19 November 2014

Principal’s Report

This year was very busy year as we prepared for the inclusion of Year 7 to High school in 2015. We have seen the construction of our new Junior School building ‘Discovery Place’ which is a new state of the art facility that will support innovative and quality learning and teaching in our Junior Secondary School.

I would like to congratulate the many students who have taken up the challenge and achieved success through a determined and focused approach. Our students have excelled across our four pillars of Learning, Sport, The Arts and Community. The talents of our students astound me every day and I am optimistic about the future of our community and country because I have faith in the abilities and qualities of our young people. Many of these students were recognised at our Annual Awards Night held on the 4th November, congratulations to everyone that received an award.

I would encourage all our students to reflect and think the outstanding staff we have at our school. Helensvale High teachers and staff are passionate, energetic and dedicated. The quality and respectful personal relationships is the cornerstone of what makes this school a great place for students. I know many of you appreciate our staff and all they do to support learning, achievement and wellbeing.

I feel humbled and privileged to be the Principal of Helensvale SHS as I am impressed every day by the talents and qualities of our students and the dedication of our teachers.

Finally it is important that we congratulate all Year 12 students on completing twelve years of schooling and to push through to the end. On behalf of all Helensvale High staff I would like to congratulate all students for their contribution to the life of the school and I hope that in many ways we helped each Year 12 student create their ‘Many Futures’.

VAFAs

In week three the inaugural Vale Art Film Awards, or the VAFAs, took place at the Helensvale Cultural Centre. The VAFAs were a celebration of student success throughout the year and an opportunity for both community, parents, students and staff to come together in one night filled with wonderment and excitement.

Guests arrived dressed to impress as they walked the red carpet and had photos taken either with an 8 foot Oscar, or some fun in the photo booth. Staff, students and community members mingled as they snacked on popcorn and eagerly awaited the awards ceremony.

What made the VAFAs really special was the support from our wider community. We had Jonathan Brimson, a guest presenter and industry film editor, Councillor William Owen Jones from Division 2, Simon Hunter, the director for the New York Film Academy of Australia, Michelle Campbell from the Gold Coast Tafe and the Honourable Stuart Robert MP, Federal Member for Fadden and Assistant Minister of Defence.

The positive feedback from our distinguished guests was overwhelming positive and everyone is even more excited for the awards next year. The director of the New York Film Academy spoke about how slick and professional the evening was and was blown away by the abilities of our students. Michelle Campbell, the operations manager of TAFE QLD Gold Coast said it was the best Awards night she had ever been to, and was so impressed with our students work, that she has offered every single senior nominee, presenter and performer Early Direct Entry into any of their TAFE courses for 2015. To be offered direct entry before anyone else really demonstrates the ability of our students and the success of the Vale Arts Film Awards.

The Visual Art Department would like to say thank you to everyone who attended and celebrated our students. We look forward to seeing you next year on the red carpet.

Miss Michelle Braun
VAFA Coordinator
INDUSTRY @ WORK 4 YOU

Follow me on Twitter PaulinaFord4 – for the latest in Industry information including apprenticeships, traineeships, casual positions, industry trends and useful information to gain employment in this very competitive market.

My role in the school is to promote, administer, manage and monitor students who leave our campus to participate in External Programs as part of their Industry Pathway or Academic Personal or (IP / APP). These Programs include School Based Apprenticeship & Traineeships (SATs), courses provided by external Training Organisations (including TAFE Gold Coast) and work experience that will provide valuable industry experience that may lead to an apprenticeship or traineeship.

SO WHERE TO FROM HERE????

Year 12 students have been working to complete their School Based Apprenticeships or Traineeships during their Senior Schooling years. We have had amazing results this year and are proud to say that all of our Year 12 School Based Apprentices & Trainees (SATs)

- Have completed their traineeships and are moving onto bigger and better things – Fulltime Work, Tertiary/University studies etc
- Will be continuing in employment with their SAT Employer until completion of their traineeship or apprenticeship

We had another group of students who attended TAFE Gold Coast 1 day each week for a period ranging from 6 – 18 months. These students have continued into traineeships and apprenticeships or have gained the knowledge to enter the workforce with skills and knowledge to put them ahead of the pack. Well done to these students.

