FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL...

Academic Awards Evening

Last Tuesday night we enjoyed the Capalaba State College academic awards evening. The night was a wonderful celebration of teaching and learning. Our focus this year has been on academic achievement with the College goal of 80% of students achieving a C or better and 20% achieving an A across all subjects.

As a College we are on track to achieving this goal by the end of the year. Some pleasing results have been 100% of year 12 students achieving a C or better in Math B and 100% passing HPE with 20% achieving A. An area we are very proud of as a college is Music and we can boast 70% A’s.

These are outstanding results and show that we are an academic College focused on student success.

I would like to extend further congratulations to Daniel Amaya who was acknowledged as the 2014 College Dux. Daniel studies 7 subjects as part of his senior program, additionally Daniel has been granted guaranteed entry in to university.

2015 Leadership team

Congratulations to the 2015 student leadership team. To be selected as part of the leadership team students had to complete application forms, attend an interview and write and deliver speeches. All students are of a high standard and this made the selection process that much more difficult.

Junior College Captains - Todd Jenkins and Jemma Jackson
Junior College Vice-Captains - Ryan Tully and Aroha Harding
Senior College Captains - Brittany Smith and Sophia Fajardo
Senior College Vice-Captains - Ashley Carmody and Jessica Day

A complete education

Delivering education today is more than just curriculum content, it needs to be balanced with values and expectations. Our expectations at Capalaba State College are to

Be
- Responsible,
- Respectful,
- Safe,
- Positive
- a Learner.

We actively teach these expectations on assemblies and in classes. Our weekly focus is shared with staff who reinforce the expectation throughout the week. I appreciate your support and the support of the P&C, who willingly volunteer and engage with our classrooms and College events. Thank you, together we hold high expectations for learning, behaviour and success.

Bronwyn Johnstone
College Principal
Awards Night

Our recent Awards Night was a huge success and a reminder of why we all work so hard. Congratulations to all of the Award recipients and thank you to everyone who was involved in putting the night together. I enjoyed Senior student Emma B’s solo performance and the Junior Campus Choir’s in our beautiful twilight concert venue. It provided a lovely atmosphere before entering the ceremony.

Now is a good time for students to set goals for next year’s Awards Night to enable them to attain a Subject Excellence, an Honour or a Distinction Award. Students can check with the Office to find the criteria for each of these awards.

School based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

We have a number of School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships, Work Experience opportunities and part time jobs starting to appear. Students are encouraged to listen to the notices, Facebook and check their email to see if the opportunities suit them. Next year, we will be trialling new subjects in the Senior School, Electro Technology and Automotive Services.

Teacher Recognition

Congratulations to Mr Steve Brady on making the short list for the Excellence in Teaching Awards. There were over 1,000 people nominated and Mr Brady has now made the short list of 60. We will follow his progress closely and wish him well for a possible trip to Houston, USA. He is already a winner to us.

Professional Development

Teachers are completing a wide variety of Professional Development this term, including participating on Moderation Panels for Senior Assessment, School visits to see 1:1 iPads in action and our ongoing commitment to improving pedagogy through the use of "Classroom Instruction that Works".

Lachlan Thatcher
Senior Campus Principal
Congratulations 2014 Award Recipients

Photos courtesy of Daniel L
GENERAL NEWS...

MAKE A DIFFERENCE....

Volunteer with Us!

Love the Op Shop scene, we need you in our stores to help disadvantaged children

We are looking for volunteers to be a part of the Save the Children team and help in Retail Sales and Store Management, from Monday to Sunday at our new store here in CAPALABA.

Please call Janelle McCarron on 0448 177 894 or email janelle.mccarron@seventhchildren.org.au

Ask the Expert Session

Asthma Foundation Queensland, in partnership with Greater Metro South Brisbane Medicare Local, is hosting an 'Ask the Expert' session for parents of children with asthma or allergies.

The session will provide parents with the invaluable opportunity to learn more about their child's asthma or allergies, and to have their questions answered by experts in the field.

Speakers on the evening will include:

- Dr Scott Burgess (Paediatric Respiratory and Sleep Specialist, Mater Children's Hospital)
- Dr Kim Robertson (Paediatric Allergist and Immunologist, the Wesley Hospital)
- Lois Quick (Respiratory Clinical Nurse Consultant, Metro South Community Health)

Details for the session are below:

Date: Wednesday 12th November
Time: 6:00pm—7:30pm
Venue: Kevin Aspinall Centre
St Bernard's Primary School
1823 Logan Road
Upper Mount Gravatt QLD 4122
Cost: **FREE**

For more information, or to register, phone 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) or register online at asthmaustralia.org.au.

