Sandgate DSHS Students Amongst The Best In The State

A message from the Acting Principal...

Last week saw the graduation of our 2015 Year 12 students with three major events scheduled as part of their farewell. The first major event of the week was the Valedictory at which Georgianna Berthaly-Martyn, Jasper Childs and Rosie McCrossin delivered a moving Valedictorian Address looking at the different stages of their life at Sandgate DSHS. On Thursday night we recognised the efforts of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students while on Friday night we celebrated the Year 12 Formal at a new venue, the Victoria Park Golf Club. This was a very glamorous and sophisticated evening comprising of an excellent three course meal, thousands of photographs and for some lucky gentlemen, a farewell dance with Mrs Gentle.

With the departure of the 12s, it is an opportunity to reflect of the excellence of our students. We have a significant number of students exiting with some of the highest marks available in Authority Subjects across the state. This speaks to the quality of the instruction available at Sandgate DSHS, the ability and application of the individual students and the fact that we can provide pathways for a wide variety of different learners. I would like to highlight students who achieved VHA 8 and higher. This means these students have achieved A+ or A in every assessment item throughout senior. Well done to these students for continually representing our third value - “Be Your Best”.

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As the Gateway Upgrade North Project will have some impact upon the volume of traffic around the school, a Parent Consultation Evening has been scheduled for Tuesday 8 December at 6.30 pm in the Resource Centre. The engineers will be bringing their full project briefs and community consultation will be sought about drop-off zones around the school. More information about the project can be found at: www.gatewayupgradenorth.com.au

Jim O'Neill | Acting Principal

What's On

23 November - 11 December 2015

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Parents And Citizens Meetings

P&C MEETINGS - THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH - 6.30pm - SCHOOL LIBRARY - ALL WELCOME! (Next Meeting 17 February 2016) Created by--Type who the quote is credited to

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2016 Senior Leaders

Congratulations to our 2016 Senior Leaders

Cultural Captains - Katie Dean and Emma Venzke
Sports Captains - Tasma Smith and Tom Salter
Collins House Captains - Nathaniel Chipa and Joshua Davies
Hinkler House Captains - Erinn Fogarty and Elizabeth Hancock
Monash House Captains - Inekah Moyle Virtue and Bailey McCoist
Story House Captains - Sophie Stanton and Morgan Van Rossum

Year 12 Valedictory

Last Wednesday evening we celebrated with our 2015 Year 12 cohort at their Valedictory Ceremony. It was a very special evening and we are very proud of the achievements of our Year 12's this year. We wish each and every one of them every success in the future as they expand their horizons and strive to be their best!

Premier's Reading Challenge Winners

Congratulations to our Premier's Reading Challenge winners. Thank you to the Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe for presenting the awards to our year 7 students.

Tuckshop News

The final day for Tuckshop this year will be Friday 4th December. We encourage students to pre-order lunch before school as we are winding stock down and will be operating on a limited menu.

Thank you to our five Volunteers whose assistance has been greatly appreciated. We would love to have some new faces join us next year. If you are interested in volunteering in 2016 please give us a call on 38699840.

Happy holidays to all.

Sherie Tregoning | Café Ibis Manager

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.

Senior Schooling News

On Monday 2 November, Mr James O'Neill - Acting Principal, Ms Judi Robinson - Head of Senior School and Mrs Samantha Churchill attended the 2015 GeneR8 Graduation evening.

Sandgate DSHS had two Year 12 students, Lachlan Dinte and Benjamin Williams graduate successfully from this school to work program achieving a Certificate II in Logistics. Both Lachlan and Ben displayed commitment and great effort throughout the program and gained valuable workplace experience through their work placement. Well done boys!

On Thursday 5 November 2015, Mr James O'Neill - Acting Principal, Mr Neil Dargusch - Acting Deputy Principal and Mrs Samantha Churchill attended the 2015 AccelR8 Graduation evening to watch Year 12 student Gavin Howell and Year 11 student Luke Raroa graduate successfully from the program.

Both boys completed a Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation while working, Gavin at Future Autos Kedron and Luke at Toyota Sci Fleet Kedron. We are thrilled to announce that Luke has been offered a full-time apprenticeship with Toyota
Sci-Fleet through his outstanding work in the program. Gavin also has interviews with potential employers and is hopeful of securing an apprenticeship.

