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**Business**

**Work Place Practices**

We should ever be so proud:

According to Liz Fritz, manager of Blair Athol Crisis Accommodation, we are the first school to address this community-need direction. Government agencies (both local and state) are planning initiatives to involve schools (at the grass roots level) within their educational program on this increasing community statistic - Homelessness.

This year Workplace Practices Certificate II Year 12 students took an enterprising approach through teamwork on this, a HOMELESS CONNECT project.

Students, Logan Palmer, Jayde Guymer, Kirra Lea Goodchild, Tahlia Klein, Michael Searle, Dylan Bradshaw and Mikaela Luft brainstormed this idea. Over a school term they explored several ways to fundraise, promote and organise a food/personal needs collection. This eventuated to a sizeable collection of contributions, both items and cash.

With the school support and generosity, the class developed understandings of, not only basic business functions but heightened connectedness to community issues and woes.

“These students modelled great citizenship” as Liz Fritz credits Southport State High. Homelessness is often invisible, systemic of structural and Personal matters/ distresses.

[Picture courtesy of Gold Coast Bulletin]

Mrs Sui Grochau

**Science**

**GOLD COAST SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE 2011**

On Thursday 5th May, our talented Year 10 Physics students competed in the Gold Coast Science and Engineering Challenge held at the Queensland Academy for Health Sciences. This year, a number of schools from the Gold Coast region competed over 2 days for a place in the state-wide Super Challenge. Activities ranged from designing and building a hovercraft, bridge, golf buggy and a catapult, to solving a myriad of mind-bending puzzles.

Our students worked exceptionally well together as a team, winning two of the six challenges, being the catapult design and testing and the electricity power distribution system, and achieving third place in the golf buggy challenge. Overall, our students achieved 5th place on their day of competition.

Congratulations to all students who competed and special thanks to Mrs Kelly Wastell for her invaluable assistance on Challenge day.
**Industrial Design and Technology**

Our Year 11 & 12 Construction, Engineering and Furnishing students have been making great progress on a number of school projects. There are concrete pathways being constructed, walls being erected, pergolas with tables and chairs being manufactured and school musical stage components being completed. Thank you to all students who have helped complete, and continue to work on, these projects.

Our Year 10 Graphical Design students are busy designing and CNC machining their radio controlled boats for the Marine Challenge later this year. As the hulls and decks are produced we will display some of them in future newsletters.

Our department was successful in winning a BP Australia grant for our Year 9 Graphical Design class to produce bird and possum boxes for donation to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. The Sanctuary staff have been so impressed with this concept that they have asked the class to also design and manufacture boxes for snakes, foxes and other wildlife. Students will be using our new CNC router for this project and we look forward to them donating their finished products to the Sanctuary. Special thanks to BP Australia for their generous donation. Thanks also to Mister Plywood for offering to supply the materials for this project at a very low cost.

Mr Tony Lawrance  
HOD INDUSTRIAL DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

**From the Guidance Officer**

**Uni-Reach for Year 11**

A wonderful opportunity has arisen for Year 11 students to participate in the Uni-Reach program. Uni-Reach will involve mentors from Griffith University coming to our school on Thursday June 9th and running the program with students in periods 1, 2 & 3. The program offers positive outcomes for students who participate. Students continue a relationship with Griffith University and receive many benefits from this program including exploration of degrees and career outcomes, payment of QTAC fees for students with Griffith preference, link with scholarship and access programs, two day on campus experience in Year 12 and continued mentor support in first year of university.

Mr Greg Cheshire  
GUIDANCE OFFICER

**Reminder**

The Uniform shop is open for your convenience Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7am – 9.30am. Sports shirts are now back in stock with a full range of sizes.

**Model Discovery 2011**

Follow Jess Campbell Miss Universe Australia down the path to discovery at Harbour Town.

Aspiring teens keen to follow in the footsteps are invited to Harbour Town next month to enter the only Gold Coast heats of this year’s Tamblyn Model Discovery.

