9 May 2014

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

We welcome Sarah Price to the leadership team at Robina State High School. Mrs Tobin remains on leave and Ms Price will serve as Deputy Principal during her absence. Ms Price comes with significant experience in leadership and has a particular passion around literacy and the junior secondary phase. Year level roles and contacts are as follows:

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We also welcome Brenton Myatt, Jenn Thwaite and Jerry Antoniuk to our staff. Janet Smith has also returned as Business Head of Department.

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Parent Teacher Interviews

Thanks to all of the families who attended Parent Teacher Interviews this week. The online booking system has been well-received and it was encouraging to see so many parents playing an active role in their child’s education. Please keep the communication lines open and feel free to email teachers directly if you have any concerns.
Message from Deputy Principal Sarah Price

The Easter holidays hopefully helped us all unwind, relax and celebrate a hard working first term of 2014. What a wonderful time it was to spend with family and friends, enjoying a range of sporting and cultural events. This break in the year signifies endings and beginnings, and for those of us at school it is a time to refocus, reenergise and launch ourselves into the next exciting term and amazing opportunities the future will provide.

Let me introduce myself; I am Sarah Price, Deputy Principal of Junior Secondary. I’d firstly like to begin by saying how thrilled I am to be a part of the superb team at Robina State High School and hope to become an integral part of the administration team, helping everyone who passes through the doors of Robina to fulfil their goals.

My aim for this term is to get to know as many of you as possible. I will be very visible around the school introducing myself to the students, but would also like to encourage all parents to pop into school for a chat. I will find great value in talking to you about your child and what you would like to see from us at school. Please feel free to email me if you cannot come into school.

I look forward to making 2014 another successful year for Robina State High School, and helping our students develop their full potential and a great future.

Sarah Price
Deputy Principal Junior Secondary
Email: spric79@eq.edu.au

Year 9 NAPLAN

I know that for the Year 9 students, NAPLAN is only a one week away. I have included some tips for you to prepare your child before, during and after the tests. It is important for all of us to remember that test taking doesn’t come easy to everyone, and that we really need to remain supportive and encouraging at this time for our young people.

Confidence is key! Test taking can be a stressful experience for most children. It is vital that you discourage your child from staying up all night to revise or cram. Explain that test preparedness occurs in the weeks and days before, and that you are sure they have been working hard at school in preparation.

Get a good night sleep. Encourage your child to get a good night’s sleep. Brains don’t function properly when they are sleep deprived.

Eat well. Ensure your child eats a healthy meal the night before and a good breakfast.

Be prepared. Make sure your child knows when and where the tests are, and what they will be sitting each day.

Take the time to carefully read all directions. Many students lose valuable points because they do not read the instructions carefully. Explain to your child how important it is to take the time and follow instructions.

Bring an extra pencil or pen, and make sure your child has a calculator.

Relax and take a deep breath. It is important that every young person sitting the NAPLAN tests realise they just need to do their best. Please encourage your child and do not let them worry about the overall results. We will support them with their learning whatever the outcome.

Finally, arrive early for school. I recommend encouraging your child to leave home a little earlier on test day. There is nothing more stressful than arriving late to school, and late for the test.

Hopefully, these few small tips will help you during the NAPLAN tests.

To help students wherever possible, testing will occur in the student’s usual English and Mathematics classrooms and be conducted by their usual English and Mathematics teachers. Students will attend PROMOTE roll marking on these mornings at the Year Level assembly area before moving to the designated classrooms.

The following table outlines the timetable for the NAPLAN tests. Please ensure your child has a calculator and the essential equipment for all tests, as per last week’s Newsflash.

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If you have any concerns, please contact me at school.

All there is left to say is good luck Year 9. Do your very best!

Sarah Price
Deputy Principal Junior Secondary
Email: spric79@eq.edu.au

Senior Schooling – Jeanette McDonald

Year 12 students have another opportunity to undertake one university subject with Griffith University in Semester 2 via their GUESTS programme. Successful study in GUESTS gives students guaranteed entry into their bachelor degree in 2015 and credits towards that course.(not medical or dental) It’s also FREE! The deadline for application submissions is fast approaching. Go to http://www.griffith.edu.au/pathways/guests-program for full details and application forms. Return completed forms to Mrs McDonald in Student Pathways in...
the Support House for processing and posting no later than 26th May.

Year 11 can apply for this programme in Term 3 through the same process.

