Welcome - school community

Welcome to our first edition of the newsletter for 2015. Our newsletter is published three times a term and aims to celebrate student success and keep families abreast of information and activities occurring throughout the year.

Communication with families is so important and we hope you find this particular publication one effective way of keeping you informed.

For our new families, you might also like to consider ‘liking’ our school Facebook Page or following us on Twitter or Instagram. Our school webpage can also be accessed for relevant information.

Families can also keep up-to-date with the latest information from our school through the QSchools app. It’s an easy way to find vital school information including events and newsletters. The QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device including emergency alerts and important updates. Make sure you register by downloading the application.

All in all, there are many ways you can stay in touch with us. It is crucial that we have current contact information so you can be reached easily and also receive text alerts and notifications.

2015

It has been a very smooth and encouraging beginning to the school year and we thank our families for all the support you have obviously given your children to ensure their start has been positive.

As of Monday 2nd January, we have welcomed over 480 new students to Robina State High School including our very first Year 7 cohort, a delightful Year 8 cohort and new students at every year level. Welcome to the Robina High family which, at the time of print, sits in total at 1370 students.

We have also welcomed over 20 new staff to the school who bring with them significant experience and skills. Their details follow:

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Celebrating our success in 2014

Congratulations to our Year 12 cohort who finished 2014 on a real high. Hard work, focus and discipline led to great outcomes:

- 4 Robina SHS students received OP1s
- nearly 20% of students received an OP between 1 and 5
- nearly 95% of students were awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education
- More than 200 certificates were awarded to students ranging from Certificate Is to Cert IVs.
- 10 students were awarded Diplomas and 14 successfully completed University subjects.
- 39 School-Based Traineeships were successfully completed.

This is some of the best data on the Gold Coast and we are delighted for our students.

Activities and events

Our first P&C meeting for 2015 will take place on Tuesday 10th February at 6pm in the Administration Block Conference Room. I would encourage new families and members to attend. This is a great opportunity to hear about school activities and meet with members of our administration team to provide any feedback you may have or ask any questions. The meetings usually run for no more than 90 minutes and are a great way for you to stay connected. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

A range of subject-based and year level activities are also occurring in coming weeks and are discussed in this edition. I also look forward to meeting many families at our Leadership Induction Ceremony on the 18th February.

Strategic direction

Robina State High School continues to celebrate its achievements and strength in outcomes. Our “2014-2017 Strategic Plan” can be accessed through our website and clearly articulates our vision and goals for the future. Strategic Plan

In 2015, we will continue to enact a range of researched-based strategies to support ongoing school improvement. Our priorities as a school are:

- High expectations for all students
- Effective teaching with teachers learning from each other
- Development and measurement of effective learning

This is now my third year as Principal of Robina SHS. I am very proud to serve as its principal and look forward to driving our continued success as a school in 2015.

Regards

Julie

Student Focus
Three School Rules
Respectful
Responsible
Ready to Learn

Junior School | Middle School | Senior School

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As you begin the year, it is important as Chris sets out, to establish daily habits to help your journey be a smooth one. We have outlined our expectations around attendance, behaviour, uniform and work ethic to the Year 12s at recent assemblies; all are guided by establishing habits early on in the school year. Remember you are supported by a great team of people such as your Year Leaders Mr James (Year 11), Mr Tonkin (Year 12) and Mrs McDonald (HOD Senior Schooling), to help you attain success throughout the year.

The year is a busy one, with Year 12 camp in Week 3, induction ceremony and the swimming carnival in the first month of school. Involve yourself in as many activities as you can throughout the year, as this positive attitude will be reflected in the rest of your schooling.

I look forward to a fantastic 2015.

Deputy Principal (Year 10) – David Hoskins

I’d like to officially welcome Year 10s to the senior school! I am looking forward to working with the mighty Year 10 Avengers this term. Presently, I am assisting students to settle into their new courses of study for semester one. It is vital that Year 10 students perform to their utmost in this vital year, building a solid base for continued study.

The subject selection process for Year 10 will begin much sooner than in previous years, allowing students and parents a much greater opportunity to grapple with all the acronyms that educationalists love; OP, QCE, VET, CCEs, QCCA and the QCS Test, just to name a few. The simple message for now is that high grades in Year 10 will allow students to select from a wider range of subjects for Years 11 and 12. Many senior subjects require a Year 10 prerequisite score of B or higher, in the core subjects of English, Maths and / or Science.

