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SCHOOL RESUMES in 2008

Years 8,9,10 & 12 on Tuesday January 29th.
Year 11 on Wednesday January 30th (SAC)

DEAN OF SENIOR STUDENTS: Anita Sgalippa

This will be the last edition of the newsletter for 2007. I would like to take this opportunity to farewell staff that are leaving us. Rod Gephart who has been a well respected member of the Maths department for many years is retiring. We wish Rod good health and thank him on behalf of the many students he has taught for the great amount of hard work he has put in during his career. Other teachers finishing year long contracts who have been part of our community this year include Carol Knowles, Claudia Blum and Nicole Huber. Many thanks for the work you have done for our students in 2007, we wish them well for the future.

Next year we are welcoming back several staff members who have either been on leave or working at other schools. We are pleased to have Scott Ison and Jenny Tobin returning to the Admin team. Cath Roberston who has been a vital part of this team since Easter has accepted an Acting Deputy Principal at Upper Coomera SC. Sara Johnston(Science) will also be taking up an Acting position as HOD at Keebra Park SHS .We wish both ladies all the best in their next challenge.

Personally I would like to thank the students for all their hard work this year as they have strived to live our PROMOTE values and to "believe and succeed" in their studies during 2007. A good measure of their success are the end semester reports which will be posted on Monday 17 December.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of the Review Committee in 2007. This group of teachers continually strives to better the way our school operates; Peter Morrissey, Miranda Burnett, Hubie Abbott, Meran Knowles, Lisa Armitage, Tait Conditis and Sellina McCluskey.

Year 8 and 9 students will have finalized assessment by today and will participate in Activity Days beginning Monday with a range of options to keep them engaged. Please note that there is a discount of 10% on 2008 BELS levy if paid in full by 14 December.

Robina SHS wishes every member of our community a very safe and relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to a positive 2008.

STUDENT PATHWAYS DIRECTOR: Mrs Jeanette McDonald

THE JOY OF BEING

This week Year 9 presented their Class projects at their Year parades. I often ask myself whether the time we allocate for this is really useful and benefits the students. I can now say with no hesitation that Year 9 demonstrated how wonderful young people can be and we'll definitely be keeping Class projects as part of our PROMOTE programme. Every Year 9 class undertook some positive project. We had; goods and donations to the RSPCA; money raised for Foster families and presented to their representative; presents donated and wrapped for the Make a Wish tree; money and time given to the Musgrave Hill Special School's farm project by our League for Life boys; money raised for the Guide Dogs society and 'getting to know and respect each other' games and sessions. (sorry if I've left someone out!) It makes you proud to be associated with such great students and inspirational staff. Well done and congratulations.

LAST WEEK ACTIVITIES

No further payment for costed activities can now be accepted. We've ensured there are very worthwhile activities for all students in their last week at school. All books and equipment should be returned through BELS as well.

Each day and session next week starts in the SAC with roll marking. **Students are required to be in their full uniform for the week, ESPECIALLY if attending excursions. Sports uniform is acceptable.** Wet N Wild and North Burleigh beach students should bring their T-shirts/rashies/board shorts and change into these at the venue.

FINALLY- thank you to all the wonderful students who have undertaken work experience, signed into a SAT, applied or undertaken GUESTS or Bond Uni Student for a Semester, scholarship applicants & winners, our student leaders, our many TAFE students and all the other students who have accessed the great courses and opportunities through this department. 2008 is looking even better! Have a great break.

HOUSE ROUNDUP

Thank you to the House Leaders, Michelle Nicholls, Sarah Johnston, Steve Rogers and Dan Cooper, who have done a superb job with their Houses this year. Although Gooding managed a clean sweep of the trophies, the other Houses never gave up the chase. There's always next year!

Our 2008 House calendar is looking great. The Swimming Carnival is 13th February, Cross Country 15th April and Athletics is on 5th August. There will be the usual great lunchtime House activities and a few 'surprise' additions throughout the year. We say farewell to Dan Cooper from his position as Laver House Leader as he heads overseas in Term 2.

Great job by all- much appreciated by everyone!

GUIDANCE OFFICER: Jodie Dekens

Net Alert

The holidays are nearly upon us. A common past time for adolescents these days is to use the internet. While this can have educational benefits there are some safety steps that should be put in place to protect your child.

Supervise your children

Supervise your children on the internet and set and stick to rules about appropriate use. Together with your children, set house rules about what they are allowed to use the internet for, how they can interact with people online and what information they are allowed to give out. You can formalise these in an internet safety contract which both you and your children sign. Regularly discuss and review the rules to make sure your children are able to access what they need or want in a safe manner.

Educate yourself and your family

Educate yourself and your family about potential dangers online and teach them the skills they need to handle such dangers. Children and young people need to be encouraged to think carefully and critically about everything they encounter online, so they make the right choices about online behaviour.

Equip your family

Equip your family with online protection to help manage your family's online experience. Keep your computer secure. For practical internet safety advice or to download a free internet content filter go to www.australia.gov.au/netalert or ring 1800 880 176.

Protecting Children Online

- Stay in touch with what your children are doing online-while it may become less feasible to actively supervise their access, continue to discuss internet issues and share internet experiences;
- Keep the computer in a public area of the home;
- Reinforce safety messages and cyber rules-younger teens in particular should be reminded about the need to protect private information, including anything that might provide clues to their identity;
- Ensure teens understand that posting to newsgroups makes their email address public.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. Hope to see you in 2008.

YOUTH HEALTH NURSE: Miss Helen Dredge

Holidays and Christmas time is usually a special time of celebrating our lives together, sharing happiness, catching up with family and friends and generally feeling special and connected with the many people in our communities. Unfortunately it can also be a very sad and lonely time for others. Depression is one of the leading causes of suicide. Sometimes just the littlest of things matter such as saying hello to someone and recognizing their presence. Please be thoughtful of others that may not be as fortunate as ourselves. Even a smile makes a difference. Remember there is always someone to talk to Lifeline 131114 or direct Gold Coast Lifeline Service 5539-9922.

New Suicide Helpline Call Back Service:

The Suicide Helpline Call Back Service (SHL CBS) is a nationwide outbound telephone counseling service provided by Crisis Support Services. The service offers specialised support to people who are at risk of suicide, people caring for someone who is suicidal or people bereaved by suicide. SHL CBS offers six sessions of telephone counseling, which run for approximately 50 minutes each, over a period of up to six months. The service gives people the opportunity to receive supportive counseling, information and referrals to specialist services for on-going support. The service also caters for people from CALD backgrounds through its links with the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS). SHL CBS is completely confidential and non-judgmental.
Suicide Helpline Call Back Service - 1300 659 467.

INDUSTRY LIAISON OFFICER: Mrs. Robyn Allen



Certificate III Hospitality

Rotating through Food and Beverage, Housekeeping, Front of House, Back of House and

Administration.

Certificate III Hospitality (Operations) Kitchen Operations – Will give you competencies towards a 1st year apprentice chef.

Application and endorsement forms are available at Student Pathways. **Applications close 1st February 2008.**



STATIONERY & TEXTBOOKS

Stationery and Textbook lists for **all grades** is now on the Robina website.



*Merry Christmas & A
Happy New Year.
Have a Safe and Happy
Holiday.
From All the Staff*