“Goodbye and good luck”, these were the last words spoken to our graduating Year 12 students as they exited our school for the last time on Friday 18th November. Their send-off was nothing short of spectacular with a wonderful final Assembly, Graduation ceremony and an amazing Formal. It was a culmination of 5 years of hard work and it is a credit to both staff and students that all of our Year 12 students graduated with a pathway, success and a future direction. A huge thank you to our Senior School Performance Team for their dedication and commitment in ensuring all our students were successful over the last two years. I know that the whole team put a huge effort in, well done!

As we were farewelling our Year 12 students we were also welcoming our new Year 8 2012 students and their families at recent Year 7 into 8 enrolment interviews and at our Excellence Assembly on Wednesday. I am very proud that so many families have made the ‘Smart Choice’ and have chosen Southport State High School with educating their children. We certainly take this job very seriously and look forward to many celebrations of student success in the future.

I am pleased to announce that due to our wonderful achievements and success we have been chosen as a pilot school for the ‘Flying Start’ program; this is the early start of Year 7 students into high school. This means that Southport State High School will have Year 7 students studying at our school from 2013. There will be information and further developments throughout 2012. This great reward for our school proves again that our school is being recognised as one of the leading schools in Queensland.

A very important P&C meeting was held at the beginning of November. One of the agenda items was the discussion of the role of our school Chaplain. I am pleased to announce that it was a unanimous vote to keep the role of the school Chaplain at Southport State High School. Paul McGuire our school Chaplain is an amazing man who is passionate and dedicated to the wellbeing of all our students. He plays a vital role in our Support Services Team and we are very fortunate to have him as our school Chaplain.

With only a couple of weeks left, we said goodbye to our Year 10 and 11 students at the end of last week. Our Year 8 and 9 students will continue on until Friday 9th December. We have a variety of engaging and educational activities for all our students in the last two weeks of school.

Staff are already busily preparing for 2012. We have some exciting new developments that will continue to ensure our students’ success and continue on with our improvement agenda. In the last newsletter of the year we will endeavour to provide as much detail as possible. In addition we will send in the mail to all students and their families a letter that will outline all the updated improvements for 2012 and any other vital information. I have already mentioned in three previous newsletters the improvements in the school’s 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.

I wish all our students the best of luck with their final assessments for the year and I look forward to celebrating the wonderful achievements of both staff and students in the near future.

Mr Steve McLuckie
Principal
A Flying Start for Queensland Children

Year 7 Pilot Program

Pilot schools
Murrumba State Secondary College will be the first state high school to pilot Year 7. Murrumba, a new school in North Coast region, will open for Year 7 and 8 students in January 2012.

From 2013, a further 19 schools from across the state will join Murrumba in piloting Year 7 in high school before 2015. They range from large metropolitan schools to small rural and remote schools, as well as schools that currently cater for Prep to Year 10, Years 8 to 12 and Prep to Year 12. These schools were selected following an extensive consultation and expression of interest process. For a full list of pilot schools, visit www.qld.gov.au/flyingstart.

Smooth transitions
Strengthening partnerships with local primary schools will be an important focus for pilot schools. They will work closely with their feeder primary schools to develop pastoral care programs that support Year 7 students through their transition to high school.

Junior Secondary
In 2013, Junior Secondary will be introduced at all state high schools for students in Years 8 and 9. Junior Secondary will also include Year 7 students at pilot schools. Other schools will welcome Year 7 to Junior Secondary in 2015. To read more about Junior Secondary, visit www.qld.gov.au/flyingstart.

School leadership
Teachers and school leaders in pilot schools will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to work with young adolescents. Pilot schools will use the six principles of Junior Secondary to guide their practice, processes and organisation to provide the optimum learning environment for Junior Secondary students.

Visit www.qld.gov.au/flyingstart to find out more.
Congratulations to the 2011 Graduating Year 12’s. We wish you all the best for your future endeavours.
**SOSE Department**

**Gold Coast Extravaganza**

On Thursday the 3 November 60 excited Year 8 students & 6 nervous teachers embarked on an adventure to discover the sights of the Gold Coast. First stop saw the students understand the geomorphologic surroundings of Greenmount and the surrounding beaches. Students used their knowledge learnt in class to connect with their surroundings and discover the sustainability of the beach and the effects this has on their community. After re-fuelling the tank, we jumped in the elevator of the tallest building in the Southern hemisphere to encounter the Gold Coast from a whole new angle. Students were fascinated by the size and diversity of the city & thoroughly enjoyed a birds eye view from the Q1. The Spit was our last leg, which took us to the rocky shore to unearth the development of the Seaway & the surrounding environment. The day was thoroughly enjoyed & watching them connect the concepts learnt in class to their reality was a monumental teaching achievement.