We expect maturity and diligence from senior students. Senior students need to learn quickly how to work cooperatively with their teachers to reach a common goal. That means submitting drafts and to responding to feedback given. There can be no time for distraction. Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn! Don’t waste a minute!

Higher Grades => More Choice!

Deputy Principal (Year 9) – Megan Tyne

This year I have the pleasure of working with the Year 9 cohort. It is a great opportunity for me as it has been a few years since I have worked with this year level. We have had a great start to the year and I have been very impressed with the positive behaviours I have witnessed on parade and seen in classrooms. All of the cohort are looking very smart in their uniforms and appear keen and ready to learn.

We have a busy year ahead of us. At the moment all students are busy choosing Semester 1 sport and settling into their new classes. Many of them have new teachers and are starting new elective subjects. Before you know it NAPLAN will be upon us and the year will fly by.

Deputy Principal (Year 11 & 12) Adam Brandis

Welcome to all senior students and families to the 2015 school year. As the Year 11s start on a new journey and enter their first year of senior, the Year 12s are finishing their last chapter of their schooling life. Although at different stages of their journey their goals and desired outcomes are the same, to finish school achieving success. Success may take many forms, it may be a great OP, a certificate completion, a traineeship, a diploma - and the list is endless. No matter what outcome you are chasing it is important to establish the right habits early. Next week Robina SHS is having our first ever “Drop Everything and Read” day, and as such I thought it appropriate to share a passage from one of my favourite books that may resonate with the senior students.

The passage is from Progress by Chris Moore.

“…..remember that the right habits, perspectives and attitude will ensure that this journey will change your life for the better, most likely in meaningful, fantastic and liberating ways. Sure you might make a few missteps. You might struggle against quite a few obstacles. But in the long run and with hindsight those instances will mean very little. In contrast, what matters most is what you become day by day through habit and purpose.”
We have a team of very experienced teachers working with the Year 9 students. From the PROMOTE teachers in Staffroom 4 and Michael Vine the Year Leader we also have Janet Smith, Middle School HOD joining the team. With such an experienced team I am confident that together we can solve any issues that might arise. Please don’t hesitate to contact one of us if you have any concerns.

Deputy Principal (Year 7 & 8) Sarah Price

Hello and welcome to the first Robina State High School newsletter of 2015. No doubt your child has already settled back into school routine by the time you read this newsletter. Thank you to all our Year 7 and 8 parents who worked closely with the school, supporting us to make such a smooth transition for our new Junior Secondary students. The students have met with our expectations looking fantastic and arriving with such positive attitudes, ready for high school and ready to learn. It was wonderful to visit so many classrooms and witness such a strong focus on learning from the newest and youngest members of our school community. They have certainly set the bar high!

By now the Year 7 & 8 students have completed their testing. During Week 2 they have completed a series of diagnostic tests. Over the coming weeks we will analyse the data and staff will use this to personalise the learning experience for all students. If we feel your child requires more specific focus we will contact you with information and invite you to attend a very important evening on Tuesday 24th February at 6:30 pm. As I have said, I will be in contact with you if this affects your child.

Can I please encourage you to join us for refreshments at our Friday afternoon parent sessions from 2:15 in the school library. The attendance at our first session was wonderful and I hope everyone will return with new members. This is a fantastic opportunity to talk to me and some other staff in relation to your child, or network with other parents and take an active role in our school community. We are very happy for you to email us with requests for sessions and can organise presenters to talk to you from specialist areas. Our next session is Friday 6th February at 2:15 pm to 3:00 pm. I really look forward to seeing many of you there and learning more about your child.

Thank you again to everyone for such a great start to the year. Let’s continue to work together, keeping the focus on learning and high standards.

Finance

Opening Hours for Finance Window

From Monday 9th February, the Finance window will open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:45am to 2:00pm. It will be closed from 12:00 to 12:30 for lunch.

Resource Agreement Forms

Please return signed paperwork and Activity Consent form with payment. If you choose not to participate in the scheme, signed paperwork for this choice must also be returned to the Finance Window.

If you wish to go on a payment plan, the amounts and dates are listed on your Student Resource Scheme agreement form.