Congratulations to our 2014 Year 12 Industry Cohort. It has been a pleasure to know I have played an important part in their career pathways - Onwards and Upwards! To Infinity and Beyond!

To all of the employers and trainers of these students – we wish to thank you for your time and support of such a worthwhile program. To the parents of these young men and women – you have played a vital part in supporting your children through their senior schooling years.
Into the Real World

I am very happy to say that in the last couple of weeks I have been able to assist a number of Year 12 Graduates (to be) gain employment – through Traineeships and Apprenticeships and Full Time employment opportunities. These students took advantage of the vacancies I advertised via email and my Year 12 Job Board. Local businesses have approached me to advertise to this cohort and this community spirit is what keeps me going. I will continue to advertise these opportunities to Year 12 parents and students until the end of the school year. I suggest that you are still looking for the right position, that you follow me on Twitter to take advantage of the retweets about vacancies and opportunities in the South East. PaulinaFord4

HSHS Apprentice of the Year

Lachlan Davidson is currently completing his Cert III Cabinet Making School Based Apprenticeship with Riviera at Coomera. He has received exceptional employer feedback for his work. His employer notes that he has a great attitude to succeed and always willing to assist his peers and supervisors. He was a finalist at the 2014 South East Regional SATS Awards. Lachlan has maintained a very high standard of school work including Manufacturing and General Construction.

HSHS Trainee of the Year

Alexander Jeffrey completed his Certificate III in Sports Coaching (Aquatic) through Recruit 4 Success being hosted to Superfish Swim School at Pacific Pines. He has used this qualification to assist him with an application and acceptance to a prestigious Secondary College in the North of England next year. He will be assisting the College’s Sports Department with the skills and experience he gained during his traineeship. Alexander won the Outdoor and Active Award at the 2014 South East Regional SATS Awards for his traineeship. Alexander has also participated in a variety of sporting and community activities which have benefited the school community.

The Excellence in Vocational Education Award

Cameron Olivier has achieved through his studies at school a Certificate II Kitchen Operations, Certificate II Live Theatre, Production and Events and a Certificate III Business. He has also completed a Certificate III in Events at Gold Coast TAFE. Cameron is a committed and conscientious person who has given himself every opportunity to gain employability skills he can take into the real world. He has represented HSHS as a Perfect and also participated in the Secondary School Barista Competition at the Gold Coast Show. Cameron has been successful in gaining a Full Scholarship to pursue a Diploma of Events at Gold Coast Tafe when he leaves school to continue his pathway he started 2 years ago.

How to gain a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SATs)

Students and parents need to check emails regularly to see what the Industry Pathways Team has to offer – advertising SATs vacancies, courses, expos and other relevant information for our students in regards to their career options. Many SATs opportunities are sourced from friends and family – take time to talk to people you know in the industry that your student wishes to pursue. If they or you need more information – I am only too happy to provide this assistance.

Parents who wish for their student to participate in the School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships Program, please contact me for an appointment. Students wishing to make an appointment, please see me in SM02 before school and at either break.

If you are a business owner and think you could give one of our student’s industry experience, either as an apprentice, a trainee or work experience – please contact me (details below)

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2015 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

By now your student will have received a form for the 2015 Student Resource Scheme in their PEP role class. The Student Resource Scheme (SRS) offers excellent value for money and will provide your student with the Resources (Textbooks, class handouts, ID Card) required for the 2015 School year. The cost of Participation in the Student Resource Scheme for 2015 is $315 for years 7-9 and $345 for years 10-12. There are a number of payment options available, please refer to the SRS form for details.

All monies raised through this scheme are expended directly on resources for the students of the school on an annual basis.

We would appreciate if you could return the signed Student Resource Scheme Form to the Finance Office by 28th November 2014.

Journey to Recognition

A group of students will be attending this historical event to represent the school. It will be a special occasion as we show our support of this very important change to the constitution of this great country and students will learn a great deal in the process. Parents are welcome to attend and join us.

Jenny McConnell

Uniform shop NOVEMBER Sale

Limited stocks left of our OLD school uniforms.

If your student is able to wear the old school uniform for the transition year of 2015 why not take advantage of our specials!
Uniform shop operating hours: Mon to Thursday 8.00am to 12.00pm CLOSED FRIDAYS

THE SALE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE NEW UNIFORMS......

While stocks last ……..

