6 June 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It’s been an incredibly successful and productive time for Robina State High School with much to celebrate. Here are a few great personal highlights for me:

- Language Perfect Contest – first in the world for Japanese
- A very successful “Robina High Here We Come” experience for Greenheart Cluster students from Years 5, 6 and 7.
- Sports success – various teams through to semis and finals; open Futsal girls won South West titles, our Senior League boys played valiantly to the end in their semi-final.
- Eisteddfod success with Junior and Senior troupes performing really well. Placings for the Senior troupe.
- Our inaugural Junior Secondary Showcase Night was a great success
- Business and Science staff coordinated the Biggest Morning tea raising money for the Cancer Council.
- Our P&C fundraiser with Gomez & Guzman raised $1000 for the school
- Year 12 student Hannah Boag who won the MS Young Person of the Year Award in 2013 addressed the Senior Celebrate assembly to support increased community understanding around multiple sclerosis.
- We welcomed our friends from Lizen High School in Taiwan for a 3 week high school experience
- Our Acoustic Evening celebrated the amazing vocal talent we have at Robina State High School
- The P&C coordinated Fashion Parade raised funds for the Year 12 Formal Committee and was a great success.
- We experienced success at Fanfare with silvers in all divisions.
Best wishes to Ros Sawtell

Sadly we farewell a staff member who has made an incredible difference to the lives of Indigenous students at Robina State High School for the past 2 years. Ros Sawtell is pursuing University studies and we wish her all the very best.

Comments from staff and students

Di Loddon
I would like to wish Ros all the best for the future and her studies. Our school has benefited from her knowledge of the Indigenous Culture and the support she has given our Indigenous Students has been awesome. Thanks Ros you will be missed by the students.

Jeanette McDonald
Being in the Support House and dealing with seniors we have worked closely with Ros over the time she’s been our Indigenous Liaison Officer. She has been a dedicated, interested and supportive professional in all aspects of her work and has gone above and beyond on many occasions to ensure our students achieve the very best outcomes. It’s not been an easy job at times but Ros has never wavered in her belief that every child deserves the best start in life they can get. Ros has formed some lasting relationships with not only her charges but the school support team in general. We will miss her passion, her many important questions and her generosity of spirit.

Meran Knowles
I have always found Ros to be warm and friendly. She has a gentle supportive approach with the kids. I wish her well.

Aralluen Sisenko
Mrs Sawtell has helped me through a lot these last couple of years. She has always backed me up in my decisions and has always showed support in the things I have done, even if they were the wrong decisions. Ros always treated her students like they were her own kids, donating her time to print out everything and make sure we know everything that happens around the community that the Indigenous girls and boys could go to. She always saw the best in people and never doubted anybody or anything. Mrs Sawtell is an idol to me, and I look up to her throughout everything. She’s not just a teacher but a second mum to some of the Indigenous girls. I will definitely miss her and her support throughout the 2 years of my school life. Good luck Ros!!!!!!!

School Audit- great feedback

Education Queensland carries out regular audits of school practices and, in the past 2 years, all state schools have been audited around how they support student behaviour. Our Discipline Audit was carried out last week and feedback was extremely positive with Outstanding and Very High ratings across all domains of the tool. I look forward to discussing the full report at next week’s P&C but here is a snapshot of some of the outstanding affirmations we received:

School leaders

“...are driving an explicit, detailed and positive approach to managing student behaviour in consultation with the school community”

“...make deliberate and strategic use of partnerships with families, local businesses, government agencies and community organizations to access other resources to ensure a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment. These are carefully designed to enhance student engagement.”

“...have accepted personal responsibility for ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined environment. They demonstrate a strong conviction that student engagement is a key to improved student learning and have clear and well-known positions on the kind of evidence-based behaviour support strategies and interventions they wish to see occurring.”

Traffic Congestion

Investigator Drive has become extremely congested in the past week with roadworks and the commencement of a building project opposite the school. This work has decreased parking options outside the school. Unfortunately students who have their own vehicles have lost access to some potential parking space. As a school, we do not have the capacity or legal standing to support student parking on our premises and cannot support this practice. If this presents a problem, we encourage you to work with your children to discuss other options in terms of travel to school. Likewise, we very strongly discourage parents from using the prohibited area at the front of the Admin Block as a drop-off/pick up zone particularly at peak times. Students are also entering and exiting the property at this time and it presents a safety hazard.

Lately, there has been some great work happening behind the scenes to support strong partnerships between Robina SHS and local community groups. Recently:

- Mudgeeraba Redbacks donated jerseys and kits for all of our league teams. Thanks to Blair Tonkin and management at the Redbacks for negotiating around this.
- Titans staff have been working with us to build on our existing strong partnership.
- Sakura Gakuen, a well-established Japanese language and culture school, have been in discussions with Sellina McCluskey and me brainstorm ways we can mutually benefit from working together.
- Guzman and Gomez have been incredibly supportive of our school with their fundraising efforts last Sunday.
- Steve Lamburd and I have met with the manager of the new Masters who is very excited about a partnership and has flagged some great ways he wishes to work with the school.
- Our HPE faculty has worked to establish links with the Talent Sports Academy and Robina Soccer club.
Nick Wood and I have been working with Griffith University to forge a partnership which will see Robina State High School entering the Griffith Infotech High School Pathway Program next year. For IPT students, this will mean access to excellent staff and resources and potential guaranteed admission into various courses at Griffith in the future, similar to other Griffith University programmes run through Senior Schooling.