Registration includes a sample bag, light refreshments and entry into prizes given away on the night.
Awards Night

Congratulations to all our Junior campus students who featured during our recent College Awards Night. Over 70 prizes were awarded to students from Prep to Year 6 and we congratulate all of the winners for their efforts and achievements. Special congratulations are extended to our two major award winners:

- Erin Tully - Junior Campus Citizenship Award
- Stacey Stewart - Junior Campus Values Award

Our Junior choir performed early this year and did a great job of introducing the evening for the assembled crowd. Thankyou to everyone, including staff for their organisation and parents and carers for supporting the evening.

Academic Competition Results

Here follows the next group of results from this year’s International School’s Competitions.

Spelling Results

Participation Certificates:

Merit Certificates:
- Manea R. (Year 5) Top 40% in Australia, Erin T. (Year 6) Top 45% in Australia,

Credit Certificates:
- Nefertini Gajdacs (Year 4) Top 25% in Australia, Lana Falculan (Year 5) Top 26% in Australia

Distinction Certificates:
- Imani Hoffman (Year 3) Top 3% in Australia

Writing Results

Participation Certificates:

Merit Certificates:
- Nefertini Gajdacs (Year 4) Top 42% in Australia,

Credit Certificates:
- Ryan Tully (Year 5) Top 32% in Australia, Erin T. (Year 6) Top 23% in Australia

Distinction Certificates:
- Gracie-Jean Dennis (Year 3) Top 5% in Australia, Imani Hoffman (Year 3) Top 5% in Australia.

There have been a couple of changes to these International School’s Competitions in 2014. In past years, student results have been based upon comparisons against results achieved across Queensland. This year however, these comparisons are being made against Australia wide results. This move from state to national results raises the achievement levels required to attain higher level awards such as credit and distinction awards. This therefore makes achievement awards even more special, so well done to students who are performing well on these difficult exams. Another change this year has been the introduction of a new Merit level certificate for students who are achieving in the top 50% of students in their year level in Australia.

Once again we thank our parents and carers for supporting their children through payment of competition entry fees.

Regards
Brad French Junior Campus Principal

Year 6 into 7 transition program

We are very excited that our Year 6 students will be visiting the Senior campus this term to familiarise themselves with staff and our facilities. The Junior Secondary transition program will begin next Wednesday night from 5-6pm. The parents and students of Year 6 are invited to attend an information session about moving into high school. This will take place in the Cultural Centre on the Senior campus at 5pm. Once the session has finished, parents and students will be taken on a tour to MA09 where there will be subject information stalls. Heads of Department and teachers will be available to discuss subjects on offer. Year 6 students will then be attending transition lessons for the remainder of the term. All parents should have received a letter about the transition program. Please contact Kylie Barrett, Head of Junior Secondary, if you require further information.
Subject information evening

Wednesday 29th of October, from 5 - 6pm, we will be having a 2015 information evening for students in Junior Secondary (Years 7, 8 and 9). Parents and students are invited to speak with Heads of Department and staff in MA09 from 5pm onwards. This will give students the opportunity to discuss electives for next year so that they can make informed choices when it comes time to select their subjects for 2015.

In addition to the subject information expo, an information session will be held at 5.30pm in the Cultural Centre, discussing topics including:

- iPads and Tablet Devices
- Homework Expectations
- Academic Reports in 2015
- Parent Evenings in 2015
- Languages Programs (LOTE)
- Support programs (learning support, social support and learning extension)

We look forward to seeing both parents and students on Wednesday night.

Kylie Barrett, Head of Junior Secondary

You Can Do It! Update

Currently in You Can Do It! classes we are focussing on getting along with others. In particular, we have been discussing how being confident in ourselves allows us to have better relationships with those around us. We have also spent some time thinking about how helping those around us can increase our happiness and self-esteem. In the coming weeks we will be discussing the characteristics of good friends and how we as individuals can contribute to making our community a better place.

How we speak to those around us plays a huge part in getting along with others. Below is a great strategy that you can discuss and encourage your young person to use.

Elise Garner
Junior Secondary Student Wellbeing Coordinator

THINK
before you speak, post, email, chat, comment or write

T = is it True?
H = is it Helpful?
I = is it Inspiring?
N = is it Necessary?
K = is it Kind?

