From The Principal

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.

When I first came to Southport State High School as Principal 4 years ago my schedule was very empty. In 4 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. Over the last month I have had the privilege 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 received 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 Evenings next term will certainly showcase our very talented students and staff in more detail and celebrate their successes. These will be events not to be missed so please make sure that you visit our website for all the latest information and more details surrounding the times, dates and venues.

We are busy preparing for 2015 and 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. We have secured a government grant and additional funding that will help revamp our school and provide a new look Southport State High School from next year. It certainly is exciting times ahead.

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 have a relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term at all of our exciting awards ceremonies.

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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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.

During this term our Year 7 and 8 students have been participating in Deadly Choices, a 7 week program which informed participants about staying healthy and strong, maintaining healthy lifestyles and making positive lifestyle choices. Key areas discussed were leadership, chronic disease, physical activity, nutrition, harmful substances including smoking, access to Primary Health Care and Medicare. Our students particularly enjoyed cooking omelettes and playing basketball.
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.

Minjei (pronounced Min-Jay) – Laugh
Kunga (pronounced Koon-Ga) – Hear

Did you know – The term ‘Deadly’ has a positive meaning which is widely used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Deadly: meaning something is cool or awesome.

The Indigenous Education Worker (IEW) 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 on Fridays in F13.

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

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Year 9 student Mitchell Steer who competed at the AARCMCC EP10 Off-road NSW State Titles at St Ives last weekend. This was Mitchell's first outdoor title event and he was one of only two junior entries. The competition was tough with many of Australia's best drivers competing. Mitchell's goal going into the event was to qualify for the A-main finals and anything else would be a bonus. The A-main finals are the top ten drivers from the qualifying heats. Mitchell entered 2WD Buggy, 4WD Buggy and 2WD Short Course and achieved his goal making the A-main in all three classes.

Mitchell's final results were:
2WD Buggy - Qualified 5th, finished 6th overall.
4WD Buggy - Qualified 5th, finished 5th overall.
2WD Short Course - Top qualified, finished 1st overall.

The outdoor track, the competition and the changing weather conditions were all great experience for Mitchell.

We wish Mitchell all the very best with his next competition, the Nationals in Canberra next month.

Chess

On Thursday 14th August, three of our students competed in the High School Aged Inter-school Chess Tournament at Somerset College. Though our numbers were small in comparison to other teams, our performance overall was first class, with all 3 students winning the majority of their games.

In an epic upset our Year 8 chess star Kabilan Cholan, defeated the tournament favourite to finish the day undefeated having won all 6 of his games!! It was a great achievement against some brilliant opposition.

A special mention for Tyler Deighton from Year 12 who managed a personal best of 5 wins and 1 loss and Year 8 student Jim Sarney who finished with an admirable 4 wins for the day. Congratulations boys! For any students wishing to become more involved in Chess or perhaps learn for the first time please see Chappy Paul for more information.

Mr Paul McGuire
Chaplain
Gifted & Talented

Southport Learning Precinct Gifted & Talented

Thursday 21st August began as any other day, except for a group from across the Southport Learning Precinct who were attending the inaugural ELM Project Vertically Aligned Experience Day for Gifted and Talented Students. Open to students from Year 5 to 11, the experience day, held at Southport State High School, was designed to provide students with both an intellectually and socially stimulating learning environment. While critical and creative thinking were high on the agenda, the whole day workshop provided likeminded students the opportunity to interact and build relationships across year levels and school. Indeed, fifteen minutes into the first session, age and school differences were almost non-existent and learning together became the focus.

The ELM Project or Enhanced Learning Model for Gifted and Talented Students is a methodology for delivering ‘out of the box’ learning opportunities to gifted and talented students - opportunities that are flexible, broad in scope and almost completely driven by the students themselves. Not adhering to traditional class structures and not driven by a sole curriculum syllabus the ELM Project seeks to stimulate independent thought and self-driven learning within a collaborative environment.

In this, the first vertically aligned day to have bridged the gap that sometimes exists between primary and secondary schools, students were offered three sessions. The first session was an introduction to debating where ELM Project team members facilitated the learning while Year 11 Senior Leaders coached individual teams comprising of four students from across year levels. In total, six debates were conducted, with various students acting as chair and adjudicator. With debate topics such as ‘we should always swim with the stream’, students were challenged to define the parameters of their arguments.

