

FEBRUARY 2009

from the principal...



A warm welcome back to the extended families of our staff, students and parents for 2009. It is a warm beginning, figuratively and actually. The heat and the rain keeping us busy at home, at work, at school and to and from school.

There are many changes in progress for education this year:

The National Curriculum proposals have been released for comment, these close towards the end of this month.

The National Computers in Schools program is rolling out its second round and we have been successful in obtaining support with that program. Further, the Queensland program supporting computers for teachers and students is currently underway.

The national program of building in state schools is being released at this time and we anticipate that a number of responsive and developmental programs can be undertaken this year with this support.

Finally, as I have finished speaking to all the students by way of clarifying our focus for the year, I highlighted for them the continual press coverage of significant harmony and conflict around the world. While it is sometimes difficult for us to imagine a useful response, I highlighted 3 of our 7 PROMOTE values to them. The first is respect, which we must continue to show to each and every one of the people we come into contact. The second is manners, which are really the outward manifestation, the outward behaviour, of showing respect for others. And the third is teamwork, which will occur as we are very fairly and carefully respectful of all. Becoming a strong team locally where their members are respectful of all is a first class model globally.

A happy new year one and all.

Ross Smith
Principal

LAVER BREAKS DROUGHT

Dave Purnell
HOD HPE

Remembering that the 2008 swimming carnival had been cancelled because of rain, we were all relieved when Thursday, 12 February, turned out to be bright and dry. The school's annual swimming carnival remains a day of colour, competition and fun.

Students across all age levels and swimming disciplines were keen to not only win races and break records, but to also accumulate points for their respective sporting House. Laver House was very proud to emerge victorious after several quiet years. They have their 15 years girls and Open girls to thank for such a strong finish. These Laver young ladies put in a mighty fine effort. Laver was not always out in front and the lead changed hands several times throughout the carnival.

Six records were broken on the day with only 2 students sharing that honour – Riley McHutchison, Boys 16 yrs backstroke, butterfly, freestyle and Josh Stephens, Boys Open backstroke, butterfly, freestyle.

Our House Leaders organised some novelty events which generated a lot of participation and proved to be great fun to watch.

AGE CHAMPIONS

| BOYS | NAME | HOUSE |
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| 13 YEARS | Kyle Merrett | Gooding |
| 14 YEARS | Luke Benoussan | Franklin |
| 15 YEARS | Jeremy Stephens | Laver |
| 16 YEARS | Riley McHutchison | Gooding |
| OPEN | Joshua Stephens | Laver |

| GIRLS | NAME | HOUSE |
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| 13 YEARS | Alyssa-Jayne Gooley | Hinze |
| 14 YEARS | Renee Joesphson | Hinze |
| 15 YEARS | Anne-Marie Reiser | Laver |
| 16 YEARS | Sophie Mitchell | Gooding |
| OPEN | Kelly Stewart | Laver |



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from the dean's desk...



Jenny Tobin



Megan Tyne



Paul Bevan

It is with great pleasure that I take my place amongst the administration team at Robina SHS for the commencement of the 2009 school year. I did not hesitate to accept the invitation to replace Mr Scott Ison for first semester. I have often driven passed the school and in doing so checked out the noticeboard near the roundabout. What never ceased to amaze me was the regularity with which events occurred. There was always something happening at Robina SHS!

I have always believed that one of the characteristics of a progressive school is the quantity, quality and diversity of its events and functions, which not only enrich the school experience but develop and enhance the sense of community. This characteristic does not manifest itself unless students, staff and parents are committed to it. Robina is a vibrant school community.

It is my aim this semester to be another positive influence in the school and to support and assist Years 11 and 12 as they navigate their senior years. Having two children who have not long finished Year 12, I am only too aware of the pressures that the senior years can bring to those who are striving to succeed.

I bring to the school thirty four years experience as teacher, Head of Department and Deputy Principal. In addition, I have been heavily involved with sport (especially football (soccer) and track and field) as well as the performing arts. I will be looking to utilise my career experiences to assist, wherever possible, every student, every lesson, every day, to learn and succeed.

Paul Bevan
Deputy Principal

YEAR 12 CAMP ADRENALINE

Sydney Pead & Cameron King
Year 12 students

On Wednesday, 27 January 2009 the new Year 12's of Robina High embarked on a three day outdoor camp experience at Kindilan Outdoor Centre, Redland Bay. Prior to boarding the buses here at school we found out which groups we were in and what ridiculous team symbol we were given. From bubbles to water pistols to pirates, arm bands and Aussie cricketers, each group was instantly in competition with each other. As soon as our bags were away we were straight into some team games. We'll never forget the 'blood-sucking mammals' or the grass stains after human tunnel ball.

