



# Robina State High School

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## Weekly Newsletter

### 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.

### STUDENT PATHWAYS DIRECTOR: JEANETTE MCDONALD

#### ON LINE TAFE COURSE -

Any student interested in a career in surveying, mapping, planning and data management services can complete a Certificate III in Spatial Information Services through Tropical North Qld TAFE. The cost is only \$150. There is a one week residential component which will be in Brisbane or may be on the coast depending on demand. Contact Aaron Crosbie on: 07 4042 2676 for more information, or visit: [www.tnqit.tafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.tnqit.tafe.qld.gov.au)

#### RECYCLED FASHION

What a hoot! On Tuesday, 8 House teams competed for House Cup points in our 4<sup>th</sup> Recycled Fashion competition. Teams of students competed quite fiercely for top honours. The theme this year was Story book or novel characters. We had everything from Cinderella to Harry Potter, with Robyn Hood winning for **Gooding**. Second was **Laver** with The Hungry Hungry Caterpillar, and Third was **Franklin** with Harry Potter. Well done to all competitors!



### YOUTH HEALTH NURSE:

HELEN DREDGE

**THE VACCINATIONS FOR YEAR 8 GIRLS & ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19 HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED.**

**VACCINATIONS WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON:  
MONDAY, 22 JUNE, 2009.**

#### TAFE Schools Open Day – Friday, 5 June

The Open Day aims to provide Year 11 & 12 students with information on Gold Coast Institute of Coast Institute of TAFE's courses and facilities. There is going to be a wide range of activities and hands-on demonstrations for students and teachers to take part in. Highlights will include Nursing, Hospitality and the Industrial Trades area of the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE.

Details are as follows:

Date and Time: Friday, 5 June from 9.00am to 1.30pm  
 Venue: Ashmore Campus – Corner of Heeb Street and Benowa Road, Ashmore

Food and drink facilities will be open on the day for students to purchase if they wish. For further information, please contact Andrew Lee on: 07 5581 8690 or alternatively, you can email: [andrew.lee@deta.qld.giv.au](mailto:andrew.lee@deta.qld.giv.au)

**CERTIFICATE III in COMPANION ANIMAL SERVICES (Veterinary)**

Year 10 or 11 students interested in a career in veterinary practices (assistant), animal refuges, kennels, catteries, pet shops, grooming salons or local authorities can undertake a Cert III in Companion Animal Services at Pacific Pines SHS on Mondays commencing next term. For full details come and see me in the Student Pathways Office.

**DEFENCE TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!**

Sarah Saines in Year 12 has won a \$2000 Defence Technical scholarship to support her in her Year 12 schooling. Sarah has set her sights on a career in aeronautical mechanics and is hoping to be working on RAAF aircraft in the future. This is a brilliant achievement as Sarah had to be successfully studying Maths B and an industrial/ technical subject to apply. As well she had to sit and pass a spatial aptitude test and compete with applicants from across Australia. Well done!

Scholarships for 2010 will shortly be available online at [www.defencejobs.gov.au/DTS](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/DTS)

The prerequisites have been changed slightly for this year. As well, a student is not bound to go into the Defence Forces once they have completed school if they are successful in gaining a scholarship.

**BUSINESS DEPARTMENT: SUZY DORROUGH**

**~ Police Museum Visit ~**

Year 10 Legal Studies students recently visited the Queensland Police Museum in Brisbane. An excellent, thought-provoking day was had by all!



The students thoroughly enjoyed the excursion and this was reflected in their manners and interest in the museum. Among the many crime scenes were Illegal Weapons, Unsolved Murders, DNA Information, Courtroom Examples, Honour Roles, Curiosity Cabinets, Police Service Careers, Drug & Dog Squad Information.

As they walked around the museum, students had to examine the two main crime scenes from real life police cases, and

then sketch and list the evidence to help them solve the crime. Students then had to figure out the motive for the murders and plan strategies as to how they could solve the murder. This led to many discussions about how evidence does solve cases and made a practical link to their theoretical studies.

**YEAR 8 YEAR LEADER: KIRSTEN LAMONT**

This week we have been focussing on manners and respect. The difference it makes within a school when students display manners is outstanding. I asked teachers to nominate students who consistently display manners and respect to both their peers and teachers. The response was overwhelming - with so many nominations, I will have to present them over two parades!

**Year 8 you have inspired me, keep up this fantastic effort.**

**GUIDANCE OFFICER: JODIE DEKENS**

**~ Being a Friend versus Being a Parent ~**

It's interesting the number of people both children and adults alike who believe that a Mum or Dad should be a friend in preference to being a parent. The job of being a parent is so much more than being a friend and holds a great deal of responsibility. It is worth investigating this. What Does Being a Parent Mean:

- Being there for your child – to talk with them, take them places, stay up late waiting for them to come home to know they are safe, helping them with homework that sometimes it is beyond your own knowledge, having school meetings with teachers, preparing lunches for years on end (this alone would test any friendship)
- Being with them to celebrate the good times but also to help them through the difficult times (and at times the difficult times out way the good times)
- Even when they say "I hate you" you give them unconditional love by answering "I love you" (not many friends would last the distance if they felt unloved).
- Using tough love when needed (especially if they don't want to go to school)
- Letting them know what they are doing well but also letting them know what they may need to improve on (which they may not want to hear)
- Being honest but not harsh eg. if an outfit is inappropriate who better to tell them than a parent (a friend most probably wouldn't)
- Being the shoulder to cry on but eager to talk through the issue causing the problem
- Modelling good behaviour and educating your child with skills needed for them to be ready for living in the community
- In drastic times - dropping everything and coming to there aid – at these times putting their needs before your own.