In the remaining weeks leading to the school holidays, our focus is firmly on learning and assessment.

| Monday 9th June | Queen’s Birthday holiday |
| Next week 10-13th June | Senior Exam block |
| Tuesday 10th June | P&C Meeting 6pm Administration Block |
| Wednesday 11th June | Sport cross-over finals |
| Thursday 19th June | Junior Dance Night |
| Friday 20th June | Senior Dance Night |
| Monday 23rd June | QCS Practice |
| Tuesday 24th June | Year 9 leadership day / QCS Practice |
| Wednesday 25th June | Wipe Out Wednesday / Athletics Day pre-events |
| Thursday 26th June | Athletics Day |
| Friday 27th June | Final day of term 2 |

Term 3 resumes on Monday 14th July. I hope to see many of you at one of our school events in coming weeks.

**School Wide Positive Behaviour**

**NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE** - This is Robina SHS’s third year as a School Wide Positive Behaviour School(SWPBS): A framework which helps to create a more positive learning environment and which teaches and supports appropriate student behaviours. At Robina SWPB is built on the platform of being: Respectful, Responsible and Ready to learn – our three school rules. We have high expectations for all our students focused around positive behaviour and learning.

As part of this framework, students receive positive recognition for demonstrating our targeted behaviours every day, every lesson. Positive recognition can take many different forms; through certificates, celebration morning teas, weekly draws and random positive recognition awards. We are very pleased that the number of recognised students is growing continuously across not only year levels, but the whole school.

**Snap Shot of SWPB (Weeks 1-6 2014)**

**Positive points – Grand total 1400 plus points**

| Year 8 | 280 |
| Year 9 | 306 |
| Year 10 | 309 |
| Year 11 | 401 |
| Year 12 | 140 |

To date over 700 students have been awarded positive points from their teachers for being Respectful, Responsible or Ready to Learn and for displaying the weekly focus behaviour.

An essential element of SWPB is that the students are explicitly taught the behaviours we want them to exhibit at school. The key to this is consistency across the school. To assist this our SWPB focus is presented at weekly assemblies and runs as the focus across a three week cycle. The cycle culminates in recognition at Senior and Junior School assemblies. Running parallel to the student focus is a teacher focus. The table below outlines our Semester 1 Student 3 weekly focus cycle.

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Please celebrate with your child if they receive positive points in recognition of them being Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn. As we encourage our whole school community to join us in SWPBS, especially in tracking our progress, each newsletter will include a SWPB update.

**Megan Tyne**

**P & C Meeting – 10th June at 6:00pm**

**Athletics Carnival**

This year our Track and Field Carnival will be held over two days, (Wed 25th and Thursday 26th June). The carnival will
Senior Secondary News— Jeanette McDonald

Year 11 and Year 12 Exam Block

Year 11 & 12 SEMESTER 1 EXAM BLOCK

Exam block details can be found at (Link below). Exam block runs from Tuesday 10th June until Monday 16th June inclusive. Normal classes resume on Tuesday 17th June

1. Students are to be at their designated exam room 10 minutes before the scheduled time. This allows for quick entry, roll marking, equipment checking and instructions.

2. All students are to bring the required equipment to each exam. At the very least this is a black pen and pencil for written exams. Maths exams will also require a calculator. Students will be aware of individual subject requirements.

3. No electronic devices are allowed to be used in the exam. Mobile phones and other devices may be placed on the floor for safe keeping but may NOT be accessed during the exam, even if a student has finished ahead of others.

4. If a student is absent they must follow the Assessment Policy on our web site. A parent or guardian should ring in if their student is absent. On return a medical certificate is to be presented to the Deputy Principal and a Special Consideration form completed. The exam will be completed and the Head of Department will make a determination if the exam will count towards a semester rating.


Great Success in Australian Vocational Student Awards

Each year schools are invited to put forward exiting Year 12 students as applicants for the Australian Vocational Student Awards offered by the Federal Government. Last year we nominated Shannon Hodges in the Apprenticeship category and Alice Bailey in the Vocational Studies category. As these awards are Australia-wide, and the process is quite demanding, competition is fierce with the calibre of applicants extremely high. We are very proud to announce that BOTH our nominees received the highest award in their category. Congratulations to Shannon and Alice who have received recognition at national level for their outstanding vocational efforts as well as $2000 each in prize money. They are both most worthy recipients. We look forward to nominating more of our brilliant students again this year.
Subject Selection 2015 and Careers Information

Years 8 & 9

Whilst most students have their heads down and tails up at this time of the year, shortly the 2105 subject selection and Student Education Training Plan (SETP) process will be upon them. Our Student Pathways handbooks are being finalised as you read, so the structure, offerings and processes for next year are well in hand.