Gavin at his workplace

Congratulations to these SandgateDSHS students. We wish them every success in their chosen pathway.

Samantha Churchill | Teacher Aide - Business & Senior Schooling

From The Japan Club

Japan Club has once again levelled up through a busy 2015! Japan Club is a Japanese culture based activity group which gathers during Friday lunches. It is a student-run club for students, but we also invite teachers who wish to attend. This year we were able to involve students and enjoy another great year filled with progress and FOOD. We've invited students to participate in our branch-off group called Manga Community, where we have learned to produce an amateur manga together. With the help of the Japan Club Council, we were able to plan some larger and fun activities such as the Winter Festival, Ninja Battle RPG's and club raffles.

A special thanks to our new official teacher advisor, Mrs Pymble and also to Mrs Cameron who enabled us with enthusiastic support and contributions to complete goals, which we were most unlikely to achieve and prepare alone. For example, Open Day, mochi making at the library, and providing materials to do calligraphy for club activities. We look forward to 2016 as we anticipate doing many more great activities such as the Buta no Shippo Tournament and excursion for the club members.

XenXenAlambra | Japan Club President

Music News

Instrumental Music

All school instruments should now be returned to the music room for checking and servicing ready for next year. If you wish to borrow your instrument for the holidays, you will need to see your Instrumental Teacher and complete a holiday loan form.

There may be some places in the instrumental music program in 2016. If your child might be interested in one of these positions, please email Mrs O'Shea doshe5@eq.edu.au to get a handbook so that you can consider an application.

Choir

Joining the Choir in 2016 is another musical option for your child/children. Rehearsals will
Lions Christmas Cakes And Puddings

We are selling Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings in the school office!

If you would like to order one, please see Mrs Dargusch

Prices are below;

1.5kg Christmas Cake $16
1kg Christmas Cake $12
.9kg Christmas Pudding $12

We have some stock here if you need them straight away. Otherwise delivery will be before the 11th December.

Sandgate DSHS Formal 2015 Photos

School-based Youth Health Nurse News

The Importance of Belonging for Teenagers

Teens need to feel a sense of belonging to feel good about who they are. Those who do not have at least a few close friends often suffer from isolation, insecurity and a poor self-image. Teens gain much of their identity from the people they spend time with, because these people often reflect similar interests and beliefs. Whether peer groups are found in academic or religious circles or within the teen’s community, positive groups will help build healthy emotional and psychological development through a strong sense of belonging.

Positive Belonging

Teens who find a secure place in a particular group with those who share common interests are more apt to feel a sense of positive belonging, which can influence choices and relationships along the way. According to Education.com, positive self-respect and self-confidence gained from being a part of a group with good values can empower a teen throughout her life. Teens who spend time together and are interested in significant areas of life can inspire others within the group to accomplish important life goals.

Family Connections

Although it’s not always apparent in the typical teen, she needs to feel a deep sense of belonging in her family. A teen’s sense of family is her foundation for belonging, and even though she may spend more time with her friends than at home during the teen years, knowing there is always a place of ultimate acceptance and love gives her confidence. According to Fabulous to Be Female, preteens or teens who do not feel connected at home may look for satisfaction in other places like drugs, alcohol, gang activity and sexual activity. Encourage family belonging in your teen by eating meals together several times each week and planning a family night where everyone is expected to join in. Go out to a restaurant together, have a family movie night or play a board game. Choose activities that encourage communication so your teen will understand her opinions are valued and respected.

Adolescence

Young people’s self-esteem can be affected by their physical and hormone changes, and most importantly by how they look or how they think they look.

Young people who have a goal in life often have high self-esteem, as do those whose families support them.

Belonging to a group of friends is also very important to a young person’s self-esteem. This is why they seem so attached to the telephone and want to do whatever their friends are doing.
Mandy Trempus | School-based Youth Health Nurse

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.

Community Notices

Funded Courses for School Community

Become a Teacher Aide

- Certificate 3 in Education Support (Teacher Aide)
- 2 days/week on class - school hours
- Plus 100 hours work experience
- $50 or $20 concession (conditions apply)

NO COST training for 2015 Year 12 school leavers

Other courses also available:
- Community Services Work * Disability * Aged Care * Childcare

The Queensland Government Program is a QLD Government Initiative

W: www.strategya.com.au

Free Dental Check-up