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Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
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You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact David Smit, your local Saver Plus Worker:
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or david.smit@thesmithfamily.com.au

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Awards Night

A big congratulations to all the performers and behind-the-scenes workers at Capalaba State College’s 2014 Awards Night. Year 11 student Emma B sung beautifully as parents and guests arrived, the Concert Band entertained with several pieces throughout the evening, and our Dance Team shone once again with a performance of Tradie: The Musical. The contributions of all the arts students and teachers made the evening an entertaining and exciting occasion.

A huge thank you to year 10 student Aiden K who, just prior to the September holidays, created an amazing documentary on the music program at Capalaba for entry into the Telstra Thanks Katy Perry competition. Unfortunately our entry was not successful, but Aiden has provided us with an outstanding promotional tool that showcases the teamwork, dedication and performance skills of our many talented teachers and students.

Photography Winner at Capalaba State College

Congratulations to Daniel L on winning the Australian Catholic University Pixel Prize for his photographic work for 2014. The theme for the photography was “unity” and Daniel. All entries will be on display at the Australian Catholic University Brisbane Campus at 1100 Nudgee Road Banyo until 14 November. Well Done Daniel. Daniel’s photos also feature in this newsletter for Awards Night.

IS YOUR CHILD A SMART SCHOOL SAVER?

We measured the ‘Savings IQ’ of the nation and found Australians who learn about money at school grow up to become smarter savers.

To find the next generation of savers, we’re launching a national competition.

Have your child tell us in 50 words or less what they are saving for, and how they plan to save their money to achieve it and they could win:

• An iPad for themselves and one for their school (six regional winners)
• $1,000 for their savings (one national winner)

Enter now at commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavvers

Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply, see commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavvers for details. Limit of one entry per person. iPad is a trademark of Apple Inc., registered in the U.S. and other countries.

Are your family details up to date?

Emergency contacts?
P&C NEWS ...

Fathers Day Stall
Thankyou to everyone for their help at the recent Fathers Day Stall. The P&C raised over $800.

Christmas Stall
The P&C will be holding a Christmas Stall on the Junior Campus on Thursday 27 and Friday 29 November. Another great opportunity for early shopping. Please let the P&C know if you can assist in any way.

Second Hand Uniform Shop
Come in and browse at the Second Hand Uniform Shop which is open on Tuesdays and Fridays between 9am and 2pm. The shop is based on the Junior Campus in the old prep building. Great time to look before the demands of uniform for 2015.

GENERAL NEWS ...

Sun Safety
Just a reminder with the onset of Summer to make sure your child has the appropriate sun protection.. A hat, sunscreen and water for hydration is essential summer equipment.

High Achievers in English
CONGRATULATIONS to Erin and Imani who achieved Distinctions in the UNSW English Competition. This places them in the top 12% in Australia.

Thanks to our Teachers
With World Teachers Days being held on Friday 31 October, it is a timely reminder to express our thanks to the wonderful teaching staff at Capalaba State College. Their professionalism and dedication to our students is admirable. Thankyou.

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VOCATIONAL NEWS

Police Recruiting Information Seminars
Brisbane Information Seminars are held at the Police Headquarters, 200 Roma Street, Brisbane.
- Wednesday 15th October, 6pm - 7:30pm
- Saturday 18th October, 9:30am - 11am & 1pm 2:30pm

Student Edge My Career Videos
Student Edge Career Videos page has a number of videos of individuals in different professions explaining their careers and career paths.

Australian Defence Force Academy: Online Facebook Q&A
Thursday 23rd October, 6:30pm – 8pm
Chat live with midshipmen and officer cadets to learn about their experiences, life at ADFA, and how they find balancing military training with their university study.
https://www.facebook.com/events/1485699831716414/?ref=5

Career Hunter App
There is a smartphone app available for iPhones and iPads to help young people plan career paths and find job opportunities. The app provides up-to-date information allowing young people to make tangible links from school to the world of work and highlights the industries where skills are most needed.

Local Council Apprenticeships and Traineeships
Each year many local councils offer apprenticeships and traineeships in a variety of fields. Students interested in undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship in 2015 should visit their local council’s website for opportunities that may be available.

