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WEEKLY FOCUS:

'Increase Your Participation'

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: MEGAN TYNE

Parent Teacher Interviews and Subject Expo will be held at the school in the Student Activity Centre (SAC) on Monday, 27 July from 3.30pm to 7.00pm.

I invite you to contact the school to book parent teacher interview times that would be suitable for you. Phone bookings can be made on 5562 3484 from Monday 20 July to Thursday 23 July, between 9am and 2pm. Confirmation schedules will be printed and given to students in Years 8, 9 & 10 on Friday, 24 July and students in Years 11/12 will receive a confirmation schedule on Monday 27 July. An additional copy will be available at the SAC entrance. Please be aware that after 2pm on Thursday 23 July, no further bookings will be made.

The **Subject Expo** will offer you the opportunity to view all the subjects on offer in the Senior School. Teachers will be at the different displays and be able to offer you up to date information about the subjects and answer any questions you might have about your subject selection for 2010.



We look forward to seeing you at our second Parent Teacher Evening for 2009 and our Subject Expo.



PAYMENT OFFICE: SALLY BULLPITT

PAYMENTS VIA INTERNET BANKING:

Paying for Robina High School excursions and/or fees is now possible using Internet Banking.

The traditional payment methods are still available (Cash/EFTPOS/Credit Cards/Cheques), but some people (myself included) find Internet Banking much quicker and easier - especially because you can make

your payments 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from the comfort of your own home or office.

If this option appeals to you, the details are listed below for your convenience.

INTERNET BANKING DETAILS

Account Name: Robina State High School
General Account Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Branch: Robina
BSB: 064-468
Account Number: 1001 9041

PAYMENT REFERENCES:

Please ensure each payment sent through has the following details within the Payment Reference so that we can clearly identify your payment.

Excursions:

<<Student ID Excursion Name>>

e.g. 001234 Seaworld

Please ensure only one payment per student per excursion - if you have multiple students/excursions to pay for, please put each one through individually, unless otherwise arranged with the school office. As internet banking payments are not instant, please ensure internet payments are done 48 hours prior to payment cut-off date.

School Fees:

<<Student ID Fees>> e.g. 001234 Fees

<<Family ID Fees>> e.g. SMIT01 Fees

(Family ID can be obtained from school office - to be used when paying for more than one student at a time).

If you have any questions relating to payments, please contact the Payment Office on 07 5562 3449 or email Sally Bullpitt at: sbull43@eq.edu.au

Payment Office hours are 7.45am to 2.00pm.

The date for the next **P & C Meeting** is Tuesday, 14 July at 6pm. The meeting will take place in the Common Room.

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

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

JENNY TOBIN

KINGFISHER SCHOLARSHIPS - 2010:

Robina High School 2010 Kingfisher Scholarships Applications are now available. Details of the scholarships and application forms can be obtained from the school's website: www.robinahs.eq.edu.au or from the Parent Centre.

**Applications close at 2pm,
Friday 17 July, 2009.**

**STUDENT PATHWAYS DIRECTOR:
JEANETTE MCDONALD**

Next term students in Years 8, 9 & 10 will be making their subject selection choices for 2010.

In Week 1 Year 10 will receive their Job Guides and in week 2, all year levels will receive their 2010 Subject Handbooks. Year 10 will also participate in a Career Information Day on the Wednesday and Friday of Week 2. This is time dedicated to helping students discuss the best options for their futures. Also, each PROMOTE lesson will focus on making realistic choices.

We invite all parents, caregivers and students to attend the Subject Expo which runs in conjunction with parent-teacher interviews on Monday 27 July, in the SAC. More information will be posted with end of semester reports.

YEAR 12 QCS TERM 3 -

All Year 12 students should have received their QCS Term 3 Preparation and Practice overview. Students need to read, be at the right place at the right time and find their groups on the first Tuesday back next term.

It is imperative that students attend QCS sessions each Wednesday afternoon, so as the group can achieve well. Remember that QCS marks directly affect OP rankings.

GUIDANCE OFFICER:

JODIE DEKENS

Please note that from this Friday, I will be away on maternity leave for some time. While the next chapter unfolds, it brings mixed emotions, as I know I will miss staff and students from Robina S.H.S.

I wish you happiness and success in all that you undertake: *'Good Better Best, Never Let it Rest, Until Your Good Gets Better and Your Better Best'*

In my absence Nancy Grand will be replacing me. Kay Caruso continues to be in school 2 days a week – Mondays & Tuesdays.