Year 8 & 9 students will begin their respective career development and information session at the beginning of Term 3. For Year 8 & 9 this consists mostly of students looking at learning goals and identifying their preferences through their strengths, weaknesses and interests. Year 8 & 9 will study 6 subjects, 4 of which are core requirements so students can select 2 electives.

For Year 10 there is a seismic shift as students need to think about their life beyond school and how they can best achieve their future career transition goals. Their studies can include an almost endless combination of options either at school or in conjunction with other educational providers. Students will be guided through this sometimes confusing process with a great deal of information and one-on –one support in their selections. We ask that parents and caregivers be part of that informed journey by attending the evenings below and supporting their child to make the best choices for THEM and their skill level.

ALL YEARS

To assist all students whether moving into Year 9 or Year 12s who are leaving us, the following events are important for parents and students to attend.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13th is our ‘big’ afternoon and nightevent for Years 8-12.

• PATHWAYS INTERVIEWS– students 8-12 and parents with PROMOTE teachers discuss 2015 options, current progress; SETP are initiated as is the One School subject selection process

• SUBJECT EXPO 3.30- 7.00pm SAC; all 2015 Faculty options are on show with Heads of Department to answer your questions

• CAREERS EXPO 4.00pm- 6.00pm SAC ; All Universities, TAFE, ADF, Health Careers, various Industry reps and a range of private providers will be in attendance to answer questions and give advice about post school options.

• YEAR 10 PARENT INFORMATION 5.00pm PAC; Year 10 students and parents are invited to attend this session. An outline of how senior education works, (OP, SR, QCE) the various pathways, options and processes will be discussed.

TUESDAY 26th AUGUST

• YEAR 10 only afternoon/night; finalisation of 2015 subject selection and SETP check- in.

Year 12 QCS Responsibility

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Students received an outline of their next QCS practice in PROMOTE this week. Please note all OP eligible students and those few non-OPs who has opted ‘in’ must attend on Monday 23rd June and Tuesday 24th June. Every practice is important and every practice makes the real test that much easier. Quite specific EQUIPMENT is needed both days. This has been listed on the QCS flyer as well as in the official QSA QCS Handbook which all students have.

Griffith Engineering Programme: Year 11 Opportunity

As part of our Griffith University partnership our Year 11 students are offered the opportunity of starting their Engineering course early. Undertaking this programme means students have guaranteed entry to their degree course and will receive Bonus Admission points as well as a head start.

Any Year 11 student who is interested can firstly look at the programme on line. Application forms and information are available through Student Pathways and all forms are returned through us as well.

Finance

BPAY

BPay will be switched off as a payment method for Robina State High School invoices at the end of Term 3, 2014. If you are currently paying your fees by BPAY, please ensure that the final date to make a payment via BPAY to Robina State High School is Wednesday 25th of June. Please see below for the complete list of alternative payment methods available to all parents.

PAYMENT BY INTERNET BANKING/DIRECT CREDIT - Direct payment into school bank account.

Account Name – Robina State High School General Account

BSB – 064-468

Account Number – 1001 9041

Internet Banking Payment Reference: <<EQ ID FEES>> (eg. 1234567890A FEES)

If paying for an excursion, <<EQ ID EXCURSION NAME>> (eg. 1234567890A BYRON)

EQ ID’s can be found on each invoice or obtained from the school office – phone:07 5562 3444. If in doubt, please put the students full name in lieu of the EQ ID.

Please note – to ensure payment reaches the school’s bank account prior to the payment cut-off date, all internet bank payments must be made no later than 2 business days prior to the cut-off date/time.
PAYMENT BY EMAIL

Payment by CREDIT/DEBIT CARD only.
Additional permission forms and credit card payment forms can be found on the Robina State High School website (www.robinashs.eq.edu.au) These forms can be digitally completed, saved to your local drive and emailed to: payments@robinashs.eq.edu.au

PAYMENT BY PHONE

Payment by CREDIT/DEBIT CARD only.
Phone the Payment Office on 5562 3449 between 7.45 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday.

CENTREPAY DEDUCTIONS – PAY YOUR BILLS THE EASY WAY

Are you currently receiving Centrelink payments (e.g. Pension, Newstart Allowance, Family Tax Benefit)? Looking for an easy way to pay your school fees?

Simply complete the enclosed Centrelink application or download and print one from http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/filestores/sa325_0705c/$file/sa325_0705en_f.pdf and return the completed form to our Accounts Department. You can set the amount, frequency and specify the target amount and the money is directly credited straight to the school account. We send a statement every term so you can see the progress of the reduction to your statement of fees. We have trialled this for the past 12 months with great success and more and more parents are taking advantage of this useful stress-free option.

PAYMENT BY MAIL

Payment by Credit Card, Cheque or Money Order
Credit card details can be completed on the authority below. Cheques and Money Orders made payable to ‘Robina State High School’ and returned to the school with the permission form.

