**7 March 2014**

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Unbelievably we only have 4 weeks of term remaining with Easter holidays commencing on the 5th April. There are a number of key events occurring in coming weeks that may be of interest to our families:

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As well, a number of excursions and curriculum-related activities will take place in the coming weeks. Students involved will receive correspondence around these activities directly from their teachers.

Please note that report cards will be emailed to families before the end of term. As it is essential that we have your current email address, communication will be sent to families in the coming week to verify we have your correct contact details.

We have had another successful few weeks at Robina State High School keeping our focus firmly on our 2014 priorities; personalized learning for all students, building a professional learning culture and high expectations. By holding high expectations of all of our students we expect success to follow. The strong relationship between expectations and academic achievement has been well established. Also, with a focus firmly on improving their craft, our teachers have continued to devote significant out-of-school time to their own professional development. Most recently we spent several hours this past Monday after hours further developing skills to support the reading development of our students.

As a school, we make a commitment to provide all students with an accurate individual assessment planner. It is provided for students and their parents as a means of supporting them in developing their organisational strategies. Semester 1 planners have been published and are available to all students by logging into One School (http://oslp.eq.edu.au). If your child has any issues accessing the course assessment outline online please inform the school and we will provide a printed copy.

I had the pleasure this week of attending part of the MARVO event organized by Graham Herlihy for families new to the League for Life program. Most of the boys brought along significant men in their lives to participate in an afternoon of activities. We welcome the involvement of parents in these sorts of programs and thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules.

We have been overwhelmed with the great feedback we have received from our community about the direction in which the school is heading. In the past few weeks, whilst visiting each of our local primary schools, we have met many students and their parents eagerly looking at joining our Robina family next year in Years 7 or 8. To this end, on Thursday night, we hosted our first Information Evening for prospective Year 7 students and their families in 2015. At this forum, we shared significant information about our Junior Secondary philosophy and curriculum. Extensive consultation to support the transition of Year 7 into high school has involved careful planning and research; we are very happy with where we are ‘at’ as a school. If you missed the evening, can I encourage you to make direct contact with our Junior Secondary Head of Department Ben Weeks at bweek12@eq.edu.au
Continuing our high expectations of each student a new SMS for classroom absences notifications begins on Monday 17th March. Caregivers of students who are absent in the after-lunch lesson or who have been noted as absent from classes after the morning roll mark, will be notified of this by SMS. We ask that caregiver do NOT ring their student at that point. If you believe your child should be in class please ring the school and we will gladly do a physical check and let you know the outcome of that check. This alleviates the potential of students answering a phone call in class- which they should not- in the event of inaccurate roll marking.

Our Swimming carnival is today and unfortunately, at the time this newsletter went to press, results and images from the day were not available. Thanks to all students and staff for their enthusiasm and participation. I’m sure it has been a thoroughly successful day and we look forward to sharing the day’s moments with you soon.

Like all schools we have had some staffing changes in the last few weeks. Jenny Tobin is currently on leave and has been replaced by Brendan O’Sullivan who will support both Year 8 and 10 students. Mr Sullivan is well-known to our school community and has acted as Deputy Principal here before. Please have no hesitation in contacting him if you need to. We also welcome Hugh Roberts and Mitchell Boyd who are supporting students in Learning Development Centre.

Best wishes
Julie

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 run 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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TERM 2

| Week 1 - 3 | April 22-May 9 | We are all on team Robina       |
| Week 4 - 6 | May 12 -30     | Be friendly and encouraging     |
| Week 7 -9  | June 2 - 20    | I am responsible for my actions |
| Week 10    | June 23 - 27   | Celebrate success              |

