FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“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. Their send-off was nothing short of spectacular with a wonderful last assembly, Graduation and finally the 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!

After saying goodbye to our Year 12 students we also welcomed our new Year 7 and 8 students and their families at our recent interviews and our Excellence assembly. I was 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.

We had an important P&C meeting that was held recently. One of the agenda items was the discussion of the role of our school Chaplain. All schools across Australia in line with a Federal initiative decided on the future of their school’s 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.

We said goodbye to our Year 10 and 11 students last week and our Year 7, 8 and 9 students continue on until Friday 13th 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 2014. We have some exciting new developments that will continue to ensure our students’ success and continue on with our improvement agenda. We will endeavour to provide as much detail as possible via emails and our school website. In addition we will send in the mail to all students and their families a letter that will outline all the updated improvements in 2014 and any vital information. I have already mentioned in previous newsletters the improvements in the 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
From the Deputy Principal

**Mad Moustache Monday!**

What a fantastic day we had celebrating and raising funds for our school 2014 charity "Youngcare". Emerging Leaders worked extremely hard to run the entire day which included Mexican games with Mr Rossow on the oval, selling moustaches, Mad Dogz hot dogs, nachos and slushies. We sold a student raffle (congratulations Tarquin) and a staff raffle (congratulations Mrs Hall and Mr Johnson).

None of this could have been achieved without the support of our community sponsors of Montezuma's Restaurant Labrador, Madam Tojo’s at Chirn Park and Café 2U Coffee.

A very special and heartfelt thanks to Emerging Leader Yolanda Flynn who took on the bulk of the organisation as well as to Mr Rossow, Ms Doyle, Ms Voges, Mrs Cronin, our amazing and very supportive Tuckshop Amigo’s especially Mel, and all the staff who dressed up as well as students who purchased moustaches.

We look forward to making this an annual school event at the beginning of Term 3 next year.

Yours in charity,

Mrs Rachel Cutajar
Deputy Principal

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**Emailing Report Cards**

OneSchool has recently enhanced the reporting process to parents/guardians by offering the ability to email the report cards home.

As the school is growing rapidly the increased costs of printing and mail outs are having a large impact on other resources. On average each student receives a report which contains three pieces of paper. With at least 1200 students receiving school reports this term, that is a lot of trees, ink and processing time.

We would like to trial this new enhancement with **Year 10 and 11 reports** this semester. If you have changed your email address please let the school know as soon as possible by emailing office@southportshs.eq.edu.au Just a reminder to add OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure report card emails aren’t sent to your ‘Junk’ folder. If you do not yet have an email address, reports will be available for collection from Administration from Friday 6th December.

We would strongly encourage you to consider arranging an email address as more and more school communication can be done using this facility to keep you up-to-date in a timely fashion. Next year we would be looking to email all report cards for all year levels.

Stationery requirement lists for all year levels can be found on the school website at [https://southportshs.eq.edu.au](https://southportshs.eq.edu.au) under ‘Enrolment’ then ‘Related links’.

Mrs Robyn Marconi
Deputy Principal

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**From the Indigenous Department**

Ms Maddi and I invited our senior Indigenous students to enjoy an end of year celebration. Students were treated to games and prizes, and the boys even had a practice on the didgeridoos. We’ve made some great plans for next year. Our juniors will enjoy an end of year celebration next week, so keep an eye out in your rolls for an invitation.

Ms Vicki Campbell
Indigenous Education Worker
From the IT Department

Source Code from the Information Technology Department

Next year will witness a major change in the Information Processing Technology (IPT) subject at Southport State High School. This senior course has a reputation for producing quality programmers over the many years it has been offered. From 2014, the opportunities for IPT students to gain entry into tertiary education courses have been dramatically improved.

The Griffith University course 1001ICT will be embedded in our IPT course and all students who successfully complete this component will be awarded a Certificate of Completion and appropriate accreditation by Griffith University. Further to this, students who achieve a grade of 65% or better will be offered direct entry into a number of Griffith undergraduate degrees courses.

