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WEEKLY FOCUS:

'Respect the Rights of Others'

The date for the next **P & C Meeting** is Tuesday, 9 June at 6pm. The meeting will take place in the Common Room.

All are welcome – please enter through the front door of the Parent Centre.

ANNUAL DANCE NIGHT

Main Auditorium, Robina Community Centre
Thursday 18 June, 6.30pm – 9.00pm
Purchase Tickets at Parent Centre,
Robina State High School
Adults \$15, Student \$10, Family (4) \$40

(Showcases Year 8 to 12 Dance students and Eisteddfod Dance Troupe. This is an event not to be missed by students with strong dance background.)

N.B. Parents are reminded that all dance students are to return Permission / Medical Form and Media Release Form as soon as possible to class teachers.

**STUDENTS WHO DO NOT RETURN
FORMS WILL NOT PERFORM.**

STUDENT PATHWAYS DIRECTOR: JEANETTE MCDONALD

2008 Year 12 outcomes report

The 2008 [Year 12 outcomes data](#) was made available on the QSA website on 6 May 2009 and was published by the Queensland media on the same day. In 2008, 75.5% of Year 12 graduates were awarded a Queensland Certificate

of Education and 60.3% received an OP. The percentage of students awarded one or more VET qualifications was 52.2% compared with only 40% in 2007.

The percentage of students who completed or are completing a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship was 12.9% compared with only 8.6% in 2007. These statistics illustrate the richness and diversity of learning in Queensland schools.

The Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies –

The GUESTS Program is for high achieving Year 12 students, and allows them to undertake a single course (subject) and experience university life at Griffith. Students may be eligible to apply for Guaranteed Entry into one of our Degree programs and receive full credit for the course they completed.

To apply for Guaranteed Entry to some undergraduate degree programs, GUESTS students may be required to complete specific courses. Please check the 'Required Courses' section of the GUESTS web page.

Applications for Semester 2 intake are currently open and will close on 30 May, 2009. Students are required to submit copies of their school reports with their application. For enquiries, contact Carolyn Gardiner on 07 3735 4035 or email: guests.enquiry@griffith.edu.au

Year 12 Students – Don't miss these cut-off dates!!

Students wanting to study dentistry, oral health therapy of the fast-tracked Bachelor of Medical Science at Griffith must first sit for the **Undergraduate Medical & Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT)**. The UMAT is a compulsory part of the student selection process for these programs. UMAT 2009 will be held on Wednesday, 29 July with applications open until Friday, 5 June.

For more information, or to register online, go to: <http://umat.acer.edu.au/>.

GUIDANCE OFFICER:

JODIE DEKENS

Helping Kids With the Ups & Downs of Friendships

It is not always easy for children to know how to manage friendships. Problems with friends can affect how children feel about themselves and their enthusiasm for activities that involve others.

Parents and carers can help children learn the kinds of friendship skills they will need as they grow and develop.

Learning how to make and keep friends involves a number of skills. Children learn more and more complex social skills from those around them as they develop.

Home life has an effect on the development of social skills. A child who has an adoring little sister is likely to have more skills of leadership. A child who is the little sister may be more used to fitting in with what others want to do.

These children are likely to react differently when they go to school and meet other children with different life experiences and different social skills.

Friendship skills for children include:

Cooperation

- how to share, how to take turns, how to work together towards a common goal

Communication

- using words to explain what you want and listening to others respectfully
- paying attention to body language, e.g. making eye contact, smiling and being able to read others' nonverbal reactions

Understanding and managing feelings

- being able to express feelings in ways that help others understand you
- recognising and responding to others' feelings

Accepting and including others

- recognising others' needs for respect and friendship.

How Parents and Carers can help - Be aware of feelings:

Children need to learn that having angry feelings is normal and okay, but that reacting aggressively towards others when you're angry is not. Adults can help children become aware of feeling annoyed, frustrated, angry or furious by naming feelings. Learning to say, "I'm feeling angry" or "I'm really frustrated" gives children a way to separate feeling angry from how they react.

Time to talk

Talking to Dylan about what has put him in an angry mood will help him see that feelings have causes and that solutions can be found.

Once you find out what he was angry about you can help him think up better ways to handle the problem. This kind of conversation doesn't work while he is really angry. Sometimes it must wait until later.

Children often find it easier to talk in informal situations where they feel less pressure. Find a relaxed time to talk to children about feelings. Asking, "What makes you angry?" can be a good way of starting a conversation about anger.

Find alternatives:

Getting children to think through a difficult situation helps them develop problem solving skills. Asking, "Is that what you wanted to happen?" or "What else could you have tried?" encourages children's helpful thinking. Thinking of alternative solutions helps children plan different ways of reacting next time. Be sure to praise their efforts.

Have ways to calm down:

When emotions are strong, it is easy to act without thinking. Encourage your child to take control and allow time for the emotions to subside. Walking away, using a quiet spot to

think or doing something else - like riding a bike or listening to music - are all activities that can assist in reducing strong emotions.

Try a Problem Solving Approach:

When problems arise in friendships it is important not to blame children but to show them how to find a solution. A problem solving approach is often helpful.

