The end of the term is finally here and it certainly has been very hectic but most of all a very rewarding term. We have achieved so much and our strategic school improvement agenda has been the driving force behind our success.

This week we received our school’s NAPLAN results. NAPLAN is the national testing of all Year 7 and 9 students to ascertain each individual student’s development in relation to Literacy and Numeracy. I am very proud to say that our students achieved outstanding results. We were one of the only schools in Queensland that achieved results that were above both the state and national averages. Our students’ rate of improvement was also higher than most students in the state and nation. What was also a highlight was the high percentage of students in the top 2 bands for both Literacy and Numeracy results. This is an amazing result and congratulations to both our talented students and our dedicated staff who have worked tirelessly to provide the best education and support. Well done! We continue to be one of the leading academic schools on the Gold Coast and this is well supported by our NAPLAN and senior school results. Soon all families will receive in the mail their student’s NAPLAN report. For a more detailed report on NAPLAN please go to www.qse.qld.edu.au

When I first came to Southport State High School as Principal three years ago my schedule was very empty. In three years I am now completely overwhelmed by the competitions, events and Eisteddfods that our students are entering and the outstanding results that they are achieving. I have had the privilege over the last four weeks of watching, celebrating and proudly admiring the wonderful performances of both our staff and students. In every event that we have entered this year we have finished a place or have been awarded highly commended. I am extremely proud of being the Principal of our great school and love that my diary is now full. Our Awards nights next term will certainly showcase our very talented students in more detail. These will be events not to be missed.

Last newsletter I told you all that we were busy preparing for 2014. 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. 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 and we have secured a government grant and additional funding that will help revamp our school and provide a new

Look for Southport State High School from next year. It certainly is exciting times ahead.

We have so many events coming up next term 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.

In closing I would like to thank you all for your continued support of what I know is the best school on the Gold Coast. I hope that you all have a relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Mr Steve McLuckie
Principal

Calendar of Events
The following are proposed dates on our school calendar

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From the Deputy Principal

Our successes.
Deputy Principal, Mrs Rachel Cutajar celebrates the talents of Junior Secondary Students and Teachers

What an amazingly busy term we have had in the Junior Secondary grades.

An immensely successful Eisteddfod year has again cemented the Arts at Southport High School to be among the very best in the fields of Music, Dance and Drama on the Gold Coast.

We continued this success with outstanding representation in the sporting arena through South Coast championships and furthered our love of sport by adding the Year 8 and 9’s to the Student Leaders Touch competition. Congratulations to the teachers team who won this round. Not be outdone, this spirited competition will be relived on Friday. Thanks again to Mr Rossow and the Junior Leaders for being the driving force behind this program.

We have also seen great success with our Special Education students attending their recent sport carnival and an exciting visit to Paradise Country also facilitated a firsthand farm experience for our students.

Our immense and perpetual success in the NAPLAN results, is of course one of the most exciting news stories of our school, and our continued drive toward academic excellence is definitely being showcased in our region with Southport High out performing like schools in all fields by nearly 40 points. This is testament to the teaching and learning that is taking place everyday in our classrooms and the dedication of our teachers and students in always striving for success. We are very proud of all involved and look forward to tracking this success for many years to come. Our data clearly highlights that high school life certainly agrees with our Year 7’s.

Year 7 Camp

Year 7 Camp is fast approaching and we have been inundated with students beginning their payment plan for this exciting adventure in November. So far it looks like 7C are well ahead of their counterparts in being the first group to have all paid for their camp, but this is hotly contested by one or two other classes. The prize for the first group to have all their students ready for camp? Pushing a “happy to stay dry” Deputy Principal from her paddle board in a splashing frenzy!

I’m excited to take part in the camp this year where we will be sailing, learning archery, partaking in leadership activities, astronomy and all sorts of wonderful sports that will culminate in our Year 7’s emerging as young leaders of our school community.

If you haven’t paid and would like to do so please contact Ms Rosita Day, Finance Administrator on 5509 1206
Term 4

Term 4 looks incredibly busy and our continued celebration of success will take place at the Academic Awards night in October, with guest speaker past student and alumni, Mr Clive Palmer.