Post all correspondence to:

Payment Office
Robina State High School
1 Investigator Drive
ROBINA QLD 4226

PAYING IN PERSON

Payment by Credit Card, EFTPOS, Cash, Cheque or Money Order
Payments can be made by students at the Payment Office before school, at morning tea and during lunch Mon - Thurs.
Payments made by parents must only be done so at the School Reception in the Parent Centre between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

PAYMENT INSTALMENT PLAN

Available on Student Resource Scheme only. Please contact Accounts on 07 5562 3449 to apply.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty paying school fees, please contact the School Business Services Manager on 5562 3444.

Senior and Junior Dance Nights

SENIOR & JUNIOR DANCE NIGHTS
(Showcases Year 8 to 12 Dance students and Eisteddfod Dance Troupe.
Venue: Performing Arts Centre
Dates: Juniors – Thursday, 19 June
Seniors – Friday, 20 June
Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED BEFORE EVENT

ATTENDING 1 PERFORMANCE ONLY:
Adults: $10.00
Child: $ 5.00
Family: $25.00 (2 Adults, 2 children)

ATTENDING JUNIOR & SENIOR PERFORMANCES:
Adults: $15.00
Child: $ 8.00
Family: $40.00 (2 Adults, 2 children)

Parents purchase tickets at ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
(Office Hours: 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday to Friday)
Students purchase tickets at PAYMENT OFFICE
(Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, closed Friday)

If paying by INTERNET BANKING, please ensure your payment is completed in full 2 days prior to event as the transactions take 2 business days to appear in the school bank account.

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 BE ABLE TO PERFORM.

League For Life BBQ
On Monday June the 9th we will be holding a fund-raising BBQ to raise money for LFL at the new Robina Masters. We are hoping to have a signed Jersey to raffle as well as a raffle of a gift donated by Masters.

It is hoped that some Titans will be able to be present as well as Paul and Blair from MKR who will be visiting at lunchtime.

**Guidance Officer – Wendy Snigg**

**Career Expo and Universities Open Days**

Semester Two is fast approaching and along with Semester Two comes Career Expo’s and University Open Days. I strongly encourage all Year 10, 11 and 12 students to attend these events. They are free and they provide both parents and students with huge amount of information regarding career options, courses, fees and fee assistance and much more.

TSEXPO is a huge event where many providers from University, TAFE, Apprenticeship/Traineeship Organisations attend. This can be a great starting point to get students to start thinking and planning for their post schooling options.

Every University holds an Open Day. These events are very beneficial for our senior students to attend. Students get a chance to tour the University and talk to the lecturers and students who are involved in the various courses. They can provide detailed information about course content, employment options, study load and much more.

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**Junior Secondary News– Ben Weeks**

**Junior Secondary Showcase**

Our inaugural Junior Secondary Showcase was held last Thursday night in the Performing Arts Complex. It made me very proud to exhibit the fantastic work and talents of our junior students to our school community.

The evening began with several outstanding musical performances by ensembles of both Year Eight and Nine students. Congratulations to Kade Frith, Cassie Cole, Chelsea Marshall, Maddison Broad, Jack Wheatley, Caitlyn Reid, Sarah Matheson and Annie Magnier who all performed in these musical items. Our Japanese department showcased the inspirational work that is occurring to ensure that our students are ‘globally minded’ and are so engaged whilst doing so! A group of year eight drama students consisting of Astrid Marsh, Christopher Plessius, Kiara Pungatara, Jemma Green and Tara McMullen wowed the crowd with an improvisational drama piece constructed from a poem “What Happened to Lulu?” The confidence and theatrical techniques exhibited by these students was exceptional.

The evening was then finalised with parents, students and members of the community viewing static displays of student work across all of our faculty areas. A BBQ was also run by our League for Life students during this event. Thanks to all students and staff that were involved in this evening. I look forward to more opportunities in the near future to celebrate our students’ successes.

**yLead Altitude Day**

On Monday I had the pleasure of joining our Junior Secondary Leadership Team at the yLead Altitude Day held at Bond University. Our participation in this day was funded by the school Parents and Citizens Association. The team consisted of Arianna Clarke, Campbell Trevethan, Luke Stegman, Georgia Edson, Elizabeth Huoth and Jessica Duncan. The students had the opportunity to network with junior leaders from many Gold Coast Secondary Schools. They also participated in workshops with some truly inspirational leaders including Qld Young Australian of the Year, Jordyn Archer and passionate health and fitness professional Rowie McEvoy (pictured below). It was great to watch these students being inspired to make a change for the better and develop real leadership capacity. I look forward to what the rest of the year brings for this dynamic group of students.
Year Leaders

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Senior Assembly

Last week we held our final senior assembly for the semester and it was very rewarding to be able to celebrate so many positive events and initiatives that are taking place within the school. Thankyou to Hannah Boag who bravely took the podium to inform the students about Multiple Sclerosis and to the extremely talented Layah Bishop who performed a beautiful song, with masterful accompaniment by Sham Slade, to conclude the proceedings.

