Sandgate Students Excel on State-wide Stage

A message from the Acting Principal...

Over the last two weeks a number of our students have been recognised for their achievement on a state-wide and national stage. This speaks volumes to the quality of the students within our school and to the efforts of staff who have challenged, supported and nurtured the talents of these students during their time at Sandgate DSHS. These are truly exceptional results and reflect enormously well on the school and our culture of encouraging each student to “Be Their Best”. Congratulations to each of the students involved.

Peter Doherty Outstanding Senior Science Student Award – Jocelyn Glencross

Congratulation goes to Jocelyn Glencross who was awarded a Peter Doherty Outstanding Senior Science Student Award. This award provided $5000 for the successful winner to use during their first year of university studies. Jocelyn will be recognised at an official function at Customs House later in the year.
Creative Generations Excellence in Art – Sian Mewburn

Three of our Year 12 Art students were successful in having work deemed suitable of being exhibited in the Metropolitan Regional Division of the Creative Generations Excellence in Art Awards. Sian Mewburn was awarded an Excellence in Art Award by the judges and will have her work displayed at G.O.M.A. in 2016. Sian will also be invited to attend an Artists in Residence Workshop later in the year.

Congratulations also go to Blake Hadley who received a commendation for his art piece. For more information regarding the Creative Generation Excellence Awards Exhibition please see the article featured below in our Newsletter.
Sian Mewburn and Visual Art teacher Karen Prindable with Sian's winning artwork

Pictured (L-R) Ms Rosemarie Baker (Visual Art Teacher), Mr Jim O'Neill (School Principal-Acting), Ms Karen Prindable (Visual Art Teacher), Mr Rob Anderson (Head of Visual Arts Dept) Exellaby Alambra (Yr 12 Student - finalist), Blake Hadley (Yr 12 Student - Commended Art Work), Sian Mewburn (Yr 12 Student - Excellence in Art Award Winner), Teague Ashton (Yr 12 Student) and Mrs Jeanette Gentle (School Principal - On Leave)
Future Leaders Writing Prize - Rosie McCrossin

Rosie McCrossin has continued her success in writing competitions winning the Future Leaders Writing Prize adding another award to her growing portfolio.

QCAA News

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) have announced that the current Year 8 students will be the first to complete Year 12 under a new senior schooling and tertiary admission system. Students will undertake a mixture of internal and external assessment items to calculate their exit results. This means our current Year 9 students will be the final cohort to study under the O.P. Score system. More information will be provided to parents throughout the year.

Electronic Reporting

Following discussions with the P and C, it has been decided that Term One and Term Three Report Cards will be sent to families electronically via email. Students have been provided a letter to return to the office so that we can confirm email addresses before then end of this term. Please contact the office if you need another copy.

BYOX

Students in Year 10 in 2016 will have the option of bringing their own laptop computers to school and using them to access the school network. The computers will be required to meet some minimum specifications. Year 10 students not wishing to take up this option will still have the opportunity to hire a school-owned laptop. Students will receive important information regarding these options later in the week.

“A for Effort” Morning Tea

Congratulations to all students who received awards at our “A for Effort” morning tea. To achieve an “Excellent” comment in every single subject for effort is an achievement to be rightly proud. Students have had to demonstrate excellent effort across a diverse range of subjects from English to Mathematics, from the Humanities and Arts to Physical Education. Successful students have all demonstrated the Sandgate value “Be Your Best” each and every day. This should be the aspiration for every student in the school. Well done! Congratulations to Sophie Stanton who won the lucky draw prize for students attending the morning tea.
Cancer Council Morning Tea

Last week two of our Year 12 students, Rebekkah Law and Rheanna O’Brien worked in conjunction with Connections Baptist Church to hold a fund raising morning tea to support the Cancer Council for Daffodil Day.
Partners in Progress

Our next Partners in Progress session will be on at 9.30 on 11 September and will focus on the Queensland Certificate of Education and Employability Skills. See below for further details.

Partners in Progress — Employment Skills for the future and QCE Explained

Information session for parents about strategies to assist students gain employment skills for the future and the QCE explained

When: 9.30—10.00 a.m. Friday 11 September 2015
Where: Sandgate DSHS Resource Centre
RSVP: email names to Pip@sanddistshs.eq.edu.au by 5 p.m. on 10 September.

