26 June 2015

Principal’s Report

Semester 1 is almost finished and all the students are focused on completing their final assessment for the semester. Teachers are busy preparing and marking the work and our leadership group is spending some time reviewing our progress thus far. To do this we recently spent a day looking at various areas of the school and asking 3 questions: What’s so? What’s missing? What’s possible? As a result we have revised our school vision for the year to have a sharp, narrow and deep focus. Our 3 focus areas are:

- Quality Teaching and Learning
- Student Success
- Retention and Growth

Our leadership structure has been changed to reflect this with each Deputy Principal leading a focus area and myself taking on Retention and Growth. Therefore, from now on I will endeavour to cover these areas in our newsletter.

Quality Teaching and Learning

As I walk around the school there is so much great work to be seen. Particularly at this time of the year when we have projects coming together. Recently I was in year 9 Art where they are interviewing an artist. Here are Durva Shastri, Lena Do and Anchal Charma preparing to interview Andy Warhol.

Student Success

Particularly for year 12 the exams they are currently sitting are crucial to maintain or improve their ranks in each subject. At the beginning of next semester year 11 students may be required to meet with the Senior Schooling Head of Department (Mrs Kelly Free) or Deputy (Mrs Allison Tumini) to discuss their Student Educational and Training Plan (SETP) and make some adjustments if the end goal is too challenging.

Exams can take many forms. Year 12 Hospitality have just finished cooking and serving in their International Restaurant. Some delicious food was served but I was told to watch out for battered chillies from the Mexican Restaurant.

Year 12 Music Extension and year 11 and 12 Performance Studies concert

On Thursday 11 June, the year 12 Music Extension and year 11 and 12 Performance Studies students performed for their assessment in front of their family, friends and teachers. It was a successful evening for all students who performed and their teachers, Mrs Hamilton-Smith and Mrs McLain were impressed with the level of talent presented.

I also visited Year 7 Media and they were adding the finishing touches to their latest production piece as seen below.
Retention and Growth

The Cultural Leaders presentation was on Wednesday 17 June. It is important that students participate in all facets of their education to support them socially and emotionally. The greater involvement in College life the more likely they are to transition through the college successfully and really enjoy the time spent here. Unfortunately I did not make the event however I can still showcase the amazing presentation.

Kristie de Brenni
Principal
Senior Secondary Deputy Principal’s Report

ATTENDANCE:

Full time attendance is vital for any student to stay on top of their school work but as a senior student it is essential. The number of students late in the morning and those missing for the day appears to be increasing. Students will not be able to perform at their maximum potential if they are not receiving instruction from their teachers. Vital information is missed thus ultimately affecting student confidence in their ability to achieve in that class. Please discuss with your child the importance of being on time, attending regularly being at school and being ready to work. Incomplete work at any stage of their secondary studies will impact on study habits, student results and for 11s and 12s, ultimately QCE success.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Monday 27th July. This will be the second for the year and a great opportunity for parents and students to discuss with their teachers their progress for the year. Interviews will be conducted in the hall from 3.30pm to 8.00pm.

QTAC:

Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre Books (QTAC) will be distributed to all year 12s, early in the new term. During this term Mrs Round will see each student and go through the QTAC process of applying for courses for 2014. Students interested in any form of study post school should submit a QTAC preference list by the stipulated tertiary institution date. The date for the majority of courses is the 30th September. Students are able to submit their application later in the year however the cost will incur a late fee.

Creative Industry related studies tend to have an earlier deadline date than other tertiary institutions. This is normally in August. Students need to check their QTAC books when they receive them. Mrs Round will also inform students as the information becomes known. The QTAC website also has valuable information and should be checked regularly www.qtac.edu.au. So if you are interested, be proactive and look up the deadline dates.

YEAR 11 & 12 BLOCK EXAMS (19-26 June)

Students from years 11 & 12 are currently participating in Block Exams. Students are expected to attend for their specific exams or specified classes as per the Block Exam Schedule. There will be a zero tolerance to absence during these times unless reasons are verified by a parent or guardian.

