Executive Principal's Report

Last week was a very busy one for Varsity College. As always, we had the Middle School Camping program that sends students from years 7-9 in all directions from the ski slopes of Perisher, to the island paradise of Lady Elliot Island and everywhere in between. This program is unique to Varsity College and relies heavily on the commitment of the staff at this school to ensure the effective organisation and safe running of all activities. From all reports, students have had incredible experiences and developed memories that will be with them long after they leave this school. This program is indeed a very important part of our Middle Schooling program and something of which we should be very proud. Congratulations and thank you to all staff for their efforts on these camps.

We hold the Middle School camping program during this week, in part, due to the QCS testing program. Most parents will be aware that all year 12 OP eligible students in Queensland are required to sit the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) tests in order to have a moderating point for all students across all schools in the state. These tests are unknown to students but consist of a Writing Task, a Short Response Paper and two Multiple Choice tests. Varsity College has developed a QCS preparation program for OP students that is incredibly comprehensive.

I was interested to read last week in a Brisbane Newspaper, an article which lauded an elite Private School where their students were given 70 minutes each week to develop strategies for the QSC testing. Students at Varsity College receive well over 100 minutes each and every week, along with a significant number of two hour master classes, practice tests fully marked and returned and weekend focus classes as required. The preparation of our students for this testing is incredible and I would like to acknowledge all of the staff who work tirelessly to get our students prepared.

Varsity College also takes initiative in terms of running the QCS days. As in previous years, staff manned BBQ’s from 5:30am, so that when students arrived at 7:30am there was an abundance of hot food and drinks available to ensure that students’ stomachs were full and ready for the testing program. Morning snacks and lunch were provided on these days for all students and this resulted in a great atmosphere of support and collaboration. We do not have any idea how our students performed other than to say, we could not be happier with the efforts that they put into each test. All students used the time effectively, worked right until the end of each test and left feeling somewhat confident. The school staff were thrilled with the efforts of the students.

Thank you to all of the staff who dedicated Tuesday and Wednesday of last week to ensuring that the testing program was such a success. We will wait with great anticipation for the results which will arrive in December.

While the Middle School students were on camp, the school took the opportunity to hold orientation programs for the grade 5 and 6 students who will move to the Senior Campus next year. The grade 6 students spent Monday and Tuesday on the Senior Campus, while the grade 5 students had Tuesday and Wednesday on the Senior Campus. These orientation days were carefully planned and ran through the work of all staff involved incredibly smoothly. All of these students were exposed to a range of activities that are possible on the Senior Campus such as cooking, woodwork classes, film and TV and creative arts.

The excitement was evident in their eyes and I am sure that these students are now excited to come to the Senior Campus next year. Once again thank you to the staff who worked tirelessly to ensure that this program was such an incredible success.

There has been lots of development in our plans to relocate the grade 6 students to the Senior Campus for 2014. This includes the following actions;

- A grade 5 student reference group of students has been established and these students are advising the leadership on the things they feel are important to the student cohort.
- The Leadership program for the grade 5 students is well advanced and students will vote for the traditional school captain and house captain roles in the near future.
- A parent information evening was held last week to explain further in regards to the transition processes and what was happening.
- At the end of this meeting, the Primary School Guidance Officer, Paul Mahoney offered to work with parents who needed strategies to support their children in this transition.
- Teachers are visiting other schools in preparation for the development of the learning spaces for the grade 6 students next year.
- The council have agreed to close some parking and establish a drop off zone for grade 6 parents.
- Negotiations are underway for the purchase of new laptop computers for grade 6 students.
Selection processes for teachers are happening so that the selected staff teaching these students will have a strong orientation process to the secondary campus.

Remodelling work for the current year 7 wing will begin during the upcoming school break to then be completed over the Christmas holidays.

We are all very aware of the difficulties that this move may present and I would like to assure the whole school community that the Administration team and teachers are working tirelessly to ensure that this will be a highly successful transition. If you have any questions or suggestions in relation to this move, please feel free to contact me directly. I am very happy to discuss ideas that will improve the strategies that we are using to ensure the success of this transition.