(Mr Clive Palmer: Special Guest Speaker and past student.)

I look forward to seeing you refreshed after the Spring break.

Mrs Rachel Cutajar
Deputy Principal

From the Indigenous Support Worker

Last Friday a group of our indigenous students, Miss Maddie and myself participated in the last AIME Outreach Day for the year at Bond University. It was a great day with an inspiring line-up of special guests, which included The Paper Kites (Band) and Josh Creamer (Barrister) as well as many other successful and inspiring people. Students received a certificate and gift and were also lucky enough to view a special video message from singer/song writer Thelma Plum who was unable to attend the session.

Ms Vicki Campbell
Indigenous Support Worker

From the Sports Department

Netball

During term three Southport State High School netball girls had a chance to play against New Zealand teams. The A grade netball teams from Year 9 & 10 played against Napier Girls High School from New Zealand on a Thursday afternoon.

Versing the Napier girls was a great experience for Southport as we have never versed a team that has the same skill level as us. This experience built up our team strength and capability, as we were pushed to our limits however; we overcame it by pulling together as a team. The Napier girls were great players and you could see the differences from what lots of training can do to your capability on the netball court as a player. The Napier girls were very kind and it was nice to know what they do different to us at their school.

The Napier girls team was a tough team to verse, you could tell that they had been playing together for a long time but Southport was not intimidated and played to their best ability as a team. The score line had a gap, although we were not concerned as we were having a great time.

As a player this experience was major, as you got to see first-hand how other teams from different countries played and how they supported each other on the court. Everyone would have taken something away from this experience whether it was seeing how to support their team or a play that they could use for themselves.

We would like to thank the umpires for coming and supporting us and the players for their momentous efforts and successes at this match. Southport had a very pleasurable time playing against the New Zealand team and would jump at the chance to do it all again!

Miss Taylor Fitzsimmons
Student
**Touch Football**

This year’s winner was the Teacher Team, winning 8-1. Congratulations to Adam Skinner for scoring the only Junior Secondary All Stars Team touchdown, and to Lachlan Greenwood for being the best on field for the Junior Secondary All Stars Team.

With more than 100 students participating in this term’s Junior Secondary Inter-house Touch Football Competition demonstrating so much potential, and a first and second place **Touch Football: Junior Secondary All Stars Team versus Teacher Team**.

Congratulations to Reece Brewer, Jordan Ault and Sunshyne Te Amo from Year 7, Lachlan Greenwood, Wilson Groth, Chase Te Amo, Jack Morris and Harrison Hogan Dummett from Year 8, and Adam Skinner, Matthew Baulch, Zane Kimura, Jasmina Botonjic and Jye Thomson for being selected in this representative team. Thank you to Carolyn Smales for refereeing, and the teacher’s team comprising Dane Anderson, James Halverson, Mia Murphy, Lee Rossow, Liana Tufuga-Mika, Tom Vierya, and two fill-ins from the senior school: Liam Bain and Miguel Jarman.

In the two tournaments we have attended this year, we are sure to continue to have success as we build the capacity of touch football in our school over the next few years. Upcoming events include the Cleveland Invitational Carnival where we are sending one team (Junior Boys), Queensland Secondary All Schools Tournament with three Southport teams (Year 8 Mixed, Junior Boys, Open Boys), and Queensland Primary All Schools Tournament with two Southport teams (Year 7 Girls, Year 7 Boys). We wish all involved the best of luck and are hopeful for your continued success.

**Mr Lee Rossow**  
**Year 9 Touch Specialisation Teacher**

*2013 SQBD Championships – Touch Football*

Congratulations to the Year 8 Mixed team, coached by Miss Murphy, who finished 2013 SQBD Champions after defeating Benowa 6-4 in the Grand Final. This team remained undefeated all day, demonstrating the strength of touch football here at Southport SHS. Whilst all players performed extremely well and should be proud of their efforts, the player of the final, and coach’s award recipient, was Wilson Groth. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement to the following players; Ashlee Robba, Baylee Bergman, Siena Grice, Keirra Lesa, Brooke Allen, Lachlan Greenwood, Chase Te Amo, Wilson Groth, Jack Morris, Cooper McCann, Tyler Brown and Declan Te Amo.

