27 May 2011

From the Principal

Next Tuesday the 31st of May is the official opening of our State Schools of Tomorrow facilities. We will be hosting a special event from 4.00pm to 6.00pm in the afternoon which will include performances from our Bring It On dancers, our Music Students, our Pacifika students and a sneak peak at our upcoming "Harry Potter – The Musical" Presentation. The afternoon promises to be a great event for the school and all parents and families are invited to attend. Our P&C will also be using the event as a fundraiser by cooking a BBQ, selling traditional Island food and drinks.

This week we also welcome Mrs Veena Goel, a visiting principal from India to our school. She will be with us for one week to immerse herself in our schooling system. This is part of a program I had undertaken at the start of the year where I had the opportunity to visit her school in India and I look forward to showing her the same amount of hospitality I was able to enjoy at the start of the year.

Next week is reconciliation week and we have been preparing for a number of activities in conjunction with the week. This will include the selling on of flowers for Sorry Day and special parade on Tuesday to highlight the week. At this parade we will also showcase the artistic work of our students from last term on the Bundamba Railway Station upgrade.

Term two is nearing the half-way point with preparations for our exam block for Yr 11 and 12 students underway. Students are aware of the importance of their efforts in ensuring the best possible result on their end of semester reports (these will come out early in term 3). We have also moved the Parent Teacher interviews back to the start of Week three of term three and will once again use the Parent Teacher Online system for bookings.

Congratulations to Siyuan Cai from Yr 8 who was the lucky recipient of the two tickets to Dreamworld which were drawn on parade last week. Siyuan won the tickets after a draw from 2537 names. Students were entered into the draw if they achieved an A or B in the one subject for Effort and Behaviour on the Term One Reports. It was great to see so many students in the running after achieving these results and we hope to see more entries when we run the draw after our end of Semester reporting period.

Good luck to all the CISSA Winter sport teams whose season starts this week. I look forward to a successful season with the Yr 10 Rugby League team and no doubt all of our teams will do the school proud.

In closing, below is a copy of a letter sent to the school by a member of the public who was travelling by train at the same time as a group of our students – some excellent feedback:

“To the Principal,

I would like to share with you my positive encounter with a number of students from Bundamba State Secondary College.

On Wednesday morning I was catching the train into Brisbane and found a lot of students from your school sitting on the carriage. Their conduct and presentation is something the students, teachers and staff of Bundamba State Secondary College should be very proud of. The students were quiet, polite and sensible; many giving up their seat for other passengers.

They all wore their uniforms proudly and represented the College so well I thought it would be fitting to let the school know. “

Andrew Peach
Principal (Acting)

From the Deputy Principal – Senior School

I really want to start off with a big congratulations to our ‘Bring It On’ dance troupe who did Bundamba proud at the Southbank Piazza recently. I was lucky enough to be able to attend the event and enjoy an evening of awesome dancing, energy and good spirited competition. You have inspired us all with your talent and enthusiasm. Well done!

A couple of important dates for our senior school students are creeping up on us. The semester 1 exam block will run on Friday 10th of June and Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th May. The exam block timetable will be provided to the students in the coming weeks and will also be able to be viewed on the College’s website. During the exam blocks students will either be at school sitting an exam, studying in the library waiting for an exam or at home studying. Students are required to be in full uniform as per normal school expectations.

Queensland Core Skills Test is an important part of our OP and QTAC ranking year 12 students senior studies. A QCS practice test will be held on the 21 and 22 of May in the Hall. This will be run during the timetable. The QCS Test is held 30 and 31 August.

In addition, I wanted to inform my senior parents that I will be taking some leave from the 6 June through to the 25 July. I am lucky enough to have the opportunity to travel overseas to Europe. Mr Shaun Cassidy will be taking over my role as Deputy Principal Senior School and Mr Tim Gado will be undertaking the role of Senior Coordinator.

I look forward to seeing you all again in term 3.

