FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is now the end of first semester and I wanted you all to know that we have achieved so much with still half a year left to go.

In reflecting on what has been a very busy semester I can honestly say that our school is certainly considered one of the best schools in the South Coast Region. I don’t say this as a flippant comment but with the support of high academic performance and outstanding student results.

Both staff and students have worked tirelessly in the last 2 years to help us regain our place as a leading school on the Gold Coast and I could not be more proud of what we have achieved. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful parents and community for the unwavering support and confidence in our school, policies and procedures. Together we have instilled into our young students high expectations and a pathway to success.

All students will be receiving their reports and it is a very important to reflect on Semester 1 results. Students will be receiving very important feedback to enable them to achieve further success in the future.

Semester 2 promises to be a very busy term especially for our Junior Secondary team. We will be very busy preparing for our Year 6 and 7 visits from our feeder primary schools. We will also start construction on our new state-of-the-art building which will have 10 new classrooms, a staffroom, toilets, lift and the latest and greatest resources.

In closing I wish all our students, parents, staff and community a wonderful and relaxing holiday. I hope that everyone has the opportunity to spend some quality time with their friends and family. I look forward to Semester 2 with an exciting second half of the year planned.

Mr Steve McLuckie
Principal

Parent-Teacher Interviews have been scheduled for Tuesday 24th July 2012 from 2:15pm to 7:15pm 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 of 10 minutes duration. To streamline the booking process for parents we are using an online booking system Parent Teacher Online (PTO) which you can access from our school’s website.

Bookings can be made from 8am Friday 22nd June through to 9am Monday 23rd July.

On Tuesday 24th July students will go home early at 1:15pm to allow teachers to prepare for the interviews. If your child will be remaining at school on Tuesday 24th July contact Student Services on (07) 5509 1207 to advise that your student will be remaining at school until normal school finish time of 2:55pm.

Book Club for Parents and Community Members in Labrador

The Labrador State School Book Club is on Tuesday 9th July at the Labrador State School Library from 3pm. Reading levels of adults to kids can use the Library facilities while the book club is on if needed. Great outing for anyone wanting to make new friends, pursue a love or reading or just come for a chat. For more information, please contact the Labrador State School Librarian Gillian on 5537 6866.

Calendar of Events

The following are proposed dates on our school calendar

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Drama Air Workshop | Year 10 MAQ Boating | Music – Griffith Uni Experience | Music Symphony Orchestra
Written by student reporter Bianca Bronson (11)

YEAR 6 VISITS

On Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May, our school commenced its \textit{Flying Start Initiative}. This means that we are a pilot school for Year 7 students in 2013. Year 6 students from our partner school Labrador Primary School had an orientation and were involved in a range of school activities and a day full of fun. The morning’s activities included Hospitality, Agriculture, Trix Circus, Science and Industrial Design & Technology. With a lot of things to do in the morning, Labrador’s Year 6 students couldn’t wait for their hot dog lunch to be served by Southport High’s \textit{Mad Dogs} crew. After a well-deserved break, students were involved in an afternoon of Preforming Arts, and were able to choose Art, Media, Drama, Dance or Music to do for the rest of the day. The day was followed by an information evening for the parents of Year 6 students wanting to enrol next year. We hope you enjoyed your day with us and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

JAZZ NIGHT

On Monday 21\textsuperscript{st} May the Year 10 Music class hosted a \textit{Jazz Night} in the Creative Arts Academy Theatre, giving many students a chance to showcase their talents. On the night, Instrumental Music teachers Mr Andrew Stubbs and Mrs Stacey Bray directed different ensembles including the Stage Band and the Jazz Rock Fusion Ensemble. Soloists also had their time to shine preforming on stage and in the foyer. Students from both Labrador and Arundel State Schools joined the Southport State High School Stage Band on the night. Music genres that were preformed included funk, early rock, blues, swing, Latin and songs from \textit{The Great American Song Book}. Funds raised on the night went towards last term’s Composer-in-Residence program. Special thanks goes to all the teachers involved in setting up, as well as in the running of the night because we couldn’t have done it without you.

