FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Time is certainly flying by and it is hard to believe we are already nearly halfway through Term 3. The last six weeks of the term is a very busy time as Year 12 students will be working hard to complete assessment and sit the Queensland Core Skills Test. We certainly wish them all the best in their endeavours and will be providing the highest level of support possible.

Our current Year 10 students will be going through a very rigorous program of choosing their senior program for the next two years. We will be providing an extensive careers day, parent information evening and will be interviewing all Year 10 students and their parents. This process supports our philosophy of ensuring each student has an individual pathway and that we have provided the best support for all students and their families. It is the most important time for our students and we appreciate the support of our parents. All Year 10 students and their parents/carers should have by now booked in for their SETP interview. For more information please refer to our website.

Our current Year 8 and 9 students will also be involved in subject selection processes for 2014 towards the end of the term. More information will be sent to parents/carers in the near future and will be made available on our website. Our Homework Centre has been in full swing this term; I am pleased to report that we have over 40 students who regularly attend. Again I encourage all students who would like tutoring or support with assignments and study to attend. The Homework Centre is open every Monday and Thursday afternoon from 3pm to 4.30pm in the Resource Centre. Our teachers should be commended for giving up their private time to ensure the success of our students.

We have had students representing our school in various events and competitions and I am very proud to report that we have had some amazing results. On Friday our students participated in our annual Athletics Carnival and the performance of our students was outstanding. Many long standing records were broken and it is a credit to our Sports Excellence Program and teachers for developing these wonderful athletes. Our Performing Arts students are busy preparing for Drama Fest, we have been the best school in all sections over the last three years and I know this year will be no exception. Our band students are also preparing for a busy schedule with Gold Coast Eisteddfod in the next couple of weeks. I certainly look forward to our Awards Evenings next term when we will be able to formally recognise the staff and students who have gone above and beyond in their pursuit of excellence.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Over the next two weeks Year 10’s will be undergoing interviews to finalise their Senior Education and Training Plans (SETPs). Prior to the interviews students need to prepare by discussing with parents their preferred subjects listed in the Subject Selection Booklet and also read the Senior Manual on the school’s webpage https://southportshs.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Seniorschool/Pages/default.aspx. Both documents are on the right hand side of the Senior School page under the Curriculum tab.

Interviews will be approximately 30 minutes duration and can be booked through PTO – information was both given to students and emailed home last week. As there are approximately 245 Year 10’s, it is essential you register as soon as possible.
This is the last stage in the subject selection process for 2014 for the Year 10’s. Students will need to bring their own laptops to the interview as the selections are done online in OneSchool.

Even if your student thinks they may not be at this school in 2014, it is advisable to attend an interview. Often when changes do not work out it is too late to obtain preferred subjects. It is easier to remove a student’s choices in the timetable, than to add with limited choices.

Students MUST complete the SETP process to confirm enrolment for 2014. Any student who has not completed this process will need to have an enrolment interview at the start of the 2014 schooling year.

Mrs Robyn Marconi
Deputy Principal

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

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From the Industry Liaison Officer
Career Hunter App
New smartphone app helps young people with jobs and career opportunities

The Career Hunter app, developed from a young person’s perspective, is a simple way for young people and their parents to explore career opportunities.

Believed to be the first career exploration app of its kind, it provides information about occupations and industries, job descriptions, training and qualification requirements, and job vacancies. It makes tangible links from school to the world of work and highlights the industries were skills are most needed.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment; The Smith Family; Regional Development, Australia; Busy at Work and Group Training Australia worked together on the development of the app — now available from the Apple app store.

Learn more at http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/index.html

Mrs Karen Hall
Industry Liaison Officer

TRAINEESHIPS/APPRENTICESHIPS AVAILABLE
The traineeships and Apprenticeships listed below are available for application. Please see Mrs Hall, Industry Liaison Officer in F8 to apply. If Parents or Guardians would like further information about School-based Traineeships or Apprenticeships please contact Mrs Hall directly on 5509 1285

CERTIFICATE III BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
RTO Consulting – Burleigh Waters

CERTIFICATE III BUSINESS
Parkwood International Golf Club – Arundel
Pets Wonderland – Currumbin

CERTIFICATES III RETAIL OPERATIONS
Bakers Delight – Hope Island
Bakers Delight – Arundel
Newsxpress – Biggera Waters
Lenards Chicken – Southport, Q-Super Centre

CERTIFICATE III COMMERCIAL COOKERY
The Surfers Paradise Beach Café – Surfers Paradise

CERTIFICATE III HOSPITALITY
Crema Espresso – Helensvale, Harbourtown
Tall Ship Cruises – Southport
The Pickled Cactus – Biggera Waters
Zushi Sushi – Harbortown, Pacific Fair, Surfers Paradise
Café Piazza – Southport
Yatala Pies – Yatala

CERTIFICATE III HAIRDRESSING
NVS Hair & Beauty – Pacific Pines
Blowdry Bar – Broadbeach

CERTIFICATE III SCREEN PRINTING
Proscreen Printing – Southport

CERTIFICATE III SHEETMETAL FABRICATION
Porter Solutions – Biggera Waters (Suit Year 12 Student looking for a full time Apprenticeship for next year – must have a Manual Drivers Licence)

SHORT COURSES AND OPEN DAYS
Design Work – Graphic Workshop (10th – 11th August)
Limited Spaces available Cost $185 total includes all materials and lunch. Bookings: drew@designworks.edu.au or PH 5535 0298

AIR GOLD COAST OPEN DAY: Sunday 18th August (10am until 2pm) See Mrs Hall for a flyer

GOLD COAST INSTITUTE OF TAFE TRY-A-TRADE DAY (3rd September) – Year 12 student only – interested in a Trade Career.