Harbour Town is the exclusive 2011 Gold Coast host for the respecter fashion industry talent scouting event.

The local heats and semi-final will be staged in the centre over the June 11 – 12 weekend.

It’s the 23rd year, The Tamblyn Model Discovery has propelled many young models on to magazine covers and runways in New York, Paris, London and Milan.

The competition is open to females and males in junior (5-11 years), intermediate (12-14 years) and senior 15 – 19 years) age groups.

Heat and semi-final winners progress towards a grand final to be held in September.

There are also great prizes to be won.

For more information log onto [www.harbourtowngoldcoast.com.au](http://www.harbourtowngoldcoast.com.au) or see Student Services for more information and an entry form.
Parent & Child Activities

Fun activities for you and your secondary child

1. Be a close friend to your teen. Ask how their day went and encourage open communications.

2. Make it a habit for your teen to let you know of their whereabouts.

3. May is Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Encourage your teen to skate or bike to their destinations instead of driving.

4. Pick a controversial issue on the television and discuss it with your teen.

5. Take your teen with you to get your car serviced. Make sure they know the basic car maintenance like checking the oil and filling up the car with petrol.

6. If your teen expresses interest in a job, help to fill out an application. If it’s your teen’s first interview, role play questions the employer might ask.

7. Do something adventurous. Try rock climbing with your teen this weekend.

8. Encourage your teen to be active. Ask your teen to walk or bike instead of taking a ride whenever possible.

9. Ask your teen how school was and what they learnt today.

10. If your teen does not participate in extracurricular activities, encourage them to join a club or a sport.

11. Ask your teen if he/she could prepare the meal today. Lend help when they need it.

12. Let your teen be your teacher today. Ask how they could teach you something that you do not know or are weak at.

13. Be spontaneous today and ask your teen to join you on errands.

14. Let’s talk about relationships today. Let your teen know that you were once a teenager yourself.

15. Ask your teen what they want to do today. Let them decide on the family activity.

16. Talk about peer pressure with your teen. Share with your own personal experiences.

17. Have a family gathering today. It is important to keep your teen connected to relatives.

18. Three key times in your teen’s day are in the morning, during and after dinner and at bedtime. Try to spend some time with your teen during one of these times each day.

19. Does your teen take a lunch to school? Make a healthy lunch together every night before you go to bed.

20. Together, watch your teen’s favourite sport. Ask them to write a news report on the outcome of the game.

21. Check out university and TAFE websites with your teen. Discuss the post-school institutions they are interested in attending. Be sure they know you support their decisions.

22. Encourage your teen to read your favourite book and discuss your opinions of the book.

23. Make your teen’s favourite dinner together.

24. Take an aerobics class with your teen. Discuss the importance of exercise.

25. Discuss the importance of safety with your teen, making sure they are always with someone they know and trust.

26. Have your teen invite their friends for a day of outdoor activities. Go walking, fishing or bike riding.

27. Decide on some educational goals that your entire family can pursue this year.

28. Enjoy some one-on-one time with your teen. Find a hobby that you would both be interested in.

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**Community Art Project**

The Visual Art department at Southport State High School has been given the opportunity to be involved in a Community Arts Project at Musgrave Hill Bowls Club. This project includes the creation of a mural along Kumbari Avenue, in Southport. The mural is quite significant at approximately 18m x 3m.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students as they will learn specific skills related to public art and dealing with the issues related to community needs and responses. Students will have their work exposed to potentially thousands of community members. The aim is for students to gain real life skills that can be applied to their own art folios.

The mural itself will take quite a few hours over many weeks to complete. If you are in the area, take a drive by and see how the image evolves.

The students who have been chosen to participate in this community art project are Bianca Bronson; Marina Carter; Natasha Dunn; Anneke Hogerhuis; Shalina Kreideman; Jessica Messer; Paige Powlton; Marko Slomovic; Zinita Smith; Samuel Train and TJ Wells.

These students will be guided through the project by Miss Lauren O’Toole, Ms Deb Bench and Mr Pete Fadner (who designed the image).