Remember payments can be made 24hours a day 7 days a week through the internet.

School Bank Details are: BSB: 064-468 and Account Number is: 1001 9041.

School Photos

The two days for school photos are Tuesday 17th February and Thursday 26th February. The second day is a catch-up day only. Master School Portraits are again our photographers for this year. Each student will receive their order envelope and must BRING IT ON THE DAY with the correct money. The school does NOT have anything to do with taking the money or envelopes or orders in any capacity. Please contact Master School Portraits with any inquiry of that nature. Students are required to wear full DAY uniform not sports uniform. Some shirts will be available for changing. All students must be neat and tidy with hair tied back. Of course, piercings and make up are not permissible. This is not negotiable as photos are used for identification purposes.

Senior Schooling News – Jeanette McDonald

SENIOR SCHOOLING/STUDENT PATHWAYS NEWS

We welcomed a number of ‘new’ Year 11s and 12s into the school and it’s wonderful to see how well our ‘old’ students welcomed them and helped them to settle in. We do hope all new senior student enrolments have a genuinely positive and productive time at Robina. We offer fabulous opportunities and excellent curriculum practices. Please see our wonderful results from 2014 Year 12 cohort in the Principal’s report which do show outstanding achievement across the board.

All senior students should begin (and end) 2015 on a positive with high expectations for themselves this year. For some this means becoming more organised, starting assessment in a more timely way, attending every day and putting in a more consistent effort. For others this might be pushing themselves up the academic ladder a little higher with every piece of assessment as the year progresses. Teenagers have dreams and goals and we are privileged to be part of the machinery to help make those a reality. We support all our students no matter what pathway they choose, to achieve 100% success.

All our opportunities and deadlines are communicated in a number of ways; directly to students at their school email address, to caregivers’ emails, by text message, in the newsletter, on our website and on parades. I would remind parents and students that we offer School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SAT) to senior students right up until about the end of Term 1 Year 12, although apprenticeships can be signed up even later than this. If you’re interested in a SAT, look at the SAT section in this newsletter.
and the regular updates on our website. Also these students should come and make themselves known to Mrs Allen our Industry Liaison officer, in the Support House so when something does come up she has your interest registered ‘ahead of the pack’.

All senior students MUST have 6 subjects. The exceptions to this are students signed into a SAT, those undertaking a TAFE or other course with an outside provider which has a certificate attached, those studying a university course or those who for verified medical reasons study fewer subjects AND where this does not affect their QCE. Anyone with a ‘spare’ must have this validated through Senior Schooling. Excused Absence cards are processed for those students who need to legitimately leave to school to attend to one of the above activities during school hours. At present some timetables are incomplete and students have been directed to come to the office when they have a blank on their timetable. Failure to do so will affect their QCE and/or OP.

Down to the mundane: students in Year 11 who find they are in the wrong course of study need to come and see me in the Support House as soon as possible- and be patient! Year 11 has very few spaces left in most subjects, so some students will have to do the best in the subjects they are in until an alternative or space becomes available.

The Support House and Senior Schooling is always a very busy precinct. We do myriad things in the day with our senior students and love every minute of it! We certainly welcome inquiries (sorry about how long it takes to get back at this time of the year) and are happy to assist as best we can.

Middle Schooling News – Janet Smith

I would like to add my welcome to all the Year 9 and 10 students at Robina SHS in 2015. What a positive start to the year. While I have been a Head of Department at Robina for almost 8 years, HoD of Middle Schooling is an exciting new challenge. My main role is to co-ordinate the Year 9 and 10 Pathways and PROMOTE programs focussing on senior school preparation, careers, student well-being, resilience, goals setting, service culture and SWPBS.

I also have a role in the Closing the Gap Strategy, monitoring and tracking Indigenous student achievement, attendance, as well as community liaison.

I personally teach a Year 9 Science class, as well as a Year 10 Business class. As well I have met quite a few other Year 9 and 10 students already and have been very impressed by their positive attitude and respectful demeanour.

I am looking forward to working closely with the Year 9 Junior Secondary Leadership team, as well as developing leadership opportunities for other Year 9 and Year 10 students. I encourage all students to consider the LEOS Club as another avenue of leadership.

