From the Principal

It has been a very busy time here at Southport State High School. We are at that point in the term when assessment is due and classes are busy places to be. I hope that all students are busy doing homework and working on assignments. Our teachers have also been hard at work marking drafts and ensuring that your child has the best educational opportunities and support.

It is with great excitement that we released our brand new website last week. It is the one-stop shop for all your educational and Southport State High School needs. It is very easy to use and I encourage you all to log-on and explore our policy and procedures and all the great happenings at Southport State High School.

www.southportshs.eq.edu.au

On Wednesday 6th April we will be conducting our P&C AGM for 2011. We will be voting for an Executive Team who will lead us through this year. The P&C work tirelessly to provide much needed support and financial direction for our school. I invite you all to attend if possible. The meeting will be held in the Administration building commencing at 5:30pm.

We have a visiting Japanese school Lida Fuetsu High School who have arrived at Southport State High School for the next week. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome this group and thank all our students who are working with these students and our parents who are providing great home stays for our visitors. I hope that all our Japanese students learn much about Australia and our culture and that our students can learn about Japanese culture.

The deadline for our discount of $40 for Resource Scheme Fees ends this Friday. If you want to take advantage of this discount you need to have paid your fees in full or have made a plan with our Finance Department. The discounted rate is $210. From Monday the fees will be adjusted to $250. I encourage you all to take advantage of this special offer. For further information please contact our Finance Department on 5509 1222.

The school Musical rehearsals of “Annie” are in full swing, I hear that by all accounts this year’s production is bigger than ever. The Performing Arts Department having been working very hard to ensure that all students have a wonderful experience and are performing to the best of their ability to ensure a very professional and polished performance. I can’t wait for opening night!

Reporting on your child’s education is not too far away. Please remember that Student/Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Monday 11th April starting from 2:15pm. I encourage all to attend these meetings as they provide much needed feedback for both students and parents on your student’s performance. Bookings will be made available on-line and can be done on our website. We will be activating the bookings tab very soon and will send a text message and email when available. I hope to see you all there.

Remember - every day in every class counts to ensure your child’s educational success!

Mr. Steve McLuckie
PRINCIPAL

From the Deputy Principal

International Women’s Day Celebration

On Monday the 7th of March 10 young women from Year 12 and 11 accompanied the Deputies, Robyn Marconi and Karen Brown, to the Gold Coast Celebration for International Women’s Day. This year marks 100 years of women’s achievements. The girls enjoyed breakfast and sharing their leadership journeys with the mentor from the Navy, Leading Seaman, Simone. The girls listened to presentations from a number of leading women on the Gold Coast including Councilor Margaret Grummitt, and also took turns in dressing up in the female fire-fighters gear.

Students who attended were (left to right): Sarah-Jane Fish, Rachel Chow, Jayde McClelland, Maddison Collier, Sian Tucker-Williams, Emily Bright-Brady, Holly Biddle, Hannah Allen, Morgan Rodwell, and Madison Dunbar. Absent in the photo but also attending was Zuong Dang.
School Visit

Recently the school had a quick visit from Carla and Catalina Guastavino from Chile. Their brother, Arturo, was an exchange student here. Unfortunately he lost his life tragically in a car accident shortly after his return to Chile. This occurred around the same time that the school lost two students Jai Strong and Nathan Sprecak when they were killed by a drugged driver.

As a sign of remembrance, three trees were planted in what was the Peace Garden area. Fortunately, when the new Discovery Centre was built, we carefully protected those trees and they are still growing well. Arturo’s sisters took a photo of Arturo’s tree to send back to their parents in Chile.

Mrs. Robyn Marconi
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

From the Deputy Principal

Cyber Bullying Survey

Dear Parents

Southport State High School prides itself on being a safe and supportive school that provides all students with a positive environment in which to learn, grow and develop. Cyber Bullying is an issue that affects students in all Australian schools, but that does not mean it should be tolerated or accepted. At Southport State High School, we are conducting a survey of students’ experiences of cyber bullying. This will inform about the extent of the problem among our students, the forms of cyber bullying occurring and the characteristics of students who experience this. Researchers from Griffith University, School of Psychology are assisting with this and while it is a Southport State High School research project, certain group data arising from the surveys will be shared with those researchers at Griffith University and may be published in the scientific literature. In return, the researchers will prepare a report for staff and families at Southport State High School. Those students from the classes that have been selected as part of this survey sample, will bring home and information letter for parents early next week. The survey will occur on Wednesday 16th March during the CCC program.

In order for our school to carry out its duty of providing all students with a safe environment we are continually reviewing our policies and practices in respect to bullying and harassment. As part of this initiative the school seeks to enlist the support and cooperation of all parents in the school community in a proactive manner.

Mrs. Karen Brown
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Events Calendar

The following are proposed dates on our school calendar

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Industrial Design and Technology Department

Our CNC router is now up and running. A local firm PJ Bowers is currently making good use of its capabilities and our department is pleased to be able to provide this facility to help them continue manufacturing after some of their machinery and equipment was lost in a recent fire. Over the coming weeks our Year 9 Graphical Design students will be using this machine to produce their personally designed picture frames. I look forward to seeing their completed products.