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
Deputy Principal

Senior Secondary News – Jeanette McDonald

QCS Test – Special Provisions

All Year 12 parents will have received QCS test information by email. It is MOST important that OP eligible students are aware of their commitment at practice, workshop sessions and for the real QCS. Non-OP students may also register to sit the QCS test. The practice and real QCS dates on the information sent out should be written/ noted somewhere as IMPORTANT. Students who miss designated practices and work shop sessions will be chased up and required to explain their actions. Failure to follow procedures may result in further consequences including having their formal invitation cancelled. QCS affect s the WHOLE group’s OP rankings, not just the individual student’s so we take it very seriously.
On that note some students may need Special Provisions for the QCS test. This comes in two ‘forms’: Special Provisions: changing the format or processes due to a condition. This might include things such as larger font (poor vision), different coloured paper (colour blindness), use of a computer (for conditions such as dyspraxia), rest breaks (back conditions, diabetes, long term illness, side effects of medication)

Or

Exemption (for OP students only) This includes all requests to stay OP eligible but not sit the test; State, National of International sports representative on the days of the QCS test.; Inability to sit the test due to medication that has detrimental side effects, psychological conditions and similar. (Absences on the QCS test days due to severe illness or bereavement are dealt with separately after the test)

If this applies to your student please contact me at school and I’ll take the student through the steps necessary to apply for Special Provisions. Current medical evidence is necessary for most applications. Alternatively students can go to the QSA website http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/1102.html and look at the conditions for Special Provisions themselves.

School Based Traineeships, TAFE and other Wonderful Opportunities

Gold Coast TAFE is offering a mid-year intake of senior students into the TAFE Schools programme. This is where students attend a certificate course at TAFE one day a week and school for the other days. These courses are free and only a nominal materials fee is paid. Shortly we will be advertising an April intake in Certificate II Electro technology and Certificate II Automotive. Other courses will be advertised next term for a July start. This is a fabulous way for senior students (Y10 & 11 but not Year 12 this round) to gain a qualification not offered at school. Enrolment will be by an on-line system, following an on line expression of interest. It will be a ‘first in best dressed’ system so when we have the information we’ll pass it on to parents via SMS or email ASAP.

Australian Defence Force

The Australian Defence Force has several information sessions running 10 March and 25th March at Coolangatta and Currumbin as well as an Air Force Camp for girls in June being filled now. This is for general entry, their new 1 and 2 year programmes and for Officer Entry via ADFA. Ring 55 69 3900 to register and for more details

There are quite a number of School based traineeships (SATs) on offer at present and a few apprenticeships as well. We strongly encourage students interested in a SAT to come and have a chat with Mrs Allen in the Support House in Student Pathways. We have a board in our ‘rooms’ outlining all the options available. These are also on our website in quick links. Students undertake paid work, gain an industry qualification and complete school at the same time. We reduce students’ timetables once past the probationary period (if they choose to) to assist students balance school, work and study.

Diploma in Business

DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS- GREAT SUCCESS SO FAR.........Our Diploma in Business which we’re partnering with Career’s Australia to provide, is powering along. We intend to offer this course again next year so do some thinking around the many advantages a student has by completing a diploma whilst still at school. I’m happy to talk to parents about what this means to their student.

Junior Secondary News – Ben Weeks

Junior Assembly

Congratulations to the following students who were acknowledged on our first Junior Secondary assembly for 2014.

Kingfisher Scholarship Recipients

The following students have applied for and been successful in receiving 2014 Kingfisher Scholarships to the value of one year’s school fees. These students will be acknowledged at a special morning tea later this term.

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Junior Secondary Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to Connie Bourne and Cooper Bruggy of Year 8 as well as Matthew Brooker and Chloe Ware of Year 9. These students each received a $20 iTunes voucher for being the top Merit Point students of the term so far.
Accolades must also go to students in the following classes for displaying the Respectful, Responsible and Ready to learn mantra consistently. Your teachers are very proud of your efforts.

Ms Knowles’ – 8F Science
Mr Vella’s – 8B Maths
Extension
Ms Cook’s – 9F Maths Extension
Mr Vella’s – 9H Maths

Parent Information Evening 1

Our first Junior Secondary Parent Information Evening will be held on Thursday, 13 March commencing at 5.30 pm in the Library. Our guest presenter will be Andrew Craig, a police officer from the Gold Coast Child Protection Investigation Unit. Andrew will deliver a presentation for parents around cyber safety and provide information and strategies to protect your child from cyber bullying. RSVP’s for this evening should be sent to jgalb2@eq.edu.au.