Watch out for the Junior Secondary leadership team next Monday, when we actively and I hope, colourfully support D.E.A.R day. I will be the Dryad Queen!

Junior Schooling News – Ben Weeks

Junior Secondary Update

Welcome to 2015; more specifically, welcome to our newest Junior Secondary students. I trust that all students have enjoyed the first two weeks of Secondary School and are almost settled into the routines of our school. We have numerous events coming up to further assist both students and families to settle into our school community and I look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events.

Robina by Night

Research has shown that the relationship and communication channels between students, parents and teachers are an integral element to a student’s academic success. Robina State High School values these relationships very highly and encourages parents to be as involved as possible in their child’s education.

Robina by Night sessions will be held for both Year 7 and 8 students to allow parents and carers to meet teachers and school staff in a relatively informal setting. In addition to this, parents will be addressed by various school support and administration staff to ensure they are up to speed on school processes and procedures. Details for these evenings are below:

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Camps

Both Year 7 and Year 8 cohorts will have school camps in 2015. Details of these camps are printed below. Notes and invoices for Year 7 Camp will be issued next week.

Year 7 Camp

Ewen Maddock Dam Camp
Term 1, 2015
Approximate Cost - $235 per student

Annual Year 8 Camp

Emu Gully Helidon
Term 2, 2015
Approximate Cost - $290 per student

Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

This year Gold Coast City Council is providing free vaccinations for all Year 8 and Year 10 students, on 22 May 2015 as part of Queensland Health’s annual School Immunisation Program.

Year 8 students are being offered vaccination to protect against human papillomavirus (HPV), varicella (chickenpox) and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough).
Year 7 students are being offered protection against diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough).

The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses and/or a medical practitioner.

A consent form for each vaccination offered will be given to your child to bring home. Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form and return the consent form to the school by Friday 13 February 2015.

Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have breakfast on the morning of vaccination.

For more information about diseases, vaccines or the School Immunisation Program, visit www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/immunisation/default.asp or call 13 Health on 13 43 25 84.

Year 8 – Nigel Wilson

Year 8’s get a jump start to 2015 at Robina SHS

My first week as Year 8 Coordinator for 2015 is quite a blur and I have worked here at Robina SHS for over 13 years. I can only begin to imagine what it was like for our new students who had so much to

learn and try to remember in their first week of high school. The feedback from staff has been outstanding with many compliments regarding excellent behaviour, manners and positive attitude being displayed in and out of the classroom.

The highlights for me this week included playing dodgeball at lunch time and sharing with the students a book written by John Coutis - “From the Ground Up”. Our theme for this year is going to be “Make a Difference”. We will be using this theme through every part of our school life and I will be encouraging students to challenge themselves as to how they can make a difference to our school community and their education as well as how they can give back to the wider community.

Students wishing to take on a Leadership role this year will be encouraged to join our highly successful Student Council, Leo’s and a Yr8 Leadership team.

Good luck to all students and families this year as they enter the final phase of high school education. I look forward to the part that I will be able to play as Year8 Coordinator and hope that it is a rewarding one for all involved.

Year 9 – Michael Vine

Hello and welcome to 2015!

Congratulations to all students and parents for making the beginning of 2015 a promising one. It was great to see all students representing the school in correct uniform and embodying the school rule being ‘ready to learn’. Our first
School Wide Positive Behaviour Support focus for the year is the three school rules of being ‘respectful, responsible and ready to learn’. All classes will discuss and behave in a way that reflects those core values.

This year will see all in Year 9 as the trendsetters for Junior Secondary. The most obvious way we can do that is to be in correct uniform each and every day. This shows the other year levels that we are proud to be here. The less obvious way is to be on the lookout for those that may need a helping hand. 2015 welcomes two new year levels joining the Junior Secondary school community, so there will be plenty of students needing a helping hand to find classes. Many thanks to our Junior Secondary Leadership Team, Britukan Emerson, Jay Bridgement, Nia Atkin Connie Bourne and Kieran Weaver for coming in one day earlier to help welcome the Year 7 & 8s to school.