Of course, most students will have a significant amount of work to complete in the next two weeks prior to the end of term as units of work come to a conclusion. This can be a very stressful period of time and I encourage all parents to be patient and supportive through this time. The holidays will be here shortly and we can all have a good break then after a very busy term.

Year 12 students in particular are struggling to keep their momentum going. I spoke to a number of classes last Friday and reminded them that like in a marathon, the hardest part is the last few kilometres. Year 12 students have around 20 days of learning plus tests to go before they graduate, however these days are crucial and while the temptation may be to limp across the line, we want them to power over the finish line full of steam. These students particularly need lots of positive affirmation over the next few weeks in order that they maximise their potential prior to the end of their formal schooling experience.

The next two weeks is also a very busy time for SETP interviews and QTAC application processes. Parents of Year 10 and 12 students should be aware of the need to support their child through these interviews as they select subjects for Year 11 and University preferences respectively. Please contact the school if you have any questions in regards to either process.

When we return at the start of next term, we should have considerable more information in regards to our application to become an Independent Public School next year and also our final building solutions for 2014. We will be sure to keep the school community informed as this information comes to hand.

Kind Regards,

Jeff Davis
Executive Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Primary Campus News

Term 3 has flown past with a myriad of activities to make us all feel very satisfied, if not a little weary!

We had great success at the Eisteddfod and I congratulate every performer, staff members and parents on a wonderful effort. Some of our groups were very large and the effort in organisation to ensure everyone was where they needed to be, on time and sounding wonderful was a great feat!

On the entertainment front we now look forward to Varsity’s Junior School musical, “Camp Rock” which will show at the Junior School Hall on 11 October at 7pm and 12 October at 1pm and 7pm.

In managing the safety of students on the Primary Campus, parents/caregivers are asked to regard the safety of all children and observe road safety rules around our school. The drop-off/pick-up area would work smoothly if parents observed the following:

- Families must not leave their vehicles when dropping off or picking up children in the drop off / pick up lane.
- If families need to leave their vehicle they must park in parking bays provided.
- Vehicles must move as far down the drop off / pick up lane as possible when dropping off or collecting children.
- Children being dropped off before school must move directly to the supervised undercover area near canteen.
- Children waiting to be picked up after school will be required to sit in the undercover area until their vehicle arrives.
- Children will be directed by school staff to only use the pedestrian gate adjacent to the playground to enter or leave the school. The pedestrian gate closest to the hall is for children and parents walking either across Christine Avenue or up toward Bridgewater Drive.
- The playground is off limits to students before and after school as it distracts children and interferes with the smooth flow of traffic.

It is essential that families work cooperatively at this location to ensure traffic flows smoothly and most importantly children’s lives are not put at risk.

This area is under the jurisdiction of the Gold Coast City Council who will at times, have traffic officers on duty to assist in the safe operation of the area. Following a number of concerning incidents at the drop-off/pick-up area and in Bridgewater Drive with parents jeopardising the safety of students, Council have asked us to alert parents as follows:

‘to the danger to their own children and others of illegally parking right on the crossing due to prohibiting the full view of students crossing; advise parents that Council Regulated Parking Attendants will be attending the school at peak times to observe the situation; initially giving “warnings” to parents illegally parked and afterwards, tickets will be issued’.

Book Fair Success

Book Fair was an outstanding success again this year. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, carers and students who came along to support our Book Fair. We sold $16539.85 worth of books which allows us to spend $4955.00 on resources for the Library in commission.
The winners of the Lucky Door Prize for the $25.00 voucher were:

Prep School – Emmy Hargraves 2P and Junior School – Sarah Dober 6S

Thank you to staff, students and volunteers who gave up their time to help out, it was greatly appreciated.

The following students donated books to their classrooms from their teachers “Wish List”.

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**Hating Homework Reaps Rewards in 5 Djibouti!**

Mrs Smith challenged 5 Djibouti the homework task of producing a written text incorporating all the week’s spelling words.

