FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

Awards Night

Congratulations to all of our students who received awards at our Annual Awards night. The evening was a tremendous success where many of our students were recognised for their outstanding efforts in academic, sporting and cultural pursuits. It was wonderful to see so many students receiving awards and the night was made even more special by the large number of parents and other family members who were able to join us.

I would also would especially like to mention our major award winners:

- **Dux of the College**: Lita Thomas
- **Caltex Best All Rounder**: Rachel Peschek
- **Mayor’s Citizenship Award**: Kayla Winiata and Sarah Davis
- **Quiet Achiever Award**: Danica Condon
- **College Values Award**: Fiona Fajardo, Liam Fing and Jade Mulholland
- **School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship**: Chloe Bryan
- **ADF Long Tan Leadership Award**: Shaun Munoz, Connor McDuff and Angela Murray
- **Juanita Lindsay Personal Achievement Award**: Tayla Wood
- **Pierre de Coubertin Award**: Jordan Winiata
- **Sportsman of the Year**: Challen Smith
- **Sportswoman of the Year**: Vanja Klisura
- **Middle School Artist**: Gavin Requena-September
- **Senior Artist**: Jesse Benjamin

I would also like to mention a very special young man, Xiaoyi Zhuang. Yi has been involved in an accelerated learning program since 2008. This year, his 10th year of schooling, Yi has not only completed but achieved excellence in the following year 12 subjects at the College:

- Accelerated Learning Year 12 Chemistry
- Accelerated Learning Year 12 Mathematics B
- Accelerated Learning Year 12 Mathematics C
- Accelerated Learning Year 12 Physics

Yi has continually competed in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools, known as ICAS and has consistently been acknowledged in the top 3% in Queensland in the field of Science; top 1% in Queensland in Mathematics; and received Distinctions in English and Writing.

This year Yi has received the top score for the whole of Queensland for ICAS SCIENCE in Year 10 and will be awarded the highly valued **University of New South Wales Medal.** In the Australian Mathematics Trust competition, he has won the Mathematics Prize scoring in the top zero point three percent in Queensland. Mr Michael Mayfield, Deputy Principal went to the University of Queensland with Yi’s family to see the presentation.

National Bandanna Day and Day for Daniel

On Friday 26 October, the Senior Campus participated in CanTeen’s National Bandanna Day. The Student Management Team ran the fundraiser to raise vital funds to support young people living with cancer. The fundraiser was a resounding success with the College community raising $720.00. Thank you to everyone who got behind the cause and “showed cancer who’s boss”. Our Junior Campus students recognised Day for Daniel to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation by wearing red and making a gold coin donation. The day raised approximately $350 towards the foundation – Congratulations everyone for supporting this very worthy cause.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL (cont) ...

Seniors Farewell
Next week it will come time to farewell our year 12 students. Many of these fine young people have been with us since preschool and as principal I am delighted to see how they have developed into confident and articulate young citizens.

This year the Senior Formal will be held on Wednesday 14 November at “The Landing”, Dockside and I look forward to joining the Seniors and staff members for what promises to be a lovely evening.

On Friday 16 November we will host our traditional Graduation Ceremony where parents and students from the senior campus will witness our year 12 students being presented with their Graduation Certificate and we will farewell them for the very last time from the College.

I would like to thank all of our seniors for their wonderful contribution to the life, culture and spirit of the College.

Dion Coghlan
College Principal

Visit to Parliament House
On Tuesday, October 16, Mrs Jones and 2013 school captains elect, Connor McDuff, Brittney Jefferies, Shanita S’au and Lucy Golding, were privileged to participate in a Parliament House visit hosted by Capalaba MP Steve Davies. Mr Davies took the group on a tour of the Parliament House and Parliamentary Annexe and even had the opportunity to listen to the Estimates hearings with the Education Minister, John Paul Langbroek, and committee. The tour concluded with a beautiful silver service lunch at Parliament House. The group were very fortunate for such an opportunity and a wonderful time was had by all!

SENIORS (YEARS 10 - 12) NEWS ...

TAFE Update
Over the last two months Year 10 and 11 students have been applying to enrol for many TAFE courses that are offered through the Partnership with Schools Program with Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE (MSIT) and SkillsTech TAFE.

Email Communication and Enrolment - TAFE
MSIT is currently contacting students via the email address they provided when submitting the Expression of Interest before the September school holidays. The email will make contact and inform students of the course they have been successful in getting a place with and request that they enrol and pay the required fees. It is very important that students and parents / carers complete this process as soon as possible to ensure the place is secured in the preferred TAFE course.