There are some upcoming events that parents can play a role in supporting students. First up on Monday of Week 3 is D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read) day. The emphasis in each class for the day will be on the love of reading. Teachers of all subjects will read a passage from their favourite books to the class and discuss its impact in their lives. They may even dress up for the occasion! Parents are encouraged to share their favourite book over dinner perhaps! On Wednesday, February 11, Year 9 will have a pastoral morning during PROMOTE and Period 1. Each PROMOTE class will use this time to decide on a community service project and familiarise themselves with the F.I.S.H philosophy which is used to build supportive relationships and practise personal responsibility. School photos will be taken on Tuesday, February 17. All students will need to be in correct formal day (not sports) uniform for the photo.

Parents are encouraged to call (5562 3443) or email (mvine7@eq.edu.au ) me if there are any queries or concerns throughout the year.

Onwards and onwards,

**Year 10 – Tait Conditsis**

Welcome back to another year!

Hopefully everyone has hit the ground running and transitioned smoothly into the school year. For students that are new to our year group, welcome to the best year level on the planet (I may be a little biased)!

Each student in our grade is expected to maintain very high standards and as such behaviour should be exemplary and uniform immaculate. So far we are on track and I am very pleased to see this. Students have been following standard procedures and policies that are consistent across the school at all times including:

- Devices are out of sight and switched off unless otherwise instructed by the teacher.
- Students are to follow directions from staff.
- Comply with the school dress code.
- Be punctual and prepared.
- Have a positive attitude.
- Promote positive school image

Students have a Pastoral Care day in Week 3. The focus is teaching students skills essential for high school. Some of the topics students will be undertaking will be;

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Congratulations to the following students who have topped the current standings for Positive Behaviour

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Well done and Congratulations to the above students.

Have an amazing year and all of us are here to help on your child’s individual journey.

**Year 11 – Matt James**

January 2015 is for many of the Year 11 cohort the realisation that there is an end date to their schooling. By returning to Robina High they are deciding to make a commitment to their future and their choice of subjects will directly impact on vocational desires. Timetables have been modified to suit, where possible, alternative choices.

The vast majority of students have returned plus there have been a few new arrivals into Year 11. I Year 11 was certainly the largest cohort on my first day back – standing at 248 on the books. That number will have changed and it remains a very strong number of talented and conscientious students. I am looking forward to working with the students as we prepare for their final two years of secondary education.
Year 12 – Blair Tonkin

What a hectic start to the school year!! The 12’s are off to a flyer with only one small change to their set up……..me! I have taken the role of Year 12 Co-ordinator and hope to follow in the footsteps of Mr Campbell, leading from the front with a positive and caring attitude.

Our first major event is school camp Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th at the Runaway Bay Sport & Leadership Excellence Centre. Almost 100 students are attending and will be involved in sailing, team based challenges, stand up paddle boarding, skirmish and archery - a great environment to step outside ones comfort zone.

The focus for our Positive School Wide Behaviour for the next few weeks are our three school rules; Be Respectful, Responsible and Ready To Learn. Congratulations to the following students who are leading the charge in positive points at the moment. Keep up the great work.

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Our motto this year is: DON’T COUNT THE DAYS, MAKE THE DAYS COUNT. The teachers at Robina SHS will set the expectations high and I challenge the Year 12 cohort to accept the challenge and lead from the front.

Japanese – Sellina McCluskey

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Welcome to 2015 especially to our new families. We thought it might be useful to share some general information about our faculty to all parents and to show you who your child’s teachers are!

1. Notebooks and Equipment

Thanks to all families who have helped students get READY TO LEARN in Japanese by providing correct notebooks and stationery. Year 7, 8 and 9 students should have two 96 page A4 notebooks and a document wallet. Please cover both 96 page books and send them in to school with the document wallet ASAP. We will keep one book at school until the first book is full so it is ready to use and doesn’t get lost!

2. Expectations for Learning Japanese at Robina High

We expect all students and families will support the excellent multicultural learning opportunity that studying Japanese gives our students. All students in Year 7 and 8 will study Japanese for two lessons a week. In Year 9 the study of Japanese becomes a choice for students.

Many students and families are excited about learning a Language - Japanese. We will have many opportunities for these students to maximise participation and enjoy their learning.

A few students will think it’s too hard or prefer not to study a Language – everyone is different. Some students would prefer not to study Maths or do PE but these days all schools need to follow National Guidelines about learning for students and we plan to make Japanese in Year 7 and 8 as easy and as fun as possible. We have high expectations that all students work to the best as their ability in Japanese and contribute positively to our learning environment. We will provide lots of support to those who want or need it.