It takes more than a friend to be a parent. It takes love, commitment, selflessness, and endurance. Let's congratulate ourselves for lasting the distance.

**COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER: DI LODDON**

**Education Tax Refund (Education Expenses Tax Offset):**

The Australian Government has announced in the 2008 - 2009 Budget that families will be able to claim a 50% Education Tax Refund from 1 July, 2008.

Eligible families will be able to claim a 50% refund every year for eligible education expenses for a senior school student up to \$1,500 (maximum refundable tax offset of \$750 per senior school student per year).

For further information, you should contact your local tax office. Here are a few frequently asked questions (and answers):

- 1) How will the refund work?
 

**A)** If parents are eligible they can claim the refund in their 2009 individual tax return. For the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, this can equate to a refund of up to \$750 for each eligible student in secondary school.
- 2) Who is eligible?
  - A person who is entitled to receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child undertaking primary or secondary school studies.
  - Independent secondary school students
  - A person with the child undertaking secondary school studies but a payment is made for the child that stops the person from receiving FTB Part A for the child.
- 3) What is an independent student?
 

**A)** An independent student for the purposes of the education tax refund, is a student who:

  - Undertakes full time secondary school studies
  - Is receiving payments under a prescribed educational scheme, for example, ABSTUDY, Living Allowance OR a social security pension or benefit, such as Youth Allowance
  - Is aged under 25
  - Doesn't have anyone else who is eligible for the education tax refund for them.
- 4) Can claims be made for children who are studying at university/TAFE/Technical schools?
 

**A)** The education tax refund can be claimed for students at TAFE/Technical school if they are undertaking secondary school studies, but not for trade or general courses. **University costs cannot be claimed.**



**Hey!! Are you getting ready for the Annual Robina State High School TALENT QUEST?**

**It's on Friday, 14 August at the Robina Community Centre, so start getting your acts together as auditions will be 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**

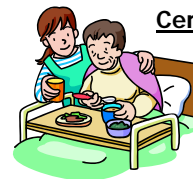
**Department** in Southport Students must have transport to the workplace. (B)



**Business Administration – of Justice**

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**Indigenous School Based Traineeships at ANZ branches – Student must be in Year 10 this year. (Business Administration)**



**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)



**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.



**Certificate III Hospitality (Front of House)**

A popular Restaurant & Bar in Varsity Lakes. You will learn all areas that are involved with front of house operations, providing great customer service to guests of the Restaurant. (OnQ)

**CASUAL POSITIONS**

East Coast Catering requires casual staff for occasional work on the week ends and school holidays. Contact Catherine on 0418 768 866

**FULL TIME POSITIONS**

To enquire about the full time positions please contact On Q on 5587 6500.

**Apprentice Mechanic:** - Large dealership in Southport. Must have a current manual licence.

**STUDENT PATHWAYS OFFICE: LYNNE BATESON**

**TSXPO – Tertiary Studies Expo**  
**Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 July, 2009**  
 10am – 4pm each day  
**Venue: Exhibition Building, RNA Showgrounds,**  
**Gregory Terrace, Brisbane QLD**  
 \* \* \* **FREE ADMISSION** \* \* \*



FREE! *Youth Earth Symposium*. A non-residential conference for Years 9 - 12 Workshops on climate change/action, sustainability, community arts, conservation and career/study choices for a sustainable planet. Exciting learning, igniting enthusiasm and uniting together. Supported by Gold Coast City Council and QLD Government. Participate to create your future. 18 -19 June Bornhoffen Centre, Numinbah Valley. Contact Jodie at GECKO on 5534 1412 or [youth@gecko.org.au](mailto:youth@gecko.org.au) See [www.gecko.org.au/yep](http://www.gecko.org.au/yep) for more information.

## SENIOR EXAM BLOCK SCHEDULE

Day/Date	Session	Subject	Time/Reqs	Room
Tues 9 June	8.00 – 10.20	11 Maths A	120 mins	SAC
		11 Maths C	120 mins	SAC
		12 Marine	120 mins	SAC
		12 Chemistry	120 mins	SAC
	10.50 – 1.05	12 Maths A	120 mins	SAC
		12 Maths C	120 mins	SAC
		11 Ancient History	120 mins	SAC
	1.30 – 3.00	11 Chemistry	90 mins	SAC
	Wed 10 June	8.00 – 10.20	12 Maths B	120 mins
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11.15 – 1.05		11 Marine	90 mins	SAC
		12 Legal	105 mins	SAC
Thurs 11 June	8.00 – 10.20	12 Physics	120 mins	SAC
		12 BCT	90 mins	SAC
		11 Legal	90 mins	SAC
		11/12 Physical Ed. assignments due	9.00 – 10.00	PE01
	11.25 – 1.05	11 Geography	90 mins	SAC
		12 Geography	90 mins	SAC
	1.00 – 4.30	12 Dance	210 mins	PAC
	1.30 – 3.00	11 IPT	90 mins	SAC
	1.50 – 3.00	11/12 German	60 mins	LOTE
Mon 15 June	8.00 – 10.20	12 English	120 mins	SAC
	11.25 – 1.05	11 Physics	90 mins	SAC
		12 IPT	90 mins	SAC
	10.45 – 1.05	11 Dance	140 mins	PAC
	1.40 – 3.00	11 BCT	70 mins	SAC
Tues 16 June		<b>Normal lessons for all except Drama</b>		
	9.00 – 3.00	11/12 Drama	All Day	PAC

**Paul Bevan**  
Deputy Principal Years 11 & 12