Further acknowledgement must go to our Junior Boys team coached by Mr Rossow who finished 6th after some hard fought games. Whilst we were disappointed with our achievements here, we know that as most of this team is comprised of Year 8 and 9 students who played against Year 10 students, we are only going to do better in the future as we work in cooperation with one another to achieve our best. Congratulations to the coach’s award recipient in this division, Zane Kimura. Your defence was second-to-none throughout the entirety of the championships. Well done!

A big thank you to Chris Barker, Jasmina Botonjic, Kynan Brady, Aaron Brewer and Victoria Schofield for refereeing during this tournament. All of you represented our school with respect and pride, and your efforts were very much appreciated.

**Lee Rossow and Mia Murphy**  
**Touch Football Coaches**

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**From the Arts Department**

**Eisteddfod 2013**

Southport State High School Music students have received excellent results in the 2013 Instrumental Music Eisteddfod. This competition hosts schools from across South East Queensland, both private and public. Southport High has a reputation for success in Music and this year was no exception. For the first time at our school we had a Year 7 Concert Band that competed against students older than them in years. This group won a third place trophy, which is an outstanding job. Our Senior Concert Band won a Highly Commended while the Stage Band won a third place trophy. The String Ensemble placed first in their division, which is an amazing achievement. Congratulations to all talented music students involved and to all of their music teachers involved. A very special thanks to Stacey Bray, Jodie Ralph and Andrew Stubbs.

**Miss Jasmine Reilly**  
**Student**
Arts Assembly

Southport High has had a long history of success in The Arts as was witnessed on Assembly last week. The immense wealth of talented students in The Arts were recognised for their outstanding success in the wider community experiencing success from Visual Arts and Media to Music, Dance and Drama. The Southport High community was very pleased to acknowledge those students who have dedicated themselves to The Creative Arts across the year. This assembly allowed the whole school community to witness award-winning performances from Dance, Drama and Instrumental Music.

State Honours Ensemble Program

More than 750 of the finest teenage musicians from across Queensland will descend on South Bank during the school holidays for Queensland Conservatorium’s SHEP 2013 (State Honours Ensemble Program).

1,400 students were nominated by high school music departments across the State, with 760 of the best and brightest chosen to represent their schools (state, private and distance education).

Congratulations to Celine Cronin, Paige Hunt and Jordan Luettke who will participate in this program from Southport State High School. We wish you the very best for this event.

Running October 3 - 6, participants will work alongside international and national conductors and ten American exchange students for the 2013 program. Four grand finale SHEP 2013 concerts showcasing the talents of these astonishing young musicians are open to the public on Sunday 6 October at 10am, 12noon, 2pm and 4pm in the Conservatorium Theatre, South Bank.

Visual Art Student Exhibitions

Over the past few weeks, Visual Art students have had the opportunity to showcase their work in several art exhibitions including the Gold Coast Show, Energies and Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art.

A few weeks ago, both junior and secondary art students exhibited their artwork in the Gold Coast Show. Amidst some tough competition, the following students impressed judges and managed to take away places in their categories. A Highly Commended was awarded to Monae Lange and second place was presented to Samantha Levick. First prize went to Sasha Dux, Tarni Forbes and Daniel Kenafake.

Daniel Kenafake, Urick Salazar, Emilie Roberts and Samantha Levick have their artwork on display in ‘Energies’, which continues until Saturday 6th October in Gallery Two at the Gold Coast Arts Centre. ‘Energies’ is one of the most prestigious school art exhibitions on the Gold Coast, showcasing the best senior artwork in the region.

Chara Scroope, Sara Weston, Daniel Kenafake and Emilie Roberts exhibited their work in the Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art at Griffith University. All students exhibited work was of outstanding sophistication and Daniel Kenafake was presented with a Commendation certificate for his artwork ‘An Evening Snack’ which is depicted below.