The second session saw grouped students presented with six topics, from which they were to select one to address in a creative piece. A huge array of artistic resources was presented and students had to work in small teams to produce a piece, with rationale, in fifty minutes. Team staff were blown away by not only the creative spark of the students but also the depth of their task comprehension and rationale.

The third and final session of the day was a traditional outdoor education program with emphasis on teamwork to achieve a common goal. This teamwork activity focus for the end of the day was fitting to the collaborative learning theme that had been fostered throughout the day.

Days such as these pose an interesting and exciting opportunity for educators primarily due to the extremely high engagement levels of students across the year levels. The vertical alignment and flexible curriculum allows all students to succeed and enjoy their individual learning experience. It may be best explained through the idea that each ‘age group’ seems to take something different yet equally engaging and enjoyable away from the experience. Feedback from students and staff on the day has been overwhelmingly positive and has left the ELM Project Team eager to hold another event like this one. Watch this space.

Mr Dan Marrone
ELM Project Coordinator
Science

National Science Week

Flying bottle rockets, making ice cream and sherbet, Mentos and cola volcanoes, trivia challenge, interactive laboratory displays, glass bending, air cannon challenge and model bridge building were just some of the exciting activities students participated in during a busy week celebrating Science.

The theme for the 2014 National Science Week was *Food for our future: Science feeding the world,* and ice cream creations made by Mr Foreman, Mr Russell and Mrs McLauchlan supporting this theme proved to be a huge hit with students. I would like to extend special thanks to the numerous students who assisted with the activities and the Science team for providing a wonderful array of amazing and enjoyable experiences throughout the week.

Mr John Parer
HOD Science

Guest Presenter – Assoc. Professor Anne Roiko

Recently Year 11 and 12 Biology students had the opportunity to listen to Associate Professor Anne Roiko from Griffith University talk about the Environmental Health Course offered by the university. The session was informative as it provided students with valuable information about one of the most interesting courses and jobs (after graduation) that is offered by the university. The course offers students opportunities to work in many areas dealing with health and the environment. Professor Roiko is passionate about Environmental Health and providing students with a strong post-secondary careers pathway. Students listened intently to Professor Roiko describe the options available to graduates and the session concluded with the students asking many questions.

Mr Pat Foreman
Senior Biology Teacher

Special Education Program

Railway Museum – Student Report

On Thursday 4th September we went to the Ipswich Railway Museum. When we got there Bob gave us a tour.

The best part of the tour was the Devil, a German tank from the World War 1 era. There were only 30 made in the world. It took 12 Australian soldiers to capture one Devil.

After the tour we got to test the simulation of a train driving. We had to twist knobs and touch buttons to make it work.

Some people from our group went to the cinema and watched a historic movie about trains.

I had a good time chatting with my friends and we got back to school at 2:55pm. Most people enjoyed it. I thought it was okay.

Dario Wilson
Yr 11 Student

The Arts

Choir

Since reforming this year, our choir has enjoyed weekly rehearsals and performing at school assemblies. Currently hosting about 20 members, the choir enjoys singing a wide variety of music. This year was the first year that Southport High entered a choir into the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. They did a fantastic job in such a difficult division and, although they did not place, they had a great time and were fantastic representatives of the school. A special thanks to all the parents who supported their children on the day, getting them there in impeccable uniform and of course to those
who could stay to watch. Also, thank you to Miss Shepherd who was there to help and guide me through my first Eisteddfod.

The choir rehearses every Tuesday morning at 7:45am and everyone is welcome!  

**Miss Kate Shaw**  
Music Teacher & Choir Director

**Dance Excellence**

Congratulations to Year 7 Dance Excellence students Ashleigh Hart, Jetaya Guthman-Chester, Emily Park, Shayna Shields and Madison Henry on their recent win at The Gold Coast Dance Eisteddfod.

The girls competed against 18 other schools from all over the Gold Coast and Brisbane with a majority of the schools competing with 30 or more dancers. The Year 7 students performed their Jazz routine ‘Warrior’ and were smallest group of performers. A fantastic effort from all involved.