Appointments for both Nancy and Kay should be made with Lynne Bateson on: 5562 3448.

Thank you for your support over the years.

'Talk To Your Kids' Website

Did you know? 1 of the top 5 reasons children call Kids Helpline is because of a breakdown in family relationships and communication.

'Talk to your kids' website, developed by Optus and Kids Helpline includes a range of practical and straightforward information, tools, and tips to help bring your worlds closer together. It covers topics such as:

- *Sexting*- What is sexting, why kids may do it, what are the consequences, what to look for and what to do if your child is a victim of bullying
- *Bullying*- Covers symptoms, tips for talking to your child and where to go next
- *Cyber bullying*- Covers symptoms, tips for talking to your child and where to go next
- *Abuse*- An overview of child abuse, possible symptoms, what to do if you suspect your child has been a victim and links to child protection services
- *Mental Illness*- An overview of symptoms of mental illness, what to do if you suspect your child is suffering from a mental illness and everyday tips for stress reduction
- *Technology*- An overview of MSN, Internet Safety and Text Speak
- *How to help*- Tips for helping your child develop the necessary skills to deal with problems independently
- *Closing the Gap*- Tips on how to modify your approach to communication, to make it easier to talk with children
- *Conversation Starters*- Links to popular websites for particular age groups so that you can discuss their interests with them
- *Translator* – to help you understand common kids-speak.

Link: <http://www.talktoyourkids.com.au/>

YOUTH HEALTH NURSE:

HELEN DREDGE

Preventing Cervical Cancer -

Time is running out for 18 to 26 year old women to take up the offer of a free cervical cancer vaccine and I would like to encourage all of Robina Community and their friends and family about the program.

The Australian Government is funding the free vaccination program, however the funding ends on June 30.

The vaccine is administered as a series of three injections over a 6-month period. To be eligible you must start the course with your first dose on or before 30 June 2009, and complete all remaining doses by 31 December. So see your GP before June 30 and help guard against cervical cancer.

Please note that while the vaccine is free, you may still be charged a consultation fee. For more information on the National HPV Vaccination Program visit the Immunise Australia website at www.immunise.health.gov.au or see the Queensland Health fact sheets on:

human papillomavirus and immunisation

http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ImmunisationandVaccination/humanPapillomavirusAndImmunisation_ap.asp

And the HPV vaccine

http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ImmunisationandVaccination/nationalHumanPapillomavirusHpvVaccinationProgramHpvVaccine_ap.asp .

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 is another selection of frequently asked questions (and answers):

17) Are tools and equipment expenses for a student in a school based apprenticeship eligible education expenses?

A) Yes, except for the amount the student receives or is entitled to receive as a reimbursement or payment of the expense under an Australian Government benefit, grant or subsidy.

Example: Albert's son Joel is completing a carpentry apprenticeship as part of his secondary school curriculum and purchased trade tools during the year worth \$2,000. As Joel is enrolled in an apprenticeship, he is eligible for a Commonwealth grant of \$800 to assist with the purchase of trade tools. As Joel has received a grant worth \$800 towards the purchase of trade tools, Albert can claim an education tax refund for the balance of that expenditure – that is, \$1,200.

18) If a child is starting primary school, can their parents claim expenses incurred before the child starts school?

A) It will depend on when the expense is incurred. For the purposes of claiming the education tax refund, eligible education expenses can only be claimed if they are incurred in a period when the child meets the school requirement.

19) Do parents have to keep all of their eligible education expenses receipts?

A) Parents should keep records to help them or their tax agent prepare their tax return or their education tax refund claim. They will also need receipts to help prove their claim if the tax office requests them.

20) What is required on a school statement or receipt for parents to be able to claim the education tax refund?

A) For the purposes of claiming the education tax refund, eligible education expenses should be listed separately on a school statements or receipt. Receipts or statements stating class materials and services should be broken down to the components – for example: pens, photocopying, computer consumables, etc. School levies and/or services, that do not have eligible education expenses itemized, are also not eligible education expenses.

21) Will advice from a school that an amount has been paid in respect of eligible education expenses

be sufficient proof for a claim of those expenses by a parent?