If you would like further information regarding the online enrolment process or payment of fees, please contact MSIT TAFE at one of the customer service counters at each campus (Mt Gravatt, Alexandra Hills or Loganlea) on the customer service number 1300657613 or submit an online enquiry at http://www.msit.tafe.qld.gov.au/about_us/contact_us/index.html

In 2013, students will attend their TAFE course one day per week and attend their normal school program on the remaining days during the week. Many students will complete a Certificate I, II or III qualification throughout the duration of their TAFE course, providing all course requirements are met. It is important that students attend all scheduled TAFE days to ensure that they have the opportunity to complete all required work.

In most cases, students are then able to apply for direct entry into higher or Diploma level courses, where offered by TAFE. Some of the benefits of completing a TAFE course while at school include:

- Studying in a specific area of interest
- Accessing a broader range of courses
- Completing a VET (Vocational Education and Training) qualification while still at school
- Experiencing new opportunities and pathways through Senior School Pathways at TAFE and school

If you would like further information about TAFE Partnership with Schools Program please contact John Van Nunen - Head of Department Senior Schooling on 3823 9114 or jvann1@eq.edu.au.

Year 11 Futures
Unless your son or daughter is currently undertaking a Partnership Program described above or a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship on a Wednesday, they have been completing the Certificate II in Workplace Practices on a Wednesday all year. Your young person should have recently brought home a letter describing their individual circumstances in regards to completion of this certificate and their obligation to continue coming to school on a Wednesday until the certificate is completed. You were required to sign off this letter and for it to be returned before they were able to stop attending school on a Wednesday. Currently only 5 students have completed the course. Please contact Mr Van Nunen on 38239114 if you have any concerns.
The year is almost over with so much more to fit in before the holidays! Our Middle Schoolers are very busy at the moment with assessment and exams as teachers start to prepare Semester 2 Reports. Please check regularly with your young person as to how they are managing their time as it can become quite stressful if several items are due around the same time or if young people have left everything to the last minute.

As the weather gets hotter, the tempers can get shorter so please encourage your young person to bring a water bottle (these are permitted in classrooms) and to bring a hat. Sunscreen is available from teachers and students MUST wear a hat if involved in an outdoor learning activity or Sport.

Year 7 transition to Junior Secondary
As was announced last year we will not be having a Middle Years Celebration this year as we transition to all Year 7s being located in a High School setting by 2015. This will also be the last year that we present Year 7 Graduation Certificates to celebrate the conclusion of 7 years of Primary schooling. These will be presented on a Senior Campus assembly later in the year. This year’s Year 6s will also receive a certificate and have a celebration of their time on Junior Campus. In this way, no cohort has missed out through this transitionary period.

Stationery Lists and Subject selections:
Subject selections have closed for Year 8 into 9 and 9 into 10. If you have any further changes or queries about selections please direct them to Cheryl Wilson, Deputy Principal. Students will be informed shortly about subject selections for next year. Stationery lists, as always will be mailed home with report cards and students will know which subjects they require equipment for. As always, Mt Cotton News will do book packs for students from the College so please contact them for any information.

Year 9 and 10 laptop program in 2013
Our current Year 9 students were offered the opportunity to participate in a 1:1 laptop program during 2012. This offer will continue into 2013 with the hire costs remaining at $200.00 per year with the same inclusions. We will also be offering the 1:1 laptop program to our current Year 8’s for use in 2013 as Year 9 students. Information will be coming home about this shortly so please watch out for this note as I know sometimes they get buried in student’s bags (never to be seen again!).

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please don’t hesitate to give me a call on 38239 111.
Linda Knight (Principal – Middle School)

CHESS NEWS ...
Congratulations to William Taunoa-Vesty who received 3rd place in the 14 years division of last week’s Brisbane Individual Age Chess Championships. This capped off a great year for William who was named 2012 Capalaba State College Chess Champion at the Capalaba State College Awards Night held in October.

Chess is going from strength to strength at the College. Several students hone their skills in the lunch breaks with games against each other. Mr Edgman, College Librarian has formed chess teams who represent the College at interschool games. Chess is a challenging strategic game and develops life long skills.

If any students are interested in learning or developing their chess playing skills, please contact Mr Edgman in the Library.
Awards Night
Congratulations to all our Junior campus students who starred during our recent College Awards Night. Over 70 Junior students received awards on the night and we congratulate all of them on their efforts and achievements. Our combined Junior choirs, numbering 60 students, also performed to great acclaim. Thank you to everyone, especially our parents, who attended the event to support their children.