Comments from the Adjudicator included:  
‘Great energy and attack’, ‘nice style and presentation’ and ‘well-rehearsed’.

Also to be congratulated is the combined Year 7, 8 and 9 Dance troupe, consisting of Ashleigh Hart, Jetaya Guthman-Chester, Emily Park, Shayna Shields, Tahlie McIness, Greer Gye-Collishaw, Rose Kearsley and Briony Swan. They received a Very Highly Commended in an extremely tough section. The section was Open category meaning all styles of dance competed against each other. Our combined group performed a stunning lyrical piece entitled ‘The Song of Purple Summer’. Well done girls!

Comments from the Adjudicator included:  
‘Pretty opening sequence’ and ‘nice care and feel developing through your work’.

**Visual Art Student Exhibitions**

Exhibition season is upon us again and Visual Art students have been busy creating some incredible artworks this year. Several of our wonderfully talented senior Visual Art students have had the opportunity to showcase their work in both the ‘Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art’ and the ‘Energies’ Exhibition.

Earlier this month, Hazel Aktas, Shannon Goodfellow, Joshua Pattison and Urick Salazar were selected to exhibit their artworks in the ‘Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art’ at Griffith University. Our students presented works which demonstrated skillful manipulation of media, highly mature themes and sophistication beyond their years.

These same students, as well as Tigh Barrie, will also be exhibiting their artworks in the highly prestigious ‘Energies’ Exhibition, amidst some of the most talented students in the region. The official opening will commence at 6pm Friday 19th September in Gallery Two at The Gold Coast Arts Centre and runs until Sunday 19th October.

Finally, the annual ‘Insights Student Exhibition’ is only a few weeks away and the students cannot wait to showcase their creations to their parents, friends, teachers and peers. The **event will be held on Wednesday 22nd October at 6pm in the Enterprise Centre** and we would love to see you all there! Please check the school website for more information closer to the date.

**Picture: ‘The Unbroken Wave’ by Yr 12 student Shannon Goodfellow**

**Miss Lauren O’Toole**  
Art Teacher

**2015 Ski Trip**

Planning for the 2015 Ski Trip begins now. Students who are currently in Years 9, 10 and 11 will have the opportunity to participate in next year’s annual Ski Trip to Mt Hutt on New Zealand’s South Island.

The dates are **Sunday 28th June to Sunday 5th July** and the cost will be $2,025, the same as this year.

Interested students can collect an expression of interest form from me in my staffroom (F6). The first payment of $200 is due by Monday 31st October.
and this will secure a position. An information evening for parents and students will be held in room F5 at 6pm on Thursday 16th October.

If you require more information please email me at gkenafake@eq.edu.au

Mr Greg Kenafake
Ski Trip Co-ordinator

From the Guidance Officer

Managing Your Mood

It is normal to feel down now and again, but if a low mood persists for a while, it could be something more. Depression is a feeling of unhappiness and low mood that affects a person’s wellbeing over a period of time.

Signs and symptoms of depression

Some common signs and symptoms that may indicate depression are:

- Cognitive symptoms: A tendency to think about themselves and the world negatively, experience self-doubt and likely to mull over this. Problems concentrating, remembering things and thinking clearly.
- Emotional symptoms: feelings of sadness most of the day for longer than 2 weeks, experiencing loss of enjoyment in usual activities.
- Physical symptoms: sleep patterns have changed (either too much or not enough sleep), change in appetite (either eating too much or not enough), crying easily, withdrawing from family and friends.

Strategies to help depression:

- Do one thing each day that you enjoy, no matter how small. Give yourself something to look forward to everyday.
- Organise to spend time with people who energise you and make you feel good.
- Challenge negative thoughts – do not generalise a single negative experience or feeling into an expectation that that is what your life will always be like. Focus on the positive aspects of your day, of your life, and of yourself.
- Have a regular sleep routine. Go to bed at a similar time every night, allow yourself at least 8 hours of rest, and get up at a similar time every morning. If negative thoughts are affecting your sleep, try writing them down so you acknowledge them to yourself, but do not let them interfere with your sleep.
- Get some regular exercise; whether it is a quick walk around the block or participating in a team sport, physical activity releases feel-good hormones in your body called endorphins.

