From the Principal

The start to term three has already been a successful and busy time. Last Friday we had an outstanding turnout for our Annual Athletics Carnival. Miss Bryant and Mr Kelk did a wonderful job in coordinating our staff to ensure a well organised and implemented day. The efforts and work of our students ensured the success of the day as participation across all year levels and events provided a tight finish to the overall points competition. We look forward to the final announcement at next week’s assembly to see who our overall winners are (hopefully Kookas). Next week also gives us the opportunity to recognise our age champions and the individual performances of some of our athletes and we look forward to their performances at our District Athletics Carnival on the 9th and 12th of August.

This semester has also seen the introduction of a Merit Point system in line with our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program. The points are awarded to students across all of our classes and are aligned with our key areas of Pride, Respect, Responsibility and Empowerment. Mr Sevens provides more details about the program in his Deputy report and I look forward to a continuation of the great results we are already seeing from our students.

Next week also marks the arrival of our guests from the Nerima Board of Education. Mr Fynes-Clinton has been working overtime to ensure a full and rich program for the students during their stay and his work in preparation for the trip has been outstanding. A special thank you also to the many families who are hosting students during the week. I’ve no doubt the students will have a wonderful experience during their stay.

Next Monday night is our second and final parent teacher evening for 2011. This presents a great opportunity to come along and discuss your child’s progress with their teacher and I would encourage all families to make use of the time. With the end of Semester One Reports posted home at the end of last week, all students should have received their results by now. It is through the collaborative work between home and school that the best possible outcomes for our students are possible and this can only be enhanced through the communication which occurs at the interview evenings. If you are unable to make the interviews on Monday I would encourage you to contact your child’s teachers to get an update on their progress in 2011. A special reminder also that the interviews will be held in our school Hall after a technical hiccup altered our plans to host them in our new Performing Arts Complex.

Another area in which the links between home and school are being utilised to enhance our student’s future prospects is the Senior Education and Training Planning (SET Plans) process. Parents of our Yr 10 students have come into the school in the last week to discuss, with their child, the planning for entry into Yr 11 and the Senior Phase of Learning. This is an important step in the progression of our students and as a school we take this transition very seriously. It is our goal to ensure that by the end of Yr 12 all of our students are in a position where they have options available to them in the areas where they want to progress post-school. This may mean a worthy OP score to enable entry to the university course of their choosing, or the certificates or skills to enable entry to further training or the workforce. Our goal of preparing students for life after school will always be a key focus for us and ensuring students know how they are progressing and what they need to do to be successful are key components of this. Thank you to all parents who were able to come into the school this week and if you still need to make an appointment time I would encourage you to contact the school as soon as possible.

Also sent home with our Report Cards was a donation sheet regarding our Annual Awards Night. If you are able to donate funds or goods to go towards rewarding our high performing students at our Awards Night you have the option of being recognised in the program. This may be recognition for your family or business, however if you want to donate without the public recognition that is welcomed also. We will be sending further requests out in the coming weeks to businesses that the school has supported this year in an effort to ensure our Award Winners on the evening are recognised in the best possible way.

Next week we welcome back Ms Fountaine after her five weeks of Long Service Leave. In her absence Mr Cassidy has done an outstanding job as Deputy Principal as has Mr Gado as Senior Coordinator. I would like to thank both gentlemen, and Mr Cook who has joined our PE staff to take Mr Gado’s classes, for their work while Ms Fountaine has been away.

Important Notice

James Morton is a student in 8F.

Recently, he has been diagnosed with a condition that requires chemotherapy. Firstly I must assure you that your child is not at any risk because of James’s condition.

James is receiving chemotherapy to help this condition and keep him well. Chemotherapy also kills some normal healthy cells which means that James has a lower immunity and cannot fight infections in the normal way.

The viruses that cause measles, chickenpox and shingles could make James extremely unwell. Therefore we would be grateful if you would contact the school immediately if your child was found to have one of these illnesses. If we know that James has been exposed to measles, chickenpox or shingles, medicine can be given to lessen the side effect of such an infection. This medicine does need to be given as soon as possible after the contact has taken place.

Thanking you.

Andrew Peach
Principal
**From the Deputy Principal – Middle School**

Good news we have implemented our latest instalment in our Positive Behaviour Program at Bundamba State Secondary College. As all students are aware we have four expectations at school; Respect, Responsibility, Empowerment and Pride. Each teacher explicitly teaches and upholds these in every lesson; additionally students are now given Positive Behaviour Points (PB Points). These points are explicitly linked to our expectations.

Firstly we must know why students behave as they do.

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Our aim here at Bundamba State Secondary College is to have students engaged in their learning so that they can have success in their education and make wise choices. To develop a strong commitment to their own education we are now awarding points to every student that displays the following in each of their lessons.

**PRIDE – for uniform**

**RESPECT - for teachers and fellow classmates**

**RESPONSIBILITY – for arriving on time with the necessary equipment**

**EMPOWERMENT – Being engaged in the whole lesson**

Points are only awarded and cannot be taken away. Targets have been set up so that when students reach their targets they will receive a certificate from the College and possibly a small reward.

If any parents, community members or businesses would like to make a small donation of money, vouchers, or items that would be suitable for rewards for our ‘engaged’ students please contact me on (07)3816 6333. Please help us support our students in being engaged, socially responsible young adults.

**Ian Sevens**

**Deputy Principal**

**Sports Update**

This term in sport has been an extremely busy one with the running of the school athletics carnival. The carnival was a huge success thanks mainly to the hard work all the PE staff who were there bright and early to set up. The day would not have been such a big success though without the many students that competed.

This carnival definitely had the biggest amount of students competing so thanks to all the students that got out there and gave it a go. Thank you to all the teachers that ran in the relays with the senior boys and girls, it was one of the highlights of the day. A big thank you must go to our principal Mr Peach who swapped the suit for gym pants and track shoes although he didn’t get the result he was looking for. He said the only consolation was that his beloved Kookas won. Although Kookas, he didn’t get the result he was looking for. He said the only consolation was that his beloved Kookas won. Although Kookas House Captain Bradley Guy was there bright and early to set up. The day would not have been such a big success though without the many students that competed.

**Health message from nurse Melany**

Are your adolescents getting enough sleep?

Children under 11 need 10 hours a night. Adolescents need 9 hours a night. Adults need 8 hours a night.

Sleep deprivation can impair memory and inhibit creativity making it harder to learn. Irritability, lack of self confidence and mood swings are often common in a young person, but sleep deprivation makes it worse. Most young people are chronically sleep deprived and try to catch up on their sleep by sleeping in on weekends. Unfortunately we can’t bank sleep. The best way to combat tiredness and to feel balanced is to try to get into the habit of regular sleep patterns. What is considered to be the ultimate in good sleeping habits is to go to bed and wake up at the same time every day. That may not always be possible however sticking to it when we can especially through the school week is a start.

Remember the school nurse is here for the whole school community. Please feel free to contact me on 0417191504 should you need any assistance of advice.

**Fund raising Opportunities**

**Bundamba State Secondary College Newsletter**
Don’t forget to claim your Education Tax Refund

With the start of a new financial year it’s time to start thinking about whether your family is eligible for an Education Tax Refund.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50 per cent of eligible education expenses for school children.

If you are eligible, you can get back up to $397 for each primary student and up to $794 for each secondary student.

Refunds can be claimed on a range of school items including computer equipment and textbooks. From 1 July this year, the Education Tax Refund will be extended to include schools uniforms.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

To check your eligibility and the full list of what can be claimed visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au or phone 13 28 61.