Kate Bodley dreaded the task but turned her piece into an award winning speech which won her first place at the Varsity College Public Speaking Competition. Congratulations Kate from Mrs Smith and 5 Djibouti! The following is Kate’s speech:

*Sometimes I just simply HATE homework. It takes away from your free time; all my other friends are outside playing soccer in the cool summer air on the lush green grass at the park. I would be out there too if it wasn’t for this stupid homework assignment. Our task is to write a spelling story using as many words from your spelling list. At first it sounded like a piece of cake but then my teacher handed out my spelling words. Sometimes I wish I was in the low group, not the top. My words are plain stupid: monochrome, monotone, monorail, monopoly, monogram, monolith, monotonous, monopolise, monotreme, monocracy, semi-professional, precious, semidetached, semicircle, centipede, semiotics, semipermeable, centenarian, centigram. Mono, mono, mono how are you supposed to write a good story with those words? All the other groups get words like superhuman, superhero, supersonic, treasure, capture and what do I get? These stupid mono and semi words. So I sit here in...*
my stuffy hot room listening to stupid noise of the clock TIC, TOC, TIC, TOC.

Okay this is what I got: I was on a monochrome monorail on my way to see a monotrema and a centipede at the zoo. I was playing monopoly on my iPod when I heard a monotone. It was congratulating the zoo on a centenarian. I looked out the window and saw a semidetached building. Outside was a man in a semi-professional suit. He looked funny because his pants were centimetres too short.

It doesn’t even sound like a story, it just sounds like an ordinary paragraph. UGHHHH what am I going to do, the assignment is due TOMMOROW and it is getting late. Tic, Toc, Tic, Toc I think I might not go to school tomorrow, tic toc, in fact maybe I should move schools. Tic, Toc There are some good schools on the other side of Australia and what about America? Tic I better start to study the America National Anthem then. But I can’t move. Mum will make me go to school tomorrow, I must finish this story!

The tiny hat on his head weighed a centigram. The stones in his hands were semiprecious. A monogram was printed on his suit. Next to him was an old monolith. He held a book about semiotics. He held a sign asking what semipermeable meant. He ran a monocracy. He seemed to monopolise the world.

Its official, this story SUCKS! It’s monotonous! I glance out the window as my friend scores a goal. What am I going to do?! I have spent hours on this and it’s going nowhere! GREAT! My teacher will be cantankerous! I’m DOOMED!!!!

Primary Schools Oztag Challenge

On Monday 19 August, Varsity College participated in the Primary Schools Oztag Challenge held at Metricon Stadium. We sent a boys and girls team from Years 5 and 6 who competed against schools from all over the Gold Coast region.

It was with extreme excitement and enthusiasm that the students threw themselves into the opening round robin competition in the hopes that they might make it on to the semi-finals. Three of the four teams were successful in making it to the semis with both the Year 5 Boys and Girls teams actually going on to be crowned overall champions for the day.

This was an exceptional effort considering this is the first time we have entered this competition. Special mention must be given to Samantha in Year 5 who not only scored the winning try in extra-time in the final, but was also awarded Most Valuable Player in her division.

Matt Riley / Justin Faust

Primary Sports Update

With the Gold Coast weather finally returning in all its’ glory it has been wonderful to be outside enjoying it at a number of athletic and sporting events with Varsity students.

The athletic season has been in full swing and a dedicated few students have progressed through to the regional level:

- Jaeda Leyshon – Multi-Event, Shot put, Long Jump, 200m
- Connor Dowd – 200m
- Charlotte Hammans – Discus
- Peta Fiaola – Discus

From the regional carnival Peta and Jaeda have now been selected to represent South Coast at the State Titles. Well done girls!

With Term four fast approaching it is that time when Varsity undertakes its’ annual Swimming Program. This will be run at Somerset College pool by their qualified staff and will allow your child to develop and improve their swimming capabilities, whatever level of competence they currently possess.

All Primary classes will participate in this program except for students in the Preparatory Year.