Year 8 Camp

This year we have organised our Year 8 Camp to Tyalgum Ridge Retreat located in the Tweed Valley in northern NSW. Ancient rainforests, fast flowing creeks, waterfalls and outstanding views are all features of the Retreat. We encourage all Year 8 students to be in attendance on this camp.

The programs students will participate in are based around small group interaction where students are encouraged to show personal initiative and leadership in well planned, challenging outdoor activities. These activities also promote team building and relationships with other students outside their own friendship circle. A program of night activities will also be available for students to participate in.

This year, students have the unique opportunity to ‘camp out’ for one night of the camp. Students will be provided with tents and ration packs and will hike through the rainforest to an almost untouched camping area by a flowing creek. Students will set up camp and have the opportunity to be at one with nature! What a fantastic bonding opportunity for our cohort. The second night of the camp will be spent in self-contained dormitory style accommodation.

To book your students place on this great experience a $100 deposit is needed to be paid to the Student Payment Window in Administration by 3.00 pm Monday 13 March. The final payment date will be Thursday, 27 March. This final payment is non-refundable. Any concerns regarding the camp can be directed to Michael Vine on 55623443 or Ben Weeks on 55623444.

Toward 2015

We are already looking toward 2015 at Robina SHS. In 2015 we will be enrolling both Year 7 and 8 cohorts. As such the Junior Secondary team will be running information sessions for parents of current Year 6 & 7 students early on in the year based at Robina State High School and at local Primary Schools. Prospective 2015 Year 7 and 8 students are also invited to attend our High School Experience day where they will be transformed into Secondary School students for the day. More information on this day will be distributed through our local ‘Greenheart Cluster’ feeder primary schools. Please see these dates below:

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Parents & Citizens

Why Join the P & C?

The P & C is far more than just a fundraising committee. The P & C works closely with the school to help continually improve the educational, academic, social, sporting and artistic experiences of the most precious people in your lives…. Your children. Being part of the P & C is a way to directly contribute towards enhancing your children’s experiences at Robina State High School.

We hope that interested parents, guardians, business people and other supporters of the school might consider joining the P & C. There are some good reason so do so;

- The Principal and other Senior Administration people talk to us about the school and the direction we are taking.
- We are able to give feedback, ask questions, and suggest improvements directly to the Principal.
- It allows members to receive firsthand knowledge of events, future plans and news through the school direct from the source.

Next meeting is the AGM on 11th March at 6.00p.m. in the Common Room.

Please attend if you can.

Dianne Loddon
President P & C Association

Year Leaders

Year 8 – Michael Vine

The Year 8 cohort have settled into the junior secondary life quite well. Many have taken the opportunities presented to them with both hands. Last Wednesday they participated in their first whole school Celebrate assembly where student leaders were presented with their badges. No doubt, many of our budding leaders observed the potential for themselves.

This week the swimming carnival is on Friday and all Year 8 are expected to attend and participate. The sports carnivals are exciting days to be part of so please encourage your child to have a swim for their House.

The camp at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat will be on the last three days of term. Notes have gone home to parents and we encourage all to attend. The camps primary focus is to bond the year level into a cohesive group. The program will differ
from previous years as it includes; a hike and bush camp for one of the two nights away. It is a visually spectacular place, with world heritage national parks, rainforest and Mt Warning as the backdrop. What an opportunity to break up the routines of normal life! Questions can be directed to Michael Vine. Email: mvine7@eq.edu.au or phone, 5562 3443.

Year 9 – Tait Conditsis

In the swing of things…

Can you believe that we are already six weeks into the school term! Student assessment will be underway, so please make sure that you have a copy of your son/daughter’s assessment schedule. This can be done by accessing one school and enables you to monitor all assessment dates. Why not print it out and stick it to the fridge?

