



celebrate

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ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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from the principal...



I write to highlight our PROMOTE values.

Celebrating is clearly about recognising activities of great worth and **'worth'** opens and closes our values statement with Pride and Excellence.

Pride:
feeling of **worth**, honour and self-respect and of satisfaction in one's own or another's success.

Respect:
attitude of deference, admiration, regard and/or esteem towards yourself and others, your property and that of others.

Ownership:
taking responsibility of one's behaviour and its consequences and assisting others in this.

Manners:
accepted or customary way of showing respect for family members and others which feature a range of outward behaviours indicating this respect.

Opportunity:
favourable combination of circumstances of which one can take advantage.

Teamwork:
group of people organised to work together, showing respect for each other and maximising their opportunities which can provide for much individual and group pride.

Excellence:
aspiring to distinction, eminence, fineness, goodness, virtue and **worth**.

I trust the values are clearly obvious in all the outstanding articles within this edition of Celebrate.

Ross Smith
Principal

LEADING HOUSE PULLS AHEAD

Dave Purnell
Sport Coordinator

For the second year running, Gooding has snatched victory of the cross-country from the grasp of the other Houses. After winning event after event last year, Gooding came first in the prized 2007 Sporting House Cup and it appears that their winning streak is set to continue for 2008.

There were similar numbers of competitors again this year at Pizzey Park, however Gooding was able to secure more of the top positions. Participation points also played a key role in their success.

Age champions Lauren Josephson and Hayden Sumner have been age champions for three years running, and Alice Griffin has won for the last two. Last year brought with it the introduction of the "Champion Interschool Sport Team", where teams were required to have at least 65% of their team compete in the cross-country. The boys' Basketball 14 yrs and girls' Touch A teams were convincing winners on the day. Congratulations must also go to both the boys' Hockey and girls' Touch 13 yrs teams who had 100% team participation on the day.

It was good to have Stevie Bray join us at the Celebration assembly to present certificates to the age champions. Stevie graduated in 2003 and was a frequent age champion herself while a student at Robina High School.



AGE CHAMPIONS

Boys	Name	House	Girls	Name	House
13 years	Dylan O'Connor	Gooding	13 years	Sarah Finn	Hinze
14 years	Jesse Kerrison	Hinze	14 years	Alice Griffin	Hinze
15 years	Hayden Sumner	Laver	15 years	Kirsten McGilvray	Gooding
16 years	Matt Young	Laver	16 years	Lauren Josephson	Hinze
17 years	Matt Harris	Hinze	17 years	Sian Dryden	Franklin
Open	Dylan Nesbit	Gooding	Open	Kristin Bark	Franklin

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from the dean's desk...



Scott Ison



Anita Sgalippa



Jenny Tobin



Megan Tyne

In January this year 22 students began forging a new pathway at Robina State High School. These students have chosen a new and exciting way of meeting their education needs by being the first "Employ Me" Year 10 class. These students are studying a course of literacy, numeracy, and life skills. Their major focus has been a Certificate 1 in Work Education with some students already beginning their necessary work experience.

During first term these students have learnt a lot about themselves and their potential for the future. This term they are giving something back by visiting the local Special School to work with students more disadvantaged than themselves.

Our long term project is for these students to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh program. This will involve them learning a new skill which will be in hospitality culminating in a coffee shop venture. This will also enable them to learn how to work as a team and relate to customers. They will participate in a two day outdoor expedition to South Stradbroke Island where the students will develop planning and organisational skills. The term will finish with the students participating in mock job interviews with local employers to enhance their presentation and communication capabilities.

This group of students has already significantly improved their grades and their attendance rates – sure signs of success, and a big step towards increasing their chances of employability in their chosen field. We are very proud of their work to date.

Anita Sgalippa

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Acknowledging the sacrifice of men and women during war, our school community paused on Tuesday, 22 April to remember those Australian soldiers who fought not only at Gallipoli in 1915, but in other wars that have taken place, and those wars which continue to be fought around the world today.

We welcomed many community guests including: Mrs Margaret May, MHR, Member for McPherson, Mrs Di Reilly MP, Member for Mudgeeraba, Mr Ray Stevens MP, Member for Robina and Mrs Jan Grew, Councillor, Gold Coast City Council Division 11, members from the RSL Mudgeeraba sub-branch and also Clarrie Meredith who represented Legacy. Each year Legacy present a book to the school library. Despite his age, Clarrie says he always looks forward to being present at our ANZAC ceremony and mixing with our students. At the morning tea which followed, Clarrie wondered aloud how many more years he would be able to attend. We appreciate his involvement.

Year 12 students held an ANZAC service during their Year Parade that same day. John Foley, secretary of Mudgeeraba RSL, addressed the senior students on the Royal Australian Navy's role in World War II discussing the role of those in necessary or reserved occupations, their contribution to the war effort and the social changes that this brought about.

Our Student Council sold ANZAC badges and poppies throughout that week raising close on \$300 for the RSL.



EMPLOY ME STUDENTS PAY IT FORWARD

Paul Bullpitt
Life Skills Teacher

The Year 10 Employ Me students are working on community service projects this term. The ideas began to flow after we watched the movie 'Pay it Forward' which looks at the concepts surrounding a young boy's idea to help people in need.

Bringing the story closer to home, the students were particularly touched by one of our Year 12 students, Matt Galley, who has been fighting a health battle awaiting a heart transplant. Initially, Employ Me started by sending the first batch of cards to Matt while he was in hospital. They have been following his story keenly and decided they also wanted to do something to help Matt and his family. The Employ Me students decided on a pancakes drive which raised \$120 during one morning tea.



Students go to Mudgeeraba Special School every Tuesday to help with sporting activities. We have also linked with a primary school in Bali and will be working to raise money to help them pay for their electricity, which amounts to \$25 a month.

