodians of the land and demonstrate respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as Australia's First Peoples.

A Welcome to Country is where Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander elders or custodians welcome people to their land. It is paying respect, in a formal sense, and follows traditional customs in a symbolic way. An Acknowledgement of Country can be done by anyone; however, the relevant traditional land owners need to be acknowledged, as this is considered to be culturally appropriate.

If you are looking for someone to give a Welcome to Country, it is very important that you carefully identify the traditional owners of the country, so that the right person can be invited.

Every time a formal Welcome to Country is given it continues a tradition that has always been a part of Aboriginal culture – except for a recent lapse of about 200 years. It was always given by way of welcome when permission was granted to visit a different tribal area.
If we can continue this cultural practice, it will help to put that respect back into the entire community. It is a very important way of returning aboriginal people to a position of equality in modern Australian society.

Renee Parter | Community Ed Counsellor and Tamie Leone | ATSI Teacher Aide

ANZAC Day 2015

Sandgate District State High School commemorated the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli on the 25th April, 1915, with some special events during the first week of term 2.

Our school’s ANZAC ceremony

A special ceremony at the school occurred on Friday 24 April. Our special guests included four veterans from the Sandgate RSL and serving members of Australia’s Defence Forces. The School Captains and Vice Captains along with the representatives from Year 9 conducted the school ceremony with reverence and respect for those diggers of battles past. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble and School Choir are to be commended for their touching performances and Sian Mewburn, who sounded the Last Post and Rouse, added to the solemnity of the occasion with her moving rendition.

It was a privilege to have veterans from Sandgate RSL and serving members of our defence forces attend our commemoration ceremony, and to have them join us for the morning tea provided by the Yr 11 Hospitality Class, under the guidance of Mrs Asher, and the SEU Coffee Crew, ably assisted by Mrs Nicki Cannard. Our guests mixed with the students present and spoke of their past experiences. We thank them very much for their attendance. Special thanks to Mrs Cameron and Mrs Dargusch who worked closely with the students to organise...
the ceremony. Thank you to everyone involved and to the whole school community, staff and students, for the way you embraced the occasion.
Poppy Project
The backdrop for the ceremony was a wall of poppies, handcrafted by our Year 9 History students who were involved in a ‘Poppy Project’. This was finalised by several Year 11 Certificate III in Active Volunteering students and provided a good visual representation of Flanders Fields. It is good to have student involvement in all aspects of school events, and this links closely to the topic being studied in history this term: World War One.

ANZAC Service for school students – Brisbane City

Mrs Cameron and Ms Thompson along with a group of Year 9 students and the School Captains travelled into ANZAC Square in the city for a school student commemoration service on Thursday 23 April. The students ably represented our school with their exceptional behaviour and were honoured to be part of an important event to mark the Centenary of the ANZAC Gallipoli Landings in the wider community.
ANZAC Day Dawn Service and March in Sandgate

Many students participated in the local Dawn Service and March in Sandgate. An RSL project provided 15 of the students with badges to represent diggers from the Sandgate community who lost their lives in WWI. It was an honour for our students to participate in these events and to consider the great sacrifice many have made.
Sandgate DSHS Cross Country/Fun Run

This Thursday afternoon is the 2015 School Cross Country/Fun Run. This is a great opportunity for all students to participate in the Fun Run which is one (1) lap around the school course (either a short or long course, depending on student age).

This year we have again partnered with Adidas School Fundraising to help raise money for Table Tennis equipment. If you would like to donate, please feel free to deposit money by calling the school or donate online at:


The Big Questions are:

Who will be the first to finish for the Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary age groups?

How much money can we raise for the school?

Which House will win the Cross Country?

Outstanding Achievements

National Writing Competition Winner
Year 12 student Rosie McCrossin recently won the National Prize from the Penguin and Bond University for the Somerset National Novella Writing competition. What a fantastic achievement. Here is her story about the competition:

*In March I travelled to the Gold Coast as a state finalist in the Somerset National Novella Writing Competition. My novella, ‘Fatherless Summer’, was a story about a friendship in a small mining town in which half the male population is killed in a single devastating accident. It follows the life of a girl named Sophie over three months as she struggles to define her relationship with her mother, best friend and dead father. Throughout the festival I participated in a number of workshops with speakers such as Tara Moss, Luka Lesson and James Moloney, which enlightened me as to the intricacies of the creative process. I was lucky enough to win the national prize in the competition and $2,500 from Penguin and Bond University. It was an amazing experience and a great competition which I would recommend to any budding author.*

Rosie McCrossin | Year 12 Student

### Australian Representatives in Figure Skating

Two students, Corina Ormston (year 8) and Rose Robinson (year 9) achieved a great sporting highlight during the school holidays. The girls represented Australia in Figure Skating at an International competition in Abu Dhabi.

Corina and Rose both skated in the same division (Advanced Novice Ladies) with Corina placing First and Rose second. The competition was the FBMA Trophy - Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates.

Congratulations to both girls on an amazing achievement.
School Based Youth Health Nurse News

Bullying

The National Safe Schools Framework defines bullying as “repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons.”

Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies, e.g. the internet or mobile devices. Conflicts or fights between equals and single incidents are not defined as bullying. Bullying in any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

What are the different types of bullying?
The types of bullying behaviours are physical, verbal or social. Bullying can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying can take place in person or online. Bullying - verbal or social - that happens online or via a mobile phone is referred to as cyberbullying. Research indicates that the majority of young people who bully online also bully others in person.