Keeping in touch with parents and caregivers is important for teachers to be successful in communicating messages to do with your child’s education. Please make sure all details are updated regularly and Robina SHS has your up-to-date details to ensure messages are successfully received. This includes home phone, mobile and email. In particular a correct email address is essential for teachers to be able to send out batch emails to parents wanting to know how things are progressing in their classes, what students are studying, unit overviews, changes in assessment dates.

Finally, if this has not already happened, a study plan should be adopted to avoid cramming and last minute panic or meltdown. Some ideas that may aid your child in developing effective study habits are to;

1. Create a learning environment that is conducive to concentrating away from the TV and siblings.
2. Only study with the materials you need. Making sure you bring all material necessary so your son/daughter is prepared and ready to learn. Turn mobile phones off or ban them from the study area so young people can steer clear of social media. Computers are a powerful distraction for many people because they can do so many different things. Playing games, going online, surfing the Web, and answering emails are all wonderful distractions that have nothing to do with studying.
3. Study on their own or even form a group. Make sure you select and monitor the peers that children study with. Try linking them up with high achieving students who have already developed effective study habits.
4. Start with just twenty minutes per night and then slowly extend timeframes so that when students hit senior school this has extended to up to two hours per night.

(Extracts from http://psychcentral.com/lib/top-10-most-effective-study-habits/0005992/)

Year 10 – Matthew James

Recent research in England has suggested that the older a person becomes, the quicker time passes. Possibly our Year 10 students may be feeling their age as the first half of Term One has flown by. After an initial scramble, the majority of timetables have been finalised as students fastidiously plan for their final few years at Robina High. However, success cannot only be measured on academic results. To that end, the Year 10 students have continuously demonstrated social maturity and empathy towards others. Whether it is raising money for a variety of charities or simply the manner in which they interact with peers, as a cohort, they have shown a maturity beyond their years. Friday 7th March is the swimming carnival. We look forward to our students embracing this event and participating with maximum enthusiasm.

Year 11 – Todd Campbell

With the end of term fast approaching all students should have their exam preparation at home well and truly underway. Being organised is the key and finding a balance between work and study commitments is so important. To help with planning and study there are two important places on the computer to access.

- Onschool – Logon using school D to access student assessment calendar. All students have been taught how to perform this task in PROMOTE.
- Learning Place – Logon using school ID to access specific subject resources. Here students will find things such as semester overviews, course details, topic units and revision materials for each subject they study.

We have a strong cohort academically and all teachers are expecting students to work hard at home and rise to the challenges ahead. The effort required is much greater than that required of Junior school.

This year we are awarding our Year level positives as a names draw from all the students who have attended class on time and arrived at school on time. Happily each week we are selecting from nearly every student in the grade level.

All students are reminded it is their responsibility to arrive at morning classes for the 8:00am start. The school provides this opportunity for students so they can use their Friday to attend TAFE, traineeships, apprenticeships and University subjects.

Be organised, study hard, and feel confident as you walk into your first Senior exams.

Year 12 – Cathy Harwood

YEAR 12 PROMOTE

“**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now**” (Chinese Proverb)

During the first week of school, the students were asked to think about what the above quote meant to them in order to get them thinking about what they can do to make a difference in the world. This year the focus for Year 12 is “Giving Back” and we will be aiming to instil a sense of pride, ownership and fulfilment in doing things for others. Our major project for the year will be to give back to the wider world by donating water wells to villages in Cambodia. Each class will take ownership of the donation of one well and the project will be overseen by the LEOS club. Throughout the year we will also be involved in
worthwhile causes in conjunction with the Red Cross, Oxfam, Shave for a Cure and others. I thank you for your support in these endeavours.

(Some great movies you could watch with your students to help inspire them to help others: “Pay It Forward”, “Erin Brockovich”, “The Blind Side”)

**CAMP CONTRIBUTE 2014**

Runaway Bay SELC provided a wonderful venue for this year’s camp ensuring that the Year 12’s not only contributed fully, but challenged themselves throughout the three day experience. Cycling, archery, team games, stand up paddle boarding, beach volleyball, laser skirmish and sailing were on the agenda but I would have to say that table tennis was the big winner for the students with some budding Olympic champions in the making. As teachers, we were all very honoured to spend quality time with such a fantastic group of young adults and see them achieve success, forge new friendships and bond together for their final year of school. The staff at the camp could not praise them enough for their enthusiasm, respect, camaraderie and teamwork. I asked them all to think of one memorable experience, moment or event that will stay with them into the future and I hope they have shared this experience with you.

