26 August 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and caregivers,

The pace of Term 3 has been unrelenting. The students and staff are engaged in the learning programs, class excursions to value add the ‘real world’ elements to the classroom learning, sporting teams engaged in Metropolitan Finals and others involved in the Met West track and Field Carnival.

This hectic and complex pace of the school day is completely normal and important for the students to ensure a total learning experience. This process aims to replicate the future workplace and to equip the students with the skills and awareness to be productive within these workplaces.

QCS Test

The Year 12 students who are sitting the Qld Core Skills Test have a big week next week with the QCS test being administered on Tuesday and Wednesday. This is an important two days for these students and the other Year 12 students, who are not sitting the QCS but have VET units to be completed, are expected to be at school. The students have been informed of their requirements and are expected to be at school for the two days.

NAPLAN Results

The school has received the student NAPLAN results and these have been posted home to families. The hard work by the teachers and students over the past 18 months has been recognised with some significant improvement in areas of the testing. It is important to remember that these tests are indicative of the ‘point in time’ for the student and form only a small part of the total story we have on the capabilities and strengths of each student in the school. There are people who make generalisations and aggregations of this data, to try and make it say things it was never designed to do. Our role is to present parents with a thorough picture of the capabilities of their child and work with this knowledge and the student to develop the complete young adult ready for their future careers by the time they finish year 12.

Year 12 Focus

For all parents and caregivers of our year 12 students, the next 4 weeks of this Term are vital. The students must remain focussed and committed to completing all their assessment requirements. Final exit rating projections are done at the end of this term and it is vital that the students make every effort to ‘put their best foot forward’ in assessment items due. For students aiming for an OP position this is absolutely crucial. These students will also be required to complete their Qld Tertiary Admissions Centre applications for the courses they want to nominate for. The Guidance Counsellors are working with every student looking to make a QTC application to ensure that they have their paperwork complete and the course priorities sorted.

Boys Choir

Congratulations also to the students in the new Boys Choir that is making quite a name for itself performing all over Ipswich City in a number of different functions and gatherings. The group have learnt a number of songs from a variety of cultural backgrounds that are reflective of the students here at our school. They are a credit to themselves, their families and the school. Make the effort to see and hear them if you get the chance you will not be disappointed.

Regards

Llew Paulger
PRINCIPAL

COMING EVENTS

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Great state. Great opportunity.
UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

From time to time family circumstances change, for example, custody issues, addresses, new phone numbers and emergency contacts.

It is critical that the school has the correct information on students. The school will not release a student to someone who is not listed as a contact on our system. Please ensure your emergency contact details are correct.

Attached is a Change of Details Form, please complete and return to Student Office with accurate information if your circumstances have changed.

YEAR 10 SET PLAN INTERVIEWS

During Term 3, all Year 10 students will complete their SET Plan. The SET Plan is designed to map each individual student’s learning pathway through the Senior Phase of Learning (Years 11/12).

The SET Plan Interviews will be conducted on Thursday, 28 August 2014. The interview takes approximately 45 minutes to complete and is conducted between the teacher, student and parents. During the interview, the subject selection for Years 11/12 will be completed.

Normal classes (for Year 10 students only) will be cancelled on this day.

Students will be required to attend school only for their scheduled SET Plan appointment. Bookings can be completed online via the Parent-Teacher Booking System available on the school’s website from 3pm Monday, 18 August 2014. You will receive a letter that outlines the booking instructions and identifies the teacher who will be conducting the interview.

We look forward to meeting with you during the SET Plan process.

If you have any questions or queries about the SET Plan interview, please contact me on 3432 1222.

Belinda Walker
Deputy Principal

GUIDANCE NEWS

Year 12 students are currently working on their application for their tertiary course.

Any OP eligible and OP non-eligible student can apply for courses through QTAC. The students have to book for a QTAC interview with guidance at reception.

Important dates

- August 2014 application for 2014 admissions opens
- 30 September 2014 due date for on-time applications

For any more information check the QTAC Guide for Tertiary Courses, www.qtac.edu.au

Scholarships and EAS

Students who fill the requirements for any Scholarships or the Educational Access Scheme need to book a second appointment with guidance at the start of Term 4.

Open Days

USQ Open Day Springfield Sunday, 24 August 2014
TAFE Queensland South West Bundamba Open Day Tuesday, 9 September 4pm to 7:30pm
Cnr Mary and Byrne Streets, Bundamba
Direct entry into the aviation program

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 26 September 2014.

See Guidance for more information

Leeanne Harlow and Gudrun Scheve
Guidance Team

UNIFORM SHOP

Students/Parents wanting to purchase Dri Fit Polo and Micro Fibre Shorts for Year 9 - 2015, these uniforms have been reduced in the Uniform Shop to $28.50 for the Dri Fit Polo and $20.50 for the Micro Shorts. On sale until stocks sell out.