The bachelor degrees open to successful students may be selected from the areas of Information Technology, Multimedia and Business Information Systems. This is yet another example of the quality education and valuable pathways to higher education available to students of Southport State High School.

Mr Greg Lloyd
Teacher IT

From Senior Schooling

Year 12 Results

We are looking forward to fabulous results from our exiting Year 12 cohort.

These will be posted to students on Monday 16 December and will include:

- Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)
- Tertiary Entrance Statement
- Senior Statement
- Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement

This information will also have OP results. If students wish to access this information early, they can log on to their learning account from 9am on Saturday 14 December. They will need to know their LUI (learner unique identifier) and password to access this site.

https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au

Calendar Dates for 2014

The following are proposed date claimers for senior students in 2014. This may help with planning holidays etc.

3 - 4 April Year 12 Core Skills Practice – compulsory for OP eligible students
23 – 27 June Year 10 -12 Block exams
14 – 18 July Year 11 Futures Week and ABW (Australian Business Week)
2 – 3 Sept Year 12 Core Skills Test – compulsory for OP eligible students
4 - 5 Sept Year 11 Core Skills Practice – compulsory for OP eligible students
8 – 9 Sept Year 12 Block Exams + in class testing all that week
19 Nov Year 12 Graduation
21 Nov Year 12 Formal
24 – 28 Nov Year 10 and 11 Block Exams

Monitoring Student Progress

At Southport SHS, we pride ourselves on the monitoring of students by the Senior Performance Team. This process incorporates a holistic approach rather than just academic monitoring. We will be making appointments in the next two weeks with parents and students going into Year 12 in 2014 to ensure they are in a pathway that will provide a successful outcome for them if they perform to their potential. We appreciate the support of all parents who willingly make themselves available to support their student to achieve their goals.

Moving

I am moving to Maryborough SHS in 2014 to take up a one year contract. I know the Senior Performance Team will continue to support your students on their journey in years 10, 11 and 12. I would like to wish the students all the best for the future and trust they have an enjoyable and productive experience in the senior school. Thank you also to the many parents I have met or spoken to who have supported the school as we seek to ensure a successful outcome for every student.

Have a safe and happy break.

Mrs Deb Talbot
HOD Senior Schooling
From the Sports Department

2013 Primary All Schools Touch Championship

Over the weekend the Year 7 boys touch team participated in the Queensland Primary All Schools Touch Championships at Cleveland. On the first day we played 3 games and finished with 1 draw and 2 loses. On the second day we played for the Plate and won the quarter-finals but unfortunately went down in the semi-finals by 1 touchdown. It was a great effort from the whole team. Thank you again to the parents for taking us to the games.

Matthew Fraser
Captain of the Year 7 Boys Touch Team

Allschools 2013 was such an adventurous tournament. The girls played with skill and heart. Missing our coach, Ms Smales, was a big disappointment for the girls, but we still kept our heads high, thanks to Zane Kimura and Mr Rossow. Without their support and coaching we wouldn’t have got as far as we thought we would on the day. Ranking fourth in the Plate, and losing by 1 in the semi-finals in a drop off, as a team we had fun and fought our hardest. We showed a lot of skill, teamwork and commitment. We are truly grateful for all the parents supporting us and the Year 7 boys’ team for cheering us on. In conclusion, our day was hard, fun and amazing, and we can’t wait till next year, so bring it on!!!

Sunshyne Te Amo
Captain of the Year 7 Girls Touch Team

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved in the preparation and coaching for both our Year 7 boys’ and Year 7 girls’ teams who competed in this tournament on 2-3 November. To see them play with joy and witness how much they have improved over such a short period of time is almost overwhelming, and definitely a privilege. Special mention goes to Zane Kimura for his assistant coaching that without any doubt assisted our girls towards finishing fourth and our boys sixth in the Plate finals.

Outstanding players of the tournament for Southport SHS were Sunshyne Te Amo, Natalie Heron, Matthew Fraser, and Jordan Ault, being strongly supported by all players chosen to represent our school.