Catering: Refreshments available for purchase from the Oval View Café from 9am.

Jim O’Neill | DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
**What's On**

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Report Cards

Term 3 progress report cards will be emailed directly to parents. As such, it is imperative administration has your correct email address. Reports will be emailed to families as per enrolment request.

Remember to add OneSchool.application@deqe.edu.au to your list of safe senders to ensure the report card doesn't go to your Junk folder.

Chris Dioth | Administration Officer

Partners in Progress

Sandgate DSHS Community Information Sessions

Throughout semester two, Sandgate DSHS will be offering parents the opportunity to be involved in information sessions focussing on some important issues for high school students and their families. Each session will involve a presentation from a member of the Sandgate DSHS staff followed by the opportunity for some questions from the audience. The intention is to provide families with some information that will help students become more successful in the future. Attached is the schedule for next semester’s sessions. Parents can R.S.V.P. to PIP@sanddistshs.eq.edu.au to assist with organisation for the sessions.

Prior to each session, the Oval View Café will be open for business offering visitors the opportunity to purchase coffees, cold drinks and light refreshments while supporting our SEU students. For express service, please add your order to your rsvp.

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Senior Schooling News

QCS Workshop

Last Wednesday our QCS students had their final workshop before the QCS test this week. Under the guidance of Mr Mathew Rigby of Go Grammar Consulting, the students honed their short response and writing task skills. There were many moments of mirth as students tenaciously ‘tricoloned’ text, ‘lingoed’ in Latin and produced puns in PEEL paragraphs. Mr Rigby’s exceptional knowledge of all things QCS and the ‘secrets’ of the short response and writing task has ensured our QCS students will be armed with the knowledge to successfully meet all challenges the QCS test offers. Good luck to our QCS students!
Creative Generation Excellence Awards Exhibition

The 2015 Metropolitan regional exhibition of the Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art program recognises and promotes excellence in senior visual arts education throughout Queensland State and non-State schools. This year 522 submissions were received from 186 schools State-wide. The Teacher Selection Panel shortlisted 103 works, these were then presented to the State Selection Panel from which 33 Excellence Award recipients were chosen. The 33 Excellence Award recipients will have their works exhibited at the Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, in 2016.

The Metropolitan regional exhibition is one of seven taking place around Queensland over the next few weeks which will showcase all submissions received. The full Metropolitan exhibition displays the creative talent of 158 senior Visual Art students from 54 local schools including 23 Commendation awards recipients, 12 Excellence award recipients and 1 Regional Encouragement award recipient.

Now celebrating its 25th year, the Creative Generation program has helped raise community awareness of the degree of sophistication in concepts, diversity of technical competence, and the high standard of visual art education in Queensland secondary schools.
The Creative Generation awards focus on the outstanding achievement of senior Visual Art students.

Selected student artworks demonstrate:

- highly developed imagery and/or iconography with effective and deliberate communication of meaning
- expressive and/or innovative aesthetic choices through the control of visual language
- purposeful and considered manipulation and exploitation of media, techniques and processes
- application of knowledge and critical understanding of media, techniques and processes that allows a thorough degree of visual and expressive resolution
- sustained engagement, which invites further inquiry from the onlooker.

The Creative Generation awards offer the only collective exhibition of senior student art work from each region of Queensland. It is an initiative that has led to widespread recognition of the excellent work senior Visual Art students are producing as well as enabling students and teachers throughout the state to share and appreciate the diversity of art work being produced in Queensland secondary schools.

The Debating Wars

Imagine for a moment the classical contests between David and Goliath or Hector and Achilles outside the gates of Troy. Perhaps even the latest twitter stoush between Taylor Swift and Nikki Minaj, all pale into insignificance compared to the cerebral trial by combat that was faced by our debating team!

At the start of the year Rosie McCrossin, Blake Hadley, Jasper Childs and Rachael Patterson all assembled under my tutelage as the year 12 debating team coach in order to start our campaign in the Queensland Debating Union competition. Indeed; at the time, little did I know how strong our team were with their superior oratory and rhetorical skills.

