Subject selection is well and truly underway for 2012. I encourage all parents to communicate with their child to determine what direction and courses should be studied. Our expert team has been assisting many students and their families with these important decisions. If you need extra support please do not hesitate to contact the school where we will arrange further guidance to ensure your child is on the correct path.

Last newsletter I told you all that we were busy preparing for 2012, in saying this we have some very exciting developments that will ensure that we continue to be the leading academic school on the Gold Coast. I am pleased to announce that all students in Years 10 and 11 will have the opportunity to take home a laptop computer for their personal individual use. We are currently finalising all details and will email all parents with material and notices about information evenings that will help answer all your questions.

We have continued in our pursuit of providing the latest and greatest in all that education has to offer. Our facilities, classrooms and grounds are continuing to be renovated and upgraded. We have secured a government grant and additional funding that will help revamp our school and provide a new look Southport State High School from next year. It certainly is exciting times ahead.

We have so many events coming up including our awards nights and celebrations of student and staff success across the school. Please make sure that you visit our website for all the latest information and more details surrounding the times, dates and venues. I thank you all for your ongoing support of our great school and hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Mr Steve McLuckie

From the Deputy Principal

2012 Subject Selections

Recently the current Year 10s have undergone an interview process as part of their on-line subject selection for Year 11, 2012. It was great to work with parents and students in matching subjects to their chosen pathways. Thanks to the Senior Performance Team members for devoting their time to this very important process especially to Jeanette Karl, Year 10 Coordinator who completed the most interviews. The Student Education & Training Profiles provided an invaluable starting point for the conversations.

Year 9s will undertake their selections on-line using OneSchool for the Year 10 Transition year in 2012, during Triple C over the next two weeks. They will select four electives in order to try subjects before they confirm their senior pathways in 2013. We have some very strict guidelines around students attending our end of year events and it is important that all students and their families read through carefully our clearance policy.

Year 8s will need to select an Arts line elective and a Physical Education line elective for 2012 as they will continue with their four core subjects in 2012.

Mrs Robyn Marconi
**Upcoming Events Calendar**

The following are proposed dates on our school calendar.

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**Art Expo**

It is that time of year again when our art students become artists and display their creative genius in an exhibition setting. This allows students to better understand the nature of the ‘real’ art world and the issues related to public exhibition.

This year we have over 80 students exhibiting almost 200 works which include a variety of drawings, paintings, printmaking images, sculptures, fashion design, installations and wearable art.

The Expo will take place in the Enterprise Centre on Brooke Avenue, opening at 6pm on Tuesday 18 October. Entry is by a gold coin donation and this includes the viewing of all art works, refreshments and entertainment. There will also be a sculpture corner this year where children, students and indeed adults, can sit and create their own sculpture to take home. There is a small $5 charge for this. Come and join in the fun, get your fingers dirty and be creative.

We have two wonderful raffles going in conjunction with the Art Expo. Tickets can be purchased during lunch breaks outside the tuckshop at school or on the night of the Art Expo. One prize is a huge $150 worth of art equipment, generously donated by Oxlades Art Supplies. This will be drawn at the Art Expo. The second is an awesome Bodyglove Longboard valued at $160 and donated by Bodyglove. This will be drawn at the Shaft Awards on 31st October.

We look forward to seeing you all at 6pm Tuesday 15th October when you can let go of all worries and immerse yourself in an evening of creativity. As Thomas Merton said: ‘Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.’

**Trade Expo**

Year 10 Business students displayed innovative entrepreneurial skills in their Trade Expo, held at the end of last term. With products that they created, developed, produced and marketed, the students received well earned compliments from visitors – teachers and students. WELL DONE!

**Finance**

**Year 12 Students**

Year 12 students wishing to attend the senior formal must have ALL outstanding fees and levies paid in full before payment for the formal will be taken.

**2012 ID Cards**

For students to collect their 2012 ID cards (available late March/early April 2012) a minimum of $100 must be paid on 2012 fees, and ALL outstanding fees/levies from previous years must be paid in full. Students whose fees are being paid through an active Centre Pay (Centrelink debit) will be permitted to collect their ID card.
**Industrial Design and Technology Department**

I am happy to report to you that we have been successful in winning a $50,000 Impact Award from the National Australia Bank’s School First Initiative. This award is for our advancement of CAD/CAM training being offered to students at Southport High as part of our industry partnership with Matcam.