Mrs Nicole Aiello
Guidance Officer

Heading in the Right Direction…Pathways to a Promising Future

Congratulations Year 12 student Alana Pilcher! Last Friday night, Alana won the prestigious Qld SAT Awards, taking out the Hospitality Award for 2014. This is an exciting personal achievement for Alana and she has also brought great honour to our school. Well done Alana!

Other Exciting News!

In 2015 the school will be hosting several new Certificate Program opportunities for our students. These programs will be run within our school. They will include:

- Certificate II In Electrotechnology
- Certificate II In Horticulture
- Diploma Of Business

There will be an information evening on the 14th October for parents and students interested in these new courses. Information session times to be confirmed soon.

Gold Coast TAFE Certificate Courses

TAFE are now taking expressions of interest online for their schools programs for 2015. Please note - students must first apply though the school’s Industry Liaison Office in F08. Be quick as places are limited.

Job Opportunities for Year 12 School Leavers

- Ice Design – Surfers Paradise – casual position
- Junior Florist – 2 days per wk – Southport (See Mrs Hall if you are interested)

Short courses & other opportunities to note in your diary: (See Mrs Hall if interested in any of the following opportunities:

- Build And Keep A Bike – Free for 13-17 year olds & sponsored by Coke a Cola Thursday 16th Oct, Carrara Indoor Stadium 9am–4pm. You must apply online if wishing to attend this workshop: https://happinesscycle.com.au
- Major Training Group – Tour of facilities and machinery – Tues 7th Oct 9-11:30am (see Mrs Hall for details on how to attend)
- Coffee Barista Training - $79 / Barista Plus Latte Art $119 – both of these courses will be run at the Aust Coffee School in Southport (Register your interest with Mrs Hall)
- Responsible Service Of Alcohol (RSA) – to be run here at school (Register your interest in attending with Mrs Hall)
- GCIT Short non-accredited courses held during the next school holidays. Various courses on offer including: creative writing, languages, Microsoft office, cake decorating, floristry and more.
- Junior Nanny course - Charlton Brown, 29th Sept–1st Oct
School-Based Traineeship/Apprenticeships

Certificate III Hospitality/Tourism - Sea World & Sea World Resort

Certificate III Hospitality:
• Prestige Services Training – 5 star hotels & popular local café’s & restaurants
• 4 positions for Year 10&11 Indigenous students wishing to work in a local café or restaurant
• Nandos – Surfers Paradise & Southport
• Nona’s Harbour Town
• Crust Pizza Surfers Paradise
• Healthy Habits –Westfield Plaza
• Club Southport
• Donut King – Surfers Paradise
• Gloria Jean’s Coffee – Helensvale
• Caffene Break – Southport
• Noodle Box – Arundel, Biggera Waters
• Flavors at Ferry – Southport
• Subway – Aust Fair, Helensvale, Upper Coomera
• Zarraffa’s – Surfers Paradise & Runaway Bay
• Surfers Paradise Beach Café
• Muffin Break –Runaway Bay
• Michel’s Patisserie – Helensvale
• Crema Espresso – Main Beach
• Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Certificate III Business/Administration:
• Sanctuary Cove Body Corporate Services
• Friday Flyer – Bundall
• One Stop Office Supplies – Bundall
• Tall Ship Cruises – Main Beach

Certificate III Business:
• City Beach – Helensvale, Surfers, Aust. Fair, Broadbeach
• Keen Consult – admin support
• Pets Wonderland – Currumbin
• Molendinar Roofing Company – Admin support
• Baskin & Robbins – Mermaid Beach

Certificate III Commercial Cookery – Southport

Certificate II Pharmacy/Retail – Priceline Upper Coomera

Certificate III Dental Assisting – Labrador

Certificate III Hairdressing – Philip & Guy Design, Helensvale

Certificate III Digital Media –Lightmare Studios – Surfers

Certificate II Warehousing – Reece Plumbing

Certificate III Fitness – Surfers, Southport, Helensvale

Certificate III Fitness & Sports Coaching – Southport

Senior Students: see Mrs Hall in F08 if you are interested in applying for any of the above listed positions.

Parents can arrange an appointment with Karen Hall by phoning 5509 1285

For Sale

The school has the following items for sale:
• Tru Test EZI Weigh Cattle Scales with a reserve of $300.
• All Stock Cattle Blower with a reserve of $200 (some repairs needed)

If you are interested please submit your written offers along with your name and contact details in a sealed envelope to the school’s Administration office by 4pm Thursday 9th October.