Surfside Buslines Change to Afternoon Bus – 3014

Surfside Buslines with the approval of Translink will be introducing some service changes on its school bus network to prepare for the introduction of “Grade 7 to High school” in 2015.

Your school will be affected by some of these changes, please take note of the following students’ notice(s) which will be distributed to affected students on their school bus from 17 November 2014 to 28 November 2014.

The change(s) will be effective from Monday 1 December 2014.

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**APPLICATIONS FOR 2015 BUS PASSES ARE DUE NOW**

**ALL NEW PASSENGERS FOR 2015**

To ensure timely distribution of bus passes in the New Year, please submit your application before the end of November 2014.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EXISTING BUS PASS HOLDERS**

At the end of each school year, please ensure that the current pass is retained to be used in the new school year until the new pass is issued.

Students with an existing bus pass need only re-apply for a 2015 bus pass if your child

- is moving from Primary to Secondary School
- is repeating a grade
- is changing their home address or school

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**ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION FORMS**


**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO**

Surfside Buslines
PO Box 3036
ROBINA
Q 4230

Email schools@tagroup.net.au or Fax 5571 6556

Applications will be processed over the Christmas school holidays. Once applications are approved, bus passes are sent to school for collection. Please allow 10-15 working days from the start of Term One 2015.

Prior to Government approval of bus travel assistance, all students can travel by bus to school using a TransLink gocard.

**REMINDER**

A valid bus pass must be produced TO THE DRIVER or the relevant fare paid via cash or gocard. Information on fares, go cards, zones and bus timetables is available from TransLink http://translink.com.au/ or phone 13 12 30.

**CUBBY HOUSE FOR SALE**

We currently have for sale 3 Cubby houses which our year 12 Building & Construction classes have built. They are 3.4m long x 1.8m wide (width 2.3m with roof overhang) and are constructed to be put directly on the ground or elevated so a slippery slide can be attached.

The Cubbies are designed to be flat packed and can be easily transported on a car trailer (a trailer that you transport a car on). They are superbly built and would be a great Christmas present. The Cubbies are priced at $1500 which is well below the material cost. Please contact Paul Armitage (parmi3@eq.edu.au / 0419766110) to find out more or to organise a viewing of the Cubby, it will be worth your while.
PLEASE SEE BELOW REGARDING FUNDRAISER FOR LUNG CANCER

AWARENESS EVENT

• Join us and be part of an international lung cancer awareness event.
• LUNG CANCER
• When you can’t breathe... nothing else matters.
• Donate, unsubscribe, unsubscribe.

Awareness event details
Date 22 November 2014 @ 6:45pm
Venue Helensvale Golf Club  
Wandilla Dr, Helensvale

For more information
Contact
Margaret @ parkermk@hotmail.com  
Or Lung Foundation on 3251 3641

Make a donation by phoning 1800 961 191 or visit www.lungfoundation.com.au

Awesome effort by Year 8 Home Economics – Fashion & Design students (Term 3 group)
Currently in term 4, another group of year 8 students are again working hard to design and construct their original crazy pencil cases. Some excellent work is already being produced in the early stages.

HSH SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT
Below is some feedback we received from Sports Awards held on Thursday 13 November.

• All I can say is WOW! What a fantastic night to be part of last night.
• The unveiling of the houses with your students who achieved success in sport was truly amazing.
• I felt absolutely honoured to sit on such a decorated table, I actually felt a little out of place.
• All of your students who won awards last night seem to be growing each year which is testament to the school’s sports programs and teachers/coaches that give their time and knowledge to these students. Well done to all again.
• I did see Mark and said thankyou to him and the school for all your efforts with providing students for programs throughout the year.
• Thankyou again for inviting me to be a part of a truly amazing sports night.

Below are the new unveiled house logos and names:

YEAR 8 HOME ECONOMICS: FASHION
Recently during term 3, Year 8 Home Economics Fashion students from 8B produced some outstanding results for their Design Challenge task.

Students Design Challenge task was to design and make an original Crazy Pencil Case Prototype that may be suitable for a new ‘Storage & Organisation’ product for an existing on-line business called – “Etsy”. Students were very creative with some exciting and original designs that were stencilled, stitched and embellished using a range of sewing equipment and tools. A big thanks also to Sally our awesome Teacher Aide for her assistance in Term 3.