If a student finds they are ill the morning of their exam, then they must contact the College and explain their absence and where possible follow it up with a Doctor’s Certificate. The Doctor’s Certificate must then be submitted so that it can be attached to the assessment for special consideration in the overall determination of a semester grade for the subject/s.

Normal school rules apply during the week including the correct wearing of the College uniform.

Those students who have standing assessments will be expected to attend each session for the exam block or until all assessments are submitted. Text messages will be sent home to inform parents if their child has not attended. This will be followed up with a phone call from the Head of Senior Schooling, Kelly Free or myself. Failure to meet this expectation will result in a mandatory interview in the first week of the term to discuss the student’s ongoing enrolment at CSC.

YEAR 12 CORE SKILLS PRACTICE (25-26 June)

Year 12 who are planning to sit the Queensland Core Skills in September are scheduled to participate in a full Core Skills Practice on the Thursday and Friday of the last week of term. All students who intend to sit Core Skills in September must sit these practice sessions. The hall will be the test venue in both cases.

TERTIARY STUDIES EXPO (TSXPO)

The 34th annual TSXPO is one of the largest tertiary studies events of its kind in Australia. The event will host over 100 exhibitors including all Queensland universities, universities from
interstate and overseas, private education colleges, Defence Forces, TAFE institutes, Government agencies, employers and student services. All students interested in tertiary studies, along with those who are still investigating suitable pathways post year 12 should access the Expo to collect information, ask questions of staff or just see the many opportunities that are available to all young people.

**EVENT DETAILS:** Saturday and Sunday 18-19 July 2015  
**VENUE:** Exhibition Building RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane  
**TIME:** 10.00am to 4.00pm both days  
**COST:** Admission is FREE

The Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) is an exciting event for anyone seeking to explore their tertiary studies, training and career options.

If you wish to seek more information you can access the website www.tsxpo.org. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

**Allison Tumini**  
**Deputy Principal**

**From the Maths & Science Department**

**Mathematics Teams Challenge at Stretton State College**

Four teams of students from across all year levels have entered the Mathematics Teams Challenge to be held at Stretton State College on Friday 31 July 2015. Ms Harrison, Mr Ba Pe and Mr Ieng will prepare our teams for this competition and support them on the day. The aim of this event is to stimulate interest in mathematics and creative problem solving. It will provide students with a day of intellectual fun in a scholarly atmosphere. Students will participate in two events on the day. The first event is the ‘Team Event’ and during this problems are solved collectively by the entire team. Following this there will be the ‘Relay Event’ and problems are solved consecutively by team pairs. Good luck to our teams and their coaches and we will share their successes on the day with the College community in the August newsletter.

**Dreamworld Excursion**

Physics is everywhere, even more so in theme parks! As an integrated part of the study of motion and the conservation of energy, the senior physics class had an excursion to Dreamworld on the 12th May to explore the physics associated with theme park rides.

During the excursion students observed and studied the physics behind three rides—The Giant Drop, The Claw and The Cyclone. Heights were triangulated and times were recorded. Students were encouraged to go on the rides to experience the sensation of free-fall and the effect of changing g-forces during the rides.

Senior students completed booklets investigating how physics laws dictate the design of theme park rides in order to maximise the fear factor while maintaining safety.

**Ms Harrison, Ms Kao & Ms Bannan**

**STEM**

Professor David Thiel from Griffith University is the College’s STEM mentor. On Tuesday 5 May, the year 12 Maths B students were fortunate to have David as a guest teacher for their lesson. With the use of ICTs and expertise from many years of lecturing, he introduced a new topic in mathematics called ‘Optimisation’ to the class. All students were actively engaged in the lesson and gained much knowledge from his teaching. Dr David paid a visit to the Physics class as well. Physics students have been working on researched experiments year 11 students are investigating bungee jumping and year 12 students were investigating projectile motion and catapults. He talked to students about their experiment planning and predictions. He also brought accelerometers that could be attached to the mass being dropped to measure the accelerations experienced during the drop.

