From The Principal

Welcome to Term 2. I hope your Easter vacation was relaxing and a chance to recharge your batteries. Traditionally Term 2 is a very busy time in the school and as such a huge focus has been placed on student attendance and academic performance. For Year 11 and 12 end of Semester exams and assessment will be here in no time, so I encourage all to keep striving for excellence and make sure time is used wisely.

After reading students’ reports I am very pleased to see a large number of students excelling in so many areas. School reports for Term 1 were sent out at the end of last term. If you have not received this information please contact our office to gain a copy of your student’s report.

I have challenged all students to reflect on their performance as shown on their interim report and commit to a personal performance improvement plan in the lead up to the end of the Semester. A student can only improve if they know where they are positioned with their results, make a plan and a commitment to improve academic performance. We have dedicated and committed teachers who will ensure that all students are given the best opportunity and support to achieve their academic goals.

We had over 1500 interviews booked for our Parent Teacher interviews. We certainly appreciate all the support and feedback. It was great to see so many wonderful families ensuring they have the best information for their child to help improve the academic performance.

We recently closed our applications for 2015 Yr 7 & 8 Excellence programs. In what is a record for our school, we have over 300 applications. Due to the sheer volume of applicants we have had to postpone the interviews and auditions so we can accommodate all applicants. I am very proud of our programs and I truly believe that they are the best in Australia. This large number of applicants certainly backs up my statement.

The Homework Centre has been operating since the start of the term and I am pleased to report that it has been a huge success. Students have had the opportunity to access crucial tuition and support on their assignments and help with study. The Homework Centre operates on Monday and Thursday afternoons in F Block from 3.00pm and all students are invited to participate. It is another demonstration of our commitment to the success of all students and I hope that all make the most of this wonderful opportunity.

I have spoken many times about uniform and with winter fast approaching I urge all parents to ensure that their student has the appropriate school winter attire. Our expectations regarding personal appearance are very high and the wearing of non-uniform attire not only detracts from our school image but also presents a safety issue as we are unable to clearly and quickly identify outsiders on our school grounds. There will also be increased scrutiny to jewellery and uniform that is not part of the school’s Code of Behaviour.

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. At our next meeting we will be discussing our Appearance Policy for 2015 and any recommended changes. Parent ideas and input is vital in school matters and I encourage all parents to consider attending P&C meetings to enrich that output.

In closing I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our great school and the hard work that all our professional and dedicated staff do 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. A more extensive version can also be viewed on our school website or app.

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From the Deputy Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING (PBL)

Southport State High School focuses on the whole child when we employ any initiatives. Positive Behaviours for Learning is our focus from a program called School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS). A team of teachers, with Chris Nikora as the coach, meets once a month to discuss data from Student Disciplinary Absences and incident referrals for positive and negative behaviours. This program is audited by Regional Office and recently we received our audit findings which show a significant improvement on the last audit.

This year the team consists of Chris Nikora (Coach & Data), Nyree Hawley (Team Leader), Jeanette Karl (Data), Ky Hinselwood, Dane Anderson, Jade Sleight (Data Response Team), Robyn Marconi (Publicity) and Tony Lappi (Team Member).

We would like to have a parent/guardian and a student representative on our team. We meet twice per term, for half an hour, generally on a Tuesday. The meetings are held in the Conference Room in Administration. If you are interested please contact Robyn Marconi via email rmarc2@eq.edu.au

Acknowledging Positive Behaviours

Teachers have been sending out genuine acknowledgements to students following our school values in the classroom, either in the form of phone calls, emails or letters. The Deans have also been issuing certificates to students who have upheld our values e.g. two girls found at Chirn Park a wallet containing a lot of money and cards belonging to an exchange student at Griffith University and handed it in. Honesty at this level is certainly acknowledged in our wider community as well.

A large banner with our school values has been erected in the Sport Centre as a constant reminder.