**Japanese Immersion**

It was great to welcome almost all parents of our Year 8 Immersion Class recently at our Annual Immersion by Night event. Parents were able to observe their sons and daughters as they learnt Maths, Science and Computer lessons in Japanese. It was certainly eye opening for many parents. The level of attention and focus of our students is quite amazing. Parents were so surprised when students put up their hands and answered (often in Japanese) something the teacher had asked in Japanese!

A highlight of the evening was our Parent Hiragana Class. Mrs McCluskey taught our parents how to read the entire hiragana alphabet in 35 minutes! That was a record. Parents certainly got a clear feeling about how it feels to be learning Japanese.

We thank all families who were involved in the evening – and all Immersion staff who volunteered their time to support our program.

**League For Life Marvo**

The Year 8 and 9 League for Life classes enjoyed a fantastic Marvo (male afternoon) on Tuesday where 38 dads came back to school to join their sons in an afternoon of competitive activities. Each LFL boy paired up with their dad or a senior mentor to compete in challenging ball activities and a Sports Trivia quiz. Mr Tonkin’s Sport Recreation class organised and conducted the challenges in the SAC as part of their course’s assessment and requirements. The afternoon commenced with a gourmet sausage sizzle which was cooked by the Year 10, 11 and 12 LFL mentors to perfection before going to the PAC for the quiz, then to the SAC. Daniel Schwass, a former LFL student and now a Titans’ contracted Under 20 player, was our guest speaker. His encouraging words really “hit home” with the boys. Daniel also teamed up with one of our Year 9 boys, Zac Markotany.

The winners were:

- Quiz Champions – Daniel Shannon (9L) and his dad, Mark (SOSE HOD)
- Challenge Champions – Brandon Dey (9L) and his dad, Michael
- Overall Marvo Champions – Daniel Edwards (9L) and his dad, Phil

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Urawa High Baseball Visit**

Maybe you saw our article in the Gold Coast Bulletin last week about our Urawa High Baseball visit?

Robina High was very excited to welcome the prestigious Urawa Gakuin High Baseball to the Gold Coast and Robina High. About twenty keen and capable baseballers from Urawa Gakuin travelled from Japan to spend a week on the Gold Coast in an innovative cultural and training program that is in its eighth year.

Did you know that Robina High has the only specialised high school Baseball Program in Queensland? We are always delighted to welcome the motivated boys from Urawa High.

Last year the Urawa Gakuin team took out the highly respected National High School Baseball Invitational Tournament of Japan, commonly known as “Spring Köshien”. It is an annual high school baseball tournament that involves over 4000 teams! The tournament takes place each year in March in the Köshien district of Nishinomiya City, Hyōgo, Japan. A Summer Köshien
also occurs in July. Head Coach of the Urawa Team, Mr Mori, is on his way to becoming a national living treasure with the amazing record of coaching 19 championship teams in his 24 coaching years!

Mr Norton – Smith and Mrs McCluskey co-ordinated the program and they were very thankful for the help of Mrs “baseball mama” McPhail and the Surfers Paradise Baseball Association who allowed us to use their fields for training and games.

The Robina Baseball team were certainly tested when they played against the Urawa boys. Caleb Williams, Wataru Kodaka and Riki Komemoto played excellently, but the strength of the Urawa team and in particular their famous pitcher – who will turn pro next year – was not to be beaten.

It was a great week of baseball, Japanese culture and internationalisation at Robina High!