A) If the school fee or statement is issued as a lump sum with no apportionment of expenses, the school can advise of the amount that relates to specific expenses in another written notice, either at the time the fee is invoiced or at a later date. Schools should keep a record of how the apportionment was made to assist with any subsequent compliance reviews made in relation to individual claimants.

22) Do schools need to apportion fees when the school fee includes such things as textbooks or stationery?

A) School fees are not an eligible expense. If the school fee includes eligible items (such as textbooks or stationery) and parents can be advised of their cost, parents can claim that part of the school fee attributable to those eligible items. The cost of eligible items should be on the fee invoice, but can also be separately advised in writing by the school. The school should keep a record of how the apportionment was made to assist with any queries.

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.



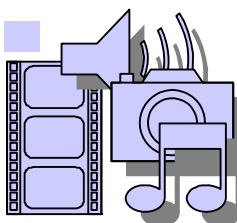
Certificate III

Customer Contact Traineeships

Provide destination recommendations and travel solutions for business and leisure stays at our Peppers, Mantra and BreakFree properties. Bring your resume to Mrs Allen.



Certificate III Sport & Recreation – Gold Coast Leisure Aquatic Centres in Miami, Nerang, Mudgeraba and Helensvale. Students should possess a genuine interest in aquatic / fitness area. Closes 12th June 2009.



Certificate IV Information Technology (Multimedia)

is available at the Queensland Academy of Health Sciences in Southport. You must apply through the school.



Certificate III Hairdressing – salon is located in **Burleigh Heads**. Interested students see Mrs Allen ASAP.

Certificate III – Hospitality in the Southport area. Duties will include taking food and drink orders, setting and clearing of tables and a high level of customer service. Applicants must be able to get transport to and from Southport on their working day and any extra shifts. May include some late nights as in the hospitality industry. (SES)



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

Automotive (Vehicle Body Presentation) Southport/Ashmore area



FULL TIME POSITIONS

Interested in retail and fashion? Start your career today with MIGAS and complete a full time traineeship with a designer clothing store. You will complete a Certificate II in Retail Operations. As the successful applicant you will be interested in fashion and the retail industry, willing to learn and committed to completing a traineeship. Your job duties will include stocktake, receiving and distributing goods, customer service and other general retail duties. Junior wages apply. Positions are at Pacific Fair Job ID 4852 and Robina Job ID 1314. To apply, please send your resume and cover letter, quoting the job number to gmacaulay@migas.com.au; Fax 3868 2451 or post to PO Box 1420, Eagle Farm BC, Qld 4009. (OnQ)

STUDENT PATHWAYS OFFICE: LYNNE BATESON



Bond University introduce their 'RSL Youth Development Program 2009'.

This program awards exceptionally talented Year 10 and 11 students from across Queensland. In 2009 grants will be offered in the following categories:

- Academic achievement
- Sporting Achievement
- Community Leadership & Civic Participation

Students in Year 10 will be eligible for a \$2,600 grant, while Year 11 students will be eligible for a \$5,200 grant.

Applications opened on April 25 and close on November 11. Visit www.RSLyouth.com.au for further details.

UNIFORM SHOP:

ANGELA CORIC

MASSIVE CLEARANCE SALE!!!

Selected sizes of Zip-neck Sloppy Joe jumpers are on clearance.

Sizes 80, 85 & 110 have been reduced from \$35 to just \$15 each. Stock is limited, so get in quickly!

Borrowed Uniform:

There are a number of outstanding borrowed items of school uniform which have not been returned. Just a reminder that any items not returned will result in the students' own items of clothing being donated to charity. Failure or delay in returning borrowed items means that other students are unable to access this service.

B R A K E

Behaviour, Risk, Attitude, Knowledge, Education

Going for your licence soon or recently got your licence?

Driver Awareness Program

ABN 88 124 766 507

\$20 – Includes Lunch & Handout Material

We teach driver behaviour, passenger responsibility, resisting peer pressure, avoiding distraction, hazard perception, risk analysis, appropriate responses to risk and analyses of crash causes.

Course details and Location

Justin's Park, Burleigh Heads

Wed 1 July, 8.30am – 4pm

Thu 9 July, 8.30am – 4pm

Contact Details:

Tony Unicomb Ph: 5569 8488

www.brake.org.au

Don't forget

School closes on Friday, 26 June for end of term holidays and re-opens for Semester Two on Tuesday, 14 July (Monday 13 July is a Student Free Day). Have a safe & happy holiday!