Celebration Season - Many Pathways To Success

A message from the Acting Principal...

Over the past two weeks there have been a number of wonderful events celebrating the outstanding achievements of our students.

56th Annual Awards Night
This year saw some fierce competition between students across all year levels for a range of academic awards. SandgateDSHS offers a variety of pathways to support a diverse range of abilities across our student group.

I would like to thank Mr Shane Kiss - Deputy Principal Junior Secondary and Mrs Naomi Dargusch – Administration Assistant , for their efforts in organising an excellent evening. I would also like to praise the efforts of our Performing Arts Department in preparing our Symphonic Wind Ensemble, School Choir, our solo performer and Dance Extension Group to such professional standards.

Congratulation to all students who received awards on the night.

In our senior school, we provide a broad curriculum to accommodate and foster the wide ranging talents of our students. This diversity was evident as we were unable to split our two top Year 12 students who both won five individual subject awards across a wide variety of subjects.

Congratulations to our duces:

Rosie McCrossin– English, Modern History, Economics, German and French
2016 Student Leaders

Following a rigorous leadership selection process, our 2016 student leaders were announced during Awards Night. I would like to congratulate our 2016 leaders and I am very confident that they will undertake their responsibility with great dignity and will uphold our school values to an exceptional standard. Our 2016 leaders are:
- 2016 Female Captain – Jesse Moss
- 2016 Female Vice Captain – Ruby Middleton
- 2016 Male Captain – Sebastian Flynn
- 2016 Male Vice Captain – Lindsay Davies

Teacher of the Year

Ms Gentle sponsored a new award designed to recognise the efforts of an individual teacher whose efforts reflect our school values. Congratulations to our inaugural winner, Karen Prindable, who was...
nominated for her outstanding performance as a teacher in the Art Department. This year Karen has assisted our Art Award Winner to reach a VHA 10 in Visual Art and had three students reach a standard sufficient to be exhibited at the Creative Generation Art Show.

Ms Karen Prindable

Sports Awards Evening

Last Friday, saw our Sports Awards Evening held at the KedronWavell Services Club. It recognised the efforts our athletes across the individual disciplines throughout the year as well as the performance of students within our Academy of Sports Programs and Athlete Development Program. Our special guest Liam Dawson (Brisbane Lions) outlined to students the discipline needed to make it as professional athlete as well as the attitude needed to overcome setbacks. Thank you to Jon Hatch and the Human Movements Staff for organising the evening. Congratulations to all of our award winners especially:

Carly Schulz – Senior Sportswoman of the Year
Chris Abbey – Senior Sportsman of the Year
As this is the final newsletter prior to our Year 12 students finishing their school year, I would like to congratulate all students on their efforts this year. I look forward to enjoying the Valedictory Ceremony next Wednesday and the Senior Formal next Friday.

Laptops

I would like to remind our Year 10 and 11 families that 2016 laptop fees are due this year for students wishing to keep their laptops over the holidays.

Parents And Citizens Meetings
What's On
9 - 27 November 2015

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Sandgate DSHS Community Information Session

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 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.
9.00am – 9:30am    Oval View Cafe will be open for business
9:30am – 9:50am    Presentation in Resource Centre / Library
9:50am – 10:00am   Q&A Session

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**Partners in Progress — Engaging Students In Science**

Information session for parents

When: 9.30—10 am Friday 20 November 2015
Where: Sandgate DSHS Resource Centre
RSVP: email names to PP@sandgatehs.qld.edu.au by 5pm on 19 November.
Catering: Refreshments available for purchase from the Oval View Cafe from 9am.
(Add your order to RSVP for express service)

**QUT Future Leaders**

Future Leaders is a program offered by QUT where a nominated Sandgate DSHS student has the opportunity to participate in a range of leadership activities. Rebekkah Law (Year 12) has been our representative over the past three years.