Language Perfect Champions

For ten days from May 19 to 29 there was furious and sustained learning activity using the on-line language learning program called Language Perfect at Robina High School as Japanese immersion students competed in the World Language Perfect Competition. Over 1100 schools from around the world competed and Immersion Teachers and Robina High Staff feel very proud of the incredible effort and excellent achievements of our students.

It was a real team effort and all students deserve congratulations. During the ten days of competition many students would spend hours before school, during school, during breaks, after school, and at home learning languages and improving their Japanese on line. Together we answered over 1,000,000 questions correctly and achieved the following accolades:

- 1st for Japanese in Australia (out of 646 schools)
- 1st for Japanese in the world the 51-100 students category (out of 125 schools)
- 1st in Australia OVERALL for the 51-100 students category (out of 98 schools)
- 1st overall in the world for all languages in the 51-100 students category (out of 169 schools)
- 12th overall globally (out of 1151 schools)

Many of our Students Achieved amazing things and we showed a huge improvement from last year.

- Elite Awards: 19 (10,000+ points) vs (2 last year)
- Gold Awards: 29 (3,000+ points) vs (15 last year)
- Silver Awards: 3 (2,000+ points) vs (9 last year)
- Bronze Awards: 0 (1,000+ points) vs (24 last year)
- Credit Awards: 0 (500+ points) vs (17 last year)

This actually shows the huge increase in effort by all of our students which is just fantastic.

Special congratulations to Ayuna Hasegawa from Year 9 who came 1st in Australia and 2nd in the world!!!!!

Students will celebrate as a group with an ice cream party and a pizza party. Individual students will receive ITUINES vouchers and Movie tickets for their efforts, Incredible!!!

Special thanks to all parents who supported this initiative and accepted with good grace the many extra hours students spent on computers for this once a year good cause!

HOORAY HOORAY!!!! すごい！よくできました！

Sellina McCluskey
Head of Department Languages

Lizen High spends 20 days at Robina High

Our school is quite accustomed to the green and white uniforms of Lizen High and our families and classes are always ready to welcome students and staff in May each year. This year was the 12th visit of Lizen High to our school and on May 19 we welcomed 45 excited students and their teacher Ms Yang.

It is always such an interesting cultural experience for our students to meet and talk to students from other countries. It brings global citizenship to the minds and hearts of our young people and this is very important because for some of our students it is the only opportunity they get to really see that all people have similarities as well as differences.

Our innovative study tour programming means that our guests get to experience a number of sorts of activities.

1. They have interesting aussie culture and language lessons with our gorgeous Ms Gower!
2. They have regular classes with their school buddies -most of whom are our amazing International ambassadors
3. They enjoy a wide range of special activities courtesy of our kind and accommodating staff-
   a. Thanks for brilliant biotech- CSI class Mr Pirie and Mr Wiseman
   b. Thanks for wonderful woodwork Mr Winter
   c. Thanks for delightful dancing Ms McKenzie and Ms Oldaker
   d. Thanks for marvellous music Ms Jones
   e. Thanks for sensational sport Mr Marsden
   f. Thanks for great games Ms Knowles
   g. and thanks Ms Dodd for stepping in and stepping up to do basketball and culture classes!
4. Lizen students also got to follow one particular class for two whole weeks to allow meaningful and supported curriculum interaction. Teachers who put
their hand up to take this on really deserve thanks and gratitude. They coped with their own class of Robina students (near assessment time!) as well as an additional 12 students from Taiwan who needed English language support to get activities done. This aspect of our program is very important however – because it is here that less motivated and sometimes shy students are forced to meet and interact with people from other cultures. Teacher efforts to make sure that meaningful relationships and learnings occur in these classes is really worth valuing. Thank you VERY VERY MUCH Ms Buckingham, Ms McKenzie, Ms Goldblum, Ms Rackley and Ms Dorrough.

Of course guests aren’t happy if they aren’t in happy host families and have happy school buddies so sincere thanks to both our brilliant buddies and our amazing host families. At some times we had 90 kids milling around the library as 45 Lizen students met with their 45 robina buddies – WOW!

**Do you know that at LizenHigh:**

School starts at 7:20 and finishes at 5?
That all students study compulsory curriculum and no electives exist?
That every one eats a hot meal provided by the school each day?
That after lunch every sleeps on their classroom desk for a compulsory 30 minutes each day?
That naughty students are punished by not being allowed to sleep and having to stand at attention for 30 minutes?
That students clean the classroom and cleaners are only employed a few times a year? Students clean the board and windows, and toilets and floors and bagracks and hallways!!!
OH IF ONLY!!!!???

**Cultural differences abound but so do similarities:**

Respect, Responsibility and being Ready to Learn is a central tenant at Lizen High
Students want to have fun at school if possible
Teenagers like to shop!
Teenagers like to use and share technology!

Many thanks to all people involved in developing global citizenship for our guests and our own students through our Lizen program.