**Queensland Numeracy Summit 2015**

Stanley Ba Pe (Senior Mathematics Teacher) and I participated in the Queensland Numeracy Summit on Tuesday 16 June. This Summit brought together key stakeholders in Queensland to explore challenges faced by educators, government and the community in relationship to numeracy. During the day issues within numeracy education were identified and following on from this a shared philosophy around challenges identified will be co-constructed and strategies will be developed to improve student outcomes.

Lauren Stephenson, Chief Scientist for Office of Queensland, stated that 75% of fastest growing occupations require STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) skills. Technology is transforming our society therefore numerate children are vital for social and economic society and to respond to world economy. Professor Merrilyn Goos, University of Queensland Educator, spoke about ‘What is Numeracy’ and what does it look like in a real classroom. Numeracy is not numbers, doing sums, the name for school Maths, or the basic Maths people need to survive in the real world. She has developed the model below.
Professor Goos provided the following explanation for her model
https://resourcelinkbce.wordpress.com/2012/02/20/numeracy-ideas-for-the-contemporary-classroom/

You still need mathematical knowledge to be numerate! This includes concepts, skills, and problem solving strategies, as well as the ability to use sensible estimations. A numerate person also has positive dispositions – a willingness and confidence to engage with tasks – independently and in collaboration with others – and apply their mathematical knowledge in flexible and adaptable ways.

Numerate practice often involves using tools. These include:

1. Representational tools like ready reckoners and charts and tables that might be used in a manufacturing context, and of course
2. Physical tools like mathematical drawing instruments and the work related tools of a trade or profession
3. Digital tools – technology.

A numerate person can organise their personal finances, for example in relation to credit card spending and mobile phone use. They manage their personal health by making decisions about their eating and exercise habits. They engage in leisure activities that require numeracy knowledge, such as travel, and sport. All kinds of occupations require numeracy. Many examples of work-related numeracy are very specific to the particular work context, and often the mathematics used is either invisible to the user or is used in very different ways from how mathematics is taught at school.

Informed and critical citizens are numerate citizens. Almost every public issue depends on data, projections, and the kind of systematic thinking that’s at the heart of numeracy.

Melissa Roussos
Head of Department Mathematics and Science

Cabaret 2015

MUSIC CABARET 2015
Saturday 15 August 7-10pm
ALL NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT
DELI DELICIOUS 2 COURSE MEAL
Dine or stay overnight for the full price of a Ticket...
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Student Artwork

Below are some of the wonderful artworks being produced by our students at Coorparoo Secondary College. Congratulations to the students on producing such interesting pieces.

Sports Update

LYTTON PRIMARY DISTRICT TRIALS DATES 2015

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Student Representative Council Update

UPCOMING SRC EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

During the Athletics Carnival on Friday 17th Aug, SRC’s Student Representative Council (SRC) is hosting a BBQ and Crazy Hair Fun-Fair to raise funds for student-identified college improvements such as a skin-friendly hair brush.

For a gold coin donation you can have your hair spray coloured, twisted,洗礼ed and teasing by our dedicated SRC stylists.

The SRC are also hosting the following gold coin donation awareness days and fundraising events in semester 2:

Day for: Monday 3rd October, Friday 7th October, Monday 20th October

SRC BBQ & Crazy Hair

P&C News

Have you ever wondered what a Treasurer does? Do you have an eye for figures? The P&C still need a Treasurer. The day to
day operations are taken care of by our wonderful staff and our bookkeeper so the role is one of oversight. Let us know if you are able to assist.

Winter Jumpers are available and we have some reduced prices for fleece and jackets (large sizes only left).

**Cabaret**

We are steaming towards one of our biggest events for the year Cabaret (22 August 2015). We have some spectacular raffle prizes, Annual Fun Passes (SeaWorld, MovieWorld and Wet n Wild), wine, jewellery and heaps more. All the money we raise goes back to the Arts Faculty. So start selling those tickets to your family, neighbours and work mates.