Matt Riley
Junior PE Teacher

Chinese Pre-Immersion Program - Year 6 2014

Applications for external students are available now with Expression of Interest packages available from the Junior School Office.

Current Year 5 students do not need to apply and will be offered places in the program based on selection criteria. This criteria includes: academic performance; behaviour and effort results and Year 5 NAPLAN test results.

Benefits for students include:

- Proficiency in the most commonly spoken language in the world
- Improved career and travel opportunities
- Improved study skills
- Greater confidence when interacting with people from other cultures in Australia and overseas
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**Tournament of Minds**

A small group of Varsity Junior School students from Year 5 and 6 have been working hard for the last four months in preparation to compete in the Tournament of Minds competition. These amazing students, Bohdi, Zachariah, Kaya, Noah, Dasheille, Alexandria, and Kate, were given a long term challenge in Maths Engineering where they had to work collaboratively to prepare a solution, and then present this solution on tournament day to a panel of judges and an audience.

The team worked together to create a timed sound device that used unbalanced forces to create a unique sound that went off after 10 seconds. They also had to write an eight minute play and create handmade costumes and props. On tournament day they were given a spontaneous challenge, where they had four minutes to work as a team and come up with a creative answer to a problem; they were scored on creativity, complexity and group thinking skills, in which they excelled with top marks.

Our team took part in this tournament on Sunday, 25 August finishing in second place with honours, and have been asked to participate in the State Final in Brisbane in two weeks’ time.

This is a huge accomplishment and well deserved. The team have been working extremely hard to practice their dramatic performance and Maths Engineering skills. They also have to take part in another spontaneous challenge at the state finals. The team will also be judged on a new long term challenge where they have three hours to come up with a solution, build it and produce a play, costumes and props, as well as their Spontaneous Challenge.

We wish them all the best for the State Finals.

**Aunty Joyce’s Visit to Year 4**

This term in History, Year 4 has been studying Aboriginal life Pre-Colonisation and Post-Colonisation. As part of historical studies, students are taught the skill of historical questioning and this term they were able to practice their questioning skills with an Aboriginal Elder, Aunty Joyce.

The students have been very inquisitive and interested in Aboriginal culture so they thoroughly enjoyed their Q&A time with such a knowledgeable and passionate person.

We are very lucky at Varsity College to have people in our community that are willing to give up their time to enrich our children’s education. Thank you Aunty Joyce!

Follow us on Twitter: https://twitter.com/VarsityPrimary

The Twitter feed is also now available on the College Website.

**Coming Events**

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**Years 5 and 6 Cooking Experience at the Junior Secondary School.**

Two classes from Year 6 and four classes from Year 5 were given a taste of what they can expect to experience in a cooking lesson.

Pictured are Samantha Lubke and Kate Bodley with Mr Dux who is awarding them the Master Chef prize.
Dental Clinic / Van Offer of Oral Health

Students in grades (1,2,3,4,5A,PREP A, PREP B) are now being offered the opportunity to contact the Child and Adolescent Oral Health service to arrange for a Dental Examination at (MDC 156 – Varsity College). A parent or legal guardian is required to attend the first appointment to complete Parental Consent and Medical/Dental History form.

If your child is enrolled in one of the grades listed above and did not receive an offer of care pack and you would like to arrange for your child to receive oral health care please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm Excluding Public Holidays.

If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

SECONDARY CAMPUS NEWS

From the Campus Director

Year 6 2014 Planning

- All current Year 5 and 6 students engaged in a transition program whilst Middle School students were away on Camp Week. Students were introduced to their 2014 learning environment and some of the specialist programs that will be available to them next year.
- Staff and student consultative groups are making decisions on the upgrades to the learning environment that will be completed before the start of the 2014 school year. Upgrades will include new carpet, painting of walls, new furniture and enhancements to the external learning environment.

All Year 12 OP pathway students completed the QCS Tests on Tuesday and Wednesday last week. The College community should be extremely proud of the amazing efforts of these students. I am extremely confident that the quality preparation that went into the testing program will produce fantastic results.