1. Encourage the child to describe what has happened
2. Ask about how they felt
3. Ask them how they think the other person might see it and how they might be feeling
4. Get them to think of ways they could do things differently next time
5. Encourage them to try the new approach – get them to practise with you so they feel more confident
6. Check back with your child to see how things turned out.

CHAPLAIN:

ERIN SIMPSON



Happy Chaplaincy Week!! This week at Robina State High School, we are celebrating Chappy week! I often get people asking me what a Chaplain actually does, and often people

have funny perceptions or stereotypes of a Chaplain – so what is a Chaplain and what do I do in the School?

Chaplains provide spiritual and emotional support to school communities. They are in the prevention and rescue business: helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness to drug abuse, depression and suicide. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis and those who just need a friend. They also provide support for staff and parents in school communities.

I work 5 days per week at Robina SHS, hosting a wide range of activities and programs supporting the school community. I have one on one meeting with students who are in need of a listening ear in a safe environment as they discuss a whole range of issues. My role isn't to offer advice or guidance, my role primarily is to listen and support students. Often students need to just download or offload how they are feeling and what is going on for them at the time. Youth can be challenging with its transition and changes, peer issues and social pressures. I count it a privilege to journey with students as they open up and share parts of their life with me.

Chaplains also facilitate and co-ordinate specialized programs in the school that are designed to help students; Shine, Unique and Hero's programs have run at Robina for the past few years. They focused on building self-esteem and teaching life skills to students. The programs run all year. If students are keen to get into a program or if parents are wanting to inquire about a particular program, please feel free to contact me.

Chaplains also foster partnerships between the school and local churches, businesses and community organisations, to provide a network of local support and assistance. These positive relationships help young people to face issues, and provide hope, connection, meaning and purpose.

So What qualifications do Chaplains have? Chaplains have some form of qualification in youth work whether

through SU Old or University. I finished my social work degree from the University of QLD in 2007 and have had previous experience working at the Department of Child Safety and QuIHN (Queensland Injectors Health Network) working with illicit drug users. I love working in my current role as the Chaplain and I'm passionate about seeing positive things in the life of our young people.

If you wish to access the Chaplaincy service or want to find out some more information, please feel free to contact me at the school or via email (erinChaplain@gmail.com).

COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER: DI LODDON

Free Online Homework Help for all Queensland Students

Queensland classrooms are moving online and it couldn't be better news for families. The State Library of Queensland has introduced free, safe, online, state-wide education help for students.

The service is called 'yourtutor' and it connects students in years 4 – 12 via the Internet with expert, background-checked Australian tutors for live, one-to-one tutoring in all core school subjects.

Shelley Webb, Executive Manager Public Library Services at the State Library of Queensland says, 'We are providing the 'yourtutor' service to help solve the age-old challenge of getting students to complete homework and take charge of their own independent study, and this can only be good news for their overall school results. The State Library is grateful to the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and Central Queensland University (CQUni) for their support and sponsorship, which has enabled us to take this service state-wide.

Students are already connecting online for an instant discussion with qualified tutors, and finding help with:

- English – including spelling, grammar, punctuation, essay writing and literature
- Mathematics – including advanced, Year 12, extension topics
- Science – including general science, biology, chemistry and physics
- Assignment research – including humanities and social sciences
- Study skills – including time management, note-taking and revision techniques

Although parents want to be able to help with homework, some do not feel confident helping their children with particular subjects or advanced material. The service is also ideal for busy parents who are unable to assist their children with homework each night.

Taken from 'Parent Talk' Magazine – (QCPCA) Vol 12



Hey!! Are you getting ready for the Robina Annual TALENT QUEST? It's on Friday, 14 August at the Robina Community Centre. Start getting your acts together as there will be auditions happening in the near future!

INDUSTRY LIAISON OFFICER: ROBYN ALLEN

School based Apprenticeships/Traineeships (SATs)

Head start to careers through school-based training.

SATs allow students to do paid work for an employer and train towards a recognised qualification while they are still at school. They are a great way for young people to explore their career options and develop skills and confidence in their areas of interest.

Students wishing to undertake a SAT need to demonstrate the responsibility and commitment to balance work and training while completing Years 10, 11 or 12. SATs can contribute 4, 6 or even 8 points towards a Queensland Certificate of Education.



Certificate III Automotive (Light Vehicle) Southport

Student to work on Thursdays. Must be reliable, with an interest in mechanics. (B)

Certificate III Business Administration – Department of Justice located in Southport and Coolangatta. Students must be reliable and have transport to the workplace. (B)

Certificate II Retail

Groove is looking for outgoing, friendly and well groomed staff



who love Groove accessories. Vacancy at Robina Town Centre, Pacific Fair and Australia Fair stores. Year 10, 11 & 12 students. Closes on **Friday 22 May**. See Mrs Allen, Student Pathways ASAP for application process.