From the SOSE & LOTE Department

Ski Trip 2014

A parent information evening will be held at the school at 6pm on Tuesday October 22nd. During the meeting we will provide you with lots of information regarding the trip and a representative from New Zealand Travel will also be present to discuss the trip.

So, if your son or daughter will be in Year 11 or 12 next year, please feel free to come along and find out more about this awesome opportunity. The meeting will be held in F5, the students will know where to go and please park in front of the Admin building.

Greg Kenafake
Ski Trip Coordinator
Year 9 SOSE – History Excursion & ACE Extension Activities
All in attendance at the Mudgeeraba Light Horse Museum on Monday 2 September had a fun-filled day. The planned schedule providing the perfect addition and extension to our World War One unit, and provided the opportunity for students to not only be educating in a fun and interesting manner but also to work collaboratively to create a digital story showcasing anything of interest to them. The horses and equipment that students were able to interact with was also a major attraction.

The Year 9 ACE SOSE class have been involved in a number of community activities so far this year, inclusive of Clean-Up Australia Day, Water Watch and Seagrass Watch. These ventures have enabled our students not only to experience first-hand engaging activities in the field, but provided them with lectures and presentations from experts in the field. The latest venture was our first Seagrass Watch activity at the mouth of Loders Creek. We were able to identify two types of seagrass present here: Zostera and Halophila Ovalis. Such monitoring, to limit impact, only occurs three times a year, and our second session is in December. A massive thank you to all involved for your outstanding representation of our school whilst out and about.

From Science Department

Biology
Who did it?
On Friday, the 13th of September, Year 10 Biology students participated in a mock crime scene as a final activity to their Forensic unit for Term 3. Students became budding Forensic detectives for the lesson and collected evidence and information from primary and secondary crime scenes within the school. Throughout this exciting and interactive lesson, the classroom was transformed into a forensic investigators dream, with an abundance of DNA and trace evidence linking various suspects to the crime. Students were challenged to follow the evidence, and relive the crime itself. With the guidance and assistance of the Biology teachers this experience will definitely be one to remember.

A big thank you goes out to all the Biology teachers (Miss Duguid & Miss DeMott), students and “special guest” Mr Lappi who created such a realistic mock crime scene for the students to enjoy and finish the Forensic unit with a bang. If ever a crime has occurred, you know who to call, the Year 10 Biology crime busters.

Chelsea Tatton & Coralie O’Shea
Students

Year 8 Bushfire Talk
Bushfire season is upon us and 8E, 8J and 8I learned about how to prepare, act and survive a bush fire when the Queensland Rural Fire and Rescue presented a talk and demonstration.

For more information:
www.fire.qld.gov.au or
www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au

Ms Priem
Geography Teacher

From the Maths Department

Calling All Year 8 Parents
How often do you hear the words “I can’t do it” or “It’s too hard” when your child sits down to do their Maths homework?
Do you have a look in their book and think to yourself “We did it differently when I was at school”?
Would you like to be able to help your child achieve to the best of their mathematical ability?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, then the following information is for you.
We are offering a one-hour Adult Master Class on – Linear & non-linear relationships
This session has been designed to show you the basic concepts that will be covered in class over the first weeks of term and how to best help your child at home when they get stuck.

What: Year 8 Mathematics Master Class
When: Tuesday 22nd October starting at 5.30pm
Where: Synergy 6, Synergy Centre, Southport SSHS
RSVP: please email mheis12@eq.edu.au by Thursday 17th October

Miss Mia Heiskanen
Maths Teacher
From Business Department

WORKIN’ HARD FOR THE MONEY
Year 9 Business students deliver the goods
The Year 9 Business Studies class has recently been involved in a unit of work where they were required to run a small business venture. Students have been studying the benefits and downsides of being self-employed, particularly in the small business sector. As part of their assessment, they were required to come up with a business idea and create a trade display from which they would sell their products ranging from cookies, chocolate fondue and lollies.