**BOND UNI OFFERS FREE CAREER EXPERIENCE DAYS**

Every year Bond University runs career days for Year 11 & 12 students over a number of coming Saturdays. Students register online into the day or days they wish to experience. The dates for each experience event are shown below. The general web site for these is at http://www.bond.edu.au/about-bond/news-and-events/events/

- **Saturday, May 10:** Faculty of Business
  Faculty of Business Event Program Includes programs in Commerce, Marketing and Management
- **Saturday, May 10:** Faculty of Health Sciences & Medicine
  Faculty of Health Sciences & Medicine Event Program Includes programs in Biomedical Sciences & Medicine and Exercise and Sports Sciences
- **Saturday, May 24:** Faculty of Law
  Faculty of Law Event Program
- **Saturday, May 31:** Faculty of Society & Design
  Stream 1: Architecture
  Stream 2: Communication & Journalism
  Stream 3: Construction
  Stream 4: Criminology
  Stream 5: Interactive Media
  Stream 6: International Relations
  Stream 7: Film & TV
  Stream 8: Planning and Environments
  Stream 9: Psychology

You DO NOT have to want to go to Bond University in the future to attend those days.

**ADF GAP YEAR.-YEAR 12 ONLY**

Many of you will have seen the TV advertisements for the recently reinstated Defence Forces’ Gap Year. Quite a number of our students have participated in this over the years and many have gone on to successful careers in the ADF. This programme offers 200 places in the Army and 60 in the Air Force. (no Navy positions) Applications open on June 1 and close on June 30. Go to http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/gapyear/ for full details and application

**YEAR 10 & 11 STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Gold Coast TAFE offers our students the opportunity to study a full certificate with them whilst at school at a very minimum cost. Students’ commitment is one day a week at TAFE (mostly Fridays but a few courses run Wednesday) These are all valuable industry recognised certificates.

Certificate II courses give students 4 QCE credits and Certificate III courses give students 8 QCE credits.

GCIT are still accepting applications for the following programs for Year 10 & 11 students;

- Certificate I in Construction – CUT OFF DATE 20/6
- Certificate I in Engineering (Marine focus) – CUT OFF DATE 20/6
- Certificate II in Tourism – CUT OFF DATE 15/5
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care - CUT OFF DATE 20/6
- Certificate III in Fitness - CUT OFF DATE 20/6
- Certificate III in Media - CUT OFF DATE 20/6

Go to http://gcit.edu.au/future-students/school-students/school-events.html for details and enrolment. Please ignore the close date of 17th April. Close dates are as above. You can also call Bridget Fenson I Schools Liaison Officer I Business Development

Phone (07) 5581 8811
Fax (07) 5581 8365
Mobile 0478 320 936
Email Bridget.Fenson@gcit.edu.au I Gold Coast Institute of TAFE

**CAREERS EXPOS……..**

A number of students and parents have asked questions about careers expos - when and where. Whilst we do invite a range of Year 10-12 student to the Gold Coast Career Expo (held yesterday) we don’t send ‘bulk’ students to these public events.

To better target our students needs this year we are holding our own mini careers expo. As part of our August 13th parent/teacher interviews and Year 10 information evening we are running a subject and Careers Expo in the SAC, 4-6pm. This should be of particular interest to Year 10-12 students. Representatives from the ADF, Health Careers, Griffith University, Southern Cross University, Queensland University, Gold Coast TAFE, King Unitech and other providers will be here to answer questions. Year 12 in particular are encouraged to come along.

The next BIG public expo is TSXPO held on Sat 19 & Sun 20 July at the Brisbane Showgrounds 10am- 4pm. Free admission tickets will be available shortly from our library for this event.

**Junior Secondary News – Ben Weeks**

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust that all Junior Secondary students are now well and truly engaged in their studies and making every lesson, every day count. In this edition of the Newsletter it gives me great pleasure to share a number of very successful events that occurred toward the end of term one as well as flag a number of important dates for this term.

**High School Experience Day**

The transition from Primary to Secondary School is a very important juncture in a student’s schooling career. Research has shown that effective transition programs ensure that the stress of moving to a new school is reduced greatly and obviously leads to greater engagement with school, lower absenteeism and therefore great academic achievement. Over
300 students from our local Greenheart Cluster Schools and many other primary schools across the Gold Coast attended our Year 6 & 7 High School Experience Day held on Friday, 28 March. These future Robina High School students participated in numerous activities including; Sports Development Academy talent identification testing, Information Technology, Science, Drama, Mathematics, Art, Music, Industrial Technology, Japanese, Dance and League for Life. Some of these experiences are pictured below. We look forward to welcoming Year 6 & 7 students back to our campus at numerous events later this term.

