From the Principal

In another busy period for our school we’ve had a number of great events to celebrate our student’s success. Our annual Awards Night was held on Tuesday, 18th of October and was a wonderful evening to celebrate the academic achievements of our students. Our guest speaker, Dr Regan Neumann (the School Captain from 1980) spoke passionately about his time at Bundamba State Secondary College and the success he has achieved since leaving school. The night was another fantastic opportunity to emphasis the great talents of our students and special mention must go to our School Captains and hosts for the evening, John and Holly, for another professional performance behind the microphone.

Our student council, ably assisted by Mr Kelk also did an outstanding job organising last week’s School Dance and Talent Quest. The performances from a variety of students were first class during the Talent Quest and the judges had their work cut out for them in picking the top performers. Congratulations to Faith who was judged as the winner on the day.

This week we held our final full school assembly of 2012. We have a final chance to say farewell to our Yr 12 students at our Graduation Parade on Friday, November 18th. All parents and family members are welcome at this special event with a 9am start in our school hall. This week’s assembly was a chance to farewell a number of teachers who will not be at our school next year. Tributes to the following staff were presented by students and the judges had their work cut out for them in picking the top performers. Congratulations to Faith who was judged as the winner on the day.

This week’s assembly also recognised our 2012 Student Council. The following students will provide the student body with representation and leadership next year:

- **School Captain**
  - Tyler Kerr
- **School Captain**
  - Kayne Harris
- **Vice-Captain**
  - Rhys Harris
- **Vice-Captain**
  - Leah White
- **Student Council President**
  - Sekaihli Smith
- **Communication**
  - Latrell Miller-Watcho
- **Communication**
  - Allyson Guy
- **Cultural**
  - Emmanuel Rambang
- **Cultural**
  - Pretoria Sosene
- **Community**
  - Ailicia Broom
- **Community**
  - Loraine Eggerling

Mr Breen and the sport department are finalising the process around shortlisting candidates for our Sports Captains. Successful students will be included in our next newsletter.

A reminder that 2012 will see greater emphasis on our student’s uniform. We have been placing increased importance on ensuring students understand the requirements of the uniform and have been providing extensive information around our expectations for 2012 to ensure all families are in the position to purchase appropriate footwear and apparel over the Christmas break. If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Next Wednesday, 9th of November we are holding two further Student Laptop Parent Information sessions. We will hold the first session in the School Auditorium to start at 9am and the second in the same venue with a 6pm start. We are running these two sessions to enable parents with different commitments to come along to get the required information and paperwork to enable their children to access our Student Laptops. This program enables our 2012 Yr 11 & 12 students to have a school laptop which they can take home for school and personal use at no additional cost. As may have been noted in the recent “Courier Mail” articles, we are one of the few schools who are not adding an additional cost, however it is important that parents are well informed around the processes and responsibilities involved in this programme.

Finally, good luck to Yr 12 students with their final exams and thank you to this year’s Student Council. The next few weeks are the final weeks of secondary schooling for our Yr 12’s and we have a number of major events after the exam block, the highlights no doubt being the Formal and Mystery Tour, followed by our Graduation Parade.

Andrew Peach
Principal

From the Deputy Principal – Middle School

Exam Blocks

The year 12 exam block will run from Monday 7th November to Friday 12th November. The year 11 exam block will run from Monday 21st to Friday 25th November. The exam block timetable has been provided to the students but is also available to be viewed on the College website. During the exam blocks Yr 11/12 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.

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In the exam block there are specific times for students to utilise to 'catch up' on missed assessment and/or complete competence work. It is also a requirement of EQ that all year 12 students complete their CPR training before graduation. So if you have not completed this training there is a time slot in the exam block timetable for you to follow up with this. Mr Cavanagh can also help you with organising your CPR training.

**Subject selections for 2012**

All current students in year 8, 9, and 10 should have completed and finalised their subject selections for 2012. Students that wish to make changes to their subject selections will be required to see Ms Fountaine up in upper admin. It is important for parents and students to realise that over the coming weeks, work will be completed on the timetable regarding subject offerings. Some changes may occur to subject offerings due to lack of student numbers. If this is the case, students will have the opportunity to make further choices for 2012.

