

P & C Meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month. All Welcome. Ph. 3451 8777

Issue 11

Principal's Outlook

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I wish to thank all parents and carers for your assistance and support throughout the term in re-establishing high standards and maintaining the norms regarding Behaviour, Uniform and Attendance. This will continue to ensure the focus for teachers remains on student learning and completion of work in classrooms and high achievement overall. It is clear that attendance each day in class, and completion of set work is the first step to success. I look forward to meeting with you at parent teacher interviews on Tuesday July 21.

Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our very dedicated, loyal and hardworking staff that ensure the delivery of quality education to our young people.
Have a very safe and restful holiday.

Allison Crane

Excellence in Performing Arts - BPAC



William Mancini in his character in Hairspray



The winning Junior Contemporary Team



The Senior Jazz Troupe

On Sunday the 7th June the Dance Eisteddfod Troupe competed at the annual Brisbane Performing Arts Challenge at the Logan Entertainment Centre. This year we blitzed the competition and took home many trophies! We received 1st place for both the Junior Contemporary and Junior Musical Theatre sections, 2nd place and Very Highly Commended for the Senior Contemporary section and a Highly Commended for Junior Contemporary. All of the students have been working very hard during lunch times and after school to produce professional dance works. Congratulations team!

Katherine Bannon—Dance Teacher

Chinese Dance Workshop

On Tuesday 2nd June the Year 10 Dance students and Ms Tzeng's Chinese class participated in a Chinese Dance Workshop. The students were amazed by the strength and agility of Ping, a professional Chinese Dance artist. This workshop enabled the students to experience Dance in a new light and push through physical boundaries. Well Done to all students who gave it a go!



Hayley Miles
Dance Teacher



Past Student Success

Go For I.T. Gurl at QUT

The Go for I.T. Gurl workshops at QUT were a great experience giving us ideas and insights into program on offer.

During these workshops we learned about programs such as Flash, how to make web sites, encryption, programming and we heard from several speakers. They told us about careers in I.T. on offer after we leave school, e.g. one girl makes applications for the iPhone, another speaker uses music and IT programs to help disadvantaged kids and others explained their involvement in the lucrative games industry.

Mikki Gale, Elizabeth Hicks and Megan Merrigan—I.T. Students

Ewane Trindorfer, who completed Year 12 in 2008, has recently updated Loganlea SHS on her achievements post school. She is currently studying at NAISDA (National Aboriginal Islander Skills Development Australia) Dance College and completing her Certificate III in Careers in Dance. She has been studying ballet, contemporary, indigenous, tap and jazz styles of dance and also drama and music. She has just completed her first performance in New South Wales. Congratulations Ewane, you inspire our current students to reach to the stars!



Ewane (right) and NAISDA students before their performance



Rebound Production—Choices

Year 8s were treated to a multi-media event sponsored by radio station 96.5FM and Loganlea State High School Chaplain Anne Garrett.

The event called 'Rebound' was produced by Motivational Media and contained powerful images and messages about the value of planning for our lives and making good choices in relationships with others.

Inspirational clips shown included 'Helping Hands for the Future' which outlined the story of Lars Olsen, a young Australian of the Year finalist who set himself the task of rescuing young Nepalese orphans from a life of abuse and poverty by setting up the 'Forget Me Not Children's Home' in Nepal, 'Back on Your Bike' a story about Hannah Modra, a final year High School Student who suffered from a depressive illness and 'Walking a new pathway' was about Ali Ammar who was involved in the burning of the Australian Flag during the Cronulla riots and how after spending time in Juvenile Detention and being sponsored by the RSL to walk the Kakoda track has made a new beginning and is now walking the path to become a leader in his own community.

Other inspirational young people who told their story were Anna Meares who represented Australia as an Olympic cyclist in Athens before she sustained injuries that almost left her a quadriplegic and who through determination regained her fitness to win a medal at the Beijing Olympics and the adventures of Justin Jones and James Castrission who fulfilled their dream of kayaking from Australia to New Zealand was also a hit.

The students were also fortunate to have dual Commonwealth Games Gold and Silver medalist, Deb Lovely speak to them about how she realised her dream of representing Australia in Women's weightlifting and were then entertained by Scotty the presenter of NiteALIVE on 96.5FM Family. Thank you to 96.5 FM and Motivational Media for providing an uplifting and enjoyable afternoon.



Anne Garrett—Chaplain

Calendar of Events

- June 23-26 *Into the Wild* Camp-Misty Mountain SEP
- June 23 Griffith Uni-Reach Mentor Program
Visit 2: 11.40am
- June 27-10 Winter School Holiday Break
- July 13 Student Free Day
- July 14 GOALS: Session 2—12.00pm
- July 15 Griffith Uni-Reach Mentor Program
Visit 3: 11.40am
- July 16 Year 12 RAPP (Periods 1 & 2)
- July 20 Music Tour
- July 21 **Career Expo and Parent-Teacher Interviews 3pm-7pm**
- July 31 Planet Ark—Save the Koala Day. Yr 8, 9
- Aug 04 **Open Day 12.00pm—5pm**
- Aug 18 Subject Selection Evening
Years 8, 9, 10—3pm-7pm

YEAR 11 STRUCTURED WORK PLACEMENT



Students in Year 11 were given the opportunity to participate in 5 days of Structured Work Placement from 01/6/09 to 05/6/09.

Students selected a variety of industries to experience, which included – Retail, Automotive, Diesel Mechanics, Nursing, Business Administration, Business (Legal), Childcare, Plumbing, Carpentry, Fitness, Animal Care, Hairdressing, Engineering, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning.

We have received many excellent comments from employers. Well done to the Year 11 students who participated in the program!!

Carolyn Thornhill
VET Co-ordinator



Employer Comments

- ☺ A keen young worker.
- ☺ Carries out duties effectively.
- ☺ Always polite.
- ☺ Excellent work experience student.
- ☺ Good Attitude.
- ☺ Pleasant to customers.
- ☺ Happy to have this student come again.
- ☺ Always punctual.
- ☺ Personal presentation was very neat and tidy.
- ☺ Positive attitude.
- ☺ Followed instructions easily.
- ☺ Works well with people.
- ☺ Good work ethic.
- ☺ Very enthusiastic.
- ☺ Willing to learn.
- ☺ Will be an asset to any employer.
- ☺ A quick learning ability.
- ☺ Very helpful.
- ☺ Always shows interest and initiative.
- ☺ Follows instructions well.

Education Tax Refund Don't forget to claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return.
 - If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student. You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs. Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too. To find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