**Industrial Design and Technology Department**

The Industrial Design and Technology Department are using the new CNC router to manufacture products that our students can design and produce. To ensure that our students can get hands-on experience with CAD/CAM production we are trying to complete a steady assortment of products that we can sell to the general public. Shown to the right are some basic concepts for trays, platter servers, cutting boards and wine glass holders. We are currently producing these from New Guinea Rosewood which is a beautiful timber. The products can be engraved to your specifications to make it that little bit special. Next year we will be using a variety of Australian timbers. If you are interested in supporting our students by purchasing one of these items please contact Tony Lawrance by phone – 55091236 or email tlawr8@eq.edu.au. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

**Pricelist**

- **Trays** - $30 or $35 with an engraving
- **Cutting boards** - $20 or $25 with an engraving
- **Wine Glass Holder (holds 4 glasses)** - $6 or $8 with an engraving
- **Serving Platters** - $20 or $25 with engraving
Mad Dogz SEP Business Venture

Mad Dogz is a business venture operated by students in Year 11 & 12 SEP numeracy classes. Students gain valuable life, social and work skills to prepare them for future pathways. The Mad Dogz crew have been recognised as a valuable contributor to the Southport State High School fabric. This year has seen Mad Dogz extend its catering business to external events such as: The Annual Gold Coast Recreation & Sport Athletics Carnival held at Griffith University's track, showcasing the “pathways” for students with disabilities at SSHS.

Additionally, each Year 7 feeder Primary School who visited Southport State High School received a “Mad DogZ Meal Deal”. Mad DogZ has conducted market research on field trips to places including Movie World and the staff have seen their knowledge reflected in new product launches during 2011.

The students are very appreciative to their sponsors Retro Chef Clothing and GC Embroidery. Retro Chef donated 8 black chef aprons and red chef bandana hats. Gold Coast Embroidery were very supportive in cutting our embroidery costs for the Mad Dogz logo to an absolute minimum. They also donated 10 red baseball caps for the MD Crew. On behalf of Mad DogZ I would like to thankyou for your continued support including staff and students including our number one customer Mr McLuckie and our number one supporter Ms Talbot. Other regulars included Mr Griffin, Mrs Perry-Cross and Mrs Graham.

Congratulations to all students involved, you have done a fantastic job.
Library News

Top Readers of the Year 2011

Congratulations to these students who continue to read and enjoy books.

Year 8
Aiden Carpenter
Angus O’Connor
Bill Flores
Darvyen Wallace-Nuku
Ethan Hough
Ian Kam
Martin Luna
Michael Segalla
Trent Verney
Yoganandha Igusti Ngurah

Year 9
Bradley Eggins
Brianna Bailey
Crystal Waters
Kaiya Brown
Louis McMillan
Macey Bourke
Owen Williams
Puneet Raj

Year 10
Ben Howarth
Ben Reid
Eric Kanem
Gage Mackay
Halsdon Philp
Jesse Littler
Joshua Janson
Justin Murphy
Kyra Moyle

Year 11
Bianca Bronson
Candice Grieve
Emily Bertrand
Emma Cheshire
Jessika Gordon
Lachlan Horrigan
Patricia Bailey
Sara Igusti Ayu
Shaylor Wells
Steven Bracanovic
Tamika Khan

Top Novels 2011

Library News

AIME Program

Indigenous students complete AIME Program

Wayne Schmutter, Byron Lupton and Alex Finnigan have just completed a 16 week mentoring course at Bond University organised by AIME. AIME is the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience which provides a mentoring program that links university students in a one-on-one relationship with indigenous high school students. Southport High School was one in seven Gold Coast schools to participate. The program was set up to encourage indigenous high school students to finish Year 12, go to university or gain employment.

The boys had a great time with their mentors and worked on poetry, art, recorded their own Hip Hop song and learned more about their Aboriginal culture. They also met famous indigenous Australians, including Scott Prince. They spoke with students in small groups about what being an Aboriginal meant to them and how they had achieved their dreams. The boys found this aspect of the course inspiring. Wayne was asked to speak for the mentees at the final presentation and he summed up the program by saying that as a result of participating in the program, “I am more confident in what I do and how I do it.”

