Welcome to Term 3, a very exciting time for Robina State High School as we are now ready and waiting to accept our two new 2015 cohorts. This edition of our State School Update will focus on a number of events that have been held in our Junior Secondary School in Term 2 as well as provide important details and dates in order to prepare for 2015. We also welcome four new members to our teaching team in 2015!

Families considering enrolment at our school should be aware that enrolments are due to our school office by the end of this term. It is essential that this deadline is met and that enrolment interviews are booked in order to secure your child’s place in 2015.

In addition to this, families should also be aware of a number of important dates approaching including our final information session, official enrolment interviews and our annual orientation days. The dates of these events are listed below.

Junior Secondary Students have been engaged in a number of exciting events in term 2. Please enjoy viewing the pictorials that follow.

I look forward to meeting many of you as you consider secondary school options for your child. In the interim, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

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Regards
Ben

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### Key Dates, Term 3 - 2014:

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<td>Japanese Immersion Information Night</td>
<td>Tuesday, 9 September– 5.00 -6.15pm – GS410</td>
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<td>Individual Enrolment Interviews</td>
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**ENROLMENTS DUE FRIDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2014**

Enrolment packages are available from the school office or on our website:  
https://robinashs.eq.edu.au

Please also visit our website to view our latest newsletters and information

For more information on the programs offered at Robina State High School contact Mr Ben Weeks – HOD Junior Secondary on (07) 5562 3444 or visit the school website: https://robinashs.eq.edu.au
Japanese Bunka No Hi

Date: 24 July 2014
Purpose: Year 8 students participated in this annual Japanese Cultural Day. Students experienced many activities delivered by our Japanese Community. These activities included: anime, taiko drums, ninjutsu, koto, sumo and kendo.
Year 9 Community Service Day
Date: 2 April 2014
Purpose: Year 9 students elected to devote their term 1 and 3 pastoral care days to giving back to our community. Students washed cars, cooked BBQ’s handed out muffins to members of the community and participated in many other school based projects. The year 9 cohort is planning to work with Volunteering Queensland in term 3 to further contribute to their community.

League for Life – My Classroom Rules – Cooking Challenge
Date: 27 June 2014
Purpose: Our League for Life boys participated in a cook off against the Nerang and Coombabah SHS League for Life teams. They were mentored by Mr Tonkin (Robina SHS) and Mr Bullpitt (Coombabah SHS).

Ylead – Junior Secondary Leadership Team
Date: 2 June 2014
Purpose: The Junior Secondary Leadership Team participated in a one day leadership seminar in order to continue the development of their leadership capacity. Students were exposed to many exceptional leaders including Rowie McEvoy of MAX Fitness College.

Dance Night & Acoustic Night
Date: June 2014
Purpose: These three nights showcased the immense talents and hard work of both out Junior and Senior Dance Troupes and the many talented vocalists and instrumentalists we have at our school.

Athletics Carnival
Date: 24 July 2014
Result: Congratulations to Hinze house who won this highly contested event.
JAPANESE IMMERSION INFORMATION NIGHT
9 September 2014 – 5.00 pm – 6.15 pm
GS410

Welcome to our new Junior Secondary teachers:

Gill Forder

Mrs Gill Forder
Mudgeeraba SS

Gill Forder immigrated to Australia from Zimbabwe in 1991 with her husband and 3 children. She became an Australian citizen a few years later. Gill has a Bachelor of Social Science from South Africa and a Postgraduate Teaching Diploma from the Gold Coast’s Griffith University. She has been a teacher at Mudgeeraba State School since 1995. Over the last 10 years, she has focused on teaching Year 7 and has enjoyed working with the student leaders to organise a variety of programs for the younger students in the school. She has been involved in Interschool Sport for many years, coaching baseball, soccer, futsal and touch football at various times. Over the years that Gill has lived in the area, she has also been involved in the Mudgeeraba Community through the Mudgeeraba Soccer Club and the Scouting Movement.

At Mudgeeraba State School Gill has been actively involved in the transition process of students going to high school. Her own children went to Mudgeeraba SS and then attended Robina, so she is familiar with its culture and traditions. Gill says that she is thoroughly looking forward to joining our teaching staff in 2015.

Ms Tina Maund

Ms Tina Maund
Elanora SS

I am a keen sailor who has travelled around the world competing in various sailing regattas. I found Australia a great place to sail and made a shift from Japan to Australia in 2006. I still enjoy my weekly sailing and my goal this year is to sail in the Sydney to Hobart.

Back home, I worked as an English teacher and now I enjoy the privilege to teach Japanese to Australian children. As much as I enjoy teaching the language, I enjoy learning foreign languages. My favourite quote as a language teacher is by Nelson Mandela; ‘If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart’. I hope to pass on my passion and my joy of speaking in second and third languages to as many students as I can.

I look forward to meeting you all and working as a part of the team at Robina SHS!

Ms Tomoko Nakanishi

Ms Tomoko Nakanishi
Arundel SS

I have been teaching for 12 Years in primary schools, the majority of the time in Upper School, although last few years have been spent teaching year 3. Prior to teaching at Benowa I was at Mudgeeraba Creek for ten years. I enjoy sports in general, but particularly soccer, hockey, touch football and anything else that involves lots of running around. I am also very active in Touch Football within the South East QLD region. My interests in music and movies are assorted but a great comedy is always welcomed. I am Originally from Bathurst in NSW – (Go the Blues) and moved to QLD at the completion of University degree. I Love the Gold Coast particularly the weather and I have Two children, Boy 8 and a girl 6, both of whom go to Mudgeeraba Creek State School. I have lived locally since moving to the Gold Coast and love the area. I am enthusiastic about taking on new challenges associated with High School and can’t wait for 2015.

Mr Luke Markwick

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Benowa SS