Every fortnight the team will be issuing a focus for teachers and students to discuss and enact. The focus in the first fortnight was: to be on time for learning every lesson every day – aligning with our first value of Teaching and Learning. Our main concern is students who are repeatedly late to school and therefore missing out on valuable instruction. In the world of work, lateness is not acceptable and results in loss of pay, warnings and possibly termination. Some students however continue to dawdle to class and leave toileting, drinking from the water fountains and closing digital devices until the bell for class sounds. There is sufficient time in the breaks to do these things without losing valuable learning time.

Mrs Robyn Marconi
Deputy Principal

Southport High’s Core Values - or TORO!

At Southport State High School, we have four core values:

- Teaching and Learning
- Ourselves
- Responsible Relationships
- Our Community

Also know as TORO!

The discussion and application of these four core values now make up a large part of our school day. Aside from the values being displayed on posters in all areas of the school, including each and every classroom, one value is being explicitly taught by teachers each fortnight.

For the first two weeks of this term, we focussed on the first of our values – Teaching and Learning – and more specifically, arriving to class on time. As part of this instruction, students discussed why being punctual is important, and the negative consequences that can potentially arise as a result of perpetual lateness.

For weeks three and four, focus shifted to the second core value – Ourselves. Students can demonstrate that they value themselves in a number of ways – by dressing appropriately in their school uniforms; by being polite in the way they interact with others and in the language they use; in maintaining a positive self image, or by simply trying their best in class.

Parents – you can help us in promoting these values by discussing them with your student/s at home, starting with the ways that they can show value and respect for themselves, and stay tuned to future newsletters for the next set of our TORO values.

Miss Ky Hinselwood
Dean of Special Programs – Junior Secondary
Gone Walkabout

Watch this space, each fortnight we will keep you up to date with important information and dates, as well as some fun facts and knowledge.

Dates for Term 2
Week 4 – Friday 16th May - Black and Deadly Girls Program
Week 5 – Friday 23rd May - AIME
Week 6/7 – 26th May - Sorry Day, Week begins 27th May - Reconciliation, 3rd June - Mabo Day
Week 7 – Tuesday 3rd June - School Reconciliation Assembly

Deadly Words
Each fortnight we will add new words to our vocabulary. These words come from our local Aboriginal Yugambeh Language. Try using these words with your friends or at home.

Kabul (pronounced Ka-bul) – Carpet Snake
Bullang (pronounced Bai-lung) – Strong

Did you know – Over 400 Indigenous Australians fought in the First World War. They came from a section of society with few rights, low wages, and poor living conditions. Most Indigenous Australians could not vote and none were counted in the census. But once in the AIF, they were treated as equals. They were paid the same as other soldiers and generally accepted without prejudice.

As the Indigenous Education Worker (IEW) I can provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across a range of issues. I am available in the school Mondays, Tuesdays and alternate Fridays in F13. Ms. Maddie Hodge is also available in the school Fridays in F13.

Ms Vicki Campbell
Indigenous Education Worker
vcamp23@eq.edu.au

ANZAC Day

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.

On Tuesday 22nd April as a tribute to the fallen, Southport State High School held its annual ANZAC ceremony in remembrance of those who have fought for our freedoms. The service consisted of the laying of wreaths, poetry readings, special guests sharing their experiences and memories, and performances by the school choir. Special guests included State Member for Southport and Assistant Minister for Planning Reform – Rob Molhoek; Councillor Dawn Crichlow O.A.M.; Mr Barry Smith – President of the National Servicemen's Association, Gold Coast North Branch, Val Smith and members of the NSA; Brian Ragh – Principal, and Clay McCann – Deputy Principal of Labrador Primary School, and Labrador Primary Year 7 Student Leaders – Syd Cassidy and Kera Jong. A morning tea, as well as a further dedication at the school’s Killed in Action Memorial followed the ceremony.

Lest We Forget

Coralie O’Shea & Chelsea Tatton
Year 11 students

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

This year saw Southport State High School participate in both the ANZAC Day Dawn and Citizen’s Services, with us marching and laying wreaths on each occasion. We were the only school who marched alongside our returning war heroes and families who proudly adorned their relatives’ metals, in the dawn service.