Congratulations to all involved in this project. We look forward to seeing how it evolves.

Mrs Deb Bench
ART TEACHER

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**Music**

**SSHS Band Day of Excellence**

On Tuesday the 24th of May the Southport State High Instrumental Music students participated in the Primary Feeder School Band Day of Excellence. Over 100 primary and high school students joined in on the day in which senior players mentored and extended the performance skills of their junior compatriots. Primary school students were able to hear about and learn about first hand the wonderful schooling and music experiences on offer at Southport State High School. The day culminated in a performance of both the SSHS Concert Band and the combined school band where parents were able to witness the many talents of both our students and the students at the primary schools. Many thanks to the instrumental music tutors who joined in on the day and to the primary schools; Labrador SS, Arundel SS, Southport SS, Musgrave Hill SS and Ashmore SS.

Ms Kate Shepherd
MUSIC TEACHER
Music

Music Excursion

The Year 11 Music class was treated recently to a shopping adventure to the Brisbane Queen Street Mall. As exciting as this may sound to those of you who are non-musical, it was even more so for the senior class as their afternoon was spent in Allans Music selecting repertoire for the upcoming Jazz evening. Students caught the afternoon train to Central Brisbane where they had a quick lunch, followed by over two hours in the music store perusing sheet music. The current assessment task for Year 11 music is a Jazz performance and this opportunity allowed the class to select from a large array of scores spanning the many, many genres of Jazz. Students look forward to welcoming you at ‘Southport – A Night of Jazz’ on Tuesday, 31st May at 6.00pm in the Creative Arts Theatre. All proceeds raised from the evening will go towards a new instrument for the Music Department.

Ms Emily Bertrand
Music Student

Drama

Year 8 Drama Workshop & Drama Festival rehearsals

On Wednesday May 4th a selected group of our Year 8 Drama students were chosen to participate in a Drama workshop run by Mercury’s Wings Theatre Company. For most of these students it was their first opportunity to work with a professional performer from the industry and they loved every minute of the day. The students learnt about the basic principles around physical theatre and how important the body is for a performer through a variety of activities and small performance pieces.

The workshop challenged the students to speak from their diaphragm in order to learn how to make their voices stronger and speak with more projection, and before the day was out, the students, physically and vocally, were a lot stronger performers. The Year 8 students represented me proudly for their first workshop experience and I am proud to say that we have a LOT of talented performers in this group. Many of these students have also just started rehearsals for the Year 8 Drama Festival piece for this year’s competition entitled ‘The Lottery’.

So keep your eyes peeled for some of these talented Year 8 actors in their upcoming shows. Enjoy the Drama.

Ms Kelly Sparke
Drama Teacher
Southport State High School presents …

The count down is on until this year’s school musical. It’s now only a few weeks until Southport State High School’s Annie hits the stage and tickets are selling fast! The heart-warming tale revolves around Annie, a darling orphan, who captures the heart of Mr. Warbucks, the world’s richest man, as well as his entire mansion, and her search to find her real parents. At $10 each, or a table of 6 for $50, you have the opportunity to enjoy a night of family friendly music, laughter and touching performances across three nights only. Our season spans over three nights, 15th, 16th and 17th June, doors open at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start each night. Feel free to bring along a picnic basket of food, or enjoy one of the great food platters available to order or buy on the night.

Remember to get your ticket today before we sell out! To book call 55091206. The performances will be taking place in our very own Creative Arts Academy Theatre right here at Southport State High School.
CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY PRESENTS...

Annie

Book by Thomas Meehan | Music by Charles Strouse | Lyrics by Martin Charnin

Creative Arts Academy Theatre - Brooke Avenue, Southport.

June 15th, 16th & 17th
Doors open 6:45 for 7pm show
Bookings: 5509 1206
Tickets are $10 each or $50 for a table of 6
BYO Picnic Basket - Deli platters + wine available for purchase

“A true family classic, celebrating the triumph of the human spirit”.

Original Production directed by Martin Charnin
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