In our groups we experienced a whole range of crazy activities involving teamwork, cooperation, harnesses and large heights. Believe us, you need a lot of ground support and guts to take the 'Leap of Faith', fly through the tree tops on a swing or dangle helplessly in the air with your mates on the 'Dangle Trio'.

Some of the less extreme activities were equally as challenging. Our knot tying abilities were put to the test in the raft building and creek crossing exercises. With only one exception (Jarred!), we all made it across the creek however, it's safe to say THIS group of Year 12's has a bit to learn about raft building.

Exhausted as we were, everyone went home feeling satisfied with their efforts and the friends they'd made.



2009 LEADERS INDUCTED

Laurel Raethel
Publicity Manager

Our team of student leaders for 2009 was inducted at a special assembly on Wednesday, 4 February. Dianne Reilly, state member for Mudgeeraba, addressed the assembly and presented our school captains, vice captains and student council president with their badges. Ray Stevens, state member for Robina and Cr Jan Grew, Division 11 Gold Coast City Council were also present.



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| School Captains | Cameron King | Ashleigh Hayward | | |
| Vice Captains | Dimitri Bourne | Sydney Pead | | |
| Student Council President | David Yang | | | |
| Franklin House Captains | Jarred Blessman | Lauren Cassidy | Steven Coffey | Ashley Duck |
| Hinze House Captains | Abby Goulding | Jessica Hardy | Alyssa Imai | |
| Gooding House Captains | Rebecca Mc Donnell | Nic Middleton | Ryan Opferkuch | Nicole Pritchett |
| Laver House Captains | Amy Rayner | Allan Sawrey | Ionie Valdez | Kelsey Walker |

VISIT FROM JAPANESE BASEBALL SCHOOL

Daniel Norton-Smith

Baseball Excellence Program Coordinator

On Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 February, Robina High hosted 35 students from Urawa Gaukin Baseball Program. Urawa Gaukin is ranked in the top ten baseball schools amongst the 2000 schools in Japan. This is an outstanding group of baseballers.

Our visitors had a great time at Robina High and enjoyed all components of the program organised by our HOD of International Studies, Sellina McCluskey. Students attended a variety of classes including Biotechnology, HPE lessons (where they learned our national summer sport – cricket), English lessons and baseball training on our newly refurbished diamond, plus a weights session in our school gym.

They also enjoyed the company of their buddies from our Baseball Excellence Program and really liked the grass baseball diamond we use everyday here at Robina. In Japan their entire fields are predominately dirt. Our students learned a lot about the discipline that the Japanese students have both on and off the field and were amazed at their training structure and routine that has taken them to a top ten school in Japan.

The two days were concluded with a game between Robina and Urawa Gaukin at Surfers Paradise Baseball Club. All players enjoyed the experience immensely and it was a great contest. Outstanding players from Robina included Josh Warner, Connor O’Gorman, Kyle Graham, Beau Rohweder and Nobu Takeshima.

We look forward to their visit again next year.



profile...



What began as a favourite pastime, and a bit of fun, for 16 year old Max Schubert has quickly become a passion and is providing him with some additional opportunities and some pocket money. Three and a half years after skating in his first skateboarding competition, Max is now regularly competing on the circuit, is gathering sponsors and appeared in the January 2009 edition of ‘Slam’, a popular Australian skateboarding magazine.

To date Max has earned \$700 in prize money and has 4 sponsors. He is hoping to compete in Sydney at the end of February at the popular Bondi Bowlerama.

Max remains humble and has to pinch himself that this is really happening. Reflecting on his success he says, “I’m always surprised when someone who is on a poster on my wall comes up to me at a comp and speaks to me. To be recognised by some of the greats is a real buzz.”

Obtaining his QCE over the next two years still remains a priority for Max and he is already working hard towards achieving the best results possible.



community & care...

OUR SCHOOL BASED POLICE OFFICER

Di Loddon

P & C President

We’ve recently had a documentary crew from SBS in the school to do a story on our school-based police officer, Acting Senior Constable Frank Bowie. ‘Living Black’ is an indigenous SBS series screening in March.