New School Hats

The new school bucket hats and caps have arrived in the uniform shop. There is plenty of stock available at the moment but they are selling very well so don’t miss out. Prices are $13.50 for a bucket hat and $17.50 for a cap.

Uniforms for 2015 Year 7 and 8 students, will be available from the middle of November.

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

The start of Term 3 has been very busy for the Student Council with several successful events occurring.

Open Day

We started the Term with Open Day where the Student Council played a big role in the event. They were involved in the set-up and pack-up and assisted with various tasks throughout the evening. Student Council also ran a BBQ with a portion of the money raised going to support Renee Quinn who recently travelled to America to compete in barrel racing. Student Council members were involved. A big Thank You must go to Foodworks who kindly donated the BBQ supplies.

Jeans for Genes Day

Our second major fundraising event this Term was ‘Jeans for Genes Day.’ This was held on Friday, 1 August and was supported by both staff and students. In total we raised $456.60 which will help the Children’s Medical Research Institute. Thanks to everyone who supported this fantastic cause!
40 Hour Famine

Student Council’s most recent project was the ‘40 Hour Famine’. This year over 80 students signed up to participate. This event requires students to give up something for 40 hours. This includes food, technology, furniture or even talking. The student council has run several events to support this fantastic cause.

Since the start of Term 3, 40 Hour Famine participants have been involved in selling badges. These brightly coloured badges contain slogans supporting the 40 Hour Famine and they have been a big hit with students.

A group of Year 11 students also organised and ran a Bake Sale at school on Friday, 15 August. This venture we were able raise just over $350 to go towards the Campaign.

The official famine weekend was the weekend of Friday, 15 August 8pm to Sunday, 17 August 12pm and the school held a sleep over to coincide with the first night of the famine. 26 students and 10 staff members participated and had a fantastic night. Students made a donation of $10 to attend the night.

Students all gave up technology for the night and were instead entertained with board games and other group activities. One such activity was the ‘Braid and Trade Game’ which involved students completing a series of tasks in order to better understand what life might be like in a country like Rwanda.

Students are currently in the process of returning the money they have raised. So far we have raised $891.50 with the total continuing to rise every day!

Disco

The next Disco will be held on Friday, 5 September. It is a chance for Year 12 Students to let their hair down after a week of QCS testing. The theme for the night is ‘Inspirational People’ and no doubt there will be some fantastic costumes.

EAGLE BOYS KEEPING IT REAL FOR STUDENTS

Students who keep it REAL at school are being rewarded by local business Eagle Boys Pizza.

Each week four students receive a free pizza voucher from locally owned Eagle Boys pizza franchise at Redbank Plains Shopping Village for their REAL efforts at school. REAL is our behaviour mantra, an acronym standing for Respect, Excel, Attend, Learn. The ‘random roar’ recipients are announced by Principal, Llew Paulger at the weekly full school assembly.

This week’s lucky students visited the store to thank the Eagle Boys staff for their support of the school. Liam Gibson in Year 9 said his parents were really happy when he told them he had received the award.

‘My mum was pretty proud that I was one of this week’s award winners,’ he said.

We would like to thank Eagle Boys for supporting our ‘random roar’ awards; it’s great to see local business supporting our school.

Eagle Boys Redbank Plains are currently looking for Junior Kitchen Hands. Anyone interested in applying should visit the store and hand in their resume.

Scholarship Opportunities at Redbank Plains State High School

Is your student acing school report card results and NAPLAN? Does your student excel in extra-curricular activities?

If yes, your student should consider applying for a Redbank Plains State High School Scholarship in 2015.

Redbank Plains State High School makes a limited number of scholarships to current students who will enter Year 9, 10, 11 or 12 in 2015. These scholarships are to recognise excellence and potential in a range of areas of importance to our school which include - Academic, Sports, Instrumental Music and Performing Arts.

Scholarship packages include one year of school resource hire scheme fees paid and a full set of school uniforms provided to each scholarship student.
Applications for current students are open now until Week 3 of Term 4. Shortlisted candidates will then be contacted to arrange an interview time in Week 4 and 5. All scholarship applicants will be notified of results of their application by Week 6 of Term 4.

Full details about these scholarships and scholarship application forms can be found on the school’s website – www.redbplaishs.eq.edu.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Soccer

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Summer Season Starting Now
Ipswich Futsal - Booval Swifts

Tuesday U9 - U13 Boys and Girls
Tuesday Open Women
Monday and Wednesday Open Men and Mixed

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