**Sellina McCluskey**

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**Year 9 Japanese Seaworld Excursion**

**シーワールドに行きますしょう**

Year 9 Japanese students were excited to participate in the annual Japanese Seaworld excursion. Students had the opportunity to stay at Seaworld Resort overnight as part of our “Spectacular Seaworld Marine Unit.” Students participated in an intensive three-hour Japanese Immersion style lesson at the resort, practicing recent grammar and vocabulary through games, activities, and quizzes.

The following day students entered Seaworld and worked their way through a worksheet all in Japanese!! Whilst looking at sharks, touching starfish and feeding rays, students learned about marine environments, rules and tourist activities. They can now communicate this in their promotional island tourist brochure, their current writing assignment – all in Japanese!

すごい！

**Year 12 Japanese Tour Guiding Excursion**

**ゴールド？コーストへようこそ いらっしゃいました**

**Welcome to the Gold Coast!**

Year 12 Japanese students have been learning how to be tour guides. This requires a very formal way of speaking in Japanese, a big challenge! To listen to and use their Japanese in a realistic setting, we set off on our “tour bus” and headed to Coolangatta airport to greet “Japanese tourists” (Mrs McCluskey and Mrs Gray). Year 12 students listened to their tour guide (Mrs McCluskey) on the bus to the next destination, Burleigh Heads. Students found out a lot of interesting information that Japanese tourists would hear on a tour. Lastly, we headed to Pacific Fair to practice our tour guiding directions. Students raced around Pacific Fair on a treasure hunt, following directions written in Japanese. This immersion style excursion was invaluable preparation for the listening test, on the following day. Students’ recent listening test results reflected the hard work completed on our excursion. よろしく おねがいいたしました！

**Year 8 Students Make their own Obentoos**

Year 8 students studying Japanese are currently learning about food and as part of the culture focus of the unit we have been learning about OBENTOOS. An “obentoo” is a packed lunch Japanese style. And the emphasis is on the word style!
In order to give students an authentic experience of the type of foods that go into obentoos and a chance to decorate their own lunch, we had a make your own obentoo lunch recently. It was great to see students enjoying and educating themselves simultaneously!

The activity was only possible due to the wonderful support and assistance of a number of Japanese parents who prepared various foods at home and delivered them ready to eat to school that day.

Many thanks to Mr Hasegawa and Mr and Mrs Griffiths for their delicious chicken kara age.

Thanks to Mrs Hefford for her beautiful flower shaped carrots.

Thanks to Mrs Suzuki for her perfectly formed tamagoyaki and tako sausages.

本当に ありがとう ございました

When we added rice (thanks Mrs Tones) heart shaped nori (thanks Mrs Mitchell) and corn and peas for decoration we certainly ended up with some artistic obentoos.

Totally たのしい and おいしい!

International Students Enjoy a Day Trip to Byron Bay

A number of our International students recently enjoyed a day trip to Byron Bay with Mrs Tones and Mrs McCluskey. It was a beautiful warm day and students and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On the way down Mrs McCluskey explained what “hippy” meant and told the story about how Byron Bay earned its hippy reputation.

Francesco – one of our Italian students sent us the following email after the weekend:

I just want to say thank you for the amazing weekend. Thanks for having dedicated so much of your free time to us. I had never gone to Byron Bay before this weekend, I had a very good time! As usual, well done! I really appreciate that you’re always so kind to us. Always available for help. With your support you are all making the difference in my staying here. (Improving it!)

A very successful and enjoyable day.

Business Department – Dreamworld Excursion

Fun was had by all on the Dreamworld Business Department Excursion. Students were given a talk from the Education Officer about the Workplace Health and Safety Practices that occur at Dreamworld. Year 11 BCT students are working on an assignment evaluating and analysing the safety practices that are implemented in theme parks in Australia and around the world.

Year 11 Geography Students Visit Binna Burra

For two days the year 11 Geography students explored Lamington National Park. The class stayed at Binna Burra Mountain Lodge in Safari tents. The excursion was part of their investigation into current conditions in a National Park and to provide discussions on how to manage ecosystems within a National Park. The students investigated data from quadrants, by using instruments to measure PH, soil temperature, light intensity and tree height.

It was apparent the students enjoyed the overnight experience which transposed classroom activities into reality. I was proud of the enthusiasm and diligence displayed by the group, furthermore they represented Robina SHS in a positive manner. The conclusion of the experience is to write a report and outline their investigations.

Cate Buckingham
Year 11 Tourism Students get close to Koalas

Year 11 Tourism students are studying Australian destinations and attractions. To assist in the appreciation of local attraction two year 11 classes visited Dreamworld. The focus was on ‘Welcome to Country’ and ‘Back of House’ experience. The classes were given a personalised tour of Welcome to Country by local and Northern Australian indigenous rangers. The students learned about traditions, history and animals found in various ecosystems throughout Australia. Many were surprised by the plight of the Bilby. The ‘Back of House’ experience revealed how Dreamworld cares for sick animals plus the students were given an insight in Dreamworld’s Koala breeding program. At the end of the tour the student were given the opportunity to get close to Koalas.

