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WEEKLY FOCUS:

'Be Part of a Team Effort'

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 and HOD's will be at the different displays and be able to offer you up to date information about 2010 subjects and answer any questions you might have about your child's subject selection.



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 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, Monday to Thursday.

The date for the next **P & C Meeting** is Tuesday, 11 August 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: DAVID HOSKINS



We welcome to the school
David Hoskins, Deputy
Principal for Years 11 & 12.

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.robinashs.eq.edu.au or from the Parent Centre.

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

SUBJECT CHANGES:

All **Semester 2, 2009 Subject Change Requests** must be made by end of lunch on Friday, 17 July 2009.

Please submit all completed Subject Change Request Forms to the relevant Deputy Principal by the end of lunch on July 17:

Year 10 – Mrs Tyne
Years 11 & 12 – Mr Hoskins

YEAR 8 YEAR LEADER: KIRSTEN LAMONT

As Semester two begins, I welcome back Year 8 to what is shaping up to be an exciting and busy time for all. I am so impressed with the work ethic and manners of so many of our students so far this year and I am positive this will continue.

Many parents contact me regarding concerns including homework and progress, so I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that parent/teacher interviews

are fast approaching. Please take the time to meet with your child's teachers to discuss any matters of importance. It is vital that we work **TOGETHER** to ensure the very best of outcomes for all students.

**STUDENT PATHWAYS DIRECTOR:
JEANETTE MCDONALD**

TAFE OPEN DAY

The annual TAFE Open Day is on at the Ashmore Campus on August 7. This replaces the postponed one from last term. The aim of the day is to provide students with information on the GCI TAFE's courses and facilities.

There will be a wide range of hands on demonstrations including in Nursing, Hospitality and the Industrial trades areas. Please have a look at the TAFE website as to what's on offer.

Many students should be thinking of TAFE as a positive option to steer themselves into their future career. For more information ring Andrew Lee on 55818690 or email to: Andrew.lee@deta.qld.gov.au

QCS PRACTICE

**Year 12s are reminded that their
two day full QCS practice is on
Thursday 30 and Friday 31 July.**

All students sitting the QCS are to attend this most important piece of preparation. Also, each Year 12 student should know which group they are in for their Wednesday afternoon sessions and which rooms they will rotate through.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a number of scholarships that students can apply for through the university to which they hope to gain entry. Please have a look at the relevant university's website and download application forms, although many are completed on line. If the school needs to endorse your application, please bring it to Student Pathways and we will take care of it.

TAFE COURSES FOR 2010

The 2010 School Programme information will shortly be ready for students. Students will be notified on parades and through their Daily Notices as to when information can be collected. These great courses allow students to attend TAFE one day a week for the duration of the certificate course with all but material costs paid for by the government. All certificates gain credit points towards the QCE and are recognised across Australia.

SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION

Next week in PROMOTE on Wednesday Years 8, 9 & 10 will receive their Junior or Senior Pathways handbooks for subject selection. This is to be kept somewhere safe as replacements will not be issued. A few copies will be available at the Subject Expo. This week Year 10 received their Job Guide which contains a wealth of information for entry level career pathways.

Parents/Guardians should ensure that their students have read all the information, especially in relation to the new Queensland Certificate of Education. Year 10 will attend a separate session to explain this and receive a glossy 2-page brochure outlining all details. A parent evening is also planned for the QCE and senior information; date is TBC.

GUIDANCE OFFICER: NANCY GRAND



Nancy Grand is our full-time Guidance Officer, replacing Jodie Dekens who is on maternity leave.

If you wish to make an appointment with Nancy, please contact Lynne Bateson on 5562 3448. Thank you.

Principles for Coping with Teens

As our children get older we are thrown into a new stage - how do we manage them, what are our parental duties, and how do we balance their need for independence.

Many parents mistakenly believe that by the time children have reached 12 years old, there's nothing more a parent can do. Wrong. Studies show that good parenting continues to help pre-teens and teenagers develop in healthy ways, stay out of trouble and do well in school. The following ideas for managing your pre-teen and adolescent child have been adapted from 'Basic Principles of Good Parenting' by Laurence Steinberg:

1. **You can't be too loving** – Don't hold back when it comes to pouring on the praise and showing physical affection. There is no evidence that adolescents are harmed by having parents who are unabashedly loving – as long as you don't embarrass them in front of their friends.
2. **Stay involved** – Don't withdraw from your child's life. Be involved – even more so now – know where they are, what they are doing, who they are with. Take them to venues, pick them up. Know their friends. Be involved in school activities. Spend time with them. Talk to them.
3. **Adapt your parenting** - When children are little you mostly make the decisions. Where possible give your maturing child opportunities to make decisions. Decide what is not negotiable (e.g. picking up your child after a dance) and what is negotiable (e.g. pick-up time).
4. **Set limits** – While love is the most important thing a child needs, the second most is structure in the form of rules and limits. Be firm but fair, and be consistent. As your child matures relax your rules bit by bit, but be prepared to tighten the reins if needed.
5. **Be aware that independence doesn't mean rebelliousness, disobedience or disrespect.** It's healthy for adolescents to push for autonomy.
6. **Explain your decisions** – Know why you have certain rules and expectations – your rules and decisions have to be clear and appropriate. It's no longer good enough to say 'because I said so' And - you can change your mind.

7. **If all fails seek outside help.** Don't feel you have to parent alone. There are many experts out there to help restore broken relationships.

COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER: DI LODDON

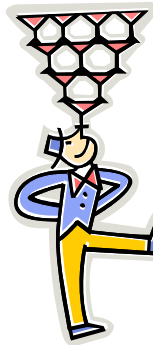
21 Positive Attributes ~

to raise confident kids and resilient, well-balance young people.

Here are the first few to start with, and there will be more to come over the next few weeks.

Positive Personal Attributes:

- 1) **PERSISTENCE** – Children understand the link between persistence and success in all areas of endeavour.
- 2) **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY** – Children are encouraged to take responsibility for their own behaviour.
- 3) **RESPECT**: Children are encouraged to treat others with grace and kindness. The use of manners is respect in action.



Talent Quest is on Friday, 14 August at the Robina Community Centre.

Adults \$15, children \$10, Family Ticket \$40 (2 Adults & 2 Children). Tickets will be available at the Payments Office and the Parent Centre from July 27.

Students interested in performing should start practicing now. Auditions for the Talent Quest will be held on Tuesday, 28 July at lunch time in the PAC.

INDUSTRY LIAISON OFFICER: ROBYN ALLEN

***** Details for all positions listed can be provided by Mrs Allen at Student Pathways*****

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 II in Animal Care

Greencross Vets are offering School Based Traineeships in Animal Care in 2010 at various locations. Available to students currently in year 10 and 11. Collect an application form from Mrs Allen in Student Pathways. **Closes 31st July 2009.**



Certificate III Business Administration – Year 11

QBuild which is located in Robina have a business administration traineeship available.

Bring your resume to Mrs Allen ASAP.



Business Administration – Year 11

Certificate II or III Business Administration at a Naturopath office in Nerang. (SES)

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 Hairdressing – salon is located in Burleigh Heads.

Interested students see Mrs Allen.



Certificate III Warehousing

A large retailer located in Southport. Duties will include receiving and dispatching of stock, customer service, invoicing and working with a team. Some heavy lifting is involved. (OnQ)

Automotive (Vehicle Body Presentation) Southport/Ashmore area (OnQ)



STUDENT PATHWAYS OFFICE: LYNNE BATESON

Griffith University are holding an Open Day on Sunday, August 9. Visit their website for further details and to see what is happening on the day.

The Gold Coast Careers Expo 2009 is taking place at the Carrara Stadium at Broadbeach – Nerang Road on Sunday 26 July – 10am to 4pm, and Monday 27 July – 9.00am to 2.30pm.

Students should attend to learn about opportunities for future careers, make connections, view a variety of professions and have the chance to win some awesome prizes, such as scholarships

Call 5591 3322 or email Amanda at reception@studygoldcoast.org.au, for further details.

Aviation Careers Expo – FOR GIRLS!!!

If you are a female wanting a future career in Aviation, visit the 'Women in Aviation' exhibition booth at the Aviation careers Expo 2009 – Saturday 8 August, 10am – 4pm. Venue: Aviation Australia Technical Training Centre, 25 Boronia Road, Brisbane Airport.

For program details, visit:

www.aviationaustralia.aero/expo

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Did you know that young people are almost twice as likely to be killed in a road crash than any other group?

The Australian Driver Trainers Association (Wld) Inc. (ADTA) are giving all Queensland school age 'Learner Drivers' the chance to win 10 professional driving instruction lessons.

Interested? You will need to put together a video (no longer than 5 minutes) focusing on the topic 'Attitude Behind the Wheel Can Kill'.

For further information, contact the ADTA on: 3343 2117 or visit www.adta-1.com.au

Do you have any queries or comments about our Newsletter?

If you do, please email them to Lynne Bateson at: lbate35@eq.edu.au

Thank you!