From the Principal

Staff, students, family and friends I would like to welcome you all to Southport State High School for 2011. To our new students and their families I believe you certainly have made the smart choice in choosing Southport State High School.

In 2010 Southport State High School went through a very thorough review process looking at improving the teaching and learning process. From this review came the beginnings of implementing new policies and procedures targeting improved student outcomes. I am very proud to announce that we have already been rewarded with outstanding results from our exiting Yr 12 students. Some of these results included;

- 88% of our students achieved an OP 1-15
- We had 43 students enrolled in school based traineeships
- 85% of our students received their QCE
- 99% of students received a TAFE equivalent certificate

These results place us as one of the leading secondary schools for student achievement (both private and public) on the Gold Coast. I would like to thank the amazing staff of Southport State High School who have supported these teaching and learning improvements and have worked tirelessly to ensure the best education for all students.

Adding to our performance in the classroom we have also been extremely busy improving our school in other areas over the holidays. We have added new computers, wireless access to these computers, added 30 data projectors into classrooms, modernised classrooms and extensively refurbished and renovated the school grounds. We will continue to extend these program in 2011.

This ensures that all students have access to all classes. We have also introduced a new sports uniform that is made of cool max material which is cooler, tougher and stain resistant. This is available for purchase from the P&C shop located near the canteen.

A reminder that our student contribution fees are due by the 1st of March. All families who have paid their contribution fees or have organised a payment plan by this date are eligible for the $40 discount which makes the fees $210. Payment after this date will be $250. Please contact our Finance Department for more information.

Term 1 is a 12 week term and we have a very busy calendar of events with swimming carnivals, cross country, performing arts presentations, photos, parent teacher interviews and the opening of our tennis and Discovery centres just to name a few. We will endeavor to keep you informed by email so please make sure that all your details are correct with our front office.

Once again thank you for making our school the best school on the Gold Coast and I look forward to your continued support in 2011.

Regards
Steve McLuckie

Events Calendar

The following are proposed dates on our school calendar

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Opportunities For Indigenous Students

A free public event called All Stars BUMEHLA Festival 2011 is being run on Friday the 11th and Saturday the 12th of February at the Broadwater Parklands. This is an Indigenous Employment and Career Expo 2011. This will be a great opportunity for indigenous students to learn from the legends about staying at school to get a job and be a legend.
School Photos

School photos were on Monday the 7th of February and a catch up day has been scheduled for Tuesday 22nd February. ALL students, who have not been photographed whether or not they will be purchasing photos, will be photographed for the purpose of student ID cards. Students are expected, as for every other day, to be in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM. Photo envelopes are to be returned on photo day with the correct money enclosed and given by the student to the photographer. Please note: the school does not handle the photo money and does not issue change.

School Swimming Carnival

The annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 9th February at the school pool from 3:30pm and should conclude about 5:30pm. All students are welcome to attend and it is essential for students who wish to compete at the Broadwater or South Coast carnivals to get points for age championships. The event promises to be a lot of fun and gives students a chance to dress in their house color or wear fancy dress. The major focus as usual will be on house participation and we will cater for all levels of swimmers. Parents and friends are most welcome to come along and join in the cheering. The canteen will be open for drinks but will close at approx 4.45pm. It is essential that students arrange transportation home from the venue at 5.30pm if they are being picked up by parents.

Geography

In week 5 Year 11 and 12 Geography students will be bussing off to Gladstone at midnight on Tuesday 22nd to catch the ferry from Gladstone to Heron Island. This will be the fifth time the school has had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the beauty of Heron Island and the Great Barrier Reef. Whilst there, weather permitting, students will get to snorkel on the various reefs and participate in a low-tide examination of an exposed section of the reef as well as many other exciting and challenging activities. The trip has always been a tremendous success and based on the enthusiasm in the classrooms, this year should be no different.

Cheers, Greg Kenafake (Organising Teacher.)