We will also need some help on the day, we have a list which includes:

- Setting up tables
- Packing down (close of event)
- Table decoration

If you need any more information, please contact Kerry Phillips Smith on: 0431 180 932

Till next time,

**Georgina Kinchin - P&C President**

**2015-2016 Entertainment Books**

The new 2015 | 2016 Entertainment Books are now available!

Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone! Each membership has hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotels, shopping, groceries and travel and contains over 2,000 offers that you can use whenever you like until 1st June 2016. PLUS Coorparoo Secondary College P&C retains 20% of the price of every Membership sold which goes towards our fundraising!

Order now: www.entbook.com.au/913g682

**From the Guidance Desk**

**Year 11 PCYC Cultural Leadership Program**

This term the Year 11 students have taken part in the PCYC Cultural Leadership Program. This Program aims to improve student understanding of one another and also so that they can build relationships with others in their year group. The program focuses on developing leadership skills and also enabling year 11 students to try out new areas of learning in the Creative Arts.

This year electives were available in Drama, Visual Arts, Drumming and Circus skills. All the groups worked hard on developing new skills and understanding and made excellent presentations to the year group. The Mt Gravatt PCYC provided expert presenters and trainers for the sessions. Thanks to PCYC for their ongoing support of this program.

Thanks to the MCs from the presentation day on Wednesday 17th June. The MCs were Ellie Lindert, Courtney James, Cienna Smith, Liam Pettigrew, Izy Stanley, Ryan Nancarrow, Tom Meyers, Montana Clay and Griffin Davis.

**Sarah Round – Guidance Officer**

**From the School Health Nurse**

Some young people find this time of year quite stressful with the winding up of term 2 and assessments/exams underway/completed. Please remind your young person that Helen the Nurse is at school 2 days per week and that they can make an appointment if they want to chat about any issues that may be affecting their health. I recently found some information about a local psychology clinic and also a free online parenting program through Monash University and University of Melbourne.

Take care

**Helen**

"yourtime" – 100% Bulk-Billing Brisbane Psychology Clinic currently has no waiting list at their bulk-billing psychology clinic your time.

Patients who are able to attend sessions between 8:00am and 3:00pm on weekdays are being offered appointments within approximately one week of the referral paperwork being received by our intake team.

For more information about yourtime, please call 3306 1083 or visit


**Free Online Parenting Program for Parents of 12 to 15 Year Olds**

Researchers from Monash University and the University of Melbourne have developed an online parenting program designed to empower parents to make sense of adolescence and be confident parents. The program offers practical strategies which can be used to support a teenager’s mental health.

Parents and guardians of children aged 12 to 15 may be eligible to participate in a free trial of the program. Participation will take a few hours of their time, and their child’s time, over 3 to 12 months. Both the parent/guardian and child will be reimbursed for their time. As this program is designed to prevent depression and anxiety problems, researchers are looking for parents of teenagers who do not have any current mental health difficulties.
For more information, please visit the parenting program website at
http://parentingstrategies.net/depression.brief.intervention/index.php

For parents of children aged under 12 years, Accoras offers the official online version of the Triple P: Positive Parenting Program. For more information, or to view a video example of the program, please visit our website at http://www.accoras.com.au/page/services/Triple_P_Online/.

New Family Mental Health Support Service – Accoras you.nique

Accoras you.nique is a Family Mental Health Support Service funded by the Department of Social Services. Our existing site on the Gold Coast is now being joined by our new South Brisbane service.

We provide free, practical, strengths-based assistance to children and young people (0-18) who have the support from at least one parent, carer or other significant adult, by:

- Helping children and teenagers to identify strengths and set goals to cope with challenges;
- Assisting families to boost the positive emotional health and wellbeing of their children;
- Improving community awareness of good mental health, how we can all help children and teenagers to develop positive social and emotional skills and the importance of seeking help early; and
- Building relationships with schools, community services and government agencies, to support families by delivering a range of early-intervention child and family programs.