Daniel Norton-Smith & Sellina McCluskey

Baseball News

More great news is coming out of our Baseball Program with the highlight being the Professional Contract offered to former student Jack Barrie. Jack finished at Robina High in 2011 and after an outstanding National Championships recently, where he was awarded the MVP of the tournament, Jack signed a deal with the Minnesota Twins. This is every baseball player’s dream and now Robina High can boast 4 professional signings in the past 6 years – an accomplishment any American High School would be proud of. Well done Jack!

In other National Championship news, congratulations to Sam Jones (pictured) on winning the Golden Glove Award for the most outstanding fielder at the Under 16 Championships. To be named amongst the very best in a tournament involving players from all over Australia is great achievement.

Well done also to Jye Deeble who was a member of the Queensland under 18 team who won the final at the National Championships in Canberra.

The following students were selected in the South Coast Schoolboys Baseball Team recently: Jye Deeble, Ben Grant, Sam Jones, Riki Komemoto, Wataru Kodaka, Brodie Lyon and Jay Myers. Kahleb Williams and Conor Laverty are shadows. All the best for the State Championships boys!

Daniel Norton-Smith
Baseball Coordinator

Golf Program

2014 has seen 25 students start the Golf Program with three students transferring from other schools, two International students and six Year 8 players. I encourage any Year 8 student who has an interest in golf to contact me if they would like to join the program. They are invited, along with parents, to visit the class work at the golf range at school from 8-9.10am on Monday – Thursday mornings.

Students have already played three local courses; Burleigh Golf Club, Palmer Gold Coast Golf Club and Palmer Colonial Golf Club. Last week a number of students worked with Ryan Lumsden from Golf Australia with his expertise in 3 D biomechanics. Ryan is a world leader in this area and will be on the Gold Coast again in Week 2, Term 2 to work with our players.

Congratulations to Chris Park, Peter Lyon, HyunSik Kong and Liam Anderson who represented the Gold Coast District Golf Association in the annual match against the Brisbane District Golf Association, and had a victory against the Brisbane juniors.

Shane Stevenson
Golf Program Director

District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who represented Robina High at the Oceanic Swimming Carnival on Thursday 20th February.

BOYS; JAYDEN PANKHURST

GIRLS; ANARNYA BERLOWITZ, MADELINE CORFIELD, TAYLA MARSHALL, EMMA MASON, CLAIRE-MARIE POISSANT, SHAYELLE IMeson, SOPHIE DONALD.
Futsal Success

Last Tuesday the Futsal teams went to SE titles in Brisbane and we had some great success. The 14 Girls went undefeated winning all their games with Danielle Davidson and Cahila Tom playing starring roles. The 19 girls also went undefeated winning all their games quite handily. Bethany Curtis, Jodie Crowley, and Izzy Garth were outstanding.

The boys also competed in SE titles with great strength and dedication. The 13 Boys qualified for the next round with 3 hard fought wins. Kieran Weaver, and Marcus Olsen making great contributions. The 14 boys were the big story, winning all their matches by at least five goals. Luke Pemberton, Aiden Dwyer, Cameron Traynor, and Isaac Peardon were pretty much unstoppable. The 16 boys led by Matt Hatsuda, Jayden Taylor, Josh Buxton, and Kai Judd played great all day and won 4 out 5 matches.

Clean Up Australia Day

On Thursday 27 February, our LEOS Club led the 2014 Clean UP Australia Day for schools with an excellent student turn-out. It is great to see so many students care about our environment.

Why Bring Your Own Device (BYOx):

As computers have become cheaper, smaller, more mobile and more powerful, we recognise that the current model of computer delivery will not provide the level of flexibility and student advantage that BYOx (Bring your own device) can deliver. We are seeing a dramatic increase in students having a personal device that they want to be able utilize as a tool to assist in enhancing their learning.

The reality is that web-based tools and resources have changed the landscape of learning. Students now have at their fingertips unlimited access to digital content, resources, experts, databases and communities of interest. By effectively leveraging such resources, we not only have the opportunity to deepen student learning, but we can also develop digital literacy, fluency and citizenship in students that will prepare them for the high tech world in which they will live, learn and work.