Leah Fountaine
Deputy Principal
Year 8 Camp
IT IS WITH GREAT DELIGHT WE ANNOUNCE THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE YEAR 8 CAMP, 2011.

How many of us went? 82 x Year 8’s
Where did we go? Super Sport Centre, Runaway Bay, Gold Coast
Who came with us? Mrs Ona, Mrs King, Mr Watson, Reg, Mrs Burton, Mrs Gaunson, Mrs Sherlock, Mr Adam Green (Prac students)
When did we go? Monday 9 May – Wednesday 11 June 2011
How did we get there? By luxury coach
What did we do? Canoeing, Sailing, Swimming, Cody Challenge (Amazing Race), circuit activities, team building challenges, skirmish, trivial pursuit

Something special: The Gold Coast Suns trained at the facility. Staff and students met the team and were excited to get autographs and photos with the players.

- Rotating circuit activities
- All of the activities
- The Cody Challenge
- Skirmish
- Sailing and Canoeing
- The heated swimming pool
- Exercising at 630 am every morning with all the year 8’s.

Where did we sleep? We slept in lodges where there were 4 of us in a room

My favourite meal was:
- Lasagne
- All of them – they were awesome
- The breakfast – pancakes, bacon & eggs
- Chicken Schnitzel
- Stir fry

Parents and Citizen Association Newsletter
Once again, thanks to the members, staff and parents for re-electing me as president for 2011.

Although attendance was minimal we still managed to elect an executive committee with the assistance of Mr Andrew Peach, Acting Principal.

Election of Officers – Executive Committee

Mr Reg Tohia
- President
Mrs Tania Hubner
- Vice President
Mrs Tracy Woodward
- Treasurer
Mrs Jackie Toeleiu
- Secretary
Mrs Cheryl Jackson
- Auditor
Mrs Donna Schostakowski
- Canteen/Uniform Convenor
Mrs Julie Yarrow
- S.W.P.B.S. Representative
Mr Peter Hockey

Welcome to Mrs Tania Hubner and Mrs Tracey Woodward new members to the executive.

It is with jubilation and nostalgia to pay tribute to Mrs Michelle Gascoigne, for her passion and dedication of eleven years service as treasurer. Her presence will be still noticeable for her Voluntary Service on Thursday, at the College canteen.
Welcome

The Bundamba State Secondary College P&C welcomes all parents to attend our meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month, in the boardroom, top administration block, at 1.00pm.

Dates

April 27th
May 24th
June 21st
July 19th
August 23rd
October 18th
November 22nd

Please come along to the meetings, your input is valuable as the P&C is your child/children representative.

School Tuckshop/Uniform Shop

Recruitments for Volunteers are desperately required to assist Mrs Cheryl Jackson and Mrs Donna Schostakowski, any day, anytime during the week!

Uniform Shop Times

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30am – 9:30am

Tuckshop Times

1st Break – 11:15am to 12 Noon
2nd Break – 1:15pm to 1:40pm

Uniform

As our College is a uniformed school institution, there are certain rules and regulations that the staff and college has to maintain we are aware that some families have difficulties, if so, please contact the college for assistance.

The P&C are pleased with the uniform policy response from Parents and students.

Performing Art Centre and Leadership

Training Centre

At last, the long awaited completion of the new college infrastructures has been given the green light by Queensland Education Department.

The P&C Committee will be organising the opening ceremony and celebrations we require support from the staff, students and community for suggestions, ideas and assistance.

At present we have forwarded three proposed dates to be confirmed by the Education Department.

Some suggestions

1. A Twilight Mini-Fete
2. Workshops
3. Stalls – Food Service
4. Open Student Day
5. Performances
6. Entertainments
7. Talent Quest
8. Fashion Parade
9. Celebrities (Steve Walters, Artic Programme, Former Origin Greats, Brisbane Roars, Lion, Queensland Reds, Firebirds)
10. Raffles

A survey sheet of interest will be sent out to parents, requesting ideas, suggestions and any form of interest to insure the Dedication Ceremony to be a memorable occasion.

Reg Tohia
P&C President