What is covert bullying?

Covert bullying includes social exclusion and intimidation. The term 'covert' highlights the fact that not all bullying is physical or obvious in nature. Covert bullying can have the same harmful impacts as more obvious bullying, as it can be more isolating, can go on for longer before other people become aware of it, and can be more easily denied by the other person.

Covert bullying is a subtle type of non-physical bullying which usually isn't easily seen by others and is conducted out of sight of, and often unacknowledged by, adults. Covert bullying behaviours mostly inflict harm by damaging another's social reputation, peer relationships and self-esteem. Covert bullying can be carried out in a range of ways (e.g. spreading rumours, conducting a malicious social exclusion campaign and/or through the use of internet or mobile phone technologies).

What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is bullying that is carried out through information and communication technology, including the internet (e.g. on social media sites) and mobile devices. Technology can expand the opportunities for people to bully others.

Communication technologies allow for different ways to bully others, but do not change the fact that the bullying behaviour (and not the technology itself) is the main issue. Technology does create new challenges for dealing with bullying.

Why do people bully others?

People who bully others are often motivated by the status and social power they can achieve through bullying. Some may bully others to compensate for what is happening to them and their own feelings of powerlessness. Bullying behaviours can also be copied by others.

Is bullying really something to be worried about?

Bullying affects everyone involved, including people who witness it. It can have serious and long-term emotional or psychological consequences in addition to the immediate harmful effects.

Bullying undermines key values that schools aim to promote in students – respect, trust and honesty.

What can I do if I am being bullied in person?

If you are being bullied, and you feel safe to do so:

- say 'No!' or 'Stop it!' firmly
- walk away
- try to act unaffected or ignore the person
• talk to a trusted adult at the school or at home
• ask friends, parents or teachers for their help to deal with the issue safely.

Having the courage to talk to someone is important if you are being bullied. Sometimes, just telling the bully to stop can be effective. If that doesn’t work ask friends, parents or teachers for their help to deal with the issue safely.

**What can I do if I am being cyberbullied?**

If you are being cyberbullied, and you feel safe to do so:

• don't respond to the message or image
• save the evidence as a screenshot if you wish to use it as part of dealing with the bullying
• block the sender and delete the message
• report the situation to the website or Internet Service Provider
• talk to trusted people—friends, adults, teachers, parents and police if necessary.

**What can I do if I see someone else being bullied?**

If you see someone else being bullied, and feel safe to do so, you can:

• refuse to join in
• not watch
• tell the person doing the bullying to stop
• tell the person doing the bullying that you will talk to a teacher
• say something supportive to the person who is being bullied or invite them to join your group
• say to the person being bullied that the other person's behaviour is not okay.

Chaplaincy News

Chaplaincy BIG Fundraising Event for 2015
TRIVIA NIGHT
SUPPORTING LOCAL CHAPLAINCY

$20 PER PERSON
CASH ONLY ON THE NIGHT

Wednesday 20th May
Bracken Ridge SHS MPSC Hall
Doors Open 6:30pm for 7pm Start

Supper provided, drinks available for purchase
ALL proceeds to go to Sandgate & Bracken Ridge High School Chaplains

GREAT PRIZES, RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES

RSVP YOUR TABLE/ SEAT BY 15TH MAY

CONTACT
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Absentee Phone Line 3869 9802

Andy Pickard | School Chaplin
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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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

Sunday Markets at Sandgate District State High School
Music by the Sea

Following hot on the heels of two sell-out concerts so far this year, Music By The Sea has a top hat trick up its sleeve, presenting a night of jazz with Joe Chindamo Trio on Saturday 2 May, at Sandgate Town Hall.

Chindamo's magic touch has earned him billing as one of the world's best jazz pianists, a musical polyglot in the tradition of Bernstein and Pervin - where his art transcends jazz - composing concerts along with chamber and film music.

There are the gigs as studio pianist for film sound tracks, more than 60 in fact, including Pharlap, the iconic Man from Snowy River II, The Sound of One Hand Clapping and Warlock.

The Japanese also love his work, catapulting numerous recordings to Number One on their Modern Jazz charts.

And he has kept good company, gracing the stage with the likes of Shirley Bassey, Ricky Lee Jones, Olivia newton John, Dame Kiri Ti Kanawa, US drummer Billy Cobham, James Morrison and Ray Brown.

Ad the Mo's, Bell's and an APRA Award to a very large swag of recordings, and you have the ingredients that make Chindamo's art of seduction no small room act.

Joe is joined on stage at 7.30pm by double bassist Brendan Clark and drummer Andrew Gander.

“Joe Chindamo is closer to the model of the complete musician of Bach’s time - composer, performer, improviser - than classical music’s modern custodians. Chindamo’s range of reference is encyclopaedic and his art tender; his virtuosity...
never hectors, but disarms. It is music of seduction." Anna Goldsworthy - Pianist - Author.

"Joe Chindamo is the most prodigiously talented jazz pianist of his generation." David James - The Age.bayfm

"Throughout, his approach is one of unpretentious elegance, under-scored by superlative technique." Jack Bowers - Cadence Magazine, New York.

Tickets: Adult $40 - Concession $35 - Child (4-12) FREE.