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ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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from the principal...



Recently I had the honour and distinct pleasure to speak with the top 10 achievers of the school and their parents. I related to them that when I first went to university I met many clever people. What surprised me was that the clever ones often did not get the work done, completed or submitted on time. It was actually the people who attended to those issues of routine who got through and were recognised with their degree.

Our learning focus for students here at Robina enunciates this in a very clear way – “Every Student Every Lesson Every Day – Learning and Succeeding”. This is a continual reminder to students to be in a sound routine with their school work, to be at school every day, to have a homework plan, to have an assessment plan, so that assignments are ready on a due day and they are ready for a test on a due day and well prepared for it. As I speak to parents I remind them that whilst the high school work itself gets harder and harder each year, the very best support the parents can provide is to assist young people in having good routines and planning for due dates.

The best swimmers practise every day at the same time and focus on a plan for the next meet. The best footballers train every day and focus on planning to be ready for the next match. The best student does exactly the same thing and really the most successful people in life lead their lives in the same way.

Success is not about being clever, it's about having some talent and maximising it in every way possible with practise and routine.

Ross Smith
Principal

YEAR OF CREATIVITY

Deb Derrick
HOD The Arts

To celebrate the Year of Creativity, the Arts Department showcased several events during Arts Week held at the end of February including; a visiting artist and a sneak preview of our school musical.

INDIGENOUS ENTERTAINER

Our Arts Week artist-in-residence was Sean Choolburra, Australia's number one indigenous entertainer. Sean is a dynamic and versatile comedian, rap singer, dancer, storyteller, actor and hip-hop didge player. Sean gave several performances and also conducted workshops throughout the week, including dance, storytelling and boomerang throwing. He captivated the attention of the students and staff and inspired his audiences to work hard at what they enjoy most in life. Year 8 student, Corrie Bennett, recalls, “He said that whatever you're good at, try your hardest at it.”



CIRCA MYSTIQUE COMES TO TOWN

A tale of forbidden love set amidst the backdrop of the big top, Circa Mystique is the unique and much anticipated creation of the staff and students of Robina State High School. An original musical, Circa Mystique will make its premiere at the Robina Community Centre on 24 June 2009 and run for two nights with a Thursday matinee.

The story explores the relationships between three sisters and their overprotective, mourning father, whose grief for his wife and her tragic death sees him impose unreasonable expectations on his beautiful and talented daughters, performers in his grand and outrageous circus. A secret relationship develops between one of his daughters and a stable hand, which begins a chain of events that will affect all of their lives for generations to come

An enticing blend of tragedy and comedy, Circa Mystique is an ambitious production, combining the skills of many talented staff members from faculties across the school including The Arts, Industrial Design & Technology and Business Education, as they lead their students in writing the script, composing the music, choreographing dances, designing and constructing the set and creating all marketing and promotional materials. If you can help out in any way, by giving time or sponsorship, please contact Deb Derrick (07) 5562 3428. Over 100 students will be involved in Circa Mystique, a project which will be brought to life over six months of tireless work. Tickets go on sale Term 2 2009.



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from the dean's desk...



Jenny Tobin



Megan Tyne



Paul Bevan

It is difficult to believe that Term 1 2009 is drawing to a close and Easter is upon us. We have had a very busy first term with students heavily involved in their learning schedule along with a variety of extra curricular activities. We began the year with a successful Year 12 camp shortly followed by the Swimming Carnival. In addition we have had several groups of international visitors at our school, a busy Art Week, a colourful and active Harmony Week, and a very successful World's Greatest Shave fundraiser. This highlights just a few of our activities.

Included in this mail-out is your child's Mid Semester 1 progress report. This report marks the end of our first term of learning at Robina SHS. It is our best indication of how your child is progressing in their educational program at this point of the year.

I hope that you find the progress report informative. You may still have some questions about your child's progress or how they could improve. Also, some teachers may have indicated they would welcome an opportunity to meet with you.

Our first session of Parent Teacher Interviews will be held at the school in the Student Activity Centre (SAC) on Tuesday, 28 April. I invite you to take advantage of this opportunity to meet your child's teachers and discuss their learning and progress at school. You will find more information concerning the Parent Teacher Interviews enclosed in this mail out.

Megan Tyne
Deputy Principal

SHAVING FOR A CURE

Laurel Raethel
Publicity Manager

Support for the World's Greatest Shave this year was unprecedented with 17 teachers eager to support the Leukaemia Foundation and have their heads shaved on Thursday, 12 March.

A huge crowd gathered in undercover area 2 during lunchtime to watch the golden locks come off. Thanks to 'Heads of Robina' and Mackintosh International College hairdressing students for keeping the clippers busy and the shaving cream on tap. Many of our students were keen to have their hair sprayed in crazy colours as well.

\$1400 was donated by Robina High students and staff on the day with hundreds more directly donated to the World's Greatest Shave website.

Science teacher, Luke Stratton and his family are very grateful for everyone's support as they have experienced first-hand the tremendous work the Leukaemia Foundation do. You'll see Mr Stratton and his son, Bede, in one of the photos - he shaved his head, too!



WELCOME OB1

Blair Tonkin
Year 11 Leader

Year 11 has a new name on its roll - year level mascot, OB1 Gnombe! He may be short in stature but he has wisdom to burn and hopefully the Year 11's can utilise him to full potential.

OB1 has commenced the two year senior schooling journey and is keen to involve himself in every social event. His main job is developing a better group morale for Year 11. He is keen to be involved in extra-curricular activities and is looking forward to his Easter holiday adventure with one of the students. He will return to school ready for Term 2 complete with photos of his holiday.