Miss Maddie Hodge
INDIGENOUS SUPPORT WORKER
Reminders

Employers rate VET

Another good reason to consider VET as an excellent pathway to find the career you want has been highlighted in a recent study. The National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), has just released a publication regarding employers use and views of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) System. The encouraging news is that employer satisfaction with the VET system, as a way of meeting their skill needs, is high at:

- 84.8% for employers with jobs requiring vocational qualifications
- 83.7% for employers with apprentices and trainees
- 88.3% for employers using nationally recognised training (which was not part of an apprenticeship or traineeship).

Of those businesses surveyed, just over a third have jobs requiring vocational qualifications. Of these employers:

- The main reason for having jobs that require vocational qualifications are to meet legislative, regulatory or licensing requirements (53.7%), and to provide the skills required for the job (60.8%).

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.

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.

2011 Gold Coast Tennis Club of the Year.

Labrador Tennis Club, Pure Tennis Academy and Southport State High School have been awarded the 2011 Gold Coast Tennis Club of the Year at the recent Gold Coast Annual Tennis Awards. Head coach James Griffiths (pictured left) and Labrador Tennis Club President Col Garrett (pictured right) happily accepted the award on the night.

This follows an extremely successful year for all partners involved. With the use of the courts ever increasing with the school, community and Pure Tennis Academy. Plans are underway to introduce Tennis into the school through the Pure Tennis Academy team of coaches in early 2012, to start producing some more promising and talented players through the tennis academy and school.

Well done!

Mr James Griffiths

PURE TENNIS ACADEMY HEAD COACH

Queensland Government

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services Program provide services to students up to the completion of Year 10. As regular dental examinations are important, it is recommended you arrange ongoing care for your child following the completion of Year 10.

For students in Year 11 and 12 and adults to be eligible for government funded oral health care they must be:

Queensland residents, and where applicable, in receipt of benefits from either a:

- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) issued by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA)
- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) issued by the Centrelink
- Health Care Card (HCC).

For residents issued with these cards and currently receiving benefits, eligibility is extended to their dependants named on the card.

If your child is eligible for treatment after the completion of Year 10, please register for general dental care or emergency care by telephoning:

Oral Health Call Centre
1300 300 850
Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm
Excluding Public Holidays

Please note waiting lists do apply.

Children of parents not eligible for government funded dental care will need to seek care privately through their family dentist.

Further information on government funded dental care can be accessed via http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/default.asp or please contact you local Oral Health Services Staff if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services
Queensland Health
SHAFT 2011

On 31 October (Halloween), the annual SHAFT (Southport High Amateur Film and Television) Awards were held at the Australia Fair Cinemas. Film and Media students from Years 10, 11 and 12 were given the proper Hollywood treatment and had their films shown on the big screen for the first time in the night’s history.

To mark the occasion, as well as the date, students and teachers came in full fancy dress. Minor prizes were given to everyone who came in costume, and two students were singled out as having the best costumes - Celine Gasbarra (who came as a shower cubicle – ‘Karate Kid’ style!) and Christina Blight (toy soldier) – who were awarded major prizes from sponsors Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Birch Carrol and Coyle Cinemas and Montezuma’s Labrador, for their spectacular efforts.

Numerous film awards were given out on the night, most notably the first ‘Bond University Film Student of the Year’ which was awarded to Year 12 student Shalina Kriedeman for her work on the films ‘Corrupt Case’ (a film noir detective story) and ‘Eye See You’ (a Halloween appropriate thriller).

Additional award recipients included Year 12 students Rachel Chow (‘Best Year 12 Individual Production’ and ‘Best Director’) and Josh Bishara (‘Best Editor’). Other films that captured the audience’s attention included Year 12 student Marisa Dennis-Bragg’s film ‘Nocturnal’ (a stop animation tale of what happens in classrooms when the lights go out) and fellow class member Olive Paragua’s adorable film ‘Some Earlier, Some Later’ that brought more than a few tears to more than a few eyes.

The films shown on the night were of an exceptional standard and all who attended agreed it was the best SHAFT Awards on record. Next year will mark the first time at Southport State High where students in all grades will have the opportunity to study Film and Media, so the 2012 SHAFT Awards are guaranteed to be the biggest and best yet.

Staff and students are still riding the wave of this highly successful evening and are looking forward to getting back into production next year in our new custom built space in L block.

“That’s all folks!”

Miss Ky Hinselwood
Film, Television and New Media – Subject Coordinator

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Ikin Dance 07 55221863

Christmas School Holiday Workshops Auditions Scholarship Comp
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5/12 Crown Court, Varsity Lakes
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- 4.30pm - 6.00pm Group Workshops
- 6.30pm - 8.00pm Programme

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Location:
87 Village Way, Studio Village
Oxenford Queensland, 4210
Centre is at the top of the park where the marker is pointing, ie: east of Theatre St