Rebekkah recently participated in the QUT Future Leaders farewell event hosted by our Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Coaldrake AO. Throughout the program, Rebekkah had the opportunity to attend 11 official Future Leaders events and was offered a number of additional exclusive invitations to hear from world-renowned guest speakers and attend conferences. Most importantly, she gained valuable leadership and life skills, and made many lasting connections with their peers from other schools and within the QUT community.

Congratulations to Rebekkah for being involved in such a prestigious program.

**Year 9 Graduation Assembly**

On December 1, the Year 9 Cohort will be graduating from Junior Secondary School. This is a big milestone for them and we would love for you to join us to celebrate our young people’s success. All Year 9 parents and guardians will receive invitations however if you would like to attend please contact the school office with your RSVP. Details are below:
DATE: December 1, 2015
VENUE: Sandgate District SHS Performance Hall
TIME: 8:30am

Donna Penner | Year 9 Year Level Coordinator

Senior School Careers Information

Win A $200 School Uniform Voucher

For your chance to win, click on the link below to view flyer for details on how to enter.


To give more opportunity to purchase school uniforms before the end of the school year, during the last week of school we will be opening Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1pm - 3.30pm in addition our usual Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8am - 10am.

Terresa Russell | Wearitto - SandgateDSHS

Year 11 Social Justice Committee Term 4 Project

Last term, the school raised $900 which was donated to our chosen charity, The Breast Cancer Foundation. Everyone should be so very proud of their efforts and excited that the money will be used to help find a cure for this deadly illness.

Term 4 sees the Year 11 Social Justice Committee committed to collecting foods items so that food hampers can be created and distributed to families within our local area. Christmas is a very difficult time for many and with over 1000 families receiving food hampers in the local area, we hope to collect as much as we can over the next couple of weeks.

As a school, we are hoping to collect enough donations for three hampers, so please help us reach our target. A big thank you to everyone who has already donated to this special cause (see the photo below items which have already been donated). We will continue our collections until the end of week 8, so if you would like to help, please send an item or items with your child and they can hand them in at the office or to Ms. Fong in B Block staffroom. Remember every donation counts!

Ms. Fong and the Year 11 Social Justice Committee
**Year 10 Certificate 1 Tourism Posters**

As part of their term 3 assessment which focused on Australian Indigenous tourism, Year 10 students were required to design a profile poster that presented an Australian outback tour Company. The emphasis was on the value of Indigenous tourism with the scenario that the poster was being shown at the annual travel expo in Brisbane. The two finest examples “Wobzy tours” and “Ozlife tours” utilise traditional Indigenous spot painting and have some creative and imaginative excursions that would attract a wide variety of domestic and foreign visitors. Given that tourism will be one of the largest job providers for Queensland in the future, the Certificate 1 course that the students have been working through this year, would provide an excellent foundation for a future career in the industry.

*Stuart Barker | Yr 10 Cert I Tourism Teacher*
Music News

Music Group Photos

If you missed out on buying a photo of your child’s performing group, it isn’t too late!

Below is an email from Academy regarding Special (Music and Sport) photograph orders. Parents can use the login below to order additional photo’s or can call Academy direct on 07 3801 4407.

The recent Sport & Special photos have been added to the online ordering shoot key along with the sports photos taken earlier in the year. Parents can access the photos to view and order by visiting: www.academyphto.com.au

- click Online Ordering
- enter shoot key UJU4HCXY

Photos ordered online will be sent to the nominated address entered during the ordering process. Alternately parents can order photos through the school or contact our office to place an order.

Showcase Concert

What a fantabulous event!

To see some video snippets of some of the performing groups, go to YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHp-QrlGBWxDNBPXAf42Ed8g This is the first YouTube post for several years and we would love you to share!

For pictures and videos go to: https://www.facebook.com/Sandgate-DHS-SOfficial-Site-157656657620994/>

Please like and share – tell the world how great our students are here at SDSHS!

Keep up to date with posts from the official School Facebook Page by following first. Click on the “Following” drop down, then click on “See First”
Awards Night

Thank you to the Senior Stage Band, SWE, The ladder percussionists, Choir and the lovely small vocal ensemble for helping to make this awards night very special.

Guitar Lessons – Free!

