From the Principal

Congratulations to Kayne Harris who has been selected as one of twenty students to represent Australia at YASA (Young Astronauts School of Australia). Kayne is attending the Johnson Space Centre in Houston Texas for a five day space program. Afterwards he will fly to Orlando, Florida to see the Space Shuttle launch of Endeavour 135 Shuttle and visit Disneyworld. Well done Kayne on earning this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Kayne is also one of four students who have been chosen to attend the Engineering Experience in Mt Isa over the June school holidays. He will be joined by Nigel McIntosh, Scott McNab and Khalil Metcalfe. Congratulations to these boys who will no doubt enjoy and learn from this wonderful experience.

Our Term 1 Progress Reports have been posted home this week. These reports are a way for us to help inform parents about their child’s progress so far during the year and links in well with our Parent Teacher evening next Tuesday the 12th of April, 3:10 pm - 6:00 pm in the college hall. For these interviews we are introducing a new internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). It will save time for parents, staff and students.

Interview appointments can be made by following the link to PTO from the college website http://bundambassc.eq.edu.au, registering your details, requested times and teachers you wish to see. Alternatively you can complete the paper based form sent with the report and return to the school by Monday 11/4/11. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with their teacher to ensure the best possible results and outcomes here at school.

Our Pacifica forum was held in our Auditorium this week and it was a highlight to see the large number of students, parents and staff in attendance. A special thank you to Jackie, Reg, Joan and Mrs Moffatt for their work in organising the event which has no doubt provided valuable information to both families and our school as to how we can be improving our student’s outcomes.

Next Wednesday, the 13th of April we will be hosting our Indigenous Cluster Gathering. Parents and family members from our cluster schools of Bundamba, Silkstone, Riverview and Ipswich East are welcome to join parents and family members from BSSC in an afternoon to share thought and ideas as to how we as a cluster can continue to improve. The afternoon will run from 4.00-6.00, with a school tour available from 5.30pm to look at our upgraded facilities.

As the term draws to a close it is important to understand our progress during Term 1. This week students and staff have completed surveys regarding this and I would ask parents to assist by completing the online Parent survey at the following website:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bsscparent1

This is a brief survey which should only take a minute or two, but provides us with valuable feedback as we plan for the remainder of the year. It is a survey where you may choose to identify yourself, but you can simply skip that question to provide anonymous feedback if you would like.

Finally we, like a number of other schools in Ipswich, have been disrupted by Bomb Threats in the last fortnight. Our highest priority is the safety of students and staff. In accordance with established school procedures, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) was involved and students and staff were evacuated to the oval. When the school site had been declared safe by the Queensland Police Service, the students recommenced their usual timetabled lesson. This week we reduced our first lunch break to fifteen minutes to ensure students were not disadvantaged through the loss of valuable learning time. Students were also able to maintain their second lunch break of thirty minutes.

I would like to commend all of our staff and students on their quick and responsible response to the evacuation. The Police were able to declare the buildings safe at around 10.00am with no concerns found. Even though there were no concerns found, it is important that our staff and students do continue to treat emergency evacuation responses seriously with due diligence and vigilance.

Following any evacuation or lockdown in the school we review the process to ensure our procedures provide our students and staff with the greatest safety possible.

Should you have any concerns in relation to the evacuation, please do not hesitate to contact me so that we can continue to refine our processes.

Andrew Peach
Principal (Acting)

From the Deputy Principal – Senior School

The development of Student Education and Training Plans (SET Plan) for all students is a key component of success. These plans help students map out individualised learning pathways that build on their strengths and result in a valued qualification in the Senior Phase of Learning.

The SET Plan maps out how students will work towards a QCE (Queensland Certificate of Education), QCIA (Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement), Senior Statement or Certificate III vocational qualification, and/or a viable work option. The school
Deputy Principal
Leah Fountaine

Learning

SET Plan... a personal plan of action for the Senior Phase of Learning. A student’s individual needs will determine the level of support and the opportunities during the Senior Phase of Learning. A student’s individual needs will determine the level of support and the amount of time needed to complete the SET Plan process.

SET Plan... a personal plan of action for the Senior Phase of Learning

Leah Fountaine
Deputy Principal

NEW YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS BEING SWORN-IN TODAY

The article below is as appeared in The Queensland Times. Year 9 student Shannon Sullens was sworn in as a new member.

SIXTEEN local students will be sworn-in as new members of the Ipswich Youth Advisory Council this afternoon.

Council’s Youth and Seniors Committee Chairperson Sheila Ireland said the new members, aged from 12 to 17 years, would join 13 existing members to help the Ipswich City Council understand and address local youth issues.

“These young people will develop leadership skills and make a positive contribution to their community through various leadership opportunities,” she said.

“The Ipswich Youth Advisory Council was founded in 2007 to give Ipswich youth a special forum in which they can express a wide variety of views and ideas about issues affecting young people.

“The member’s input is vital in assisting the community and council to understand and support the current needs of young people.

“Ipswich’s young people are keen to be given the chance to have an input into their local community.

“IYAC members will be given training and development opportunities to further strengthen their project management, communication and public speaking skills,” Cr Ireland said.

From the English Department

The beginning of the school year has been marked by a number of changes to the English department. On behalf of Ms Maja Bogicevic I will be acting as English Head of Department until the end of Term 3. It is my endeavour to continue to lead the English Department at Bundamba both competently and confidently ensuring every success for both staff and students.