We work with children and teenagers who are motivated to learn how to tap into their personal strengths to enjoy life and cope well with problems, like:

- Feeling down, sad or upset
- Feeling stressed, nervous, anxious or worried
- Having difficulty talking about how they feel
- Missing school, or having difficulties at school
- Experiencing difficulties in relationships
- Having difficulty sleeping
- Lacking self-esteem or confidence
- Feeling angry or frustrated
- Being bullied or teased
- Exhibiting inappropriate or risky behaviours

Support can be provided on a short-term (up to six sessions) or long-term (up to 12 months) basis, depending on the needs of the child or teenager.

All services are free and provided via an outreach model – we work with our clients in a space which is comfortable for them (usually at their home or school).

Referrals from our General Practice, school and community partners are encouraged. For more details, a list of suburbs serviced, or to access our referral form, please visit at http://www.accoras.com.au/page/services/Accoras_younique/

Free Asthma & Allergy Presentation

Do you have questions about childhood asthma & allergy?
Ask the experts!

Presenters
Dr Scott Burgess
Paediatric Respiratory and Sleep Specialist
Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital

Dr Carl Kennedy
Consultant Immunologist and Allergist
Compass Immunology Clinic

Renée Toomey
Respiratory Clinical Nurse Consultant
Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital

Join us
Date: Wednesday 29th July
Time: 5.30pm – 8.00pm
Venue: Meeting Room
Corina Leagues Club
1390 Creek Road
Corina

Free registration
Includes sample bag and light refreshments.
asthmaaustralia.org.au
1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)

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Kind regards,

Larne Wellington
Principal Psychologist
Positive Families
Student Exchange

WEP Student Exchange – Learn and Discover the World!

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in NSW, QLD and VIC. Applications for short and long-term programs commencing from November 2015 onward are open now. Students can choose from over 25 countries to live with a volunteer WEP host family and attend an overseas high school for a summer, semester or year.

To request program information for your family, visit www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.

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Become a Teacher Aide
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Cert 3 in Education Support (Teacher Aide)

2 days/week in class - school hours
Plus 100 hours work experience
$50 or $20 concession (conditions apply)
FREE training for 2014 Year 12 school leavers
Other courses also available:
Community Services Work * Disability * Aged Care

The Certificate 3 Guarantee Program is a QLD Government Initiative

Date Claimers

JULY
13th July First Day of Term 3
17th July CSC Athletics Carnival
17th July Semester 1 Reports Issued
20th July Arts Support Group Meeting
20th July P&C Meeting
21st July Cabaret Auditions
21st July Open Day Tour
23rd July Cabaret Auditions
27th July Parent Teacher Interviews
29th July NAIDOC Day

AUGUST
3rd August South Districts Athletics – Field Events
5th August Semester 1 Academic Awards Presentation
6th August South Districts Athletics – Track Events
7th August CSC Career & Youth Support Expos
10th – 14th August Gold Coast Eisteddfod
12th August Ekka Holiday
13th August Year 11/12 Drama Night

Billy Cart Derby – Saturday 25 July

Woodhill State School’s annual Billy Cart Derby is an action packed and entertaining family fun day that brings the whole community together. It attracts thousands of people from the local area, Gold Coast, Logan and Ipswich regions. Not only do we have the exciting billy cart racers competing for the coveted ‘King of the Hill’ trophy, but we also have markets, rides for the kids, a live band, great raffle prizes, a wide range of food vendors and much more.

If you would like to build a billy cart and enter a race, book a market stall, or just come along and join in the fun, visit our website www.woodhillbillycartderby.com.au, or our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/woodhillbillycartderby for more information and all the latest news.

Kind regards

Clare Patrick
Secretary
Woodhill State School P & C
www.woodhillbillycartderby.com.au
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