Homework and Study

It is already week three of term and all Junior Secondary students should now be working hard toward maximising opportunities for success. All students should be encouraged to display good study habits to ensure they complete all assignment tasks successfully and are adequately prepared for exams. Ensuring that your student sets aside regular portions of time for study that fit in with your family schedule is absolutely essential. The amount of time students spend studying may differ and should be planned in consultation with the Student Assessment Planner issued by the school. However, all Junior Secondary students should have some form of homework, study or revision to do every night! It is also helpful for the student to mark assessment dates on the family calendar so that they can be reminded of key dates accordingly. Students should also study in an appropriate, comfortable location. An ideal study area should be free of distractions including television, mobile phones and most definitely social media. Students will be working with their PROMOTE teachers on homework and study techniques over the next week to ensure all students have a clear understanding of their responsibilities regarding homework and study.

Merit Point Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded a $20 iTunes voucher on our last Junior Secondary Assembly for achieving the most merit points in Year 8 & 9.

Corey Adam, Year 8
Patrick Clark, Year 9

Junior Secondary Peer Review

Robina State High School was the subject of its final Junior Secondary Peer Review in week two of this term. This review ensures that we are meeting the Statement of Expectations set out by Education Queensland. These expectations ensure that we are ready for Year 7 students to join our school in 2015 and are equipped to provide a world class education to all students throughout the Junior Secondary years. We excelled in this audit, marked as fully embedded in all six areas. The auditors commented that “Robina SHS is exhibiting a high level of readiness across all six Principles of Junior Secondary and has demonstrated a clear trajectory of improvement and implementation in alignment with the 2014 Statement of Expectations.”

Important Dates for Term 2

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Coming Up

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<td>Monday 19th May</td>
<td>“Robina High Here We Come” commencements, Key contact: Julie Swift <a href="mailto:jswif7@eq.edu.au">jswif7@eq.edu.au</a></td>
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Term 1 Results

We continue to reflect on our school data and encourage students to reflect on how well they met their own personal learning goals. There was much to celebrate.

- Congratulations to our Year 8s for your successful start to high school. 60% of allocated Achievement ratings were A’s and B’s.
- Our Year 9 data saw a strong improvement in effort ratings with a 5% increase in A and B allocations.
- Well done to year 10s who saw improvement in achievement, behaviour and effort ratings - 5% in all domains.
- Our biggest improvement goes to Year 11s with increased effort and behaviour reaping the results. Compared to this time last year, we saw an improvement of nearly 10% in A and B ratings for behaviour.
- Year 12s showed a very solid score of 87% for allocations of A and B for behaviour. Let’s make it even better for Term 2!

Village Mural

Parents and students are welcome to inspect the amazing art work completed by Year 11 and 12 Art students at Aveo Robina, 1 Glenside Drive. A story by Deb Derrick about this amazing project is featured in this edition. Village Manager, Sam Lynch recently wrote to me stating “The residents of Aveo Robina and I would like to thank Helen Widdecombe and the students who completed this excellent mural. The residents and I are very appreciative and grateful.”

Interested in studying at a University in Japan?

Come along and meet Nathan from Australian Pacific University in Japan. APU offers a dual language education where students are able to study their degree in either English or Japanese. Japanese language ability is not required to apply to APU. While studying your chosen subjects in English, you will take intensive Japanese language classes. Most of APU’s international students become fluent in Japanese by the third year. Your Japanese language skill opens the door to your international career. Multinational companies located in Japan are eager to employ graduates with Japanese, English and other language skills, and our graduates are successful in gaining such employment. Students who already have some Japanese ability are also very welcome and are encouraged to enrol and apply for scholarships.

Meeting: Thursday 22 May, 10:30am G406

Dreams Do Come True

Nick Shin fulfils his goals and his promise to return a success to Robina High.

Nick Shin was only 16 years old when he first studied at Robina High School in 2004. He was a long way from his homeland of Korea but he settled into his studies at Robina and his host family environment at Mudgeeraba pretty well. He was always a cheeky fellow and had lots of personality. When he graduated in 2006 he wrote a card to his Modern History teacher Mr Shannon. It said, “I hope to see you around. I will visit you at school with how successful I am. So wait for me, Sir!”