The department has also seen the arrival of beginning teachers, Ms Rebecca Humphreys and Ms Kimberly Fjeldsoe. Graduates from the University of Queensland, these young teachers have already proved to be valuable assets to the teaching and learning community at Bundamba. We are also happy to see the return of Ms Shinead Cunningham and Ms Nikki Turner from maternity leave.

As we approach the end of the term, Middle school students and their teachers continue to work steadily towards completing assessment in time for mid-semester reports. I encourage parents to support their students in the completion of assessment and the homework program which has been delivered to Year 8 and Year 9 students throughout the term. I would also like to thank the following students for their entries in the Write4Fun competition; Audrey Lavea, Joanne Birkett, Hannah Ross and Sophrenia Phillips. Best of luck girls!

Until next time, have a safe and happy Easter break and I look forward to the exciting times to be had in English in Term 2!

Ms Tara Griffith
Acting Head of Department English

My Teacher
By Hannah Ross

My teacher is a dragon
In a frightening rage.
She is a squat dwarf
Yelling from an iron cage.

My teacher is an evil vampire
Who burns up in the sun,
She is a wicked witch
Stealing your bubble gum.

My teacher is an ugly monster
Who lives underneath my bed
Yet I hope she doesn’t catch me,
Writing this instead!

Sport in the Eyes of the Students

The first major event of 2011 was the year 8 swimming carnival. There was a great turn out with many eager swimmers ready to jump into the pool. Congratulations to Selina Faulkner and Jordan Smith on becoming the first Age Champions for the year.

The second event was the cross country. There was a great turn out for all age groups and a large number of competitive runners took to the course. Students who didn’t run were able to walk and earn one point for their house for every lap they walked. Congratulations to our Age Champions; 13 Years – Sharnie Dickinson and Patrick Hurst, 14 Years – Shelby Green and Joshua High, 15 Years - Natasha Dickinson and Douglas Joseph, 16 Years – Torinne Broadway and Matthew Brewer and Opens – Sarah Bosel and John Bond. Good luck at Districts next week.

The summer season for interschool sports saw a large number of teams, for all age groups, competing. All teams showed dedication to their sport by training and showing up to their games. With the outstanding amount of numbers, two teams were needed for the year eight indoor soccer team. These two teams are Bundamba Green and Bundamba Black. These two teams played against each other and a great amount of quality was displayed by both teams. A nail biting goal on the buzzer gave the win to Bundamba Green. Another indoor soccer team that delivered a great display of skill was the open boys’ soccer team. These boys defeated Redbank and Boonah 7-5 and showed great sportsmanship.

There were many planned one day competitions this season. The touch football one day competition saw the year eight Bundamba team reach the grand final. Unfortunately they suffered a narrow defeat against SPC. The Year eight girls touch football team, just missed out on the grand final by for and against. Although the year nine team were down two players, they gave the opposition a run for their money, unfortunately the odds were...
against them and they didn’t make the final stages. Other sporting teams that competed this year include:

- Year 10 boys volleyball (one day competition)
- Touch football open boys
- Year 8 Basketball
- Year 8 Cricket

The summer season also saw sports such as Volleyball, Soccer and Touch football available for students to trial. 18 boys touch football trial was dominated by Bundamba Students and 5 students, Robert Caza, Bradley Guy, Laikin Hutchison, William Stoneman and Francis Tiata, made the Ipswich district team. Other students that were successful with touch football, and made the possible probable teams, at Regionals include Beau Broome, Bryson O’Sullivan, Shelby Green and Azalaya Benjamin. 18 boys soccer was held at Redbank and was also dominated with Bundamba participants. Josh Bradley, Zac Condon, William Stoneman, Shawn Mair, Laikin Hutchison, Bradley Guy and Robert Caza all made the 18 Ipswich soccer team.

Congratulations to the following students for making the Metropolitan West Teams, and will compete at the State Titles later in the year; Dwayne Warnock – Baseball, Sonny Appoo – Rugby League (Shadow), Velsie Auvaa – Touch, and Tyler Kerr – Basketball. Good luck for the State Titles.

On the 13th of April, the district cross country will be held at Redbank State High School and any students who placed in the top 10 in their age group will be eligible to participate. See Mr Shanks for more information regarding the event.

The Bundamba Training and Development Squad has seen an increase in numbers this year. With a new teacher came a new approach to this after school event. Students who participate in this event will have to attend 80% of their training sessions. Training is held two times a week on a Tuesday and Thursday after school. A reminder to all BTADS members, your $70 for the sports pack must be paid by the end of Term 1 (15/04/11).

by Robert Caza (Goanna’s House Captain)

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10:45 AM

12:30 PM

Entertainment

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12:45 PM

Second Major Celeb Appearance

12:45 PM

1:30 PM

Entertainment

3:00 PM

4:45 PM

Hyundai Queensland State League Game

Southern Cross v Gold Coast

Community Notices

Family Funday

Hyundai Family Fun Day will be a major community / charity event supported by Hyundai Ambassadors, Hyundai Sponsored Charities, Football Queensland and Football Queensland’s Co-sponsors who will assist in promoting and participating in the Fun Day.

Venue: “Perry Park”, Abbotsfords Rd Bowen Hills

Date: Sunday 10th of April 2011

Time: 9am – 4pm

Expected Attendance: 7,000 – 10,000

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