Mr Lee Rossow
2013 Primary All Schools Coach

From the Social Science Department

Westpac Rescue Crew Helicopter Visit

On Thursday 14th November the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and crew paid a brief visit to our school’s top oval. This exciting event took place because Year 8 SOSE and SEP students are studying a unit on Natural Disasters and this particular rescue crew were extensively involved in performing rescues during the recent Queensland floods. The crew flew countless search and rescue missions throughout the flood affected regions during very adverse weather conditions. During class we have discussed and reviewed the use of the helicopter as a requirement for emergency equipment. Mr Thomas Hughes (rescuer) spoke to the children about their daily tasks, the equipment carried in the helicopter and their responsibilities and role in rescuing victims in situations such as the Bundaberg floods. As the helicopter and crew also perform many surf rescues Mr Hughes refreshed the student’s awareness of safety when entering the surf at Gold Coast beaches and the importance of the local Surf Lifesaving clubs. The students gratefully emptied their pockets and put together a small donation for the Westpac Rescue Crew and we are very thankful for wisdom and time provided by the Westpac Rescue crew – Mr Peter Bird, Mr Paul Brennan and Mr Thomas Hughes.

I would like to thank my pre-service teacher, Ms Tanya O’More, for organising this fabulous visit.

Mr Greg Kenafake
HOD Social Science
From the Science Department

Marine Aquatic Safety and Training Day

The marine students in Years 11 and 12 had the pleasure of taking part in the Marine Aquatic Safety and Training Day held at the Gold Coast Spit near Sea World on Friday 25th October. This event is held annually and schools on the Gold Coast are all eligible to take part in the event. The day gives students the opportunity to perform practical activities utilizing professional organisations. This year, the students of Southport SHS were up against students from Benowa and Merrimac State High Schools. Volunteer Surf Lifesavers on jets skis was one of the highlights of the event where students could be rescued; likewise our Marine Science Coordinator here at Southport SHS was also rescued as a demonstration from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. The Water Police, VMR and the Coast Guard also helped out with some of the events and the students were able to go out and drive their boats. The day ended with a fantastic Iron Mariner group event against all the other two schools and overall the students had a fantastic day and took part in all events.

Flare demonstration

Sea World Excursion

On Wednesday 30th October the Year 11 Marine Studies students had an excursion to Sea World. This was for them to take part in the Snorkelling Reef Experience Sea World do in their big reef tank next to the shark enclosure. They put their theoretical knowledge of snorkelling into good practice at this reef experience. They interacted with many marine animals you would find locally on the Gold Coast such as; reef sharks, clown fish, stingrays, bull rays, hump-headed wrasse, shovelnose sharks and many species of reef fish. Overall, the students had a great interactive and educational experience.

Students in the reef tank

Safety talk before the reef experience

Getting geared up for snorkelling in the reef tank

Mr Stuart Russell
Marine Teacher
Finance

**2014 Fees:**

To receive the $30.00 discount on resource fees, parents/guardians need to have paid in full by 14th February 2014 or have an active Centrelink (Centrepay) debit or automatic internet debit.

**Senior Jersey 2014:**

Purchase of the senior jersey is optional ($75.00). Invoices have been sent out for your information. All fees must be up-to-date before payment of the jersey will be taken.

**Mexican Madness:**

The Emerging Leaders raised over $600 fundraising for Youngcare.

**Sponsorship for 2013 Academic Awards**

A very special thank you to the following companies who graciously sponsored our annual Academic Awards Evening.

- **Pure Tennis » Australia's leading tennis academy**

- **Sports Super Centre Gold Coasts**

- **Design compact solutions**

- **Dean & Cooper Ltd**

**Advertising**
Walkin’ On Water Surf School is again very excited to be hosting the 2013 Girls Go Surfing Days at Greenmount Beach on the 7th and 8th of December.

We have sessions scheduled at both 9am and 11am QLD time on both days. All our surfers will receive a FREE Girls Go Surfing show bag. It is a fantastic opportunity for girls of all ages and abilities to come and learn to surf and surf in a girls only environment.

It will be a super fun event and an excellent opportunity for girls to get into surfing at the beginning of summer. Spaces are very limited and bookings are required.

To book and confirm a place, please call Walkin’ On Water on 0418 780 311.