Thus we embarked on our campaign in the first round and it became apparent from the start that all of our opponents were going to be from private schools! At every turn however, Sandgate year 12 debaters soundly defeated their opposition with their rebuttals and points of information.

Upon passing undefeated through the first round and entering the finals round again we found our opponents would be amongst the premier private schools of the state. When facing Brisbane Boys Grammar with an unseen short preparation topic for debate we again managed to defeat this formidable foe. This was the first time in around 10 years that a state school has defeated Grammar and we all were justifiably chuffed.

At last we were through to the semi-finals but unfortunately it was not to be. The gods were not with us this time and our debating heroes Rachel, Blake, Jasper and Rosie were finally defeated!

A phenomenal journey was had by all and it was a pleasure to be their coach. But most of all it was great to receive all the wonderful support from parents and fellow teachers here at Sandgate. Some of the classrooms
where the debates took place were packed to capacity by the families and teachers of the team and this helped us in our journey. All in all, I believe we were undefeated to the end. This was all down to our remarkable debating team of Rosie, Rachel, Blake and Jasper. Fantastic effort guys!

Stuart Barker  |  Teacher English/SOSE/VET

Social Sciences News

Year 11/12 Geography Fieldtrip

On Friday 31 August 2015, thirty one geographers from Mr Forbes’ Y11 and Miss Lee’s Y12 class conducted a field excursion around the Cabbage Tree Creek Catchment, in preparation for their response to a stimulus assessment. The day began at Shorncliffe Train station, where the students then trekked for the majority of the day to four different locations; Shorncliffe Boat Ramp, Curlew Park, Albert Park and Holb Hertz Park. With the intense 26°C sun on their backs and zero shade, the keen geographers managed to plough through the extreme temperature and practiced a wide range of geographical skills, such as testing the water quality of the local river by analysing the nitrate and phosphorous levels, conducting sketches and annotations, as well as interpreting data collected.

After a solid five and a half hours of walking in the intense heat, the students were rewarded with a giant feast at Sandgate District State High School Newsletter  

KFC. Below are some photos to indicate a successful and terrific day at Cabbage Tree Creek Catchment……

Krista Cameron | Acting HOD Social Sciences
Music News

Dinner Dance

IT'S ALMOST HERE!!!

Tickets are still available for our fabulous Dinner Dance this Saturday. Please come along and support this fabulous event. Profits go to our exciting, expanding music program! To book tickets, email lmack35@eq.edu.au or doshe5@eq.edu.au.
Melbourne Tour

The Melbourne Tour is fast approaching. The music students involved will be away for week two in term 4. Excitement is building.

Raffle - $300 voucher for the Apple Store
Raffle Tickets must be returned ASAP please. The draw for the $300 Apple store voucher will be drawn at the Dinner Dance on Saturday night.

Awesome achievements

Our Stage Band played at the Brighton SS Fete on Saturday. What a fabulous job by Mr Van and students. Thanks for representing our school so admirably!

Congratulations to two of our talented students. Josh Law performed as a member of Windsor Brass at the NSW State Band and Solos Championships held on the Weekend of 22-23 August in Penrith, NSW. In the Open "B" grade Brass, Windsor Brass achieved 2nd place for the Sacred Item and 3rd overall in Open "B" Grade competition. Rebekkah Law competed at the KSP Drama Festival last weekend. She was in two plays and took out the following awards: Like A Metaphor – Best Play Youth Section and 2nd Best Play overall festival. Rebekkah also won Best Supporting Actress in the Youth Section.

Chaplaincy News

Australia's Biggest Bush Dance - THIS Saturday 5th September

This is an easy and fun fundraiser for our School Chaplaincy service.

ABBD is an SU (Scripture Union) event and all profits will go directly to Chaplaincy. SU have set up a website so you can purchase tickets online and nominate your chaplaincy service/school (Sandgate District State High School) so the sale can go directly to us. **Tickets will also be available at the door.**

**Tickets are $15 for a family and $5 for an individual.**

IT'S THAT EASY... if you're planning on going to this event with over 60,000 other families, PLEASE purchase a ticket (either online or at the door) and nominate Sandgate District as your Chaplaincy Service.