Parents with Year 11 students will receive, at the beginning of 2012, a letter notifying them of the final subject selections from which their timetable has been created. At this point, if parents have concerns, we encourage parents to contact the school to discuss their concerns.

**Year 12 Formal**

We are looking forward to the Year 12 Formal on the 16th of November at Woodlands, Marburg. Pre-formal commences as 4.30pm with all parents invited to attend. This is a great opportunity for our students and their families to mingle together, check out the fashions of the moment and to see our students transformed on their night of nights – not to mention the p h o t o opportunities. The formal is expected to finish at 10.30pm. Students that are not continuing on to the Mystery Tour will need to organise their own transport home. All Mystery Tour students will be picked up by coach and transported back to the school to prepare for the mysterious adventure.

Mystery Tour finishes at 10.30am Thursday back at school.

**Graduation for Year 12**

The year 12 graduation ceremony will be on Friday 18 November at 9am in the assembly hall. We look forward to celebrating this significant milestone with our Seniors of 2011. I am sure that our Year 12s will continue to demonstrate our college’s expectations of pride, respect, responsibility and empowerment over their remaining weeks so that we can celebrate their achievements together at the graduation.

This is my last opportunity to wish our Year 12s of 2011 best of luck for exams and final assessments. May all the hard work of the last two years pay off and see you all achieve the results you deserve.

**Leah Fountaine**

*Deputy Principal*

**Safety at Schoolies**

Remember to be safe and watch your mates.

Here are some handy hints to help make sure you have no problems with your accommodation:

- get a receipt for any money you pay, including your bond
- if you don’t already have one, get a copy of the house rules (some examples of unfair and unreasonable house rules are listed below)
- if you change or cancel your booking, you may be charged a fee or lose your deposit
- if the accommodation provider cancels your booking, you should receive all your money back because they have failed to fulfil your accommodation contract
- if you are transferred to lesser accommodation, make sure you receive compensation equivalent to the difference in accommodation standard
- if there is a problem during or after your stay, try and work with the accommodation provider to reach an agreement
- if you need to, lodge a complaint through official channels

Some examples of unfair or unreasonable house rules are:
- random or daily inspections without your consent
- bag searches without your consent
- immediate eviction for minor breaches of house rules
- rules imposing a fee for breaking rules (unless that fee is for property damage caused).

**Ipswich Art Gallery Visit**

On Thursday the 20th of October, eight year 11 and two year 12 Visual Art students participated in curatorial talks at Ipswich Art Gallery. The exhibition studied, "Face in a Crowd", presented works by four contemporary artists that examine the difficult issue of individual identity within today’s ever-changing, global and consumer focused culture. The artworks employ new media and innovative techniques to present identity as fluid and imitative – subject to fashion, consumer choice and the dissolving of public-private boundaries via the internet.

Our students where able to engage with, and interpret the exhibition with the expert guidance of the Ipswich Art Gallery Curator, Jade Williamson, Public Programs officer, Jacina Leong, and BSSC Visual Art Teacher Mrs McSweeney. Our students where also given the opportunity to participate in volunteer work with the Ipswich Art Gallery in the near future. Students enjoyed their visit and can’t wait to go back.

**Sym McSweeney**

*Art Teacher*

**Year 10’s – Offer of Access to Dental Care**

West Moreton Health Service District offers a quality, free oral health programme to all children from 4 years up to the end of year 10.

A qualified and skilled team of dentists, dental therapists and dental assistants work together to provide a range of oral health services to meet your child’s specific oral health needs.

A dental examination and full course of oral health care is only available when the dental team visits your child’s school. Outside of this time, emergency dental treatment only is available by contacting the School Dental Service Business Service Centre (1300 763 246) who will refer you to the most appropriate clinic for care.

As a school dental van will NOT be attending your school this year the year 10 students currently have the opportunity to access their full course of oral health care through the Raceview School Dental Clinic. This offer only applies for term 4 of 2011.

Any parents/guardians wishing to access this service need to contact the Raceview School Dental Clinic on 3288 8192 to arrange appointments. Please note that recent legislation changes require a parent or guardian to attend all appointments with the students.

**Kind regards,**

*The Raceview School Dental Team*