Cate Buckingham

Art

Dance Troupe

Both the Senior and Junior Dance Troupes represented Robina at the Brisbane Eisteddfod over the past two weeks. The seniors performed 3 routines and received Highly Commended for 2 and a Very Highly Commended for their fabulous jazz dance that was brilliantly choreographed by Year 12 student, Joey Hung. The juniors performed beautifully and made me very proud with their positive attitude and sportsmanship throughout the competition; a very exhausting two days but well worth it. Congratulations to all the girls who took part and we wish you the best for the upcoming Gold Coast Eisteddfod in August.

Music Competition

This year also saw our stage band, concert band and strings ensemble compete at “Fanfare”, a prestigious music competition held every two years. We received several silver awards for our ensemble and band performances! A very big congratulations to Craig, Selina Jones and Kylie Krick our conductors. Without their tireless efforts the festival would not have happened for our students.

Acoustic Night

Acoustic Night was again a huge success- well done to Selina Jones and all the wonderfully talented performers who performed to a packed house! Our Year 8 and 9 talent was also on display in the Junior Secondary Showcase night last week, whereby students participated in three music and one drama performance aimed at entertaining parents and students and highlighting the great work our junior secondary students do. Finally our theatre sports group performed last week in the regional competition. Well done Pete Morrissey and the troupe for putting on such an entertaining evening.

Lifestyle Department

Year 12

Over recent weeks the Early Childhood students visited Smarter Kids Kindergarten and Preschool. During these visits students interacted with children of varying ages and observed children at play in an early childhood environment. These observations contributed to a major piece of assessment in Term 2.

Year 10

The Introduction to Early Childhood students have also been visiting local childcare centres; Rainbow Town Early Learning Centre, Robina and Smarter Kids Kindergarten and Preschool, Robina. During their visits they viewed the play equipment used in an early childhood setting and interacted with the children and staff.

We would like to thank both centres for opening their doors to our students giving them this unique opportunity.

Lifestyle & Industrial Technology and Design

On Thursday the 22nd of May we took 6 ITD and 5 Home Economics students to Merrimac State School for their Under
8’s day. The HEC girls from the Early Childhood class were in charge of face painting and they had a long line of kids for two hours of intense painting of little faces. The senior ITD class made little wooden planes and butterflies and were, as usual, one of the more popular events making over 300 little timber projects. This is the 8th year students have been in attendance on the day and it is a brilliant opportunity to foster important relationships with one of our feeder schools.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Baseball**

**Gold Coast’s Best Under 12 Baseball Players Set For Robina High**

On Thursday 19 June, Robina High is hosting the South Coast Schools Baseball Trials on our diamond. The best baseball players from around the Gold Coast will be here trailing to compete at the Queensland Championships set for August. This will also coincide with a Robina High Baseball Experience Day for our prospective students looking to be involved in our program in 2015. As we welcome two year groups to high school for the very first time next year, we are expecting a large influx of baseball players coming into our program.

On the same day our current Year 8 and 9 students will be at the Under 14 South Coast Trials to be held at Surfers Paradise Baseball Club. The players have been training very hard in preparation for the trials including a 2 kilometre run twice a week as a warm up before their strength and conditioning sessions. We wish them all the best!

_Daniel Norton-Smith_  
_Zonal Coordinator_

**Golf**

A number of students participated in the South Coast School Sport golf trials which were conducted on Monday 2nd June at Burleigh Golf Club. Our students produced some very pleasing results. Four boys; Peter Lyon, Chris Park, Hyun Sik Kong and Shalun Hay were successful in selection for the team to compete in the Qld. Schoolboys’ Championships at Oxley G.C. in July. Grace Kwack was selected in the 19 yrsGirls’ team and Sandra Kim, who joins our program next term, in the 12 yrs team.

Term 3 will see more students enrol at Robina SHS for the golf program and this will see further hours of coaching being available through our Professional, David Nable. This will obviously further enhance the opportunities for our students.

_Shane Stevenson_

**Futsal**

On May 29th the Open Boys’ and Open Girls’ Futsal teams went to Toowoomba to compete in the South West titles. The boys played extremely well. We lost to a quality Harristown side 4-3, and this result knocked us out of the tournament. On the day we were led by our captain Oskar Tycho, he was great all day. Jack Sargeanta new student from Melbourne was unbelievable on the day. He is a next great player at RSHS. Brett Lloyd Matthews, Konan Warren, and Jake Hodgson all contributed greatly. A special mention to our International student Carlo Baggio who played superbly on the day and has been a great addition to our Futsal family.

The Open Girls’ led by super coach Lisa Oldaker played amazing on the day. They swept through their group undefeated and beat Harristown 6-1 in the semi-final. The final was tense with Toowoomba Grammar well up for it. We went up 1 nil with Claire Poissant scoring a great goal. With 2 minutes remaining Grammar scored with the superb Izzy Garth conceding only her 3rd goal of the tournament. With only 2 minutes remaining Emma Ellis used her great pace to get in behind the defence and slot a great goal for the girls to be SOUTH WEST CHAMPIONS.

Massive thank you Lisa Oldaker, and Prue Donohoe for giving up there valuable time and contributing to our program.