Mr Shannon always kept that card and this year, eight years later, Nick came back to meet Mr Shannon and fulfil that promise!

NICK’s SUCCESS JOURNEY: I thought I’d say Hi and give you some news on what I am up to these days - it has been so long! After graduation, I went on and studied Bachelor of Business and Masters of Communication at Bond University. Upon completion of my degree, I travelled around Australia and moved to Sydney to get into the real world of working. For my first job, I worked at McCann, a worldwide Marketing agency which gave me an insight on how the corporate world works and gained a lot of real life experiences in marketing. My next job was for Sydney Opera House in the digital marketing team. It was a great and interesting job as I have a keen interest on digital marketing. It is true that it is really good to be doing what you love as a job. Working in the Opera House also came with other benefits such as free opera tickets and discounts at bars and restaurants at the Opera House. While I enjoyed working for big organisations, I always wanted to work for myself and I decided that it was a good time to be my own boss so I have started a translation company. My primary target is schools, universities and the tourism industry. I definitely see a market in translation as foreign migration in Australia keeps growing.

I always remember my time at Robina High and I still keep in touch with many students I met there who are now my good friends. I am grateful to all the teachers who helped me achieve my dream! Thanks Robina High!
Okinawa High Reciprocal Exchange Program Visit

Many thanks to all families who welcomed students from our sister school in Japan, Okinawa High School, in March. The 12 students and their teachers Ms Shinzato and Ms Higa had a great time meeting new friends, learning about Australia, enjoying Robina High classes and experiencing life on the Gold Coast. There were many tears when we had to say goodbye from both sides!

Our Immersion students look forward to meeting our Okisho friends again when they visit Okinawa later this year as part of our reciprocal exchange program.

Consult Visit from Japan

We were honoured and delighted to welcome Ms Yanagisawa and Mr Hirashima at Robina High. Our guests enjoyed observing our innovative Japanese Immersion program in action and talking with students studying Japanese. It was also a great opportunity for Japanese students in our International program to discuss their studies and future plans. We are grateful and privileged to have a good relationship with the Consulate of Japan Office.

OBENTOO Fundraiser

ありがとうございました together we raised $134 to support reconstruction in tsunami affected Japan through our OBENTOO LUNCH on March 20.

We appreciate the kind support of Kinoto Japanese Restaurant, Robina, who sponsored our delicious Obentos.

We commend the LEOs club who facilitated this activity and in particular we commend Max Wilson who managed the event.

When we had our Obento fundRaiser we also had guests from Okinawa High, Japan in our school. They presented Max with a knitted gift from the people of Sendai – in the Tsunami affected area of Japan. A little gift, which travelled a long way, to be part of a big story.

Little gift goes a long way and tells a Big Story

![Image of Obento with text explaining the fundraising process]
Year 8 – Michael Vine

Tyalgum Camp

During the last three days of Term One, 141 students and nine teachers left the Gold Coast for the picturesque locale of Tyalgum Ridge Retreat. The aim of the camp was to create a collegial spirit among the cohort. Three full coaches were packed, boarded and waved off by 9 am looking forward to the adventures ahead.

Upon arrival bags were unloaded, rooms and bunks were claimed, and lunch was served. One half of the group had to load a backpack with clothes, ration packs, water bottles and all the necessary gear for a nights camp out in the wilderness. A challenging two hour hike took us up and down near vertical gullies and ridges, visiting waterfalls and catching spectacular views of Mt Warning and the surrounding valleys. Students then had to set up their own tents, forage for enough firewood to cook dinner and entertain during the evening. Those who did the best job of collecting and keeping the fire going became quite popular with the others for the night. After breakfast the group decamped leaving the site spotless and began the next activity of rock hopping up a mountain creek. The packs were then loaded on our backs for the return journey, mostly up hills ominously named ‘heartbreak’ and ‘pure hell’. A later reward of a hot shower and lunch welcomed the group on arrival at the Retreat.

For the other half of the camp students enjoyed mountain biking, canoeing, archery, swimming, farm animal feeding, high and low ropes. At night in the retreat students showed off the talents at an X-Factor and newspaper fashion show. All students were given a commemorative t-shirt to remember their experience.

Many, many thanks go to teachers; Ben Weeks, Jasmine Cole, Lisa Armitage, Julie Swift, Steve Rogers, Mitchell Boyd, Max Clixby and Louise Miller for volunteering many personal hours to make the camp a success. This was made easy by the excellent behaviour and newfound collegial spirit displayed by the students. What a fantastic foundation for the next five years together!

