**From the Principal**

Congratulations to all students who competed in our School Cross Country on Tuesday. Our PE staff and student leaders did a great job in ensuring the day was a success and we look forward to final results being released shortly. While on sport, congratulations also to the Year 8 and 9 cricket team who took on the teachers last week. In a hard fought affair the teachers snuck home.

Well done to our Student Leadership Team who have recently returned from their three day camp at Emu Gully. I had the opportunity to go up on the first night and saw the great work the students were doing to help plan the year under the guidance of Mr Cassidy and Miss Harcla. I look forward to our leaders doing a great job in 2011.

A reminder that next Monday is Harmony Day this is a great chance for us all to reflect on the actions we take to ensure we are all working well together. At Bundamba State Secondary College we are all very much aware of the responsibility we all have in working together to ensure great outcomes for our students. Harmony Day is an opportunity to ensure our focus across the school community is working together to achieve our goals.

Well done to our senior Indigenous students who participated in the launch of the Learn, Earn, Legend Mentoring Program at Brothers Leagues Club on Tuesday night. The program was launched by Brisbane Broncos CEO Paul White and Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale and I left the function in no doubt that both organisations, along with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, are committed to helping our students achieve their goals.

Congratulations to Shannon Sullens who has been selected for a leadership group for youth in our community places Shannon in position on the Ipswich Youth Advisory Council in 2011. This key appointment to recognising those everyday heroes through the Queensland Disaster Hero program. Anyone can nominate a Queensland Disaster Hero by completing the nomination form and having it endorsed by a local councillor, state or federal MP, emergency services or army personnel, police officer, public servant or charity worker. Every nominated hero will receive a commemorative medal and will be publicly recognised for their contribution to the rescue and recovery effort. Nominations close on Friday 1 April.

For more information or to nominate a hero visit the Queensland Week website at www.queenslandweek.qld.gov.au

Andrew Peach
Principal (Acting)

**From the Deputy Principal – Senior School**

Due to the long 12 week term I think it is important for parents to realise that the curriculum program in term 1 is coming to end in week 10. Over the next couple of weeks, students will be completing all of their subject assessments and their reports will be arriving home during the week of April 4th. The new curriculum program will begin in week 10. Continued regular attendance throughout the final two weeks of this term will be vital to their success in term 2.

The exam block for year 11 and 12 students will be occurring from the 21 March through to the 25 March. Students will be provided with a copy of the exam timetable but it will also be available for parents to view on the school website.

During the exam block timetable year 11 and 12 students will either be at school attending a scheduled subject exam or subject catch up period, studying in the library between exams or at home preparing for exams. Students are required to be in full school uniform when attending school during the exam block.

During last week I had the opportunity on Thursday evening to take a short drive out to Emu Gully in Helidon where the senior leaders of the school were on their Senior Leadership Camp. It was fabulous to see the students being involved in activities that where not only engaging and enjoyable but were challenging their thoughts around their roles as leaders in our community.

There were exciting stories around the Kokoda Trail, walking through mud up to armpits, carrying of stretchers and rock climbing. In the short time I was there I saw a growth in our leaders that I am looking forward to them bring back into our school community. That is of course, if they made it through the night time bush walk!

Leah Fountaine
Deputy Principal
From the Deputy Principal –
Middle School

MIDDLE YEAR (M.Y.)
LEADERS

Well, what an outstanding response we have had to our applications for M.Y. Leaders - a total of 20 were received. These have been shortlisted to 10 applicants.

Students short listed have been advised. These students will have the opportunity to present a short speech to students in year 8 & 9 on Tuesday 5 April 2011.

Students and staff will then elect their chosen leaders on the same day. Leaders will be announced at the commencement of Term 2. Good luck to our applicants.

Contact: Mrs Ona (HOD Middle School)

YEAR 8 CAMP

As previously advised a camp will be held at Runaway Bay Super Sports Centre, Gold Coast from 9-11 May (next term) for ALL year 8 students at a cost of $120.00.

The camp will focus, in particular on the following areas:
- developing relationships
- team work
- leadership
- physical, social and emotional development

This is a very exciting opportunity for your child and staff at Bundamba State Secondary College.

This week all students in year 8 will be issued with their permission slip, further information (including the program) and a medical form. These need to returned to the school as soon as possible.