_Oceanic Cross Country_

Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 10 for their age at the Oceanic Cross country on Thurs 29th May.

- Kai Judd – 16 YRS boys - 2nd
- Sam Wallis – Open Boys – 4th
- Malachi Berlowitz– 14 Boys- 3rd.

Good luck to all 3 boys at the Regional Cross Country on Tues 10th June.
Success

Congratulations to Lochie King in Grade 10 who was part of the U15 Regional Boys AFL team that won the State Championships last month. Well done Lachie.

Congratulations to Tom Anderson who recently represented Australia in the Taiwan International Futsal Championships. Following some great performances, Tom was selected as Goal Keeper of the Tournament. We are very proud of Tom representing our futsal program at an international level.

Interschool Sport

Robina had 6 Interschool teams competing in the Wider School Finals this afternoon. Regardless of results, I congratulate all teams getting this far in the competition. The scores were as follows;

- Open Boys Soccer lost 1-0 to PBC
- Open Girls Soccer lost 4-0 to PBC
- 14 Boys Soccer lost in a penalty shootout to PBC
- Benowa defeated Robina 6-2 in hockey
- Keebra defeated Robina in 14 Rugby League……and
- Our champion team was our 14 girls Soccer defeating PBC 1-0!!! This team will now play in the Gold Coast Finals next week.

A big THANK YOU to all of the students, teachers and parents who value and support interschool sport at Robina High.

Parents & Citizens Association

P & C Formal Committee Fashion Parade

A fun night was had by all at the “One Night Stand – Formal Fashion Show” held earlier in the term. The dresses and suits were fabulous and the Year 12 students that modelled the outfits on the night did an outstanding job. The money raised will go toward the cost of the formal. A big thankyou to Mrs Loddon for organising this event and to all of the students involved: Luke Sinclair, Beth Curtis, Sharn Slade, Georgina Drought, Oskar Tycho, Celia Noone, Chelsea Parker, Adrian Wong, Holly Fowler, Ryan Lim, Tiana Beakey, Max Wilson.

Sunday the 1st of June saw the RSHS Parents and Citizens Association team up with Guzman y Gomez Mexican Taqueira at Robina Town Centre to help raise funds for new and existing projects, and we are pleased to announce the event was a success in its first year raising $1,000!!!

Guzman y Gomez donated $2.50 from every burrito, burrito bowl and mini B sold ALL DAY at GYG Robina. This was a great initiative and opportunity for family and friends of RSHS to support the P&C and raise some much needed funds. A big thank you to the crew at GYG and to all who came down and supported the day, and we look forward to making this an annual event with Guzman y Gomez and raising even more funds next year.

GYG Robina is located in the food atrium at Robina Town Centre.

School Based Health Nurse

Hello my name is Dave Quinert and I am filling in for the School Based Health Nurse, Helen Dredge. I am available for students to see me in my office in the Support House if you would like to have a chat about any issues that may arise in their life. Student self refer.

I am available Tuesday, Thursday and every second Wednesday from 7:30am to 3:00pm.

I look forward to helping support our students.

Club Red

We have just kicked off our Red Cross Blood donations again this year which was initiated last year by Mrs Swift and the Year 12 school captains. Their legacy of carrying on this fantastic program is an inspiring community effort by the Seniors of Robina High School.

The program not only promotes the spirit of giving but students gain a great deal of knowledge about the volunteering industry and giving back to the community.

The program is offered to all students over the age of 16. All that is needed is a signed parent consent form, available from Staffroom 4. The students are driven to the Robina Red Cross Centre in a courtesy bus. Light refreshments are offered whilst the students are filling out the necessary forms. After giving blood students are offered a light meal as a token of their appreciation.

Parents can also get involved by donating at any Red Cross Centre. To make an appointment call 131495 or visit donateblood.com.au

A big thanks to Maddy Nixon, Tennyson Nixon, Ben Seeney, Amy Choi and Georgina Drought (Red Cross Ambassador) who jump started our donations for this year.

Ms Lisa Armitage
Kingfisher Mentor
English Teacher

The next P & C venture will be a Bake Sale on Tuesday 17th June with cakes baked by our students.
WipeOut Wednesday

WOW – Just a reminder that WipeOut Wednesday is on again in a few weeks.

Business Staff and students look forward to a great day to support Mathew Forysth – last year we raised over $1,000 so let’s see if we can beat that!

**When:** Wednesday 25 June from Morning Tea onwards  
**What:** Sausage Sizzle, Japanese BBQ, Churros, Popcorn, FairyFloss and lots more  
**Cost:** Everything is $2  
**Where:** on the Oval

Year 8-11 students are encouraged to consider applying for the Premier’s Anzac Prize. Follow the link below for details.


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**Free breast cancer screening at Robina**

**26 May – 10 July 2014**

**Robina Library/Community Centre**  
(Robina Town Centre Drive)

**Call 13 20 50 now to book your breastscreen appointment!**  
Women aged 50 to 74 years strongly encouraged to attend.  
Women 40 and over eligible for a free breastscreen.