At the time of writing this article, students have started to return from the Middle School Camp Week programs. I would like to recognise and pass on thanks to the many Varsity College staff who attended these camps so that students could receive these amazing experiences.

For the final two weeks of this term, all Year 10 students and their families have been invited to attend a personal SET Plan Meeting with an identified College staff member. This meeting is arranged to map out the Senior subject pathway and selections for next year. These meetings are vital to ensure students are aligned to appropriate subjects that meet their needs for the final two years of their schooling.

Stephen O’Brien
Director of Secondary Campus

News from the ARTS Department

Alice in Wonderland

Our inaugural College Play “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland” and “Through the Looking Glass” will be performed in term 2, 2014.

Auditions are underway and we will know our full cast by early term 4. Student response to the sign up for auditions was monumental with over 100 students signing up. There are approximately 25 parts and a small chorus and we will be performing in our Senior Auditorium. We will also have some understudy parts for the lead characters, which is common practice in theatre companies.

To be a part of the audience, please keep the following dates up your sleeve:

- May 30th 2014 - 6.30pm
- May 31st 2014 - 2.00pm & 6.30pm

Why, sometimes I’ve believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast. ~Alice in Wonderland
Dance Studies

Varsity College has moved from offering Authority Dance and this year is our first group of Dance Studies students. Dance Studies provides many opportunities for these students to choreograph and perform both within the school and in community events. Our Dance Studies students had the opportunity to choreograph for ‘Grease’ and this formed part of their assessment. They are learning about creating promotional videos and have just performed a mixture of their own choreography and their teacher’s choreography at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod.

We are entering exciting times in the Arts at Varsity and the opportunities for students grow each and every year. I’m looking forward to sharing more with you as we continue on our journey in the Arts.

“We should consider everyday lost on which we have not danced at least once.” ~ Friedrich Nietzsche

Arts Excellence Night

On Friday 8th November we will hold an evening of Arts Excellence on the Secondary Campus. We will have ‘A standard’ curriculum work from the senior school from the areas of Drama, Dance, Music, Film and Television, as well as an exhibition of Artwork from our Visual Art students.

If you think there was some talent in the Musical, you should see what the students produce in their curriculum areas. I look forward to sharing their excellence with you all. Details will be released in the next Newsletter.

“O, had I but followed the arts!” ~ Shakespeare

Michelle Murtagh
Head of Department Creative Arts

News from the Special Education Unit.

Picnic for the Special Education Unit

Last week students from our Special Education Unit were very busy cooking for our picnic. Mr King who spends time with us doing sport came to help the four Chefs from our unit prepare and cook Muffins and Rainbow Biscuits.

Mr King is good at cooking and he chatted to us and made us feel very important and successful. The pictures are of us cooking with our teacher Mrs Clarke and our teacher friend Mr King.

Then the next day Wednesday we travelled on the bus to Mt Tamborine with our food where we had our picnic lunch.

Written By Josh Pratt 9F

Special Mention for Joel participating in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod

We would love to congratulate Joel Conway who participated in the Special need section of the Gold Coast Eisteddfod and came 2nd in the musical instrument category. Joel plays the double bass.

Congratulations Joel this is fantastic news.

Varsity College Rowing continues its successful rowing season

Varsity College Rowing hosted the GCRASRA Open Schools Regatta which was held at the Murwillumbah Rowing Club. It was a very busy weekend for our small team of dedicated rowers and supporters.

Congratulations to all the rowers for their outstanding results over the weekend where they won five gold, five silver and two bronze medals. On top of their efforts on the water, the rowers then assisted with food orders, raffle ticket and programme sales. It was an amazing performance all around.

A big thank you goes to all the parents, caregivers and supporters that tirelessly assisted over the weekend. Without their help in cooking, driving boats, announcing, issuing bow numbers, sales and cleaning, the regatta would not have been possible. The Varsity College Rowing team is grateful to have such a dedicated group to assist the rowing programme.

Thank you to our sponsors for their financial support. Our sponsors include Besito Coffee, Fuji Xerox, Australian Travel Brokers, Hydraulic Design Solutions, Varsity College P&C and Silastone Trading. Personal sponsorships were also received from Howard Knox, Steve Harriott and the Young family.