Congratulations to school captain, Blake Tanton and Year 10 leader, Zane Kimura on representing our school at the dawn service with pride and respect. We received much praise and commentary on our presence, outstanding dress, and the manner to which the boys presented themselves, with respect and honour. I could not have asked for Southport State High School to be represented by anyone better. Well done boys!

Further congratulations must go to Cooper McCann, Blair Fenton, Kijan Loango-Manning and Taylor Fenton for marching on behalf of our school at the citizen’s march. Whilst we only had a small number of students at the second ceremony, we again received much positive feedback about our dress standard and level of respect shown by all members present.

Thank you to Cooper and Blair, Junior Secondary Leaders, for laying a wreath in respect to those fallen during times of war in protecting our freedoms and way of life. I was very touched by the conversations had around the level of understanding and respect that these two boys share for those who have served their country.

I feel very honoured to have had the opportunity to march with our students involved in the marches and services, each of whom demonstrated what it means to be part of our school, and the wider Australian community. I commend them on living by our school values and being active community citizens. Finally, I would like to thank the parents of these students for attending the services, and...
providing such a strong and active role model for their children. With the 100-year commemoration of the landing of our ANZAC diggers at Gallipoli occurring next year (2015), I am hopeful that Southport State High School can represent with pride in numbers. It would be great to see every student participate in one of the services to truly display to our wider community that we are the best school on the Gold Coast.

I would like to thank the Kimura and Fenton families and Mr Alan Fortunato (ANZAC Day Event – RSL Photographer) for providing photographs.

Mr Lee Rossow
Teacher

THE LAST POST

On ANZAC Day Jordan Luettke performed The Last Post for the pre-game ceremony at the Burleigh Bears Rugby Leagues Club. This took place in front of a 4000 plus strong crowd as well as being the televised Intrust Super Cup for the day. Jordan represented Southport State High School with great enthusiasm and pride. The ceremony involved returned service men and women, some from the Kokoda campaign itself, as well as dance performers from Papua New Guinea before the international clash between The Burleigh Bears and PNG Hunters.

Community Service

LIFELINE BOOK FESTIVAL 2014

Congratulations go to the leaders from Years 10, 11 and 12 who have demonstrated their passion for engaging with community events and charities. Last term, students assisted in the organisation and running of the annual Lifeline Book Festival. Year 11 student, Tiana Storm has reflected on her first community service event for 2014.

“As our school values Teaching and Learning, Ourselves, Responsible Relationships and Our Community, Southport’s leaders have been given the opportunity to participate in community service activities. During the recent Easter holidays several of the Year 10, 11 and 12 leaders embarked on their first community service event and helped with the renowned Lifeline Book Festival. I personally helped with the set-up of the book fest and am surprised to say I have never worked so hard in my entire life. It was an extremely rewarding and enjoyable experience and I am looking forward to my next community service endeavour. Many others who participated were proud of their hard work and the Book Fest was an ultimate success. All in all, Southport High’s first service to the community was successful and we are excited to see what other opportunities arise during the duration of this year”—Tiana Storm Year 11.

We are very proud of all of our community service volunteers who have represented Southport State High School in an impeccable manner and who have shown an enthusiasm for wider community involvement. Thank – you must go to Emma Hills, Jordyn Carter, Rebecca Dodds-Gorman, Amber Hata, Chloe Fox-Horn, Lara Filmer, Tiana Storm, Tarni Forbes, Hazel Aktas, Coralie O’Shea, Chelsea Tatton, Ellie Taggart, Jessica Taggart, Jasmine Reilly and Bailey Whitby for their participation in the Lifeline Book Festival.

Miss Nyree Hawley
Dean of Senior Schooling - Special Programs

Excursion to Parliament House

YEAR 10 LEGAL STUDIES EXCURSION

Last term, the Year 10 Legal Studies class, lead by Mr Finlayson and Miss Hawley, were lucky enough to go on an excursion to Brisbane to visit Parliament House. We were able to see Parliament in action during ‘Question Time’ which gave us an insight into one mechanism in which ensures that Governments are accountable for their decision making processes. We were also given an educational lesson on Queensland voting systems and were given a tour as parliament was sitting. We were also fortunate enough to spend some time with our state member, Rob Molhoek, to discuss our view on current issues such as the Cruise Ship Terminal. We thoroughly enjoyed voicing our opinions about some highly controversial political issues and having Mr Molhoek answer our questions. This trip to Brisbane was an eye opener as to how parliament works and looks like, and gives us a real insight into policies, parliamentarians and politics. Thank you to everybody involved in making this excursion possible.