GOLD COAST INSTITUTE OF TAFE SCHOOL PROGRAMS – Applications for these courses close on the 6th September for the 2014 Intake. You can go onto the GCIT website (gcit.edu.au) to view the Certificates or students can collect a booklet from Mrs Hall in F8.

Mrs Karen Hall
Industry Liaison Officer
Reminders

All Year 12 students wanting to go to the senior formal must have all outstanding fees paid in full before payment for the formal will be received.

From the Arts Department

The Southport State High School Year 7 Concert Band, Senior Concert Band and Stage Band toured local primary schools on Monday 5th August. The massive day included performances at Ashmore State School, Labrador State School and Southport State School.

Primary school students just loved hearing the ensembles play, as well as the solo introductions to each instrument, rating the performances an A+ overall. The 67 students who participated in this day loved getting back to their grass roots performing in the primary schools they attended so many years ago, showing off for old class mates and teachers alike. The day served as a workshop and practise performance opportunity for the upcoming Eisteddfod.

Over 120 Southport Instrumental Music students will compete in the Eisteddfod over a 2 week period in mid-August. Notes have this week been sent home to parents of those students who are involved with details regarding performance times, transport and uniform. If you would like to come and watch our amazingly talented students in action, performances are:

Year 7 Concert Band: Tuesday, August 20 at 2.15pm
Senior Concert Band: Thursday, August 22 at 1.00pm
Stage Band: Friday, August 23 at 11.00am
String Ensemble: Tuesday, August 27 at 3.15pm

Little Big Sound Excursion

Last Friday a group of Southport State High School students from Year’s 9 – 11 travelled on a train to Brisbane to the Little Big Sound music conference. Little Big Sound is a Brisbane event for young people that gives them the opportunity to hear stories and experiences from industry professionals. We heard from artists who are part of The Medics, Regurgitator, Powderfinger and many more. We learnt how to write our own songs, how to juggle our career financially and different performance techniques. There were a wide range of lectures, classes and tours that we could choose from, and many students from other schools, T.A.F.E, and academies also attended. Once the event was over the students from Southport State High School left with helpful tips on how to make and maintain a career in music. Thank you Miss Robinson and Miss Shepherd for giving us this amazing experience.

From the Science Department

Physics Excursion

On Monday, 22nd of July, Year 11 Physics students went to Dreamworld as part of their EEl (Extended Experimental Investigation), a major assessment item in their curriculum. While the students were required to collect data using Pasco Data Loggers, which they wore inside a special harnessing suit, they did manage to have some fun as well, even some reluctant individuals. A couple of students, who shall remain nameless, couldn’t stop screaming with excitement from the shear exhilaration of the rides – particularly “The Claw”!

It was not all fun though; students needed to appreciate the forces due to acceleration on these rides, called “g-forces” (gravitational-forces). To better appreciate the physics of these rides, many trials were required – not one for the faint hearted!
From the Maths Department

Last Thursday the 25th of July, students from the ACE and Sub-ACE math classes participated in the Canterbury College Mathematics Team Challenge. Accompanied by Miss Sheehan, Miss Rodas, Miss Hoppner and Mr Foreman, students were engaged in problem solving throughout the day in a variety of team and relay events. Team events involved the students collectively solving complex problems which were looked upon by a supervisor. The relays consisted of pairs within the teams consecutively solving questions without the assistance of other team members.

The students that were involved in the challenge include:

Students from Year 7:
- Jacob Evans
- Courtney Gray
- Kelly Lee
- Damon Nirazuka
- Jaxon Parkinson

Students from Year 8:
- Angela Duong
- Wilson Groth
- Bridie Kavanagh
- Rose Kearsley
- Dean Kelly
- Sally Lee
- Michael Luna
- Kaylem Niguidula
- Lily Payr

Students from Year 9:
- Katona Files
- Carn Marsh
- Aiden Mason
- Lachlan McKay

Students from Year 10:
- Ailey Lyon
- Ryan Neil
- Jennifer Masters
- Coralie O’Shea
- Chelsea Tatton
- Robert Cronin

The overall experience was very rewarding in that students were able to stimulate their interest in the area of Mathematics. Southport teams unfortunately did not place in the top 3 of the events however competed to the best of their ability. A special thanks goes to the organisers of the Math Challenge at Canterbury College and to all the teachers who made the experience possible. Watch out Canterbury we’ll be back next year!

Miss Stefanie Hoppner
Maths Teacher

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What parents have said...
A step dad arrived on an incident at the weekend with his 12-year-old step-daughter, the fact that the input he had received the previous weekend from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more constructive outcome.

A single Mum who had attended as her assistance on the last night had the group in tears. She had felt all the weight of her 12-year-old on her since the week and had had a few more family discussions with son that would presumably have been less-comfortable.

Who’s running it?
The trainer for the course is Nikki Crandon who completed ParentsPlus' Engaging Adolescents training on 22 June 2010. Nikki has worked with families, schools, and community services since.

For more information contact Nikki:
Phone: 5529 8253 Email: family@studioskillvillage.com.au

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