Jeff Davis, Executive Principal, and Stephen O’Brien, Director, Secondary Campus, attended the regatta and awarded medals to the winners and place getters.

The Varsity College Rowing team’s results are as follows:
First:
Hunter Hughes, Olivia Harris, Leilani Stacey, Mikayla Young and Oliver Stacey (Cox) – Schoolgirls Year 8 Quad
Ashley Creelman, Lily Hughes and Oliver Stacey (composite) – Schoolgirls Quad
Ashley Creelman (composite) – Schoolgirls Year 10 Quad Scull
Lily Hughes (composite) – Schoolgirls Double Scull
Max Jonathon-Hall, Luke Hutchins, Michael Spratt, Cameron Cannard and Oliver Stacey (Cox)

Second:
Ashley Creelman (plus composite rower) – Schoolgirls Year 9 Double Scull
Lily Hughes – Schoolgirls Under 17 Single Scull
Olivia Harris – Schoolgirls Under 14 Single Scull
Lily Hughes (composite) – Schoolgirls Year 11 Quad
Olivia Harris and Leilani Stacey – Schoolgirls Year 8 Double Scull

Third:
Michael Spratt – Schoolboys Under 15 Single Scull
Mikayla Young – Schoolgirls Under 14 Single Scull

Honorable mentions to all the other team members who rowed on the weekend:
Amy Brown
Connor Cliff
Mason Dowd
Matthew Gardiner (Happy 13th birthday Matt)
Tom Larson
Sam Platt-Muniz
Jake Satherley
Ben Satherley

Next on the Varsity College Rowing regatta timetable is the Queensland State Championships in Bundaberg next month.

GO VARSITY!

Across Campus News

Instrumental Music News - Gold Coast Eisteddfod

During August, Varsity College’s Vocal and Instrumental Ensembles competed against other schools from the South East Region at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. While many of our ensembles placed, the winners were the smiling faces of our young musicians who performed, observed and learned as part of the whole Eisteddfod experience. I was delighted to see so many of our students participating, wearing the uniform with pride and supporting students from other schools who were performing. Listed below are just some of the results our ensembles achieved:

1st Place: Beginner Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Stage Band, Beginner Strings
2nd Place: Wind Ensemble, Banksia Strings, Junior Chamber Strings, Corelli Strings, Waratah Strings
3rd Place: Chamber Vocals, Acacia Strings

These results contributed to Varsity College becoming the ‘Runner Up’ to Robina State School as the Primary Schools most Outstanding Bands and Orchestras. Congratulations to all of the students who performed exceptionally, thank you to all the staff who helped with supervision and all the parents who supported our ‘Students stay for the whole Session’ learning strategy.

The instrumental music department now looks forward to our Secondary Instrumental Music Evening on Monday the 11 November and the Primary Instrumental Music Concert on Tuesday 26 November.

We look forward to hearing more beautiful music at these events.

Geoff Watson
Instrumental Music Coordinator

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| Senior Office | Closed Monday |
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Please be informed that the Finance Office (Senior and Primary) will be closed from:-

Wednesday 18 September to 20 September 2013
(Last three days of term).

This is to enable the finance department to finalise any outstanding matters before the start of the new term.

All payments can be made via Internet Banking directly into the College’s bank account. To ensure payments are allocated to the correct student it is vital that the Parent/Caregivers insert their child’s EQ ID number (11 digits) in the reference field of the banking screen.

If a payment is received and cannot be matched with the relevant activity the amount paid will be applied to the student’s oldest debt.

Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services

ORAL HEALTH CARE MATTERS

Did you know that Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services in both the community and school dental clinics accept Medicare Teen Dental Scheme Vouchers?

Good oral health care is important for young people. The government has provided Medicare Teen Dental Scheme Vouchers to help enable and maintain good oral health and preventative care. These vouchers can be presented to private dentists or Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services, including a community or school dental clinic.