3. JUKU

We offer Japanese tutoring every Wednesday 3:15 to 4:30 in G410. We are very lucky to have a great working relationship with Sakura Gakuen and the Gold Coast Japan Society. Volunteer tutors come to assist and support students every Wednesday. This is a great opportunity. Students from all year levels (7 - 12) are welcome to come and work with tutors and peers to study/ do homework/ extend themselves.

4. Year 7 & 8 Differentiation in Action

We have been talking to students about how they feel about learning Japanese and testing them to get an idea about their ability. We also have feedback from all the primary school teachers so we are getting lots of good information to help us extend and support our students.

You may hear that your son or daughter has been moved into another Japanese class. It won’t change their overall timetable – it will just mean that they might go next door for their class so they get more support or be better challenged.

Thanks for your support in your child’s language learning journey.

Instrumental Music – Selina Jones

Lessons - For all new and continuing students, lessons begin in Week 2 (except strings which will start Week 3). Please note the appropriate day for your lesson.

Monday-Strings, Tuesday-Percussion, Thursday-year 9-12 concert band instruments, Friday-Year 7&8 band instruments.

Rehearsals – Ensemble rehearsals will begin in Week 3 (except Stage Band which will be in Week 4). Please note the following days and times for rehearsals.

Monday – Strings ensemble – 3-4:15pm
Tuesday – NEW Percussion Ensemble – lunchtime
Wednesday – Stage Band – 3:45pm
Thursday – Concert Band – 3:45-3:50pm
Friday – NEW Year 7/8 band – 7:45am for 8am start. Rehearsal ends at 9am.

D.E.A.R Day is Coming!

WHAT: D.E.A.R. – Drop Everything And Read!
WHEN: Monday 9th February
WHAT: Every teacher, every lesson will be reading an excerpt from their favourite novel to their class and engaging them in discussion about why that particular novel is important to them. Students will be encouraged to share information about their favourite novel/s with the class.

Look out for Year leaders, junior leaders and teachers who will be dressed up as a characters from novels. Can you guess what character Mrs Warwick is?

The Robina Book Club will be launched in the library with points for attendance going towards the House Cultural Cup.

Students can win prizes by entering the title of their favourite novel into the competition boxes in the library.

HAPPY READING!

By Sean McGrath - “Atticus said to Jem one day, “I’d rather you shot at tin cans in the back yard, but I know you’ll go after the birds. Shoot all the bluejays you want, if you can hit ‘em,”.

I remember reading constantly with my children when they were very little. You might even know some of the books I read to them; “Where the Wild Things Are” (Sendak), “The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry and The Big Hungry Bear” (Wood) and who could forget “Guess How Much I Love You” (McBratney)?

My kids loved sitting snuggled up beside me and my wife while we read them amazing stories with beautiful illustrations. It was a bedtime ritual in our house to read as many books as were piled up on the lounge after teeth were brushed.

But our practice of reading to our children dwindled with the years as they begin reading for themselves. What happened? The demands of life pull us in all directions and we allay our concerns by telling ourselves that we have given our children a love of reading and passed on the skill to them. Evidence shows otherwise. Studies show that children who are read to at a young age will achieve better results in their NAPLAN tests in Grade 3 and 5. In fact, both boys and girls results will be in the higher bands. The report goes on to say that the positive results extend to the Numeracy test as well. “The results indicate a direct causal effect from reading to children at a young age and their future schooling outcomes regardless of parental income, education level or cultural background.” 1

What a simple cost effective way to improve your children’s educational results.

This is all well and good you might say, but what about teenagers? Further studies indicate that the more often an adolescent reads for pleasure, the better they will score in maths, vocab and spelling tests. Plus, parents who have good literacy skills will have children with good literacy skills.2

So it seems that the more you read to, and with, your children the better their results will be in literacy and numeracy. What an inexpensive investment to radically improve your child’s future. Do you have a favourite book from your teenage years? Was there one particular book that reached you and you couldn’t put it down until it was finished? Maybe you can spend some time talking to your children about the types of reading you like to do. It might be novels of a particular genre, a regular journal (eg: Australian Geographic or Wacky But True) or magazine. It doesn’t seem to matter, as long as you spend the time reading.