Full payment is required by: 2 May 2011.

Contact: Mrs Ona (HOD Middle School)

Brendan Verrenkamp
Deputy Principal (Acting)

Date Claimers
March 21st – 25th Year 11 and 12 Exam Block

Senior Leadership Camp

Who would have thought carrying someone on a stretcher through eight massive pits of mud could bring a team together? The Student Council certainly didn’t until they did it themselves as part of their Senior Leadership Camp.

From the 9th March to the 11th March the Student Council were away at Emu Gully Camp, just outside Helidon. The students were faced with a variety of physical and mental challenges based on the campaigns of the Anzacs. The first day saw the students having to escape from a simulated Prisoner of War camp, crawling through tunnels and over a three metre wall – Hogan’s Heroes had nothing on the Year Twelves! The challenges increased the next day with activities that involved more crawling through tunnels, rescuing casualties and crossing swamps.

The highlights of the camp would definitely be the Kokoda Track, where the Student Council carried one of their members on a stretcher through thick, stinky mud and the Bridge over the River Kwai, where the team members were forced to work together to cross a very unstable bridge or end up in the water. The Student Leaders rose to the challenges and demonstrated that the 2011 Bundamba Student Council are a team capable of doing great things!

Shaun Cassidy
Senior Co-ordinator

Clean Up Australia Day at
Bundamba State Secondary College

Parent and Citizen Association
Annual General Meeting

The P & C is your voice and contact with the College. If you value the future of your students, your support will be very much appreciated. We require a quorum of 12 attendee’s to be able to conduct and establish an executive committee for 2011.

Date: Tuesday 22nd March 2011
Time: 1.00pm
Agenda:
- Election of Officers
- Dedication Ceremony
- General Business

Come and support your P & C Committee. We need you!

Reg Tohia
P & C President

Senior Art Excursion to the
Gallery of Modern Art

On Friday the 11th of March four teachers and some of the Art students from year 10, 11 and 12 travelled by train to the GOMA in Southbank. It was an amazing display of art and interactive art. We had just over an hour to look, create and enjoy the exhibition and we sincerely ran out of time. It was not only a fun experience but it extended the students understanding of what art is and how it is inseparable with culture, social values and historical contexts.

Bev Zerr
HOD The Arts
Message from Melany, your Youth Health Nurse

Internet Safety
The more information you post about yourself online, the easier you make it for someone to locate you in real life.

How would you feel if someone:

- Found your first and last name on your Bebo profile?
- Found your age on your Myspace profile?
- Was able to figure out what you looked like, and what school you went to from a photo someone else posted of you on Facebook?
- Looked up your last name and suburb on whitepages.com.au?
- Figured out how to get to your house using Google Maps?

If you don’t want something to go around the world, don’t post it - think before you post any information online. If you are not comfortable with the comment or picture you’re posting being seen by the entire world, then don’t post it. It doesn’t matter that your MySpace profile is private, or if you’re sending that picture to a friend. There are still many ways in which your ‘private’ information on the internet can become public.

You should use the privacy settings in your social networking sites to make sure you know how much personal information you are sharing with the world.

For MySpace, check out the MySpace Privacy Settings

For Facebook, check out the Facebook Privacy Settings, and consider using the ‘Limited Profile’ feature. You should also check whether your ‘Public Search Listing’ setting is on or off - if it’s on, your profile may be found in a Google search in the near future.

Check out the following short YouTube video about internet safety

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKfUlIqlawU&feature=player_embeddedpublic

Melany Sommerville
School Based Youth Health Nurse

Community Notices

THE NEED FOR BLOOD IS CONSTANT. 1 IN 3 WILL NEED BLOOD. CURRENTLY ONLY 1 IN 30 DONATE.

Did you know that 34% of all blood donations goes to help cancer patients? And that one donation will have save three lives? The Ipswich Blood Donor Centre located at the Riverlink Medical Centre, Lowry Street has convenient opening hours, including every Saturday. Be the type to save lives.

Tue and Thu - 12.30pm - 7.00pm
Wed, Fri and Sat - 7.30am - 1.30pm

To make an appointment telephone 13 14 95 or visit www.donateblood.com.au. For group bookings, please contact Angela on telephone 3432 5509 or email amonteagle@redcrossblood.org.au.