It isn’t too late to start. The advanced group has stopped for 2015, the beginners group will continue on a Wednesday until week 8.

To register your interest, see Mrs O’Shea (or email doshe5@eq.edu.au)

Music Tour Photos and Videos

For those of you on Music Tour, if you would like a copy of the photos and videos I have, you need to bring in a memory stick – with 8 gig free! I have loads of pics, some very high resolution – along with videos. You can then go through and delete the ones you don’t want. Please get your child to drop the stick into the Performing Arts Staffroom and give me a day to copy the files.

Debbie O’Shea | Music Teacher

Dance Night

Thank you to all staff, students and parents for working together to make this event a very special occasion.

Please go to the school’s official Facebook page to see photos from the night.

https://www.facebook.com/Sandgate-DSHS-Official-Site-157656657620994/

Rec Studies News

Tangalooma Trip

Recently Year 11 Recreation Studies classes had the great opportunity to venture by boat to Tangalooma for their Term 4 assessment.

We were fortunate to stay at the Tangalooma Island Resort for one night and two days and enjoy all of the resorts facilities.

The purpose of the excursion was to identify what jobs are available at the resort, how can the resort become an Eco Friendly approved resort, looking at what the cost benefits are of the resort and the impact it has on the environment.

It was a great experience for the students participating in activity’s on the island and in the resort from snorkelling the wrecks and feeding the dolphins to sand tobogganing plus many more free activities provided by the resort. This excursion gave the students the opportunity to become young adults and take responsibility for themselves and their learning while staying in the resort.

Lachlan Demko | Year 11 Student

School-based Youth Health Nurse News

What Teenagers Want from You

Despite teenagers acting like they just want to be left alone to do what they want, research tells us they are still looking for (and need) love, support and guidance from their parents and other adults. Here are some of the things young people say they want from adults.

• Love and Support

As teenagers make the transition from children to young adults, they worry about many things like will they fit in, their appearance and succeeding academically to name a few. Although they may seem
confident, they often have self doubt and feelings of uncertainty. They really need to know that you believe in them, love them and support them.

• Someone to Listen

The one skill a parent of a teenager needs above all others is the ability to listen. Parents should use their ears and mouth in proportion – listen twice as much as you speak and try to understand the situation from your teenager’s point of view.

• Listen Doesn’t Mean Argue

It is important you listen to your teenager, but that doesn’t mean you need to agree with or accept everything they say. You can still have your viewpoint, and should make this clear, but by listening you show you have a willingness to try to understand.

• Listen to Me and I’ll Listen to You

Often your teenager will make a decision you don’t like. Try to avoid giving advice unless it is asked for, criticise, lecture or ‘boss’. If it is not an important decision they will give you credit for listening and accepting their right to make some of their own decisions. This will encourage them to listen to you when a really important decision is under discussion, and you can help avoid the ‘You never listen to me’ response. Remember ‘Don’t sweat the small stuff, choose your battles wisely’.

• Letting Go

As a parent of a teen letting them take risks and make mistakes is often one of the hardest things to do. However, it is often those mistakes which are the best ‘teachers’. That is not to say that you shouldn’t guide them to avoid the ‘big mistakes’, rather without some learning from the consequences of our decisions, we would not have grown into fully functioning, independent adults as we hope they will.

Adapted from Raising Kids, What Teenagers Want from You, drpatspungin.co.uk/raisingkidscouk/

If you would like to discuss any concerns or have questions please contact me.

Mandy Trempus | School-based Youth Health Nurse

Past Students 'The Sonics' Will Entertain You
‘Nicky Steel’

A true ‘songbird’. Nicky Steel was born in the 60’s and grew up listening to all of the great hits from that era. Classically trained in New Zealand, Nicky settled in Australia and soon turned her interest to more contemporary music and Jazz styles.

Nicky’s first TV performance was on Channel 9’s Stairway to the Stars when she was a 16 year old. She joined the Allan Brown Big Band – of Cloudland fame – in 1990 and, in Nicky’s words, has been “fine tuning” her style since.