Sport News

Golf Program – Shane Stevenson

Welcome to all the students, parents and care-givers to the 2015 school year. The program has a record number of students for the commencement of a new year with one of the strongest squads in recent times.

The end of 2014 and the National and Qld championships conducted over the last six weeks has seen some of the best individual results from the program across a large number of players. Eunice Kim, Peter Lyon, Lewis Hoath, Kevin Kim, Josh Wellwood all achieved significant finishes.

Students have already had their swing analysis filming completed and will use SAM Puttlab technologies in Week 3 to measure benchmarks to build on throughout the year.

Two former Robina SHS Golf Program students, Amy Yang and Haeki Kang, will be competing in the Australia Open at Royal Melbourne later this month so it will be great to see them play in Australia once more.

Baseball Academy – Daniel Norton-Smith

Being a summer sport, all of our baseball players were kept busy during the holidays playing for their clubs and some playing in a variety of tournaments including the Dingo Little League World Series or representing Queensland at the National Championships. Highlights during this time have included:

• The Queensland Bandits Under 15 girls won the bronze medal at their National Championships - congratulations to Tia Newton, Jess Stack and Jenna Dyer on their efforts with the team.

• The Bandits Under 16 Boys team also won the Bronze medal with Chase Eldridge and Conor Laverty having great games in the playoff. Well done to Ricky Deeble, Steven Edwards, Ethan Wenban as well as Chase and Conor on your National Championship bronze medal.

• The Under 18s finished 4th overall at their National Championship. Even though Jye Deeble pitched a great game the Bandits were unable to hold off Victoria White going down 4-3. However, Jye was selected in the Australian Team and travelled to Auckland last week for the Oceania Championships. Australia won this tournament and have now qualified for the World Championships later in the year.

• Brooke Stewart played for Queensland at the Australian Softball Championships.
• Zach Mansfield, Liam Moes, Sam Shannon, Teruki Wakayama, Joe Komemoto, Jakob Rawlings, Patrick Day, Alex Killman, and Matthew Grant all played for the Gold Coast at the Dingo Little League World Series.
• Former student Corey Lyon is playing in the Australian Baseball League Championship Series this weekend. We wish him all the best.
• 32 new students have come to Robina High this year to be a part of our Baseball Program.

We are looking forward to a great year.

Futsal Program

Senior Futsal – Alex Morrison

The futsal/football excellence program is looking forward to an exciting year in 2015. We have eight classes going strong at Robina and we are looking to add more in 2016. Our first tournament is approaching quickly and we are looking forward to showcasing our skills in the South East Titles. We must come in the top four of our group to be eligible for the knockout rounds.

Interschool sport teams will be getting picked in the next two Wednesdays and we will be having very competitive teams across all age groups. These teams will compete in football every Wednesday and we look continue our success against other schools.

Junior Futsal - Mitchell Roe

Hello and welcome to everyone involved in the junior futsal/program this year. My name is Mitchell Roe and I will be coordinating all junior soccer at Robina State High School this year. Training for each year level is outlined below:

• Year 7 boys and Girls – Timetabled into school times and Thursday Morning Tea in the SAC
• Year 8/9 Boys – Tuesday and Wednesday Morning from 8am till 9.10am
• Year 8/9 Girls – Tuesday afternoon from 3pm till 4.10pm and Thursday morning 8am till 9.10am.

An email will be sent to every parent of a child in the program in the coming days outlining the term and yearly plan.

I look forward to a successful year working with your child. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to make contact with me through email (mroe17@eq.edu.au) or a phone call (07 5562 3453).

LEOS Club

Robina SHS longstanding relationship with Tore Village in Fiji.

Overview

From 2007 onward, our school community has supported Tore Village with hundreds of kilograms of donations of school supplies and personal effects to Tore Village each year. A special thank you to the countless students, families and staff and of Robina State High School for getting behind this project coordinated by the amazing students, past and present, of the RSHS LEOS Club.