Capricornia Training Company: Apprentices and Trainees Current Vacancies
CTC are seeking applications for a number of apprentice/trainee positions in areas such as business, plumbing, fitter turner, carpentry, telecommunications and more. All positions are located around the Rockhampton/Emerald region.

HIA youthBUILD Adviser Program
HIA youthBuild offers advice on a range of different trades including typical duties, training requirements and desirable personal qualities.

Understanding Where the Jobs Are
The Department of Employment publishes information about which industries and occupations have the largest number of jobs, where the new jobs will be over the next five years and where the skill shortages are:

Top 6 Tips on Setting Yourself up for Job Success
This article features six tips about how to succeed in the first three months of a new job.

PRIVATE COLLEGES

SAE Creative Media Institute: Study for a Day
Saturday 18th October, 10am - 4:30pm @ SAE Institute Brisbane, Cnr Jane St & Riverside Drive, West End
Interested in studying Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games or Web & Mobile? SAE is holding a workshop where prospective students can participate in actual coursework and hands-on training. Tickets are $20.
**UNIVERSITY NEWS**

**Griffith University: Girls’ Day - Engineering**  
Monday 20th October, 9am - 5pm @ Gold Coast & Nathan Campuses, Griffith University  
Girls’ Day is designed for female High School students in Years 10, 11 & 12. Girls’ Day is a full-day program of discipline specific engineering activities, which provide a hands-on overview of practical engineering applications. For more information, email engineering@griffith.edu.au  
Register online via http://www.griffith.edu.au/engineering-information-technology/griffith-school-engineering/women-in-engineering

**University of Queensland: OP Advice Night**  
Monday 22nd December, 4pm - 7pm @ University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus  
The night provides the chance to speak face-to-face with experts from all study areas. Learn about pathways to your ideal program and gain advice on changing your QTAC preferences and meeting entry requirements. A range of seminars will be held throughout the evening and campus tours commence from 4.00pm.  
http://youruq.com/opresults

**University of the Sunshine Coast: School of Law Information Sessions**  
Sippy Downs: Wednesday 15th October, 6pm - 7pm @ Sippy Downs Campus, Lecture Theatre 7, Building C, USC  
Caboolture: Thursday 23rd October, 6pm - 7pm @ Community Chapel, St Columban’s College, McKeans St  
Find out more about studying law at USC at an information session. There will be teachers and current students on hand to answer questions and to discuss their experience.  
http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/information-events/2014/october/school-of-law-information-sessions

**University of Southern Queensland: Science and Health Student Experience Day**  
Friday 31st October, 8:30am - 2:30pm @ USQ Fraser Coast  
These days provide an opportunity for Years 10 and 11 students to gain knowledge about specific careers and pathways in their chosen area. Please RSVP to schoos.engage@usq.edu.au by Friday 17th October  

**Griffith University: Exite Camp for Girls**  
Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th November @ Griffith University, Nathan Campus  
Students will learn about technology and engineering from IBM and Griffith University specialists through fun, and hands-on activities. The students will also have the chance to network with role models.  
Contact Jackie Rudd for more information, j.rudd@griffith.edu.au or (07) 5552 7205  
http://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-sciences/science-on-the-go/events/exite-camp-for-girls

**QTAC New Courses 2015**  
For a comprehensive list of all new, cancelled and amended courses as well as new courses at private institutions, visit the QTAC website.  

**My Future Scholarships Listing**  
The Myfuture website has a definitive and updated list of scholarships for undergraduate study at university.  
http://www.myfuture.edu.au/tools-and-resources/study-or-training-options/scholarshipsearch

**Queensland University of Technology: Email A Student**  
If you have a question about any aspect of undergraduate study at QUT, these current students are perfectly placed to give you the lowdown. There are ten students studying a range of subjects waiting to hear from you.  
https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/email-a-student

**University of Queensland: Enhanced Studies Program**  
ESP provides students with an opportunity to extend their knowledge and find out more about university study, assessment, and campus life by doing a university subject during semester one of Year 12.  
Applications for 2015 are now open and close Friday 31st October  
http://www.uq.edu.au/esp/

**Griffith University and QUT also offer FREE study programs for 2015 Year 12 students**  
If you are interested in studying a university subject whilst in Year 12 (2015) – see Ms G – Guidance Officer for details or support with writing your application. Alternatively check the website of your preferred University for more information.  

Students who wish to discuss options for their future are invited see the Guidance Officer – Ms Joy Ganter. Appointments may be made through the main school office, in person or by phone: 38239111.