Our Furnishing students will soon be designing and manufacturing some items using this CAD/CAM technology. This CNC cutting service is available to members of our local community, so if you require this type of service please contact the school for further information.

Mr. Tony Lawrance
HOD INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
Coming upon us so quickly this year, no one was quite prepared for the aquatic spectacular that took place on Wednesday afternoon the 9th of February 2011. The twilight Swimming Carnival of 2011 was characterised by perfect weather, colourful characters and record breaking performances. No performance was greater than that of Open years competitor David Morgan who broke no less that five previous records in the 50 free, 50 breast, 50 back and the 50 and 100 fly. A further two records were broken on the afternoon with Jenny Masters breaking the 13 girls’ 25 fly and Reilly Te Armo breaking the 13 boys’ 25 fly. Other highlights of the day included the many students and teachers who turned out in their colours and costumes to support the swimmers and an inspirational performance by the fantastic foursome teachers relay team of Dave Mason, Dave Fine, Tom Vieyra and Tony Lappi who stole the Open years 4 x 50 free relay.

Across all ages, competitors fought hard to earn their teams valuable points. Girls’ age champions were Jenny Masters in the 13 girls and Olivia Weckerle in the 14 girls group with Hannah Rodwell very close behind due to missing one race early in the carnival. In the 15 girls group Sara Weckerle came in very strong while Brittany Morris and Evie-Jane Dunn filled the spots in 16’s and Opens respectively.

In the Open boys category, David Morgan was untouchable as age champion with new comer Harley Gonzalez taking age champion in the 16’s. Chris Jackson blitzed the field in the 15 years age group, Bradley Williams was strong in the 14 years group and Kai Edwards fought off a determined Riley Te Armo to just take out the 13 years age champion.

The day is designed to produce some great displays of aquatic prowess and promote fun and fitness across all year levels. Aside from this however, the coveted team trophy is the motivational force behind the inspiring efforts witnessed at the carnival. In fourth place on 291 points, Bribie came home. In third and on 368 the mighty Moreton did their best. First and second were separated by only 59 points with Karragarra 2nd on 500 points. Stradbroke took the day with an impressive 559 points and are crowned the 2011 Swim Carnival Champions. A stella effort from Stradie, well done.

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Mr. Dave Mason
HOD PE
Reminders

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Arriving Late OR Leaving The Grounds Early

Students arriving late to school or who need to leave school early are asked to comply with our attendance system and sign in or out at Student Services.

For students needing to leave early, it is best if the student brings a parent/carer permission note to Student Services before 9am to receive a ‘Permission to Leave’ note for the allocated time. Please collect your student from the Administration Office.

We are legally responsible and need to know the whereabouts of students at all times, particularly if there is an emergency situation.

Payments

Please note the first installment of fees is now due. To maintain the discount, payment must be made by Friday 18 March

BSB 064-430
Account 00090200
Please identify your student if using internet banking.

Oral Health

Students in Year 10 have been provided with an oral health care pack to take home.

The pack includes:
- Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service Brochure
- Examination Card

Please familiarise yourself with the process by reading the information provided.

It has been brought to our attention that some parents/guardians may have assumed they were not eligible for oral health care after listening to the Call Centre recorded message.

All Queensland children from four years of age through until they finish Year 10 at high school are eligible to receive free oral health services. The recorded message has now been changed to reflect this.

If your child is enrolled in one of the classes and you would like to schedule an appointment or is in Year 10 and did not receive a pack and you would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00am – 4.30pm excluding public holidays.

Stop Scratching! Head Lice

A Non-Chemical Treatment, You Need:

White coloured, thick consistency, hair conditioner (any brand will do)
Ordinary comb & Lice comb (from chemist)
White tissue paper or kitchen paper

Method: (Will only work if the hair is dry before starting)

1. Apply sufficient white colour conditioner to completely cover the scalp and hair strands (the conditioner blocks the lice’s breathing pores and stuns the lice. Together with the slippery effect of the conditioner, this makes it easy to remove lice).
2. Use an ordinary comb to disentangle the hair and to divide the hair into 4 sections.
3. Put a head lice comb flat against the scalp in each section and draw the comb from the root of the hair to the tip
4. Wipe each comb onto the white tissue, checking for lice. You can wipe several combings onto one tissue.
5. Comb the whole head until there is no trace of conditioner left.
6. Put all the tissues in a plastic bag, tie the top and put the bag in a rubbish bin.
7. Wash the hair in the usual manner.
8. Scrub the combs with a toothbrush in hot soapy water.

Note: If you find head lice by doing the above, repeat steps 1-8 three times a week, at 2 day intervals
(Adapted from a Qld Health publication)

Ms Lisa Condon
SCHOOL NURSE
Reminders

Learn to play the Didgeridoo
Students of Southport State High School are being offered the opportunity to learn to play the didgeridoo. It is a wind instrument developed by indigenous Australians and has been played for over 1,500 years. If any student would like to learn to play the didgeridoo leave your name at Student Services in F Block.