Timetabling

I would like to thank parents and students for their patience with the timetabling. This year has seen the introduction of a new timetable program called OneSchool. Therefore we have four separate systems at present which collate data for us and the data entry and collation is separate for each system at present. Further releases of OneSchool will do away with this multiplication. When your student has had gaps, the process has involved manual entry in at least 2 of these programs, hence the delay. All students should be able to get a OneSchool timetable 24 hours after enrolment. Now that our enrolment data has been collated for government funding purposes, some tweaking will begin. This may mean some subjects will disappear from the timetable for Yrs 9, 10 and 11.

Deputy Principal
Robyn Marconi

Industrial Design and Technology Department

The start of the school year has been very exciting for our department. We have recently taken delivery of a CNC router that will provide access to current technologies for our students. Our industry partner Matcam has provided the machine to us and is working with us to provide a state of the art CAD/CAM machining service based at Southport State High School. The service will be an annexe of Mat Cam and will offer a machining service at competitive rates.

Students will be involved in all phases of the CAD/CAM processes which will provide them with valuable on the job training in the manufacturing industry.

To those of you within our local community that require this type of service please contact the school for further information.

Tony Lawrance
Science

Welcome to Science at Southport SHS for 2011 especially to all our brand new Year 8 students. Welcome also to our Science staff, Mr Dillon, Miss Duguid, Mr Fine, Mr Foreman, Mr Halvorsen, Mrs Karl, Miss Langley, Mr Lappi, Mrs May, Miss Rodas, Mr Russell and Miss Sheehan. Also to our laboratory assistants,Mrs McLauchlan and Mrs Wastell.

We have certainly wasted no time in getting into our Science curriculum with Year 8’s already working on their preparatory workbooks, learning all about the laboratories they will be working in, the apparatus they will be using for their experiments and how to stay safe. Year 9’s have started with the subject of reproduction and genetics focusing mainly on plants at this stage. They have been utilising the school farm to learn how to strike cuttings which hopefully they will be able to sell as adult plants.

Year 10 Marine students are studying waves and how different weather conditions can create the perfect surfing wave. Year 10 Biology are re-familiarising themselves with basic laboratory practices and Year 10 Physics are working on forces and simple machines which will eventually lead on to using sophisticated software to design rockets. Year 10 Chemistry students have jumped straight in to the experimental side of Chemistry looking at physical and chemical changes.

Our senior Marine students are preparing for their 2 night camp on South Currigee in March where they will do extensive boating exercises, Biology are looking closely at plant and animal cells, Physics students are doing their ‘water sports’ EEI and boat design and Chemistry students are looking into chemical reactions.

So you can see - the fun never stops in Science. We are looking forward to a successful year particularly in our participation in the annual Chemistry Quiz, the ICAS Science competition and the Science and Engineering Challenge.

Keep your eye on the fortnightly newsletter to keep up with upcoming events in the school Science calendar. Southport SHS Science – leading the way.

John Parer Science HOD

Creative Arts Academy

Already it’s a big start to the year for many Drama students with auditions taking place for upcoming productions and classes as we’ve hit the ground running planning an even bigger and better year in the Drama department. This means students are already extremely excited about the year ahead and some of the roles they will take on in both school and professional productions.

Over the Christmas break one of our talented students Michael Mandalios auditioned and was cast in the Gold Coast Arts Centre’s Summer School musical ‘Beauty and the Beast’. Michael represented our department as a complete professional and the three of us sat in the audience very proud as Michael took the stage with a cast of the best of the best Arts from around the coast. The show was a huge success!

Just around the corner though, Arts students on February 8th are travelling to Brisbane to see the world famous musical ‘Wicked’. Originally postponed due to the Brisbane floods, the season only started a few weeks ago, but staff and students are very excited to the story based around the wicked witch of the west ‘Elphaba’ finally coming to Brisbane.

The Drama students are also looking forward to other excursions planned this year including ‘Julius Caesar’ at the Gold Coast Arts Centre, ‘Faustus’ at the Powerhouse Theatre in Brisbane and a new puppetry show entitled ‘The Harbinger’ at LaBoite Theatre. Students will also have the opportunity to take part in workshops as well as work with our artist in residence and professional actor James Anderson. We are excited for 2011 and we can’t wait to see you all at our many productions this year to support our talented Drama students.