2006 – A RSHS teacher takes a family holiday to Fiji, staying at the Fijian Shangri La Resort on the Coral Coast of Vitu Levu, Fiji and visits neighbouring Tore Village.
2007 – Armed with donations from RSHS, Ms Gower returns with her family to Fiji and is hosted by Tore Village. They are warmly welcomed into the village indefinitely and her three children attend the village school for the duration of Term 2. Neither the school, nor the village requests payment.
2009 – RSHS arranges for two Tore village teenagers Arieta and Aku to travel to the Gold Coast and visit Robina SHS. They experience many firsts... first time on an aeroplane, in a shopping mall, on an escalator, in a man-made swimming pool, first time to enjoy hot water from a tap and more! They stay for 7 weeks and enjoy all the Gold Coast has to offer!

2011 – Mela, a mother from the village, visits RSHS and stays on the Gold Coast for ten days. Her first ever holiday. Science teacher Meran Knowles seeks special gifts for the ladies of Tore Village and Heritage Brands get on-board, donating hundreds of new cosmetics items to RSHS for the village.

- Our Japanese Immersion program establishes a sponsorship program, supporting three village students to meet their education costs each year.

Japanese Immersion Program also ensure there are some specially wrapped ‘gifts’ in the shipments each year for the teenagers to enjoy.

2012 – RSHS upgrades all text books, donating pre-loved items to Tore Village. Fijian teachers report that these books are life-changing for the students in their classrooms.

2013- RSHS English teacher Lisa Armitage visits Tore Village delivering donations from RSHS community.

2014 – RSHS Physical Education Department donates pre-loved RSHS uniforms to provide much needed school sports shirts to Tore Village and the greater school communities.

2015 – How can you get involved??

Contact our LEOS teacher facilitator, Jasmin Cole (Staffroom 4)

P & C Association

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 experience 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 question, 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.

The meetings are the third Tuesday of the month between 6.00p.m. and 7.30p.m.

Please attend if you can.

Dianne Loddon
President
Robina State High School P & C Association

Uniform Shop Hours
From Monday 9th February 2015
Tuesday 8:00-3:00
Thursday 8:00-3:00
School Based Traineeships/Apprenticeships (SATs)

SATs allow students to do paid work for an employer and train towards a recognised qualification while they are still at school. They are a great way for young people to explore their career options and develop skills and confidence in their areas of interest.

Students wishing to undertake a SAT need to demonstrate the responsibility and commitment to balance work and training while completing Years 10, 11 or 12. SATs can contribute 4, 6 or even 8 points towards a Queensland Certificate of Education.


Youth Health Nurse – Helen Dredge

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Helen and I am the School Based Youth Health Nurse for Robina State High School. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I will be working in your school Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. I am employed by the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service District and provide a confidential service to young people.

As a Registered Nurse, I’ve worked as a midwife and also in a nurse practitioner role in sexual health, I have a broad range of nursing experience and have a thorough understanding of the complex needs of young people. I am also a qualified yoga teacher and have a passion for people feeling the best they possibly can in their body.

Learning how to relax, becoming aware of how we breathe and where we hold tension can help us recognize and change the way we respond to stress. This is essential in today’s busy modern world and is often neglected in the busy-ness.

Our body and brains are amazing. They work 24/7 without rest. To help our body look after us we need to value and look after ourselves as best we can. How we look after ourselves, our thoughts, choices, the food we eat, the relationships we have, our connection to feeling joy and peace within and in fact everything that we do can impact on our emotional, physical and mental health.

The main function of my position is to work in a collaborative way with the broader school community to achieve better health outcomes for young people, through:

- Individual, confidential health consultation for students, parents & school staff
- Health Promotion activities in the school & classroom (on request)
- Being a health resource person

There are many different areas in nursing. The role of a Youth Health Nurse in a high school is a little different to what many people would think a nurse does in a school. It is not my role to be a first aid person and students are required to access administration for First Aid. However I am always happy to assist. Additionally if your child has any allergies or medical conditions please make administration aware of this.

I am looking forward to getting to know many more of you this year. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance or if you have any health concerns or great ideas for health promotion activities. I am located in the Support House.

Wishing you a wonderful year ahead.

Have a Happy and Healthy 2015

Free Microsoft Software for Students’ Personal Computers

All state school students from Prep–Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment.

Students who want the free software will need an active Managed Internet Service (MIS) login, school email account and password. Those who don’t should contact Mr Wood located in the library who will help students activate their MIS login.

Find out how students can download their free copy of Microsoft Office 2013 Suite.