I would like to thank the people who have supported us in this initiative, and there have been so many that it is impossible to name them all here. Without your support this initiative would not be as successful as it has been. However, it would be remiss of me not to give special mention to Steve McLuckie, Derek Learmonth, Joe Cronin and George Hess from MATCAM for their ongoing support and belief in what we are trying to achieve for our students at Southport High. We look forward to progressing further with our training, developing more industry links and increasing the scope of our CAD/CAM operations.

**Mr Tony Lawrance**  
HOD Industrial Design and Technology

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**Sports**

During the first week of Term 4 a group of Year 8, 9 and 10 boys from Southport State High School competed in the All Schools Touch Football Championship in Brisbane. The competition was held over 4 days, where over 250 teams competed to be the best School Touch Football Team in Queensland. The Junior Boys division was made up of 54 teams where competition was extremely tough. The Southport boys did our school proud and in their pool games won one game, drew three games and lost one. A great effort and performance considering this was our first year in the tournament. Their presence on the field was respected and recognized by all schools and as their coach, I am extremely proud of each and every one of them. The boys have put in a massive commitment to the team and have been training since Term 1, before, during and after school. I would like to thank all the parents and families that have supported their boys in their quest to improve their knowledge and skill of the game. Your encouragement and assistance over the year has been much appreciated. We have now had a taste of touch football at the highest school level so look out for us next year.

**Mr Tom Vieyra**  
Touch Football Specialisation Coach

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**Media Studies**

Year 8 Media Studies are taking social issues in their stride!

This year has allowed Southport High to run Media Studies for the first time as a part of our junior curriculum. With one class semester 1 and two classes offered in semester 2, Media Studies is turning out to be a popular choice for our 2011 Year 8’s.

Last term the Year 8’s were required to study advertising and then construct their own advertisement based around a social issue. Presenting their construction in pairs on powerpoint proved to be a breeze for this techno savvy bunch.

This term the Year 8 Media Studies class will be exploring Photography where they will take photos of and within the school as well as enter photography competitions and even have their work published in the newsletter and school magazine “Reflections”.

Two advertisements that were particularly effective came from Jazlin and Zulaikha and Sahil and Matt. Both ads reflected the task requirements well and highlight the messages of the anti-smoking and anti-gambling campaigns. Congratulations to all Media Studies students. We look forward to your photography work next newsletter.

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Sahil and Matt: “What are you really breathing in?”

Mrs Rachel Cutajar  
HOD The Arts
**Film and Television**

**SHAFT Awards on the big screen!**

This year’s Southport High Annual Film & Television (SHAFT) awards will take place at Australia Fair Birch Carroll and Coyle Cinemas on Monday October 31st at 6:30 pm.

This year the awards will not only showcase the outstanding efforts of the Senior Film, Television and New Media group but will also be an opportunity to dress up in your favourite ghoulish outfit to celebrate Halloween.

Bond University Lecturer Associate Professor and Director of Film & Television Michael Sergi will also be in attendance to present the highly prestigious Best Film Maker award.

We are thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase student work on the big screen and we hope to see you all there. Tickets are available from the Payments window for $5 or can be purchased at the door for $7 on the night.

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**Reminders**

**School Promotions**

Southport State High students, parents and guardians have done a fantastic job supporting both the Woolworths Earn & Lean and Coles Sports for School promotions.

Woolworths Earn & Learn promotions ended 18 October. We are still calculating the last docket scores, however our grand total is currently 2,367. The school will now use these points to choose from more than 7,000 items from MTA (Modern Teaching Aids), the biggest source of educational resources in Australia. The list includes library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more.

The Coles Sports for Schools promotion ends 19 October. The school's current total of vouchers is 13,500. This is an outstanding effort. Don’t forget you can drop the rest of your vouchers in the collection box at Student Services. We are truly on our way to receiving quality sports gear from some of Australia’s favourite sporting brands such as Adidas, Sherrin, Steeden, Speedo, Wilson and Gray Nicolls.

Keep an eye on the upcoming newsletters for more information on what Educational resources and sporting goods we receive through these school promotions. Thank you for all your support.

**SKI TRIP 2012**

After such a fantastic trip this year the 2012 Ski Trip is definitely going ahead and planning is well and truly underway. Students have started to pay their deposits. If your child is interested and has not collected a form please tell them to come see me as soon as possible or feel free to contact me if you require any more information, my email address is gkena1@eq.edu.au.

Thank you.
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THINKING AS WE READ

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