Nicky has performed all over the world as a jazz/contemporary singer and is still with the Big Band performing solo and as a duet.

Nicky will be performing a highlight at Rock Under The Clock this December when she joins with The Sonics to pay special tribute to the many female artists of the era in presenting ‘Ladies of Rock’.

By day Nicky is a Senior Constable in the Qld Police Service training officers in firearms, taser and hand-to-hand operational skills...but, as she says, it’s a refreshing change to “take off the holster and wear some heels!”

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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 be 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.

Community Notices

Community Karate Club
Have you ever thought about Authentic Japanese GojuRyu Karate classes? Such classes can enhance calmness, focus and fitness. They provide positive life skills and assist with the goal setting for everything students do. They lay the foundations of self-discipline, providing a positive outlook for home and school.

It has been shown that students who practice Karate apply themselves more conscientiously at school and home and are less likely to be bullied or become bullies, as they develop greater self-confidence and respect for others. They will learn the importance of learning from their mistakes, why good nutrition is important, responsible, legal and safe behaviour, the ability to avoid negative peer pressure and self defence while reinforcing the virtues of hard work, concentration, planning, self-discipline and family values.

Accomplishments in Karate are often seen in a positive light by prospective employers who rightly attach images of strength, trust and good character to those who study it.

Australian Goju Kai Karate, the premier Karate school, offers martial arts classes at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Families can train together in any of the classes.

The adult martial art classes are aimed at increasing confidence, flexibility, co-ordination, people skills, self defence, strength, stamina and improved general fitness. Training at AGKK is a life changing decision. Classes are energetic, positive, fun and versatile.

You are welcome to inquire about beginning or enhancing your Karate journey either by contacting: Bernie Sensei on 0409 474 494 or visiting www.agkk.com.au
Driving Lessons

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NORTH BRISBANE

I am a local driving school based at Bracken Ridge and lesson times are flexible to meet the needs of school students

* Please note: Special offer to Sandgate High School Community is $50 per hour driving time lesson.

My website for more detail and bookings is www.brisbanedrivinglessons4u.com

Street Reads free event for Families, Kids and Teens

Be the hero, choose your adventure! Why be a tourist when you can be a pirate? Or run through the streets of Brisbane to escape a zombie apocalypse?

Street Reads makes you the hero of your own story, giving you the chance to take part in your own adventure in locations across Brisbane. Brisbane City Council hosts these real-life choose-your-own-adventure style stories around the Brisbane CBD and suburbs using the Story City App. This event is free and a great adventure activity for families and teens, with heaps of prizes to be won before the end of November. Be the hero of your Street Reads adventure today by downloading the free app at http://www.storycity.com.au You can find out more about Street Reads at www.streetreads.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Rather than reading these adventures in the old-school ‘book’ format, you’ll be able to take part in the adventure via the Story City app on your smart phone or tablet. Once you read or listened to the next part of the adventure you can choose from several options to continue your story. Then you choose how you’re going to explore your city! Will you explore Brisbane while running from a zombie apocalypse? Or will you be pillaging the city looking for pirate supplies? It’s your adventure, so it’s up to you! Each new part of the story takes place in a different location, showcasing Brisbane sights in a whole new way!

You can start six of our adventures in Reddacliff Place in the city or do one of our suburban adventures in Woolloongabba, Dutton Park and Sandgate. Your adventure can be enjoyed one of two ways: You can listen to the story as it is narrated to you via audio; or you can read the story yourself on your smart phone/tablet.

Will you become the apprentice of a hero, or maybe death? Remake Brisbane with the help of some escaped computer programs? Be a pirate in the CBD, or a private detective solving a mystery in Woolloongabba, or a ghost hunter who must get rid of a cursed ghost ship in Sandgate? Or perhaps you’ll survive a zombie apocalypse, or capture a River monster in Dutton Park?

All stories are free, and until the 30th of November you can enter the prize draw for some great prizes like iTunes vouchers, Wheel of Brisbane tickets, Choose your own Death books and much more.