The underlying lesson this term is that students understand there are plenty of people worse off than themselves, and that the art of giving can be hugely rewarding.

YR 12 MARINE STUDIES VISIT TANGALOOMA WRECKS

Chris Wood
Marine Studies Teacher

After 10 weeks of classwork and trips to local snorkelling spots for practice, the Year 12 Marine Studies students set off at 6am from school to make the trip to Moreton Island. The ferry trip through Moreton Bay was highlighted by the pods of dolphins seen from the deck and the famous early morning "sausage roll" that was highly recommended by their marine teachers.

Once we arrived the students were quick to change into their snorkelling gear for the first of two dives for the day. With a cool southerly wind blowing and great visibility, the students saw many marine organisms which included wobbegong sharks, giant trevally, parrot fish and wrasse. The students also found out the hard way that the wrecks are sharp and can inflict some nasty cuts and slices. Snorkelling skills like duck-diving, equalisation and donning equipment were being used to explore many of the ship wrecks.

With everyone's dive buddy accounted for, we boarded the ferry for the trip home. A great time was had by all students and teachers.



profile...



Despite only having been riding for about three years, Year 9 student Jesse Kerrison is accumulating a prestigious collection of cycling awards. His most recent success was at the Junior National Track Championship held in Sydney in April. Amongst his tally of results Jesse won the 500m time trial and broke the record at the same time. He is now training for the Junior Road Nationals in Canberra during August.

Jesse regularly puts in 6 hours a day training – anywhere between 40-80kms per day. He is up at 4.30 am training hard to perfect his technique and stamina. Surprisingly, Jesse says that he does not ride to school preferring to walk instead.

Obviously the Olympics is a long term goal for Jesse but he is philosophical and maintains he still has a long way to go before he could consider being in contention. Meanwhile he looks to Australian cyclist, Scott Sunderland as his mentor and takes advantage of competing in as many events as possible.

CAPTIVATED BY PHANTOM

Yasmin Loumoli
Year 10 Music Student

On Wednesday, 16 April, music students had the opportunity to watch the most popular musical of all time, "The Phantom of the Opera". We caught the train to the Queensland Performing Arts Centre and made our way into the theatre. In the session that we attended, Roy Weissensteiner played the part of the phantom. The musical focused on a beautiful singer, Christine Daaé, who becomes the obsession of a mysterious, disfigured musical genius known as "The Phantom of the Opera," who terrorises the Paris Opera House. We were met with beautiful and colourful costumes, fantastic props, wonderful acting, amazing singing and breath taking music. It was fantastic, and I think that I speak for all the students who went when I say that it was an amazing experience that will never be forgotten.



community & care...

CARING IN ACTION

Michelle Davis
Year 10 Leader



In 2007, the Year 9 League For Life class visited Kumbari Avenue Special School in Southport. During their one day visit, our students had the opportunity to meet the students of this school and help out on the school farm. The farm serves as a real life classroom for the students of Kumbari Avenue. Staff mentioned that they badly needed a rotary hoe to help develop their farm further, which in turn provides additional activities for their students.

Now, in 2008, our entire Year 10 cohort is working towards raising the money for the students of Kumbari Avenue to help them purchase the \$3500 piece of machine they so badly need.

In Term 1, PROMOTE classes 10A through to 10F worked on various fundraising ventures to reach this total. These classes have successfully held bake sales, sausage sizzles, coin collections and raffles. The total so far is around the \$400 mark with more projects to come.

Term 2 will see PROMOTE classes 10G through to 10M, start working on their fundraising efforts. Students are excited to be able to help the Kumbari Avenue Special School community.

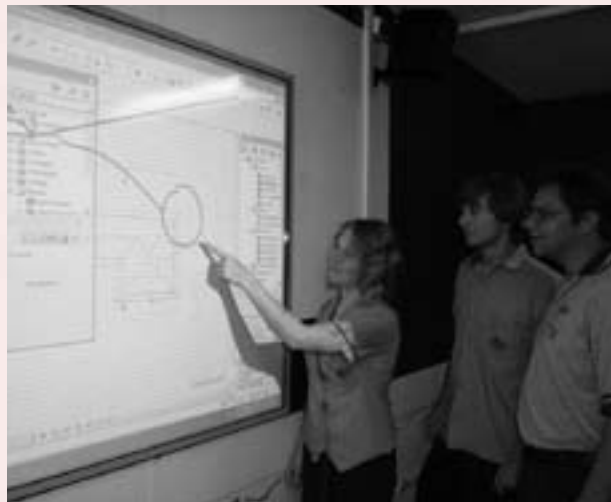
what's new in education...

INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

The traditional teaching board at the front of every classroom has undergone another innovative change. The conventional chalkboard is now well and truly an object of history, and the common whiteboard could soon be a thing of the past.

Thanks to sponsorship from our P&C we now have a collection of Interactive Whiteboards (IWBs) in some classrooms around the school. These technologically-smart boards work in conjunction with a computer and a data projector as well as specially designed software which allows students and staff to fully interact with what they are seeing on the screen.

Watching a teacher and their class in action is captivating as objects on the screen can seemingly be picked up, moved around and modified with one's fingers. Everyone is excited about the enhancement these IWBs are bringing to the curriculum. Students agree that they are more engaged in the lessons while others say that they now understand some of the more difficult concepts they have struggled with before – particularly in Maths. Teachers are enthusiastic about the IWBs and are keen to develop further uses within their classes.



key dates...

Friday, 23 May	Talent Quest
Monday, 9 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Thurs-Wed 12-18 June	OP Exam Block
Friday, 27 June	Last day Term 2

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.....

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