Mrs Cutajar, Ms Sparke & Mrs McLennan

Chaplain News

Welcome back to all our students!! Our Breakfast Club is back for 2011. Pancakes/cereal/ fruit and juice will be available each Wednesday from 8am till 8:45am starting from the 16th of February. A big shout out to Southport Church of Christ for sponsoring the program as well as Donna and her supremely talented “Canteen Connoisseurs”. I hope you can join us for my favourite meal of the day!

Thanks Paul McGuire
The Gold Coast City Council Health Services is once again offering our students the school-based Immunisation program.

The program will offer:

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Year 8 Students:
- 2 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (male & female students)
- 1 dose of chickenpox (Varicella zoster) vaccine (male & female students)
- 3 doses of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (female students only)

Year 10 Students:
- 1 booster dose of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis (Boostrix) vaccine.

The GCCC consent forms have been distributed to the students via Roll Marking class. Parents/carers are requested to return the completed consent forms to the Student Services office at the school.

Any information regarding the immunisations can be obtained from the staff at the Council on 5582 8211 or www.goldcoastcity.com.au

SLOW DOWN AROUND OUR SCHOOL

With our students returning to classes, parents and carers are being urged to slow down in school zones.

Most school areas have 40km/hr speed limits in place. Parents can set an example to other drivers by observing these limits when dropping off and collecting the kids from school.

Being cautious and slowing down in school zones doesn’t make a big difference to your trip time, but it could save a child’s life. Parents should also take the time to teach their children about road safety and the safest ways to travel to and from school.

Some Basic Tips
- Ensure your child knows the safest route to and from school
- Teach your child to always walk on footpaths
- Make sure your child crosses at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings or supervised school crossings and ensure they know the safe times to cross
- Teach your child to be alert for cars going in or out of driveways
- Discourage your children from playing with balls or toys while walking to school.

Accident Insurance Cover For Students

Some school activities and physical education and training do not have Student Accident Insurance Cover for students. Therefore, if your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child’s parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may also be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents.

Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian Insurance Broker if they choose to take out student personal accident insurance cover for their child.
**School Assembly**

The whole school assembly this week was our first for the year and all the students and staff were warmly welcomed to Southport SHS. We inducted our Yr 12 Captains, Rachel Chow and Michael Mandalios; our Vice Captains Sarah-Jane Fish and Madeleine Collier; our Yr 12 Senior Leaders – Zuong Dang, Jonathon Lee, Dylan Maher, Brad Deem, Aaron Hodgson and Victor Tauch.

Michael and Rachel spoke about what they see for the year ahead and the senior leadership team looks forward to working closely with them to support them every step of the way. It was great to see how well-behaved the students were. They also looked very smart in the school uniforms.

**News From The School Nurse**

Hi my name is Lisa and I am the School Based Youth Health Nurse employed by Queensland Health to provide a range of health services within the school community. I am replacing Frances Colahan for term one, 2011.

I am a Registered Nurse, and endorsed midwife with a broad range of nursing experience. My nursing experience has provided me with a great understanding of the complex needs of young people. To achieve this it is important to work collaboratively with school staff to encourage better health outcomes for the students, their families and the whole of school community.

I provide a range of services, including:

- Individual and/or group health consultation for students, parents & school staff. As a requirement of Queensland Heath, confidentiality is of utmost importance.
- Health promotion activities within the school community as well as a resource person for students and teachers.
- Facilitating, assisting with teacher in-service on health issues/programs.

I am available in the school every **Tuesday and Thursday** during the school term. Students are able to access the service by making appointments with myself directly. Some students may need to be seen during class time. If this is the case students will be provided with written notice of this appointment. In return the student will be given a signed note following a visit with me acknowledging their attendance.

Teachers or parents may have concerns about student/s and may refer them to me after obtaining the student’s consent. Because of the confidential nature of student visits it may not be possible to give feedback on the outcome of the visit unless the student has consented for this to occur. Teachers and parents may also see me for any personal health-related issues. My office is situated in the Student Support Centre.

Please feel free to contact me.

Lisa Condon  
School Based Youth Health Nurse  
Southport State High School

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