From the Principal

It is hard to believe that it is week 5 and the term is already half over. With the many things that have been happening it is hard to keep up! As our Year 12 students busily finish assessment and prepare for life beyond Southport State High School, we certainly wish them well and all staff are doing their utmost to ensure their success.

For students to be eligible to graduate and attend the Formal, clearance must be met which includes all assessment must be completed. All students and their families were given the details of the clearance process last week but if you need further information please contact our Senior School Department.

It was amazing to see all the staff and students at our annual Academic Awards Ceremony last week. What was even more amazing was the outstanding level of achievement both individually and as a school. Our successes have been many and as a school we have certainly set a culture and expectation of achievement. Huge congratulations to all staff and students who earned awards, your hard work and dedication has certainly paid off, well done!

The school’s Film & Television “SHAFT” Awards were held on Monday evening at the Australia Fair Cinemas. It was also a great night and a huge thank you to the Creative Arts team for their wonderful support of students. Awards were given to students on their achievements this year. We also have our Sports Awards this week and our Creative Arts Awards next Monday.

As part of the Academic Awards Ceremony we unveiled our new School Captains for 2012. Congratulations to Captains Saeran Tanton and Steven Wey and to Vice Captains Emily Bright-Brady and Tayla Skinner. It was a very tough decision with so many quality applicants. Joining them will be eight other students Hannah Allan, Holly Biddle, Mateka Chilcott, Madison Dunbar, Bohdi Irwin, Rebecca McDormick, Jeffery Tang and Sian Tucker-Williams, who will make up our Student Leader Executive.

I have no doubt these students will make wonderful ambassadors and leaders for our school. Well done to all.

We all need to be very diligent in supporting our students in the next five weeks. I can promise you as the Principal we will be doing all we can to ensure that all students have the support and opportunities to achieve success with their final assessments for the year. I promote in every newsletter that our Homework Centre is open every Monday and Thursday from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in our Resource Centre and I encourage all students to make the most of this valuable resource.

Shortly in the mail students and their families will receive a letter that will outline all the updated improvements for 2012 and other vital information. I have already mentioned in three previous newsletters the improvements to the Uniform Policy. I will send the new Uniform Policy which includes all the expectations that will be enforced. I again thank the P&C for their valued contribution.

A very important P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday night November 9th. One of the agenda items will be the discussion and the role of our school Chaplain. All schools across Australia in line with a federal initiative will be deciding on the future of their school’s Chaplain. I encourage all who would like input to attend this meeting.

In closing I would like to say how very proud I am of both the staff and students of Southport State High School. Each and every day I am amazed by the quality of work and the expectation we have of each other to be the best we can be. I would like to thank you our parents and families for supporting us in our endeavour to be the best school in Queensland.

Mr Steve McLuckie
Principal
From the School Captains

To our student body,

It is with distinguished honour that we serve you as School Captains for 2012. Within the role entrusted to us, we will demonstrate sound leadership within all aspects of daily school life. In fact, it is our absolute resolve to support our Principal and teaching staff, in the quest to transform our school and collective pride, to a future that will place Southport State High, as one of the leading secondary educators in Queensland.

As your Captains we extend our desire to support and value the unique contribution that every student is capable of making to the school community. Fostering a united school, brings two things to us all – pride and opportunity. Together, we can help build a stronger platform, that will strengthen our collective futures and those of whom will follow on from our example. In return, we will do our very best to set the highest standards possible, in order to represent you and the ideal we must share together.

On behalf of the newly elected leadership team for 2012, we must extend our deepest gratitude to the outgoing leaders, who have diligently fulfilled their duties for 2011.

Finally, it is with immense optimism and determined spirit that we ask all students, to actively support the new changes that are to be implemented in 2012, and set your personal sights on helping to build a greater school.

Saeran Tanton & Steven Wey
SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Upcoming Events Calendar

The following are proposed dates on our school calendar

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Caltex V8 Super Car Visit

On Friday 28 October our Year 11 & 12 students were treated to a special visit by V8 Supercar drivers Craig Lowndes & Jamie Whincup. The drivers discussed the differences between safe driving on the track and driving on the roads.

During the presentation Craig Lowndes & Jamie Whincup showed the students the safety gear they wear when racing and explained the conditions they endure on track and in the car. This presentation concluded with the opportunity for students to obtain autographs and photos with both the drivers and Vodafone’s V8 Racecar. A truly wonderful and memorable experience for all students involved.

A special mention must go to Duane Harrison – Caltex Star mart Southport for organising this event for us and Rachel Cutajar HOD of Performing Arts who took fantastic pictures on the day.

Thank you also to all the other staff who were involved to ensure this event ran smoothly.
Caltex All-Rounder Award

Congratulations to Rachel Chow recipient of The Caltex All-Rounder Award. This is a nationally recognised award, one of Australia’s most prestigious secondary education awards. It celebrates a Year 12 student who has balanced their Academic, sporting, and artistic or community involvement in the school in a very special way.

Rachel has done a fantastic job maintaining her high school grades while being involved in several projects to benefit the school and community. Rachel has contributed to the school by being the Community Director for Interact, putting together the DVD's for the school musical, Course Production, Jazz Night, Term 3 Music Showcase and Drama Submission.