Certificate III Aged Care

There are 5 positions available for school based traineeships in an Aged Care facility in Ashmore. The position would suit an individual who has an interest in nursing. (OnQ)



Automotive (Vehicle Body Presentation

Southport/Ashmore area (OnQ)

Business Administration: Year 11 or 12 student, company is located in Varsity Lakes



Indigenous School Based Traineeship - Business Administration: ANZ Bank

Children's Services: Childcare centre in Mudgeeraba (Must be 17 years of age)



Certificate III Hospitality:

Southport area – SES

Duties will include taking food and drink orders, setting and clearing of tables and a high level of customer service.



Hospitality: Hogs Breath Café Mermaid Waters

Hospitality: Sizzler Restaurant at Mermaid Beach



STUDENT PATHWAYS OFFICE: LYNNE BATESON

The National Careers & Employment Expo is on at the Gold coast Convention & Exhibition Centre this weekend, times as follows:

**Friday 22 May 9am – 4pm
Saturday 23 May 10am – 4pm**

FREE ENTRY! Visit www.eocexpo.com.au or phone: 1300 667 121 for more information.

FEAST at The University of Queensland ~
(Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science & Technology)
Sunday, 5 July – Thursday, 9 July

FEAST is a four-day experimental camp for Year 11 and 12 students interested in careers in agribusiness, agriculture, animals and veterinary science, food and the environment. **FEAST** is held at the University of Queensland Gratten Campus.

While at **FEAST**, students will get to experience what university life is all about including academic programs, social events, sporting activities and on-campus accommodation.

Interested? You must register online by 1 June, 2009 at: www.uq.edu.au/nravs/feast. For further information, please contact the Faculty of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Veterinary Science on: 07 5460 1279 or email: feast@uq.edu.au

Raffles College of Design & Commerce (Sydney) are offering six scholarships for 2010 – one full-fee and one half-fee scholarship is available for each of their Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Design and Bachelor of Arts (Visual Communication) degrees. **Applications close on 30 September, 2009** – please come and see me for further information.

TSXPO – Tertiary Studies Expo
Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 July, 2009

10am – 4pm each day

Venue: Exhibition Building, RNA Showgrounds, Gergory Terrace, Brisbane QLD

‘Gain an insight into the vast array of courses and graduate career opportunities on offer from a wide range of tertiary institutions from Queensland, interstate and overseas’.

FREE ADMISSION - Come and see me in the Student Pathways Office for an entry ticket!

The University of Queensland (UQ) are introducing their ‘ESP’ – Enhanced Studies Program. (St Lucia, Gatton and Ipswich campuses).

High achieving Year 11 students have an opportunity to extend their studies in an area of interest and ‘test drive’ university life. Students accepted into the program can study one course in Semester One of Year 12.

For further information, please contact the UQ Student Recruitment Team on: 07 3346 9649 or email: esp@uq.edu.au, or come and see me in the Student Pathways Office.

Bond University Scholarships have now opened and students can apply online at the following link: www.bond.edu.au/scholarships

KEY SCHOLARSHIPS:

- **Vice-Chancellors Scholarships** - 100% of tuition fees of any undergraduate degree combination (excluding Bond University’s Medical Program)

- **Collegiate Scholarship** - 50% of tuition fees of any undergraduate degree combination (excluding Bond University’s Medical Program) for partnering collegiate schools (1 per school).

NEW SCHOLARSHIP:

- **Global Entrepreneurial Scholarship** - The Global Entrepreneurial Scholarship is a newly established scholarship available to an undergraduate or postgraduate student from around the world who has demonstrated entrepreneurial flair. This scholarship covers full tuition fees for any single or combined degree (excluding Bond University’s Medical Program, Master of Psychology (Clinical and Forensic) and Doctor of Physiotherapy)

Scholarship opportunities are available to students applying in 2009, to start their studies in January 2010. Scholarship applications open from 1st April 2009 and **close 31st July 2009**.

OPEN DAY - Sunday, August 23 10:00am - 3:00pm

~ Queensland Young Volunteer Awards ~

Every day young Queenslanders make a difference in all aspects of society and community life as volunteers. The Queensland Young Volunteer Awards acknowledge and reward the efforts of young volunteers aged 12 to 25 years.

This year, 10 awards will be presented, with each winner receiving \$500 and a certificate of recognition. Nominations close on Wednesday, June 10. Additional information can be found at: www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au or by calling Christian McClelland on: 3227 7593.

Do YOU know a young volunteer who deserves to be recognized?

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP: ANGELA CORIC

CHANGE TO OPENING HOURS

From this Wednesday 20th May, the Uniform Shop will be closed from Morning Tea onwards.

Hours of Uniform Shop from 20th May will be:

Tuesday	8.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday	8.00am - 10.55am
Thursday	8.00am - 3.00pm

CHANGE TO OPENING HOURS

Something to look forward to

Mr Randall’s Year 10 ‘Employ Me’ class are in the process of organising another **‘Wipeout Wednesday’**, for June 24 (the last Wednesday of this term).

Students who participated last year will remember what a huge success the event was – mini fair, mechanical bull, stalls, snacks, etc. Dust off your cowboy hat and dig out your Hawaiian shirt – more details to follow soon!!!