Year 9 - Tait Conditsis

Community Service Day

At Robina State High School we value civic responsibility and community service.

During the final week of Term 1, our Avengers engaged in community service activities. The students completed a number of community service projects chosen by their PROMOTE class. The activities were important for a number of reasons. Firstly, they teach each youth to put citizenship into practice whilst developing compassion, understanding, personal growth and self-esteem. Secondly, it unified the Year 9 cohort in by giving back to local community. Students participated in raising money for those in the local community in need, washed cars, read to primary school students, beautified the school, gave out Easter eggs and spread goodwill at both Robina Train Station and Town Centre.

I am so proud of the enthusiasm shown by all involved!

Well Done Avengers!!!

Year 10 – Matthew James

Term 2 is well under way, with many students focused on upcoming assessment. Given that Year 10 is now incorporated into the Senior Years of schooling, students have taken the opportunity to embrace their final years at Robina State High School and have certainly begun meticulously planning a career path. There are a plethora of opportunities facing the Year 10 cohort, whether it be enrolling in courses like construction, planning for TAFE or considering which subjects will best bolster future University aspirations.

Congratulations on all who participated in the cross-country run at the close of Term 1. It was a tough, hard-fought event and many participated for house points and glory. Special mention to our age winners from Year 10: Jasmine Lloyd, Dylan Morley and Connor Edwards.

Year 11 – Todd Campbell

Well what a busy term! We have survived our first Senior assessment items. Mid semester exams were a new experience with the work levels and effort required for good results so much higher than the Junior grades. The standards have been set and all Year 11 students will know what is required of them for the end of Semester exams. Report card results look promising however there is always room for improvement.

I was very proud to be at the Gold Coast Junior Council meeting where Tiana Reardon and Saba Naghipour both made speeches after nominating for the Junior Mayor position. We look forward to the results at our 7 May meeting.

It was happy and yet sad news to learn of Graham Herlihy leaving to take up a Mathematics Teaching position at TSS. He has worked with Extension Maths classes while we were in Year 8, 9 and 10. He was Coordinator of the League for Life program and had a positive influence on the learning, values and morals of the boys in our cohort. He ranked his Year 11 Mathematics B class as the best he has ever taught, with 9 VHA’s from 15 students. Aaron Lake dominated with a VHA9, being so close
to perfection. Graham will be sorely missed by the class who vow to keep getting better still. He will be tracking the progress of the class… and checking for any Pilchers too! Best wishes Graham… we will all miss you!

Let’s all work together to raise our results even higher.

Congratulations to Promote class 12B who won the pizza lunch for accruing the most merit points last term. This term there will be weekly canteen vouchers as well as iTunes vouchers gifted to those who are applying themselves and displaying the weekly focus.

ANZAC Day

We thank our school community for all the support we received to commemorate Anzac Day. Behaviour during our school service was exceptional and it was a truly moving ceremony. We were also very well represented at local services at Robina and Mudgeeraba. Well done to students for remembering what this day is all about and representing the school in such a mature, respectful manner.

FASHION SHOW

The much anticipated Fashion Show will be held on Tuesday 20th May 7pm in the PAC. There will be some beautiful gowns and suits on display modelled by our very own students and hosted by our school captains Beth and Luke. We will also have Year 12 music and Senior Dance Troupe performances on the night. Raffles prizes to be won. Please come along and support on the night.

League for Life

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Brenton Myatt as the new face of LEAGUE FOR LIFE.

Graham Herlihy has taken a position at TSS and we wish him well. Duties have been rearranged between Mr Myatt (ext 437), Ms Derrick (ext 428) and Mrs Knowles (ext 415). Our responsibilities to fundraising and student activities will remain unchanged.

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Fashion Parade

Robina State High School Formal Committee is having a Fashion Parade for interested students and their parents to hire formal gowns instead of paying enormous amount of money. This is for Year 11 and Year 12 students: Year 11 can get ready for next year. Drinks and snacks will be served. TUESDAY 20TH MAY, Robina SHS Performing Arts Centre (PAC) 7.00pm
P&C Volunteer
The P & C are looking for a volunteer to take on the fundraising for our school. If you are interested and have the time, please call DI Loddon on 55623404.

