FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are well and truly in the middle of the term as you are aware. Assessment for all year levels will be ongoing in the next 4 weeks. Our core business is ensuring that all students are prepared for these very important weeks ahead. I ask all our parents to support your students and help us ensure their success. Our Assessment Policy is very clear in that students must complete all their assessment by the end of the Semester to progress into Semester 2. On our website under Assessment Calendar is a list of all assessment dates for each subject and year level. I encourage you to print off your child’s important draft and due dates.

The P&C have been the first important group that have signed off on our School Council Constitution. I certainly appreciate the feedback and input from our parent body. At our next P&C meeting on Wednesday the 5th June we will be holding nominations for our parent representative on the inaugural School Council. I encourage all to attend who would like to nominate or vote on this very important position.

Our school Musical is fast approaching and I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your family to Chicago. From what I have seen and heard there is no doubt that this is the best Musical that has been produced from our amazing Creative Arts Academy. A little birdie told me that there are some very special guest appearances that can’t be missed. A huge thank you to the dedicated teachers, students and families who are going above and beyond to ensure that the Musical is a huge success. Well done to all!

Enrolments have been increasing for our intake of Year 7’s and 8’s for 2014. I am very pleased to say that over 50 students have already successfully enrolled into our Flying Start Year 7 program. Auditions and testing have taken place for all our Excellence Programs. There were many applicants and the quality and standard was very high. It has been very challenging for our staff in selecting students into these programs. A huge congratulations to those students who have been successful. In the coming weeks students will be told of their acceptance into our prestigious programs. We will also be offering a second round of auditions next term. For more information please contact our office as we would hate for any student to miss out.

Our Homework Centre has been very successful and I am pleased to report that over 200 students have now had access to professional tutoring and support from teachers.

The Homework Centre is open on Monday and Thursday afternoons each week until 4.30pm and provides support for students in all their academic subjects. All students are welcome and I hope that parents can encourage their students to attend.

It certainly has become colder in the last few weeks and again I implore all parents to ensure that their students have the correct school winter uniform. To clear up any confusion, all Junior Secondary students must wear the school jacket or the new school pullover. The school pullover will be available at the end of next week. In the meantime students will be able to purchase a brand new school loan jumper and will be able to exchange this as soon as the new pullover arrives. We had some problems with the quality of the first shipment and as a result have had to wait for a better product to ensure our families receive a quality garment that will last for many years. For our Seniors they can also purchase the school jacket or pullover and have the option of the Senior polar fleece.

Our P&C have been working tirelessly to ensure that our school continues to have the latest equipment and support to ensure student success. I sincerely thank our executive and the parents who have provided valuable contributions over the last few months especially in designing our policies and procedures. Our Appearance Policy is being finalised for 2014 and there will be some minor changes that are in the best interest of our students. I will send out to all parents these updates in the weeks ahead.

In closing I would like to thank you for your continued support of our great school and the hard work that all our professional and dedicated staff do each and every day to ensure that this is the best high school on the Gold Coast. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events in the near future.

Mr Steve McLuckie
Principal
Calendar of Events
The following are proposed dates on our school calendar

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Reminders
Health

Students in grades (10, 9 & 8) have been provided with an offer of oral health care pack to take home.
The pack includes:
- Child & Adolescent Oral Health Service Brochure
- Examination Card

If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above and did not receive an offer of care pack and you would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays.
If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The uniform store is open the following hours:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30am – 10:00am.

Supper at Chicago

Enjoy some quality catering by the senior Hospitality students whilst being entertained at the CHICAGO musical on 5th—6th June, 2013.

Purchase one of our delicious menu items available on the night.

Didgeridoo
Any student wishing to learn to play the Didgeridoo are encouraged to go to F13 and see Miss Maddie for more details.

Indigenous Studies

Year 8 English students enjoyed an Indigenous cultural lesson in the library with Miss Maddie and Miss Vicki. Students participated in storytelling, art and music-making.

Maddie Hodge and Vicki Campbell are our Indigenous Support team.

Mrs Avril Priem
Librarian
From the Business Department

This year the Business Department is proudly running the prestigious Australian Business Week (ABW) program. The event will be held during Week 1 of Term 3 (Monday 8th to Friday 12th July, 2013) and will involve all Year 11 Business students. The program gives Participants a greater understanding of business as they work in teams to take over and run their own simulated hotel. Students will work cooperatively to make decisions which will have real outcomes as they deal with the full complexity of business activity.

As ABW approaches students are required to confirm their participation in the program. Significant fundraising and financial support from local businesses has been obtained which has reduced the costs for all participating students. There is a cost of $35 per student which was due on Friday 27th May and all students were required to submit their signed permission form to Student Services.