Children attending schools up to the end of Year 10 who present a Teen Dental Voucher with Gold Coast Oral Health Services will receive a comprehensive examination, x-rays, scale, clean and a full course of care. Children in Years 11 and 12 in receipt of a voucher can only be seen by Gold Coast Oral Health Services if the eligibility criteria are met. They will then be placed on a waiting list to receive a comprehensive examination, x-rays, scale, clean and a full course of care.

If the Teen Dental Voucher has been used at a private dental practice, completion of the private dentist’s treatment plan will need to be undertaken privately at own cost. Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services will only be able to provide Emergency Care for these children, not a full course of care as prescribed by the private dentist.

Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services have qualified and experienced dentists, oral health therapists, dental therapists and dental assistants who work together to provide a range of oral healthcare services to meet your child’s specific oral health needs in a caring environment.

As the Teen Dental Voucher expires by 31.12.13, it is important that you arrange your appointment as soon as possible by telephoning the Gold Coast Oral Health Services Call Centre on 1300 300 850. Oral health services are also provided during all school holiday periods.

For more information on the nearest community or school dental clinic, the Oral Health Call Centre will be able to assist you with your enquiry.

Uniform Shop News

Opening Hours

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Winter Uniform

Jackets, Jumpers & Track pants are now back in stock.

Telephone Credit Card purchases of Uniform

It is possible to purchase uniform items over the phone which can be collected from the uniform shops or the school office. Purchases can be made by contacting the uniform shop during the opening hours or by leaving a message out of hours.

During busy times when we cannot get to the telephone a message can be left and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Junior School – 5576 9308
Senior School – 5562 3512

Flexicard Cashless System is Here!

Get Ready NOW for Term 4 and Year 6 students coming over to the Senior Campus in 2014

Senior students can now purchase goods from the tuckshop using their student card, via a system called FlexiSchools. This system allows parents to budget an amount on their students’ card for spending at the school. Cashless payment is also safer and faster for the tuckshop to process, and we would therefore like to encourage all students to use this system rather than send cash to school.

How Does it Work?

Parents set up a FlexiSchools account online and pre-load their account with funds. Students can make purchases at the canteen by swiping their student card at the cash register. The register shows a photo of the student for added security. Parents can view their students’ purchases online and can set a daily spending limit on the student’s card.
Set Up Your Account

Setting up an account for either Online Ordering or Card Payments is done online and only takes a minute. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click “Register Now”. You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, be sure to top up your account with some funds. Add your Senior student to your account and enter your card number below:

The system operates via a pre-paid account, so you don’t need to scrounge for coins in the morning and can easily budget for your spending throughout the term. There are a variety of payment options supported, including Visa, Mastercard (credit and debit), Bank Transfer and Payclick. Some top-up methods have fees or restrictions – please check online for details.

Existing FlexiSchools Accounts

If you already have a FlexiSchools account, you can add your senior student to your existing account. If your student has registered for junior school previously, update their class on the Home screen to a senior year, and enter their card number.

What does it cost?

There is no cost for setting up your account and no transaction fees for student card payments. If you have any questions, FlexiSchools provide a great help desk on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website.

If you have any questions, please ask the administration office for more information.

Comming Events

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Free family and furry friend’s fun day

Make sure you check out the attached flier

How many apples will you give in 2013?

QT Mutual Bank’s Staffroom for Improvement is back again this year giving our school the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover.

With the competition kicking off on Wednesday 28th August we are trying to encourage as many staff, parents and friends as possible to vote for our school in the hope of taking out the top honours in 2013.

While the ultimate prize of a $20,000 staffroom makeover will undoubtedly be appreciated by our school staff, there is also a chance for individual voters to share in a $5000 prize pool.

QTMB Marketing Manager Chris Moses said although the competition originally started as a way of giving back to teachers, over the years it has grown to be a much bigger community event.

“We’ve seen the competition gain a life of its own, which is a testament to how much communities want to see their teachers rewarded for everything they do”.

To be crowned the 2013 winners we will need as much support as possible so make sure you register for this years competition by visiting www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au.