As you can imagine the groups had no problem at all attracting customers. The trade displays were a fantastic opportunity for the students to showcase their hard work throughout the term. A grand total of $445 was raised with all profits being donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation in memory of our tuckshop lady who has recently passed away, Faye Kirkwood.

Miss Renee Greenhalgh
ACE SOSE Teachers

Sponsorship for Academic Awards
A special thanks to the following companies who have so graciously offered to sponsor our upcoming Academic Awards Evening.

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A simple fundraising idea that will put a big smile on everyone’s face (and their living room wall!!!)
Family members are priority and for only $20, your families will receive a gift that will be enjoyed for a lifetime. Furthermore, the entire $20 sitting fee will be donated back to your school to assist in raising much-needed funds.
- Our experienced portrait photographers will ensure sensational results
- Additional photographs will be available for purchase at affordable prices
- Christmas themed weekend now available
- Tell a friend - this offer is not limited to school families; additional photographs are available for outside family and friends.
Take advantage of this great offer and raise much needed funds for your school!

For further information and to book your family fundraising weekend please call: Tenille on 0421 921 040 or 07 5520 2999

MyTime for Grandparents
Gold Coast My Time for Grandparents and Carers Support Group
Are you looking after your grandchildren and would like to meet with others in the same situation? MyTime is for Grandparents and carers who are the full-time carers of their grandchildren aged up to 18 years.

At the group, you can find out about available community support, discuss issues that affect you, socialize and share ideas with others who understand the challenges and issues of your caring role.

The Gold Coast MyTime group meet every two weeks during school term.
Where: Grand Hotel Coffee Lounge area, 360 Marine Parade, Labrador
When: Every second Monday 9.30am – 11.30am during school term.

There is no cost to attend and morning tea is provided.

For more information please contact:
Marjorie Graham, Facilitator
Phone: 07 5527 3034 email: marjorie1@gmail.com

MyTime for Grandparents is nationally coordinated by the Parenting Research Centre, funded by the Federal Government.
Runaway Bay Youth
School holiday program
All activities are free

Monday 23 September 2013
8am-10am Flagellation
Everyone needs to register and put your name down for activities
10am-12pm Mobile app challenge
Are you up for the challenge? Find out who’s number one?
11am-12pm TT Taster
Let’s play some games with Titan Heavy Vehicles from Lightning Ridge
12pm-1pm Lunch
Bring your own lunch
1pm-2pm Llama farm
Enjoy the adorable llamas run from The Pet Farm
2pm-3pm BBY Picture of ART
Make your mark as a part of Runaway Bay Youth

Tuesday 24 September 2013
10am-11am Tactile
Learn the days from the big letters and let’s get into the rhythm
11am-12pm Homer make up and Bubbling oil
Artist Cathy Booth will show you how to create wounds using make up and props, with a few hiccups, from Batman’s chemical spill
12pm-1pm Lunch
Bring your own lunch
1pm-3pm Handicrafts messe
Get all your friends over to the heart of runaway Bay to join some new friends
3pm-5pm Glory Diamond class
With handcrafts there is no way to keep your way around the obstacles course but you need to assess the photos or if you will be sent back to the start point (not a friendly wizard may help)
3pm-5pm Glow the picture
Put your face for fun and you and your friend need to choose the picture - very tricky... look for clues
3pm-5pm Movie
Chill and relax with some popcorn and catch a movie

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School Holiday Art Group

DESIGN, CREATE AND DECORATE YOUR OWN CLAY MASK!

DATES: Session 1: Creating the Mask – Thursday 25th September, 2013
Session 2: Decorating the Mask – Thursday 3rd October, 2013
TIME: 2pm – 5:30pm both weeks
WHO: Anyone aged 12 – 17
COST: $10 (full payment of fees will guarantee your place in the group)

NOW: Register your interest and pay at reception

HURRY – ONLY 8 PLACES AVAILABLE!

September School Holiday Workshops!!!
ACROBATICS - CHEER - DANCE - SPORTS AEROBICS

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Registration 9.30am. Start 10am. Finish 2pm
Tuesday 24th September & Tuesday 1st October
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Register now 5522 1863!!!
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