P&C Fundraiser
STATE HIGH SCHOOL P&C
ROBINA STAT E HIGH SCHOOL
P&C FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, 1stJUNE
For every burrito, bowl or mini B purchased, GYG Robina will donate $2.50 to Robina State High School P&C.

Uniform Shop
With colder weather approaching, we have been reminding our students of our agreed expectations around uniform. Winter jumper options and the school-issue tracksuit pants are available from our Uniform Shop. Open Hours are: Tuesday and Thursday 8.00am-3.00pm.

Prices for winter uniforms are as follows:

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Girls are permitted to wear navy or black stockings. A reminder that school hats are also available from the Uniform shop and beanies or non-school hats are not allowed. Thanks again for your support with this.

Village Mural Project
On Tuesday 22nd April 2014 Robina SHS Art teacher Miss Widdicombe and students from her Year 11 and 12 Visual Art Studies class attended a morning tea to officially unveil the Aveo Retirement Village community mural that the class had been working on since July 2013. The mural, which is situated close to the entrance to the village near the village administration block and community centre, was designed and painted by Miss Widdicombe and her students for the residents of the retirement village. Inspiration for the design of the 12 metre long mural came from a visit to the retirement village and a close inspection of the beautifully landscaped grounds. In addition to this amazing mural, the village landscapers have built a special garden to compliment the mural. Residents of the village were “over the moon” with the mural. One resident said “it brings a big smile to my face as it is the first thing I see when I open my front door”. Sam Lynch, manager of the village who approached Robina SHS with the idea to paint a mural, said he was in awe of the talent of the students and Miss Widdicombe and was so pleased to be able to involve the school. Local councillor Jan Grew, who was also in attendance for the morning tea, was very impressed with the mural and is keen to use the students for future projects in the community.

Congratulations Miss Widdicombe and her students her an amazing art work
Kingfisher Scholarship
Kingfisher Scholarship applications are open. Applications forms are available online at https://robinashs.eq.edu.au

Cross Country
INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
Our annual Inter-house cross country took place last term in steamy conditions. Students were given the opportunity to run in either the competitive race or the participation race gaining points for their House. Well done to Hinze House who were victorious on 309 points. Congratulations to the Age Champions (see below) who took out first place in their respective age groups.

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DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

All students who finished in the top 10 for their age group at our school cross country will be given the opportunity to represent Robina at the Oceanic Cross Country Championship held at Pizzey Park on Thursday 29 May.

Regional Football Representatives
Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the South Coast Open Football teams to compete at the State Championships later this month-

CLAI'RE-MARIE POISSANT, TAYLOR HARRIS, IZZY GARTH (SHADOW), TOM ANDERSON

Baseball Excellence Programme for Life
Our baseball players arrived back to school this term and were greeted by a new shelter shed and safety fence. The new construction is a wonderful addition to the program and everyone in the program is excited to use it every week. It gets pretty hot on our diamond during the summer months so to have a break in the shaded area will be a welcome relief.

On behalf of all of the players, coaches and parents I would like to thank Ms Warwick for making this happen. I know it will be a great asset for many years to come.

Daniel Norton-Smith
Baseball Coordinator

Dance Night

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)
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.

**Golf Program**

The Australian Junior Amateur Championships were held at Heritage Golf Club in Melbourne during the holidays with six Robina SHS students competing. David Nable accompanied the players and provided valuable advice through his experience with previous Qld. and Australian team coaching positions. Standout performances were from Chris Park, HyunSik Kong and Peter Lyon- all finishing in the top thirty from 156 entries. HyunSik was also named the Qld Junior Boys Captain for the interstate series which also included Chris and former student Liam Anderson. The Qld team finished a very creditable third out of the eight states competing.

Term Two sees involvement from Golf Australia Sports Science Director Ryan Lumsden, 3D Biomechanics, and again Josh Meyer, Physiotherapist. Efficient body movement with associated specific strength and stability is a key area we are focusing on with the students, as this can ‘fast track’ golf development.

The interest and enrolments continue to increase with a number of students transferring schools to join us at Robina SHS. In the coming weeks, Year 6 and 7 students are going to join the junior class on Tues. and Weds. as they will be in the 2015 school intake. Semester 2 will see some thirty students participating in the program.

I invite any parents to come along of a morning to see the program in action, and the practice facility we use, as newly purchased machinery has enhanced the condition of our greens significantly.