EVERYONE BELONGS

Sellina McCluskey
HOD Languages

The key message of Harmony Day 2009 was "Everyone Belongs". It's about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Harmony Day is celebrated world wide on 21 March, however, Robina High School traditionally celebrates with a week full of activities.

This year we enjoyed:

- Daily cultural quizzes in PROMOTE
- An international menu at the canteen throughout the week
- Tuesday's lunchtime cricket matches and the green of St Patrick's Day
- Wednesday's Harmony Assembly and many teachers wearing orange
- 65 students visiting from Hanasaki Tokuharu High in Japan
- A visit from a Canadian Rugby team
- Thursday's House Art Competition
- Friday's Aussie lunch for the International students

At Wednesday's Harmony Assembly two of our Year 12 International students shared their experiences of living and being educated in the Australian culture. Niklas Scheuble, from Germany, is with us for just six months while Cherry Chen, from China, commenced in Year 10 and is working towards graduating from Year 12 at the end of this year.



profile...



Performing on a stage is something many people shy from, however two Year 10 students say they love it! Natalie Hunt and Crystal Landers have been friends for years, and both are keen members of Spotlight Theatre in Ashmore. Each Wednesday evening they meet with a wide cross section of the community to hone their drama skills.

Reflecting on Spotlight Theatre, Natalie says, "It's a great opportunity to experience stage work from several perspectives. Drama is not all about acting, directing is also very important." Crystal adds, "Being part of Spotlight is a great hobby. Meeting each week to learn new drama techniques keeps you on your toes."

Natalie is performing in this year's school musical, *Circa Mystique*, and is excited about the production. A lot of energy is being put into the original script and musical score.

Both young ladies enjoy comedy and say they have a natural bent towards it. They also enjoy working together and easily 'bounce' off each other. There are lots of laughs and one-liners when Crystal and Natalie are together.

community & care...

LEO CLUB SUPPORTS LOCAL COMMUNITY

Brock Jackson
Club President

On Monday, 23 March, our Leo's club inducted their new members Tianna Moore, Liam Budd, John Morris and Ravie Vongma into the Robina State High School sub-branch. The 2009 president Brock Jackson, vice president Cameron Munro, treasurer Sarah Budd, secretary Danikah Harrison, directors Daisy Ambach and Matthew Davis, and faculty advisor Sally Gower were also inducted into their positions.

As part of the ceremony, a cheque for \$1500 was presented to the Lions Miss Personality Quest for their Medical Research Foundation. This money was raised from the sale of valentine roses to Robina students at the beginning of February. Each year, Leo's have traditionally worked on many successful fundraisers including 40 Hour Famine, Daffodil Day, Bandana Day and Environment Day with all money raised supporting community charities.

The success of our club reflects the dedication and hard work of all Leo members. The 2009 leaders are inspired, and the club is planning to raise even more money than we did last year.



what's new in education...

CANADIAN TEACHER EXCHANGE

Teacher exchange is not a new concept, but it is something new for Robina High School. This year we welcome Canadian Physical Education teacher, Jeremy Nibogie, to our staff. Here is his story:

My name is Jeremy Nibogie. I am from Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. My exchange partner, Adam Brandis (HOD HPE) and I decided to do this teacher exchange April last year. Basically, we have switched lives. I am now living in his house, driving his car, and teaching his job. My experience started with a 24 hour multi-flight journey in January from Ottawa to the Gold Coast. For me, it was an escape from the frigid cold of -30 degrees Celsius and four feet of snow. For Adam and his family it was a whole different story.

Apart from doing plenty of sight-seeing I have enjoyed many sporting events including the Queensland Reds and Gold Coast Titans. I have enjoyed my several attempts to surf, but I'm afraid that my balance in ice-hockey has not transferred over very well.

Being exposed to a different education system has kept me on my toes. I know I'll be going home with some new teaching strategies. Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me so warmly.



key dates...

Monday, 20 April	Student Free
Tuesday, 21 April	First day Term 2
Wednesday, 22 April	ANZAC Assembly
Tuesday, 28 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
Monday, 4 May	Labour Day Holiday
Wednesday, 6 May	Cross Country
Tues-Thurs, 12-14 May	Year 9 NAPLAN tests

entry form...

Lucky Celebrate Draw

Thanks to the Robina Town Centre, we are giving away a \$50 voucher to spend anywhere in the Centre. The draw takes place once a Term. Please complete this entry form (including a parent/caregiver signature) and put in the box in the Resource Centre. Limit one entry per student.

Name.....

Year.....

Parent/Caregiver Signature.....

INTRODUCING THE NEW FASHION CAPITAL OF THE GOLD COAST

The second stage of Robina Town Centre's new \$300 million expansion is now complete.

Unveiling the season's hottest new collections and a host of fashion brands unique to the Gold Coast, Robina Town Centre will officially become the premier fashion, food and lifestyle destination on the Gold Coast.

Stores to grace the floors at the new look Robina Town Centre include Esprit, Cue, Sportscraft, Sportsgirl, Sunburn, Florsheim and many others.

There is also plenty in-store for the men this winter, with top designers for men's wardrobes in new retailers such as R.M. Williams, Man to Man, Mandate, Roger David and YD.

That is not all, the new state-of-the-art Park Assist technology is now in operation in the new Big W and David Jones car park guiding drivers to available parking spots quickly and easily – a first for any shopping centre in Queensland.

Visit www.robina-towncentre.com.au for more on the latest stores now open at Robina Town Centre!



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community partners...

Thank you very much for supporting Shave for a Cure on Thursday, 12 March, 2009. You helped shave 17 heads in 40 minutes!