Frank has been our school-based police officer for about 7 years now. He has a great profile in our school earning the respect of the students and the community. Frank can be found in classes talking to students, joining excursions and going on camps.

We are fortunate to have a School Based Police Officer and have had one since the school opened. People often see the police car outside the school and wonder why. I would like to assure the community we do not need a police presence at Robina High, we’ve chosen to have one to support our students, families and the community.



what's new in education...

STUDENTS GAIN FITNESS CERTIFICATE

Sam Wiseman
HOD Science

Robina SHS is now the **first** and **only** school in Queensland recognised as a Registered Training Organisation offering a Certificate III in Fitness.

The Cert III in Fitness is run by the school's Science Department led by teacher Mr Chris Wood, who is both the trainer and assessor for the Certificate course. Chris holds an Exercise Science Degree and has a strong background in fitness training. The program is also supported by physiotherapists, dieticians and gyms in the local area.

Students who successfully complete the course over two years (Years 11 and 12) will receive 8 QCE points towards their Queensland Certificate of Education. In addition, they will hold the entry level qualification for employment in the fitness industry.



key dates...

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| Thursday 12 March | University Showcase |
| Wed - Fri 1-3 April | Band Camp |
| Thursday 9 April | Last day Term 1 |
| Monday 20 April | Student Free |
| Tuesday 21 April | First day Term 2 |
| Tuesday 28 April | Parent Teacher Interviews |

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.....

ROBINA TOWN CENTRE YOUR ULTIMATE DESTINATION FOR FASHION, FOOD AND LEISURE

Winter is just around the corner and the hottest new brands are at Robina Town Centre. It's official - the countdown to the opening of the new-look Robina Town Centre has well and truly begun.

Early April, Robina Town Centre will open its doors to the much-anticipated second stage of its \$300 million expansion - unveiling the ultimate range of fashion, leisure and lifestyle brands on the Gold Coast.

Among the exciting new arrivals will be Australia's largest BIG W, a second Woolworths supermarket, more than 100 new speciality stores and a 900-seat, air-conditioned food court.

Boasting a massive 10,000 square metres, the 'next generation' BIG W will feature as a focal point of this exciting new precinct, with direct car park access and located just a short stroll from the new 900 seat air-conditioned food court.

This expansive eatery (pictured) will see the re-opening of some popular favourites including KFC, Subway and McDonald's as well as the arrival of new dining options including Asian Delight, Sumo Japanese and Sandwich Planet.

We are also delighted to welcome back The Coffee Club, opening in a sophisticated new location with views overlooking the soon-to-be completed lakeside promenade.

Here's a preview of just some of the new stores set to open at Robina Town Centre in April.

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| SABA | Sunglass Hut | Goldmark | Marco Gianni | Wax It |
| Cue | Stefan | Katies | Multi-Services | Shaver Shop |
| Country Road | Roger David | Autograph | Hairhouse Warehouse | Newsxpress |
| David Lawrence | Tom Browns | Wallace Bishop | Just Watches | Yogen Fruz |
| Esprit | Man to Man | The Silver Shop | Kenny's Cardiology | Ali Baba |
| YD | Mathers | Vivid Eyewear | NZ Natural Ice Cream | Pizza Cake |
| Sportsgirl | City Chic | Euro Sushi | Optus World | Cardio Tech |
| City Beach | General Pants | Robins Kitchen | Platypus Shoes | First Avenue |
| Sunburn | American Nails | Footmaster Shoes | Queenspark | Gaz Man |
| Florsheim | Williams | Franberne Meats | Rockmans | Travel Lite |
| RM Williams | Crossroads | Gametradors | Rockwear | Ebony |
| Wheel & Barrow | Angus & Coote | Robina Fresh Deli & Fruits | Telstra | Wittner |
| Riot Art & Craft | Belle Collection | King of Knives | Hats by the Hundred | ...and more! |
| Guggenheim Hair | Speedo | Le Gassick | The Tea Centre | |
| ABC Shop | Undercover Girl | Mandate | Tree of Life | |
| Nike | Michael Hill | | V-Pharmacy | |

community partners...



Thanks to NewsXpress at Robina Town Centre for generously providing a hamper of stationery items which we used for the parents draw at 'Robina By night' on Monday, 23 February.



6 years ago Robina SHS established a Member Value Partnership with Rebel Sports stores. When you shop at Rebel Sport, provide your school ID to receive a 5% discount. Our school receives this as a 5% credit to be spent on sporting goods for the school.