_Shane Stevenson_

**My Kitchen Rules**

As a community, we are so proud of Mr Blair Tonkin and his success in making the final four of “My Kitchen Rules” with partner (and former Robina State High School teacher) Mr Paul Bullpitt. Blair was portrayed as the person he is – calm, resilient, dedicated to his craft and a great role model for all of us.

Well done Mr Tonkin

__Reminder (Course Assessment Outlines)__

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 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.

**Cancer Council Offering Scholarships to Students**

Cancer Council Queensland is introducing it’s ‘Seize the Day Study Awards’. These awards are open to all young Queenslanders aged 16 - 21, who are planning to commence or continue post-secondary education next year and have experienced cancer personally, or with a close family member (such as a parent or sibling). The grant may be used towards expense incurred while undergoing post-secondary school education such as fees, accommodation, textbooks or stationery. More information can be gained by calling the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20 or emailing: seizetheday@cancerqld.org.au

**Donations for Mudgeeraba Special School**

Mudgeeraba Special School is currently in need of any old bikes. They are asking that if anyone has an old bike they no longer use or need, could they donate it to the Mudgeeraba Special School. They will take bikes that need repair as well.

**Oral Health**

Students in Year (10,9,8F,8J,8K,8L) 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 is 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.
Stand Eye to Eye with Them

One of the common laments of the children and young people we speak to is that adults “just don’t get it”

We look at young people’s use of technology from our adult perspective, rather than trying to see from the viewpoint of a child.

Ask your child about how they use technology and why. Give them an opportunity to reflect on their digital interaction and explain to you how their peers see the world around them and how they imagine the world of the future to be.

Share with them why you see technology the way you do and try to find some middle grounds you can both agree on. This can help you to establish family rules around the use of technology that might actually be followed.

Tracking Software for Parents

After the Mental Health Evening in March, it was brought to our attention by another parent that you can track your students on their computer to see what is happening.

The links below are the ones you can follow.

Both Windows and other operating systems have parental control options within their control panel/systems preference settings - more info is within this article:
http://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/best-free-parental-control-software/

The software we personally have is called OpenDNS - it is free, and you can learn more here:

I have this set up for each computer in our house.

A few different reviews of the free software is available, and parents might also like to read them:
best-free-parental-control-software-9-programs-to-keep-your-kids-safe

This article provides full reviews of the software that you can buy:
http://parental-software-review.toptenreviews.com/

The last part of this following article might be useful to parents, too:

The official government website on this topic is -

Mudgeeraba Redbacks

A huge thank you to the Mudgeeraba Redbacks for their continued support of Rugby League at Robina High. They donated a full playing strip for our under 13,14 and 15’s team. Looking good is playing good!!

Queensland Health

Please contact Di Loddon if you are interested by emailing your expression of interest to: dlodd1@eq.edu.au with the time and days you would be available.
attachments/YMHFA%20info%20for%20parents.pdf

David Nable Golf Academy

The David Nable Golf Academy has been associated with the Robina State High School Golf Program for over 5 years.

We are now offering a pathway to this elite program with the launch of the new Junior Golf Academy at the David Nable Academy, located at the prestigious Lakelands Golf Club. The Academy is open to all juniors aged 5-14 and will provide basic instruction, fun games and skills to encourage juniors to fall in love with the game of golf and continue to want to grow in the sport.

RSL Youth Development Program

The Returned & Services League (RSL) of Australia (Queensland Branch) and Bond University are delighted to be offering the RSL Youth Development Program again this year!

The RSL Youth Development Program has been designed to recognise and reward the outstanding efforts of high-achieving Queensland students. The 2014 - 2015 program aims to once again award 200 grants to talented Year 10 and 11 students who have demonstrated success in the following categories:

• Academic Achievement (inclusive of Arts, Drama, Dance and Media)
• Sporting Achievement
• Community Leadership and Civic Participation

Recipients of the RSL Youth Development Program will receive grants of $2,500 and the top 10% of the highest achieving Year 10 and 11 students will receive a higher recognition via a $5,000 grant. Recipients will also have the exclusive opportunity to apply for a scholarship worth 50% of tuition fees to study either a single or combined degree at Bond University on the completion of high school.
Watch our RSL YDP video below and learn more about how some of our past recipients have used their grant:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAapM0wxd1E

Applications are open online now at www.RSLyouth.com.au and will close on November 11. Download an RSL Youth Development Program information flyer.

Please also visit www.RSLyouth.com.au for further program details or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/rslyouth.