College Fete
Our recent College Fete was also a wonderful success. While the weather was particularly warm, many people arrived at the College during the day to check out the stalls, displays and student performances. The importance of this function as not only a school fundraiser but as a community event cannot be overstated; it certainly brings people together for a common purpose. The success of the fete was the result of a huge team effort led by Krystal Goss, Bec Harding and the hard working fete committee and supported by many parent, staff and student volunteers. Sincere thanks to everybody who supported the fete in any way. The funds raised for the College P&C are greatly appreciated by the entire school community.

Outside Hours School Care
Redlands City Council has announced that, at the end of 2012, it will be withdrawing as a provider of Before and After School Care at a number of local schools including Capalaba State College. This service is currently used by many College families who require care for their children outside of school hours during mornings and afternoons.

We are currently working with other local schools to find a suitable private provider to replace Redlands City Council and we will have this in place to commence the 2013 school year. We will provide you with more news as we finalise this selection process.

Student Success
We have been busy presenting certificates and results from this year’s International School’s Competitions. They are as follows:

Writing Results

Participation Certificates:
- Erin Tully (Year 4)
- Joweni Sweet (Year 4)
- Rebecca Blain (Year 6)
- Shayan Kumar (Year 6)
- Charlie Maguire (Year 6)

Credit Certificates:
- Tyson Franks (Year 5) Top 33% in Qld
- Manea Roberts (Year 3) Top 25% in Qld
- Ryan Tully (Year 3) Top 14% in Qld

English Results

Participation Certificates:
- Manea Roberts (Year 3)
- Joweni Sweet (Year 4)
- Caden Duff (Year 5)
- Sarah Przybysz (Year 6)
- Jessica Walker (Year 6)

Credit Certificates:
- Ryan Tully (Year 3) Top 28% in Qld
- Erin Tully (Year 4) Top 19% in Qld

Distinction Certificates
- Rebecca Blain (Year 6) Top 11% in Qld

Congratulations to all participant and their parents for supporting these competitions. Mathematics results in next month’s newsletter.

Regards
Brad French  Junior Campus Principal

Congratulations to the members of the combined Junior and Senior choirs from the Junior Campus. They sang beautifully at Awards Night and behaviour was outstanding throughout.
A belated congratulations to Capalaba’s Got Talent WINNERS Isabella Graham, year 5 and Caitlin King, year 3. The standard of all the finalists was very high but the judges Mrs Gracey (yr 6 teacher) and Mr Tickner (instrumental teacher) were very impressed with their superb dancing skills.
Thank you, Mrs Louisa Lawless
The Safety House Program has run over 20 years in the Capalaba area. It is with sadness that I have to report that the CAPALABA SAFETY HOUSE PROGRAM is in DANGER OF CLOSING. We are seeking new members to step into roles for 2013 as long standing members move on to greener pastures. We thank them for their many years in their roles. We are particularly interested in targeting Capalaba College and Coolnwynpin State School Parents and Friends as you will have no representatives on the Committee in 2013.

It would be a shame if this valuable Safety education program was to close due to lack of interest from the parents and friends of our Schools.

Please see Committee Positions listed below and contact Deb Moran 0408 061 418 for more information. Our AGM is in March 2013 and if we have no new interest then we will be forced to seriously assess the viability of our Program.

Yours in Safety,
Deb Moran

**COMMITTEE POSITIONS & JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

**President**
- Responsible for overseeing committee operations
  - Chair all meetings
  - Support and advise committee members as required
  - Ensure adherence to policies and procedures
  - Co-ordinate promotions (eg Yellow Week)

**Vice President**
- Support and assist President
  - Chair meetings in absence of President
  - Assist with President duties as required

**Secretary**
- Responsible for all administrative duties
  - Committee link to Association
  - Maintain Committee Member Register
  - Distribution of ID cards
  - Record and distribute minutes of all meetings
  - Outward correspondence
  - Prepare and distribute Newsletter
  - Forward completed and approved documentation/forms as required

**Inward Correspondence Secretary**
- Responsible for all incoming mail
  - Receipt and record all inwards correspondence
  - Peruse, distribute and action mail as required
  - Prepare monthly reports for meeting

**Treasurer**
- Accountable for Committee finances
  - Monthly bank reconciliations
  - Maintain financial documentation for audit purposes
  - Bank monies as required
  - Payment of accounts
  - Grant funds management

**Registrar**
- Maintain Householder Register
- Maintain Blue Card Register
- Co-ordinate and conduct interviews as required
- Complete new applications/withdrawals/change of address advices as required