STATE SCHOOLS’ FANFARE COMPETITION

It’s a busy time for the Music Department with students participating in the State Schools’ Fanfare Competition this year hosted by Upper Coomera State College. Students had the opportunity to showcase their talents in a competitive environment against all other secondary state schools on the Gold Coast. Our Wind Ensemble was directed by Mrs Stacey Bray, the Stage Band was directed by Mr Andrew Stubbs and the String Ensemble was directed by Ms Jodie Ralph. The competition went over three days and was tough but Southport State High School brought home many accolades. The Rock Ensemble was also invited to play at a district leadership breakfast for Principals and Administrative teams. They were joined by vocalist \textit{Kalia Baldan}. 
Year 8 Arts Elective Semester 2

It is with great enthusiasm and anticipation that the Arts Department welcomes the Semester 2 elective students to their subjects. In Semester 1 students studied Drama, Music, Media, Visual Art or Dance. In line with National Curriculum mandates, students were asked six weeks prior to the conclusion of the semester to choose a new elective to study. This allows students to access more than one artistic option, opening their eyes to the many possibilities of the Arts Department and exposing them to joys of each subject. Students who chose Visual Art as their preference are required to pay a small levy and parents will have already received a letter in the mail regarding this. We are opening up the world of possibilities to the Year 8’s by giving them access to a further Arts elective and we are excited to share our passion for the subjects with each and every one of them over the coming semester.

Ms Kate Shepherd
Music Teacher
SOUTHPORT STATE HIGH SCHOOL TOUCH

What a wonderful semester of touch football. Congratulations to all teachers and students on your exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship, you have done Southport SHS proud.

With 119 students working hard together in teams, there was every chance of success this year. And success is what we have had with four teams winning the Gold Coast Zone Finals. These teams were the Under 13 Boys, Under 15 Boys, Open Girls and Open Boys touch teams. Well done to these teams; their players and their coaches!

As a result of this success we have formed three teams to compete at the Queensland All Schools Touch Tournament which is held in Brisbane from the 11th to 14th of October 2012. Members of these teams have been selected to train during Semester 2 sport on Wednesday afternoons. We wish them all the very best of luck and look forward to hearing more about their successes as the year progresses.

Mr Lee Rossow, Mr James Halvorsen & Mr Tom Vieyra
Touch Teachers

“ROMEO & JULIET” EXCURSION TO QPAC

On Tuesday 24th April, a group of 30 enthusiastic Drama students bounded on a bus and headed for QPAC. There they viewed prestigious drama troupe Queensland Theatre Company performing their modern interpretation of Shakespeare’s classic love story “Romeo and Juliet”. Directed by acclaimed theatre practitioner Jennifer Flowers, the students were wowed as the awe-inspiring performance translated this tale into the 21st century.

A unique lighting design and an intriguing set added to the beautiful interpretation. The show was breathtaking and used modern elements of dance and physical theatre as well as symbolic costuming to engage the audience and take them on a journey of the two star crossed lovers. Needless to say, this performance proved that Shakespeare’s texts are timeless and his work inspires others to feel passionate about theatre. I know our students were!

Mrs Cara McLennan
Drama Teacher
Yr 8, 9 & 10 Rec Sport Enrichment Activities Semester 2 – 2012

As part of the Southport State High School Sport Program, all Year 8, 9 and 10 students will be participating in Rec Sport Enrichment Activities. This will take place on Wednesday afternoons during period 4. Students have been asked to select from the list of activities below. Thanks to teachers for providing such a great range of enriching opportunities for students.

Mr Dave Mason
Head of Sport

**GETTING FIT OPTIONS**

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<td>Fitness Walking</td>
<td>Students walk as a group with teachers around the local neighborhood to develop fitness. Walk and talk. Meet at Enterprise Centre.</td>
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<td>Boxercise</td>
<td>Students will complete various boxing fitness circuits. Sessions will include boxing bag work, boxing pads, boxing mitts, shadow boxing, running, sit-ups, push-ups etc.</td>
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<td>Kickboxing Fitness</td>
<td>Kickboxing - Students will complete various boxing/kickboxing fitness circuits. Sessions will include boxing bag, boxing pads and kick pad work. Students will also complete fitness and technique components which will include running, sit ups, push ups and technical instruction.</td>
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<td>Gym Weights</td>
<td>Students will do a series of fitness tests to develop their fitness profile and learn how to write a gym weight training program. Students will do their program each lesson. We will re-test to see if they are improving.</td>
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<td>Surf For Life Fitness Program</td>
<td>Students will learn and practice various fitness and flexibility regimes designed to improve paddling strength and general flexibility.</td>
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<td>Fitness Classes</td>
<td>Students will undertake various instructional video fitness classes. For example:- Zumba, Yoga, Body Combat, Pilates. Be prepared to get hot and sweaty.</td>
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**GETTING SPORTY OPTIONS**