Rachel has also contributed to the community by running red food days raising money for charities and organised the Homeless Connect Project.

Congratulations Rachel Chow we wish you all the best for the future.

Japanese

On 11 September, Jennifer Masters in Year 8 participated in the Gold Coast Languages Speech Competition, which incorporated the Queensland Japanese Speech Contest. As the competition was so large, each of the year levels were broken into sections. Jenny was awarded Highly Commended in her section. She is a dedicated student of Japanese, who also studies outside of school. Omedeto gozaimasu! (Congratulations!)

Music

Strings Primary School Workshop

Students from the SSHS Strings program attended Southport Primary School and Musgrave Primary School in week 2 of this term to guide and mentor upcoming string musicians. The days acted as an opportunity for our school to showcase the talents of the Strings Program and students impressed full school audiences at both schools.

Instrumental Music Program

In the third week of term four, the talented students of the Southport State High Instrumental Music Program went on tour in the local area. Students of the Concert Band, Stage Band and Percussion Ensemble performed in front of many students and budding musicians at Musgrave, Southport and Labrador Primary Schools. The Southport High students demonstrated outstanding musicianship throughout their ensemble and solo performances and inspired many primary school students to begin learning an instrument. The teachers and Principals of the primary schools were impressed with the musical abilities and professionalism demonstrated by the Instrumental Music students throughout the tour.
**Science**

The results of the ICAS (international Competition & Assessment – Science) and RACI (Royal Australian Chemical Institute) Chemistry Quiz are finally in.

47 students from Years 8 – 10 participated in the Science Competition (ICAS), achieving:
- 5 Distinction certificates
- 17 Credit certificates
- 25 Participation certificates.

14 students took part in the Chemistry Quiz, achieving:
- 1 High Distinction award
- 2 Credit awards
- 11 Participation awards.

Congratulations and well done to all students who took part in these competitions.

Mr John Parer  
**SCIENCE TEACHER**

**Marine Studies**

On Tuesday 25 October 21 marine students went on a deep sea fishing charter out through the Southport Seaway. Although some students looked a bit green around the gills and had to take a lie down on the deck no students were sick. The students caught a great haul of fish including Snapper, Trag Jew, Flat head, Tusk fish and Scott McCarthy caught a shark that was humanely dispatched by the deck hands. The students had a great day and were a happy and well behaved crew who received high praise from the skipper and deckies. Mr Russell had the best fish of the day but it got away whilst being brought on board the ship due to its great size. Thanks to the skipper of True Blue Charters, Mr Fine and the students of SSHS for a great experience.

Mr Stuart Russell  
**MARINE TEACHER**

**Reminders**

**National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program 2012 – 2014**

The National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program (NSCSWP) was announced in September 2011. The program builds upon the success of the National School Chaplaincy Program and supports schools to establish school chaplaincy and student welfare services. The major changes to the program include a new title for the program and choice of a Support Worker or School Chaplain.


The P&C will be meeting on Wednesday 9 November to discuss and decide Southport State High Schools preferred option for 2012. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Year 12 Formal**

**Attendance by Invitation only**

Our Formal this year is at “The Links Golf Club” Hope Island on Friday November 18th. Students will arrive between 5:30 and 6:30. We ask visitors to have departed by 6:45 so we can start at 7:00pm.

Music stops at 10:30pm and the Formal finishes at 11:00pm. We suggest you organize for transport away from the venue by 11:15pm.

**Please note:** there is no visitor parking at the Club House so you have a 100m walk. If the weather is inclement, wear sensible shoes.

Invitations will only be given to students who have paid all fees and who have met all assessment and attendance requirements.

**Finance**

The Payments Window will be closed the last week of Term 4 for all payments (5th-9th December inclusive). Internet banking will still be available.

**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.

Mrs Rosita Day  
**ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT**
Two Year 8 classes have been learning about the history of Southport State High which was built in 1955. Students went on a short walk and talk with Ms Priem, the teacher-librarian, and learned about the first buildings, subjects and uniforms and punishments! “Preserving knowledge of a school’s history gives us a glimpse into the old days so we can compare then and now,” said Ms Priem. “Studying local history also honours people who have come before us,” she said.

Ethan Hough 8F
“I learned that B and E blocks were the first buildings built in 1955. It must have looked very bare in those days compared to today.”

Hazel Aktas 8F
“We saw the girls’ old uniform, which was a blue dress. It looked hot and uncomfortable. I like today’s uniform more!”

Jie Stratton 8G
“Only boys got the cane or the ‘cuts’. Girls didn’t get the cane, but wrote out lines instead. I thought that was interesting punishment!”

Cassandra Van Eck 8G
“I learned that only girls did subjects like cooking, sewing and learning to type on a typewriter.”
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**BREAKING NEWS FROM IKIN DANCE!**

**LAUNCHING IKIN DANCE PART-TIME 2012.**

Get excited, we are in our final stages of launching a part time Cert IV dance program in 2012! Course will run on Wednesday night’s 6 - 8.30pm and Saturdays 12-5pm If you are in Year 10,11 or 12 next year and are passionate about dance please call us now!

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