Jasmine Reilly
Year 10 Student

Jnr Secondary Maths Comp

Congratulations to Vladimir Gorschkechnikov for an outstanding 98% achievement in term one of the inaugural Southport SHS Junior Secondary Mathematics Competition, crowned champion. Not to be taken lightly is the close and competitive relationship shared between Vladimir and his brother, Alexander, who finished runner-up, with a tremendous 96% achievement. Well done boys!!! The final top ten placings, from first to tenth, were as follows: Vladimir Gorschkechnikov, Alexander Gorschkechnikov, Sally Lee, Kelly Lee, Mahali Morgan,
Tyler Brown, Ky Heffernan, Kabilan Manuneedhi Cholan, Cooper McCann, Lily Payr.

Winners - Year 9 Vladimir Gorshechnikov. Year 8 Kelly Lee and Year 7 McKenzie McEldowney. Congratulations to all students on your efforts.

Term 1 also saw World Education Games: Maths Day, following the completion of the challenges set, Sally Lee finished as our school champion scoring a Distinction, followed closely by her sister who finished runner-up, also with a Distinction. Mahali Morgan and Vladimir Gorshechnikov both finished with Distinctions, while Alexander Gorshechnikov, Reece Brewer and Sahel Dupre-Virtamo finished with Credits.

The Term 2 competition is open to all students in junior secondary, and students are required to work in teams of 2, 3 or 4 in order to complete three questions per week (each worth one mark). These questions form the basis for trials to gain a place in the school representative teams that will attend this year’s Canterbury College Team Challenge. These questions are completed on student iPads, becoming available at 9am Monday morning each week and closing at 3pm the following Sunday. All ACE students are expected to participate in this competition as part of their course of work.

Mr Lee Rossow
Mathematics Event Coordinator

Interact Club

Last term, Southport High’s Interact Club vouched to raise money for the Mater Hospital’s Little Miracles. In order to do this, we held a barbeque at our school’s much loved Swimming Carnival. With a generous donation of over 70 gourmet sausages from Helensvale’s Savilles Butcher, the Interact Club was able to raise over $400. The group successfully sold all products and will be donating a total of $250 to Little Miracles. We would also like to make special mention to IGA, Allan and Leon from Southport Broadwater Rotary, Ms Chloe Hall and Ms Cassandra Sheekey for their help and support of our Interact Club and its fundraising. The Interact Club is looking forward to see what this term has in store.

Tiana Storm
Year 11 Student

Sport Report

U13 BOYS BASKETBALL - ROUND 4

In Round 4 all of our teams faced each other which is always a tough ask. In the first game of the day Southport 3 met Southport 4. In an exciting end to end game both teams showed how much they have improved and produced their best performances in this competition. Southport 3 edged team 4, 34–20. Kobe Bulan top scorer for Team 4 on sixteen points and Jack Haselam again shone for Team 3.

Team 2 after a slow start against Varsity A produced a thrilling second half to come within 2 points with 1 minute left on the clock, but Varsity just held out to win 28–26. The whole team should be commended for their determination and fighting spirit, however Nick Atkinson was outstanding in attack & defence this week.

Team 1 remains unbeaten after eight games and remain on top of the ladder. They played Southport 2 & 3 and set out to impress! We have worked hard in training on passing and this hard work paid off today with the boys demonstrating just how far they have come. Despite both team 2 & 3 putting in stellar performances team 1 were just too strong. This was an impressive team performance with Joshua Johnson producing his best in a Southport shirt so far. Well done to all boys involved. Special thanks to all of the students who continually volunteer to referee and score games.

Ms Elaine Whybrow
Coach

TENNIS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 7 student Olivia Gadecki who competed recently at the Victorian Junior State Tennis titles held in Melbourne. Olivia had a great week of tennis winning the title in 12/U singles and doubles events. The win secures her direct invitation into prestigious Australian Championships in Melbourne at the end of the year.