Mr Derek Learmonth
Business Services Manager

Advertising & Community News

IKIN DANCE WORKSHOPS
School Holiday Workshops Wed 1st & Thurs 2nd Oct
10am-2pm
$20 per day
Dance, Cheer, Singing and more!
Ages 4-17
All abilities welcome for both!
Book now!

Phone: 55221863

SURFERS PARADISE KIDS WEEK
• Free family fun!
• Saturday 20th – Friday 26th September
• Surfers Paradise Beach & Foreshore

TRIPLE P PARENTING PROGRAM
Date: Saturday 27th Sept
Time: 9am-4pm
Red Cross Rooms, 10 Lawson St Southport
RSVP: info@truthinaction.com.au or 5591 7799
RSVPs close: Monday 22nd Sept
Cost: $195 per person (includes workbook, lunch & tip sheets), $320 for couples

GOLD COAST CHINESE FESTIVAL GALA
Date: Sunday 5th October
Venue: Broadwater Parklands, Southport
Dragon Boat Regatta from 8am
Cultural activities from 9am-4pm
Food stalls, workshops, performances and competitions. Fun for all the family!

CHECK IT FEST
Free festival for young people aged 12-25
Date: Sunday 12th October
Venue: Broadwater Parklands, Southport
Time: 11am-4pm
Live music, activities, giveaways, food and Check My Talent contest.
LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION LIGHT THE NIGHT
Date: Wednesday 15th October
Venue: Broadwater Parklands, Southport
Light a lantern and join us on a sunset walk to support blood cancer patients
Sign up to walk at www.lightthenight.org.au or phone 1800 500 088

V8 BILLYKART DERBY
Date: Sunday 19th October
Time: from 9am
Venue: James Street, Burleigh Heads
Enter: www.coolyrockson.com
Free to enter
Primary/secondary school & Open class
Also:
• Classic car display
• Billykart show ‘n’ shine
• V8 Supercar drivers
• Live music

SCHOOLIES VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers are now being sought to participate in the annual Gold Coast Schoolies Community Safety Response as Schoolies Support Team members. You can give as little as 10 hours (training plus one rostered shift) to help Year 12 School leavers celebrate their achievements this year.
Visit the website for more information: www.schooliesvolunteer.com.au

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF TEENAGERS
Discussions and decisions regarding career choices can be a confusing time for teenagers. Should they work, study, start a traineeship or apprenticeship or have a gap year?
PACTS is a national workshop for parents to learn how to support teenagers with their career decisions.
Free workshop
Date: Tuesday 21st October
Time: 10am-1pm
Venue: Helensvale Library
Bookings: 5581 1625
or http://bit.ly/GCLibrariesEvents
For information:
Avril aprie16@gmail.com or Tanya 0438 291 832

The Greenroom Project
Junior Holiday Workshops
Proudly presented by The Gold Coast Arts Centre & Matt Ward Entertainment.
Featuring star of Grease the Musical Rob Mills.
Tues 30th Sept - Thurs 2nd Oct
If you aged between 8-17 then register now to be a part of our Grease Performers Workshop.
Learn a song and dance routine from the Australian production of Grease and then perform your group number at The Greenroom Project Live show on Thursday 2nd October at The Gold Coast Arts Centre.
- Tuesday 30th September: ½ day workshop $150.
To register visit www.thegreenroomproject.com.au

QLD POLICE SERVICE MESSAGE
During school holidays empty schools provide an opportunity for criminal activity and may become targets for vandalism, unlawful entry, arson, stealing, graffiti and property damage – all of which become a cost to the community. To combat this problem, schools participate in SCHOOL WATCH, a partnership between Education Qld, the Qld Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service.
“Look, Listen and Report” – report any suspicious activity in and around your school to
• SCHOOL WATCH on 131 788 or
• POLICELINK on 131 444
If a crime is in progress do not intervene, phone 000 immediately to report the matter.
The Gold Coast Police have a blog website which contains the latest information about what is happening in your area and to have your say on community safety issues visit http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/goldcoast/

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19th Sep 6th Oct
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