Ms Maddie Hodge
INDIGENOUS OFFICER

End of Term 1 Reporting
Reports will be issued the week ending the 1st of April for Term 1. These progress reports give students and parents feedback about this term’s achievement, effort and behaviour.

Parent-teacher interviews have been scheduled for MONDAY the 11th of April from 2pm to 7pm in the Sports Centre. You are invited to discuss any part of your child’s report and progress with the respective class teacher. Interviews will be 10 minutes duration. We will again be using the on-line booking system, Parent Teacher Online (PTO). This program will be available from Monday April 4 to Thursday April 7. Information will be sent home separately showing you how to make bookings.

Back 2 School Day
Back 2 School Day is The Smith Family’s new fundraising event on Friday 8th April, and is a fun and simple way for your school to help disadvantaged Aussie kids transform their lives through education.

As you may be aware we have a Smith Family office located in our school and the team in the office (Jenny Chris and Emily) are looking at getting involved in the event through various activities and they NEED YOUR HELP!

Look out for The Smith Family ladies on Friday April 8th to be dressed in school uniforms around the grounds, looking for any loose change you have to help support disadvantaged Aussie kids. If you are lucky, there may even be fairy bread involved for their keen supporters!

Alternatively if you would like to join the cause, you can also visit the webpage and start up a profile of your own www.back2schoolday.com.au

Jenny
SMITH FAMILY

You may be eligible to receive $500 with Saver Plus

Earn $500 to assist with education costs – CLOSING 31st March!!

Do you have a child at school or are you studying and would $500 help cover your education expenses?

Saver Plus pays people one dollar for every one dollar they save (up to $500) to help pay for education (conditions apply). By joining you could receive up to $500 to help pay for items like computers, books and uniforms.

You must be over 18 and have a child in school or be studying yourself, earning from a job, and have a Health Care or Pension Card.

Contact Local Saver Plus Coordinator: Simone Hickey 5536 5613 or simone.hickey@thesmithfamily.com.au

Japanese

ESSENCE OF JAPAN 2011

SAMURAI ARRIVE!!

Sunday 13th March 2011
Albert Waterways Community Centre
(Next to the Broadbeach Library)
Admission Fee: Adult - $5
Children under 15yrs - Free

Contact: The Japanese Society of Gold Coast Inc.
07 5531 6661(Tue&Thu 9am-1pm)
Nao 0423 511 549

Martial Arts
Japanese Food

Music And More!
Physics and Engineering

On Tuesday 15th February, the year 11 Physics students attended the Griffith University Engineering laboratories to learn more about the structural properties of concrete, including optimising water/cement ratios, aggregate properties and proportioning, use of super-plasticisers, cure retardants, fibre steel and polymer fibre reinforcing.

In the Electrical Engineering and Electronics laboratory, students also tried their hand at constructing a bike light circuit, from interpreting the circuit design drawings, to the assembly and soldering the circuit components to a circuit board.

The senior Physics program incorporates the Griffith University GriffPhys and Engineering Alliance programs where students have the opportunity to gain subject credit and possibly direct entry into Griffith University Science or Engineering courses. For more information contact Mr John Parer on 5509 1228.

Mr John Parer
HOD Science

The Musical

After much debate, dispute and deliberation the Musical for this year has finally been decided upon and cast with a lot of eager students and teachers ready to start rehearsals next week. There have been a number of new students this year who have stepped up and ‘wowed’ us with their amazing voices and talent, we know that this year’s Musical will be one of the best yet! The Musical’s songs “Tomorrow” and “It’s the Hard-Knock Life” are among its most popular musical numbers so we hope to see you in June when our talented student’s take to the stage.

In the depths of the 1930’s, Annie is a fiery young orphan girl who must live in a miserable orphanage run by the tyrannical Miss Hannigan. Her seemingly hopeless situation changes dramatically when she is selected to spend a short time at the residence of the wealthy munitions industrialist, Oliver Warbucks. Quickly, she charms the hearts of the household staff and even the seemingly cold-hearted Warbucks cannot help but learn to love this wonderful girl. He decides to help Annie find her long lost parents by offering a reward if they would come to him and prove their identity. However, Miss Hannigan, her evil brother, Rooster, and a female accomplice Lilly, plan to impersonate those people to get the reward for themselves which puts Annie in great danger.

We look forward to starting the rehearsal process and can’t wait for a great season. Break a leg!

Ms Kelly Sparke
Drama Teacher

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- New understandings of adolescence
- A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- Self check-in, first - for parents.
- Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can’t ignore

Registration Fee
The course costs $15.00
Register for this course contacting Nikki Condon at Village Family Support Program on 07 5529 8253

What parents have said...
A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.

Who’s running it?
The trainer for this course is Nikki Condon who completed Parentshop’s Engaging Adolescents training on 22 June 2010. Studio Village Family Support Worker, Nikki has worked with families, children, young people including teen mums, and the community since the 1990’s with a special interest in building parents confidence to raise happy children.

For more information contact  Nikki
phone: 5529 8253  email: family@studiovillage.com.au

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