The website for ticket purchases is:


Redcliffe Festival website for more information:


**Book it in now** - we'd love to see you, your family and friends there.

*Andy Pickard | School Chaplain*
Outstanding Achievement

Year 8 student Corina Ormston travelled to Bangkok last month to represent Australia in the Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy.

She skated very well placing 9th from 17 competitors. A top ten placement at this event is a great success. This was Corina’s fourth time representing Australia in Figure Skating.

Corina has also this week received the good news that she has been selected by ISA (Ice Skating Australia) to represent Australia next year at four separate competitions, giving her the opportunity to travel to Vienna Austria, Budapest Hungry, Gardena Italy and Jesenice Slovenia.
Well done Corina!

School Based Youth Health Nurse News

Stress

Stressed out all the time? There are a number of reasons you might be struggling to beat stress.

Some of the things this can feel like…

- overwhelmed
What does it mean if you're always stressed?

Stress is our body's way of rising to a challenge, and preparing to meet a tough situation with focus, stamina, and heightened alertness. But if you're always stressed out, it could be a sign that your body isn't dealing with the day-to-day stuff anymore. You might have gotten into a habit of negative thinking that you need to break.

Relationships with friends, family, people we work with, or boyfriends/girlfriends can be difficult and can cause you to become stressed out. Maybe you get a lot of grief from them, are worried about someone, or you both have different values or expectations from each other. It could be anything.

To help manage the stress, it may be good to get the problem out in the air-- you can't fix a problem if you don't face it. Talking to the person involved, a mate who gets you, or someone else you trust, may help you work out why you are stressed out and what you can do about it.

When it causes a problem

Stress could be causing a problem for your health and your ability to cope if you're:

- sleeping badly
- feeling irritable about yourself or those around you
- having trouble concentrating
- having issues connecting with others
- feeling depressed, panicky or anxious

If you're having any of these signs, it is a good indicator you need to work some stress relief tactics into your life and start managing your stress.

It could be something else

If you feel overwhelmed and like you can't go on, maybe you have trouble with coping skills. Read up on feeling overwhelmed. If you've tried a few stress tactics and they don't work, you might also have a more serious stress or anxiety disorder. Some people worry all the time, and may need to do stuff to change the way they deal with things. Or they are more than normally afraid of something.
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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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

Free Dental Treatment
Your child is now due for a FREE dental check-up

We’ve improved our school-based Oral Health Service

Good dental health begins at home. That’s why we’re making changes to our school dental program to give all parents the opportunity to be involved in their child’s dental care.

What’s changing?

We now ask that a parent or guardian attend dental appointments with their child. To fit in with busy families, we are offering FREE dental treatment at Bracken Ridge Dental Clinic.

That means you can now book an appointment for your child; you do not have to wait for us to arrange appointments through your child’s school.

How can I make an appointment?

Simply call our new telephone line - 1300 300 850 - to arrange an appointment at the Bracken Ridge Dental Clinic.

Who can now attend?

- ALL students 4 years of age through to year 10
- Students in years 11 & 12 who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 2-3 year olds who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 2 - 17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). To check your eligibility, visit the website at my.gov.au or phone 132311

We look forward to welcoming you and your family soon.


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Green Heart Fair
Sandgate Swimming Season Sign-on

SANDGATE SWIMMING
2015/2016 SEASON SIGN ON
Sandgate State School Pool, opposite RSL, Keogh St.

Existing members: Sat 05/09/2015 • 1-3pm
New members: Sat 12/09/2015 • 1-3pm

We offer:

Heated 25m Pool
✓ Learn to swim (all ages)
✓ Squads (mornings & afternoons)
✓ Adult learn to swim
✓ Parents and bubs classes
✓ Adult & teenage swim fitness
✓ Intensive learn to swim in school holidays

All new members, that is, swimmers new to our “Learn to Swim” or “Squad” please bring swimmers, cap and goggles for an assessment on the day.

All forms available for download on website. Please call 3269 2819 or refer to website for more information. www.sandswim.com.au or email sandswim@bigpond.net.au

Lego Expo

Kool Kids School Holiday Activities, Camps and Workshops
Sandgate Sunset Run
Sunday Markets at Sandgate District State High School
SUNDAY MARKETS
at Sandgate DSHS
41 Braun Street Deagon
Every Sunday 5am - 12 midday