Miss Nyree Hawley
Business Teacher

From the Science Department

Year 12 Marine camp

On the 20th of May the Year 12 Marine class went to South Currigee camp grounds for their boating camp. The students completed elements of the RMDL (Recreational Marine Drivers Licence), a snorkel at Wave Break Island and fishing off the beach. Thanks must go to Mr Fine who gave up his own time to come over to the camp on the first night. We were entertained by Zane’s Tales of home in Latvia of catching bears in deer skin boots and Fabio’s matchbox sized camping utensils. Both Mr Fine and Mr Russell were surprised by Ben Mether’s excellent ability at driving the school vessels – a career beckons as a trawler deck hand. The students had a great time and were a pleasure to have on camp.

Mr Stuart Russell
Marine Teacher

From the SOSE Department

As part of the Social Science Ace program, students from Years 8 and 9 have been participating in enrichment programs designed to provide authentic and meaningful environmental action-based experiences, as well as creating a student-driven responsibility for the stewardship of the school. The generosity of Bunning’s Warehouse in supplying the school with equipment and several team members this month have allowed the Year 8 Ace Students to start their very own class vegetable garden, which students will maintain all year to cultivate nutritional vegetables.

Students were very enthusiastic throughout the process, even going to the extent of naming each plant. The Year 8 Ace class have also been busy adopting Loders Creek as a waterway which they have taken on the responsibility of monitoring and conducting the start of an ongoing creek-to-coast litter and debris project, aided by Naomi Edwards from Griffith University. Students’ hard work in the collecting, sorting of litter and compiling data will prove to be a valuable asset to the National Marine Debris database and help keep our local waterway clean.

Activities involving the Year 9 Ace class included a coastal ‘forest’ project, where students engaged in a catchment crawl water quality testing and guest lectures from organisations who have kindly given up their time, including: Dr Tim Stevens (Australian Rivers Institute), Doug White (Loders Creek Catchment Centre), Naomi Edwards (Griffith Coastal Management) and Emma Tait (Water Watch). In the coming months, students from Year 9 Ace are set to participate in dune planting and monitoring in the local region which should prove to be an engaging experience for everyone involved.

Miss Jade Sleight
SOSE Teacher
From the Arts Department

Hello all; year 12 drama class here!

Since the start of this term, the Year 12 Drama class has been hard at work directing performances, learning lines, designing flyers, pitching ideas and fundraising this year’s Course Production, all in the hopes of producing an exciting night filled with drama, comedy, insight into life’s problems and a smorgasbord of advice you didn’t ask for. You’ve no doubt come across one of us, intimately or from a distance screaming, crying and laughing (but most likely crying) as we clamber to pull together what is, for us, the biggest, most enjoyable and most important night of our senior year – the Year 12 Course Production! That’s right! At 6pm on Wednesday the 24th of July, we will fling open the doors of our theatre and invite you all in to be a part of this huge production. Come and enjoy our shows that will see you wait with Vladimir and Estrogon for an eternally unreliable “Godot”, scowl with the waitresses from “Shakers”, travel down memory lane with the “Parramatta Girls” and feel a touch of sadness as three girls emerge from their “Holes” to tell their dark story that will send shivers up your spine.

Your support would mean the world to us – we promise a fantastic night of entertainment. Don’t forget – Wednesday July 24th 6pm! We hope to see you there!

Year 12 Drama Class

From the Sports Department

Central Interschool Premiers
Southport High had a very successful Interschool Sport season finishing the Central Division Interschool Sport Competition with 13 Premierships. Overall it was another successful year and it was fantastic to see students so keen and competitive across all sports. Well done to all teams and their coaches and good luck to the teams who will be competing at the Gold Coast Interschool Sport Finals on 5th June. Premiers certificates will be presented to students at a sports assembly and MVP and Coaches Awards will be presented at the Annual Sports Awards Night on 6th November.

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Mr Dave Mason
HOD Sports

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**Adolescent Cannabis Check-Up & Quitting Cannabis 1-6**

This training aims to:
- Enable participants to understand cannabis use and abuse
- Enable participants to implement an evidence-based Motivational Enhancement and structured CBT intervention
- Improve and/or enhance the skills of clinicians who engage in face to face counseling on a medium to long term basis with cannabis users
- Demonstrate a brief intervention to be delivered by clinicians irrespective of the client's treatment seeking status

**Prerequisites:**
- A working understanding of Motivational Enhancement theory and CBT
- Participants need to be willing to participate in a 3 month follow up with NCPC

**This workshop is facilitated by:**
- Monica Lord
  - Clinical Social Worker
  - headspace Southport

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**VENUE:**
headspace Southport
26 Railway Parade Southport

**DATES AND TIMES:**

- **Session 1**  Adolescent Cannabis Check-Up  Wednesday 19th June, 2013  4pm – 8pm
- **Session 2**  Quitting Cannabis 1-6  Wednesday 26th June, 2013  4pm – 8pm

**COST:**
Free

**REGISTRATIONS:**
Contact Monica Lord – headspace Southport
5509 5900 or monica@headspacegoldcoast.org.au
Registrations close 5pm Monday 3rd of June, 2013. Hurry – only 20 places available!