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<td>Badminton / Table Tennis</td>
<td>Learn skills and play in a round robin social competition. Students will be expected to participate at all times. Students will also be expected to officiate and referee games on courts during the social competition.</td>
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<td>Netball Excellence</td>
<td>Students will participate in a mixture of drills and modified games. Learn netball rules &amp; refereeing; game play strategy; positional play; develop cardiovascular fitness; play in a round robin tournament.</td>
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<td>Basketball Excellence</td>
<td>Students will participate in a mixture of drills to develop their basketball skills. This sport is not social basketball. You must be prepared to work hard at improving your game skills.</td>
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<td>Social Touch</td>
<td>Students will participate in a mixture of drills and modified games. Learn touch rules &amp; refereeing; game play strategy; positional play; develop cardiovascular fitness; play in a round robin tournament.</td>
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<td>All Schools Touch 15 Boys</td>
<td>This sports group is only for those students who are training for the All School Touch tournament. See Mr Vieyra if interested.</td>
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<td>All Schools Touch 13 Mixed</td>
<td>This sports group is only for those students who are training for the All School Touch tournament. See Mr Rossow if interested.</td>
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<td>Soccer</td>
<td>Students will participate in a mixture of drills and modified games that develop soccer skills.</td>
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<td>Handball</td>
<td>Play handball. Learn competition rules, teamwork, sharing, cooperation, social interactions.</td>
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<td>Tennis</td>
<td>Students will learn the basics of good tennis technique: forehand, backhand, serve, volley and game play.</td>
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<td>Film Making</td>
<td>Students will learn video editing and camera techniques to help them make their own movie.</td>
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<td>Photography</td>
<td>Students will learn the elements of good photography. How to take the perfect shot!</td>
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<td>Reading, Writing</td>
<td>Reading books or being a “student reporter” and writing stories for publication or creating cartoons in the PIXTON website.</td>
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<td>Cartooning</td>
<td>Students will be involved in several mini art projects. Students will experience a variety of creative media such as drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture.</td>
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<td>Farm</td>
<td>Students will learn about the farm. Help out with farm tasks.</td>
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<td>Student Laptop Activities</td>
<td>Getting the most out of your student laptop. Accessing the web, web design, problem solving, computer activities, programming, game-maker and discover a collection of tools and techniques that make your online life easier, safer and more productive.</td>
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<td>Drama Festival</td>
<td>Rehearsal time for students who are in Drama Fest. Drama teachers will select students for this group.</td>
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<td>Photo Shop</td>
<td>Learn how to use Photoshop on the computers to get the most out of your snaps.</td>
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<td>Guitar Club</td>
<td>Learn how to play guitar and having a jam. Must have your own guitar.</td>
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<td>Mathletics</td>
<td>Compete against other students from other countries on Mathletics Live. Improve Maths skills and increase appreciation of Mathematics.</td>
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<td>Boardgames</td>
<td>Building literacy and numeracy skills through playing various board and card games.</td>
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<td>Music Skills</td>
<td>Instruction and techniques for Instrumental Music, small ensembles and vocalists. This session is also for those wishing to compose their own songs. Exposure to various repertoires from pop, rock and jazz. Students should be able to play an instrument already.</td>
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Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

**Description:**

Whooping cough (or pertussis) is a highly contagious respiratory infection caused by the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis*. It can affect babies, children, adolescents and adults. For adolescents and adults the infection may only cause an irritating, persistent cough. However, whooping cough can be life threatening for babies and young children, particularly those not fully protected by vaccination. During coughing attacks, a baby or child’s breathing can be obstructed and they may become blue or stop breathing.

**Symptoms:**

Whooping cough may start like a cold, with a runny nose, sneezing and tiredness, and then the characteristic cough develops. These coughing bouts can be very severe and frightening, and may end with a crowing noise (the whoop). This occurs as air is drawn back into the chest, and can be followed by vomiting or gagging. Bouts of coughing may continue for many weeks even after treatment.

Infants under six months of age, vaccinated children, adolescents and adults often don't have the typical whoop.

**Transmission:**

Whooping cough bacteria are highly infectious and are spread to other people by an infected person coughing and sneezing. The infection can also be passed on through direct contact with infected secretions from the mouth or nose. The time between exposure to the bacteria and getting sick is usually seven to ten days, but can be up to three weeks.