**Monitoring Co-ordinator**
- Maintain and update monitor details and house allocation
- Collate and summarise monthly monitoring reports
- Report activity on a monthly basis

**Alert Monitor**
- First committee contact for Alerts
- Receive, assess and distribute Safety Alerts

**Alert Flag Contact** (3 positions at each school)
- Positions include first, second and third contact for each school
  - Responsible for ensuring relevant flags are displayed according to regulations in the event of an Alert.
  - Flag maintenance and replacement

**Monitors**
- Visually monitor allocated Safety houses on a monthly basis
- Conduct 3 monthly face to face interviews with householders
- Report changes, issues, concerns, etc to Monitoring Co-ordinator monthly

**School Liaison Officer** (1 position at each school)
- Liaise with school administration regards Safety House activity
- Co-ordinate education and Yellow Week activities at schools
- Distribute newsletters as required
Year 7 Boys in Broncos Challenge Cup

On 25 October, eleven of our Year 7 boys participated in the 2012 Bayside Broncos Challenge Cup held at Alexandra Hills SHS. Our boys, most of which hadn’t played competition football before, put in a stellar performance all day to finish 5th out of 12 teams in our division. Well done to all players for the efforts put in before the competition in training and on the day. You all did Capalaba proud!

Sun safety in our school

Sun safety is important for our school because our students are here during peak times for ultraviolet radiation (UVR), which is 10 am to 3 pm.

Cancer Council Queensland says childhood sun exposure contributes significantly to a person’s risk of developing skin cancer in their lifetime, so our school encourages sun safe behaviours.

Wearing wide brim hats, sun protective clothing, sunscreen and keeping in the shade as much as possible are good habits to get into and we encourage parents and staff to set a good example for our students.

Parents and guardians can check out Cancer Council Queensland’s website (http://www.cancerqld.org.au/page/prevention/skin_cancer/) for more information on being SunSmart.

NAB AFL Auskick has kicked off at your school.

Both Girls and Boys have enjoyed their first session of AFL Auskick and learnt all about kicking an AFL Football.

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN AFL AUSKICK

Cost: $60
Length: 8 weeks
Contact: 3394 2198

You will also receive a backpack with football, hat, drink bottle, pump plus heaps more

Make sure you bring your friends too!
For more information visit aflauskick.com.au
Dance Team ends the year with a final performance of their routines ‘Tradie The Musical’ and ‘Jump’ for our College’s most prestigious event ‘Awards Night.’ This is the first time a Yr7 Dance Team has performed on this night and they did a fantastic job! Both routines placed at Eisteddfods throughout the year and were well received by Tuesday nights audience. Miss Briggs and Miss King thank all parents, guardians and Dance Team students for their hard work. This extra-curricular program could not have run without your support. Over the year, the AMPS sub committee of the P & C have worked to raise funds to support our Dance Team students, successfully raising over $4,000 to help cover costume and transport costs. Thank you to all those who worked tirelessly and positively to support this extra-curricular program.

Dance Team students will spend the remainder of the term polishing their skills and learning new dances to help them grow as strong, skilled versatile performers.

We hope you have enjoyed having your young person participate in this after school program, as we have enjoyed watching them develop into young stars.

**Senior campus Concert Band & Big Band rehearsals are still on and students are required to attend. Students will need to return their band uniforms in their calico bags by Monday 12th November.**

**Farcial High – The Musical**

This week the College staged “Farcial High” the Musical to a very appreciative audience. Farcical High has been written specifically for our students by Senior Campus teacher, Ms Bridget Gallagher, with support from Mr Laurie Lee and Yr 11 students, Connor McDuff & Matthew Hynds.

**Premise**

In the not too distant future the High Schools around the world are going to change. No longer will academic results and sporting triumphs be the driving force of our nation’s education system. Gone will be the regional catchment systems, entry exams and the long standing debate of Public vs. Private. Parents, educators and politicians alike will carefully select the high schools for their funding, work places and enrolment for children based on one and only one criteria...Their performance and participation in the once often overlooked but now highly revered...High School Musical.

**Plot summary**

Farcial High tells the story of a struggling high school facing closure due to a series of lacklustre performances in the High School Musical Regionals. The stereotypical students of Farcial High are up against the evil and conniving Deputy Dibbles, who loathes everything musical and wants nothing more than to see the students fail. Will the chess nerds save the day? Farcical High parodies popular television shows like Glee and The Simpsons and movies such as High School Musical to the bring the audience an engaging and hilarious show.
The Fete in pictures... the P&C Association would like to thank all those who contributed to the very successful 2012 Fete. Please relive the great day with these pho-