Connecting to the network

Students planning on bringing their own device to school as a tool to assist in their learning must complete an application form available through Mr Wood in the Resource Centre. The application will be reviewed to ensure the device will comply with minimum specifications and be capable of connecting to the school network. On approval an appropriate time/date for connection to the network will be scheduled.

Student Successes

CHLOE MARSHAL- LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR QUEST

Our Leos Club has been a strong developer of student’s leadership skills for many year now. As part of this development, students are encouraged to participate in the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. This is a very rigorous competition which has some quite stringent judging criteria. Chloe, who won her club round and now moves on to the Zone judging, was assessed on numerous criteria and competed as the only public school student.

The first judging section concerns Leadership Sporting, Cultural and Community interests: Each candidate is interviewed in depth about their contributions in these areas and is given a score out of 35. This includes a score for ‘personality’.

Next candidates are judged on their answers to impromptu questions (2 minutes to respond and can’t hear the other candidates’ responses) and their ability at public speaking. This section was conducted over a club dinner held at Bond University on Wednesday 12 February. After the impromptu judging, students had to deliver a prepared speech on a topic of the candidate’s choice. Chloe won the public speaking section, had an outstanding CV for the first section and was announced the overall winner. Now Chloe continues on in the “Youth of the Year” quest at the Zone level on March 8th. Chloe is a most
deserving young lady and we all support her in her quest for success at the next level. We do have some brilliant students at Robina SHS and Chloe stands tall amongst them.

**ANARYA BERLOWITZ** - Fantastic results for Ananya Berlowitz at Regionals- 1st place in 50m,100m,200m Breaststroke, and 200m Individual Medley. She broke Regional record in the 100m and 200m Breaststroke and will go on to compete in State Championships.

**COURTNEY PATTERSON** - Courtney Patterson represented Queensland in the Junior National Track Championships held in Sydney last week in the under 15 girls track cycling team.

She has been training very hard over the last 3 months, winning a number of local races and winning a Gold, Silver and Bronze medal at the Queensland State Championships. She was the only Gold Coaster selected to represent Queensland.

Courtney broke her own personal best times and she won a bronze medal in the 500 metre time trial.

Congratulations to **ARIANNA CLARKE, JESS DUNCAN AND ALANAH CHAPPELL** who have made Regional Teams:

- Arianna Clarke, Jess Duncan – U16 Girls AFL
- Alanah Chappell – Open Girls Softball

Well done girls and best of luck at the State Titles.

**2014 Next Step Survey**

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

**WHY PAY EXTRAVAGENT AMOUNTS OF MONEY FOR A FORMAL OUTFIT WHEN YOU CAN HIRE**

Robina State High School Formal Committee are having a fashion parade for interested students and their parents to hire formal gowns instead of paying enormous amounts of money.

The parade will be on Wednesday 2nd April in the Performing Arts Centre at 7.00p.m. – Entrance Fee $5.00. Models will be students from the School. This is for Year 11 and Year 12 student. Drinks and snacks will be served at Intermission. Raffles on the night with all monies go towards the 2014 Formal.

Students in grades (10A-10E) have been provided with an offer of oral health care examination card to take home.

If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above or are new to the school and did not receive an examination card and would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm, excluding Public Holidays.

If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

**TEENAGERS**

Remember what is was like to be a teen

- Change – adolescence is a time of change, so caring adults are important for stability
- Construction – the teen brain is being rebuilt, so they need careful parenting
- Challenge - Adolescence is a challenging time so be prepared to shift parenting gears as they change
- Control – Teens need adults who communicate in language that doesn’t threaten their need for control.
- Connected – Make sure your teenagers stay connected to their family, their community and their school

**Stay in the Game with Teens**

- Reward responsible behaviour with greater freedom
- Give them problems to solve
- Choose battles wisely
- Take an interest in their interest and their lives
- Provide facts to help them make smart choices.
- Open up the door to mentors and the wider community
- Encourage them to maintain multiple peer groups
- Form connections with other parents
- Don’t let them drop out of the family.

Don’t drive your kids – inspire them - Ian Grant