A person is most infectious in the early stages of their illness. Unless treated with antibiotics, a person is regarded as infectious for three weeks after the cough began.

**Treatment:**

Treatment is a full course of antibiotics which reduces the time a person is infectious to others. Antibiotics need to be given within 21 days of the start of general symptoms or within 14 days of the start of coughing. Antibiotics may reduce symptoms if given early.

Some people who have had close contact with an infected person may need to take antibiotics to prevent infection. This includes people at high risk of serious complications (eg. children aged less than one year who are not fully vaccinated and women near the end of their pregnancy) and others who live or work with people at risk.

**Control**

A person with whooping cough should stay away from work, school, preschool and child-care until they have had at least 5 days of their course of antibiotics, or until 21 days after the cough began.

If children who have had less than three doses of whooping cough vaccine are close contacts of an infected person, they should stay away from preschool and childcare until they have taken a full course of antibiotics, or for 14 days after their last exposure to the infected person.

**Prevention:**

Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent whooping cough. The vaccine is recommended and available free for:

- all children at 2, 4 and 6 months of age and 4 years of age. Vaccines due at 2 months of age can be given from 6 weeks, and those due at 4 years can be given from 3 years 6 months
- Year 10 students (booster).

A booster dose is also recommended for any adults who haven’t had a previous booster, particularly:
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

- parents planning a pregnancy, or as soon as the baby is born
- anyone working with or caring for babies and young children, especially healthcare workers, childcare workers and grandparents.

Help and Assistance
For further information please contact your local doctor, community health centre, nearest public health unit or the 13HEALTH information line (13 43 25 84).

Other Resources and Related Content
Immunise Australia website

Whooping cough and immunisation - Queensland Health fact sheet

References

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**Mini NBA**

School Holiday Basketball Camp
July 2nd and July 3rd (Friday)
5-9 year olds, 9am-3pm
Open to all students
Cost: $30
Contact: 4352 0574 or email admin@minibasket.com.au

**HIA & Construction Skills Queensland**

Skills for the Future Careers Seminar
and Trade Skills Display Expo
Friday 27th July
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane.
A great opportunity to listen to up-to-date information about the Trade Industry and possible career opportunities. Many trades will be on display. If you or your students are interested contact the Guidance Officer to register. Students will have to make their own way to and from the venue on the day.

**UQ Young Scholars Program:** Designed to nurture and develop high achieving Year 11 students, the Program presents a unique opportunity for academic extension and enrichment. UQ Young Scholars will discover, learn and engage with UQ’s academic community, leading thinkers and like-minded students from across Queensland and New South Wales. Program involves two camps and costs $595.00. If interested see Guidance Officer for more information and application processes.

**The Unspoken**

Year 12 Drama Course Production 2012

**Wednesday 25th July**

Creative Arts Academy Theatre
Doors open at 5:45 pm for a 6 pm start
Tickets: $5 From the Payments Window
PH: 5509 1222
Or at the door
All tickets $5

**Gold Coast City Council**

**Holiday Program**

Saturday 21st June 2012 to Sunday 9th July 2012

There are over 150 free and low cost activities running over the school holidays. Cook downs,表现出原图, get active and above all have fun and enjoy all the different experiences on offer. There is something for everyone.

Join In Get Active Gold Coast Month
Holiday program is designed for children and young people up to the age of 15 years with your friends and family and get active and above all have fun! Visit Gold Coast Healthy.

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This month parents with school aged children will start to receive the new federal government Schoolkids Bonus. For each child in high school parents will receive up to $820 and for each child in primary school $410. This will be directly paid into your bank account throughout June.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund, which reimbursed school expenses at tax time.

Despite this payment coming earlier than usual, the Federal Government has encouraged parents to use this money to further their children’s education.

This can be done at a local school level by contributing to one or more of the following:

- Student Resource Scheme
- Excursions/camps
- One to One laptop Program
- End of year formal
- Instrumental music program costs
- Updating uniforms to comply with expected school standard

All of these help enrich learning and enhance outcomes for your children.

June/July School Holiday Workshops!!!

ACRO – CHEER – DANCE – SPORTS AEROBICS – BREAK DANCE

Start time 9.30 am Finish time 2pm
Monday 25th June & Monday 2nd July

Ikin Dance Australia
5/17 Crown Court, Varsity Lakes

Register now 5522 1863!!!

FREE for Ikin Dance Members!
Only $15 for Non Ikin Dance Members