Other good news is that 12 year old Olivia has been selected to represent Australia in the Longines Future Tennis Aces Tournament at the end of July during the French Open. Only one girl represents Australia every second year. It is a great honour for Olivia to participate in such a tournament and to battle the title with 16 other girls from all over the world. Southport State High School is very proud of Olivia and we wish her all the best in her upcoming tournaments.

Tiana Storm
Year 11 Student
Year 12 Biology Excursion

On Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May the two Year 12 Biology classes went on an excursion to Burleigh National Park and Rock Pools. This was in preparation for our upcoming assignment on what impact humans have on the local ecosystem. Whilst walking through the National Park four stops were allocated in which we collected data on the human activity and adaptations that the plants and organisms had made to their ever-changing habitat.

At the rock pools we collected data in 3 zones; Zone 1 - Low Water Zone, Zone 2 – Mid Intertidal Zone and Zone 3 – High Water Zone. It was shown that the rock pools had effects from the storm water drain located not far from the rock pools. Also, the densities of organisms located in the quadrants were minimal. The excursion was highly educational and really helped with the following write up of how humans impact the environment. Many thanks go to the three staff members who supervised the excursion, Miss Rodas, Mr Foreman and Mrs McLachlan.

Jamie Lee Lynch
Yr 12 Biology Student

Community Events

**Parenting Program for Parents of Children With ADHD**

A six-session parenting program that will assist you in:
- Understanding your child’s condition and behaviour
- Promoting and building positive relationships with your child
- Setting clear expectations and encouraging desirable behaviours
- Developing strategies to effectively deal with undesirable behaviours
- Looking after yourself as a parent

This program is designed for parents and caregivers of children and teenagers aged between 8 & 14 years.

**Dates:** 29\textsuperscript{th} May, 5\textsuperscript{th} June, 12\textsuperscript{th} June, 19\textsuperscript{th} June and 3\textsuperscript{rd} July

**Time:** 6:00-8:00pm

**Cost:** $30 per person/couple ($5 per session)

**Location:** Bond University Psychology Clinic

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**Bond University - University Drive, Robina**

To register please contact the Bond University Psychology Clinic on 5595 2527 or psych.clinic@bond.edu.au

**Growing Resilient Children**

What do most parents want for their children? While everyone’s list is different, most parents’ lists include happiness, health, well-being and fulfilment with their lives and loving and caring relationships.

In order to reach these goals, your child will need to develop an inner strength to overcome the many challenges and demands he or she may encounter throughout school and life.

The capacity to cope, and rise above challenges in a less than perfect world is called resilience.

Assisting children to develop resilience is one of the greatest gifts we can give as parents.

Musgrave Hill State School in conjunction with Ed LinQ are excited to present Growing Resilient Children, an interactive parent/carer information session with Pam Day, District Ed LinQ Co-ordinator, Child and Youth Mental Health Services in the Musgrave Hill State School Library on Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} May from 9-10am and repeated on Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} June from 5:30-6:30pm.

Please RSVP stating which date you will be attending, to Musgrave Hill State School on 55313919.

**Australian Defence Force Trades and Women in the Army**

**Employment Options Information Session**

**Currumbin RSL**

**Tuesday 13\textsuperscript{th} May**

6:00-8:00pm

**EHEADSPACE Live Info Session: Understanding Grief in Young People**

Grief in young people occurs in relation to a loss of someone or something they care about. Significant events such as the death of a close family member or friend, moving schools or parental separation can trigger a grief response in young people.

Young people have different ways of coping with loss – there is no ‘right’ way to grieve. As a parent, carer, teacher or friend of a young person grieving, it can be difficult to understand what they are going through and how to best offer support.

Take this opportunity to speak anonymously online to our mental health professionals and Headspace Youth National Reference Group members and hear from others concerns about young people and grief.

**When:** Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} May – 5:00-6:00pm (AEST)

**Visit:** eheadspace.org.au/get-help/eheadspace-live-info-session