From the Principal

Congratulations and well done to our OP students who completed the QCS Test this week. The student group have done an outstanding job under the guidance of Mr Penrose, Miss Griffiths and Mr Fynes-Clinton in preparation for the exam and the work from a number of other staff members to ensure students were well feed, relaxed and in the best possible frame of mind for the test helps to demonstrate the hard work and dedication of all at our school. The student’s results on the exam will not be known until later in the year, but I’ve no doubt their work over the last year and efforts over the last two days have placed them in the best possible position to succeed.

Whilst our OP students were completing the QCS Test, our non-OP students were undertaking the BRAKE Driver Education program which had been organised by Senior Coordinator Mr Cassidy. This is an important program which helps to prepare senior students for the transition to life after school when many will be driving on our roads and facing life as adults. Hopefully the messages of the last few days can translate to safe practices for years to come.

Friday is Footy Colours Day where the school will be participating in an effort to raise funds and awareness for Cancer. Many families are affected by Cancer and as a school we have been working to support the Morton family as they continue to help James, one of our year 8 students, who has been battling the disease this year. I’ve no doubt the variety of activities and fund raising ideas underway for Friday will have a positive impact on our school community and add in some small way to the bigger fight against Cancer. (Hopefully we’ll even get a few students wearing Canberra Raiders green on the day).

This week we farewell Cassandra Grant from our Indigenous Education Support Services Unit. Cassandra has been an important part of our school for the last three and a half years and will be sorely missed, although her new role will enable her to keep in contact with us here and she will still be closely involved with our work with Yr 12 students as their year comes to a close. Thank you and good luck Cassandra.

The school has undertaken an external Workplace Health and Safety Audit this week. The audit has proved to be a valuable experience to both reaffirm areas we are performing well with and to highlight areas which need further attention. Happily the information gained has focused on areas where the school has already been updating and improving.

Recently a letter was sent home to all parents concerning an Asbestos incident. The swift response from our facilities division helped to ensure our site was given a speedy clearance and normal classes were able to resume the following day. Our school is looking to organise an information session for students and parents regarding asbestos in Term four with more information to follow shortly.

We are currently working to upgrade our School Website and are eager for ideas for elements which may be of use for parents and families. If you have any suggestions for improvements please feel free to contact the school as we attempt to enhance our communications with all families.

Congratulations to Adam Yarrow, who achieved a High Distinction in our recent National Science Competition. Adam’s result was of a very high standard and he is to be congratulated for his performance in this test. Congratulations also to Holly Wilson. Holly will be flown to Sydney with her mother as one of three finalists in the Learn, Earn Legend Award. Holly, along with John, has been an outstanding School Captain in 2011 and is a wonderful role model to all of our students.

A reminder to all parents that soft drinks and Energy Drinks are not permitted at school. We have had a couple of incidents where student’s behaviour may have been impacted because of their consumption of these drinks. As a general rule students with soft drinks or energy drinks will have them returned to them at the end of the day.

Finally the Ipswich Police Service is running a free session on Cyber Bullying on Tuesday, 13th of September at the Leichhardt and One Mile Community Centre. The session starts at 6.15pm with registration to confirm numbers possible by phoning 3812 1270.

Andrew Peach
Principal

From the Deputy Principal – Senior School

This week our year 12 students sat for the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test. I would like to congratulate our Year 12 students who participated in the Queensland Core Skills Test this week. It is, without a doubt, a tough two days, both physically and mentally. This test is the culmination of nearly 12 months of preparation and the results will be used as one aspect in the determination of their OP scores.

The students started their day off in the school’s café with a wonderful breakfast which was prepared lovingly by staff to ensure that their brains had been jumped started for the challenge.

While the QCS Test was occurring we had our other Year 12’s students undertaking a different task – The Brake Program. The Brake Program is a program that focuses on road safety. This course not only helps our students to become responsible drivers and/or passenger but it has a 1 point Queensland Certificate of Education attached to it. This will help all our students to reach their QCE qualification goal.
Formal
Planning for the Year 12 Formal is well and truly underway. The Formal is being held at Woodlands in Marburg on the 16th of November. Invitations and costing of tickets will be released shortly. The pre-formal will also be held at Woodlands and parents and families will be invited to celebrate at this part of the event.

Reporting
Interim report cards will be sent home in the last week of Term 3. The interim report for years 8, 9 & 10 will be reporting on students’ progress in the term 3 only. However, it is important that parents of our Year 11 & 12 students realise that the grades denoted on the year 11 & 12 reports reflect a current progress grade for the year.

It is also very important that year 10 students and parents, when looking at the term 3 report, think about the subject selections made during the SET plan process. Current grades may need to be considered when finalising year 11 subject selections for 2012. The SET plan process is about making choices about future pathways based on the most current and relevant information. Please contact the school if any support is needed.

Exam Block
The term 3 exam block for our Year 11 and 12’s will run from Monday 5th September to Friday 9th September. 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.

Year 11 Leadership Camp
Last week of this term sees our Year 11 students attend their Leadership Camp. The camp runs from Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th September. The Leadership Camp is being held at Edmond Park which is 60km west of Laidley. Payment for the camp is required by Friday 9th. Students will be engaging in a variety of team and leadership building activities and will be camping under the stars for one night. The Leadership camp has been included in the Year 11 program to support the development of our Year 12 leaders in 2012.

Work Experience
This term our Year 10 students were given the opportunity to undertake a week of work experience. Over 70 of our students have been able to attend work for a week and get a taste of future pursuit. The Open Girls Volleyball team and our Year 8 Boys Rugby League were both grand finalists for the Winter season of sport in our district. The Open Girls Volleyball team, after such a strong season, unfortunately went down to a very impressive Redbank side. Our girls showed determination throughout the final and played with a lot of Bundamba pride and spirit. A very similar story for our courageous Year 8 Rugby League team who came so close to snatching a victory from Woodcrest right up to the final hooter. The game really could have gone either way with the lads unlucky that it wasn’t their day. I look forward to seeing their team as they progress through the years here at Bundamba. Congratulations to both teams on wonderful seasons.

The diverse talents of Bundamba State Secondary College students have been on show again with so many wonderful sporting achievements in recent weeks. These events have included two grand finals, the District Athletics Carnival and the Ipswich Park To Park. Our college is also excited in anticipation for upcoming events such as the Regional Athletics Carnival, the School Gift Race, various Teacher V Student clashes, the Bridge To Brisbane, Wear Your Footy Colours Day Cancer Fundraiser and the big one next term, our very own Sports Awards Dinner Celebration.

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The District Athletics Carnival was another year of great success for our college with some fantastic individual achievements. Special mention must go to the following students who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their events: Velsie Auva’a, Aza Benjamin, John Bond, Sarah Bosel, Josh Bradley, Natasha Dickinson, Shani Dickinson, Ethan Hubner, Victor Lauifata, Kenneth Lee, Blake Lenehan, Aylene Maher, Bryson O’Sullivan and Annie Tuisani. A HUGE congratulations must go to Velsie Auva’a who was awarded with the 16 years girls District Age Champion. Well done Velsie, an amazing effort! Good luck to all students who will now compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival on the 12th and 13th of September.

The BTADS (Bundamba Training And Development Squad) recently trained for and ran in the Ipswich Park to Park Fun Run held at Limestone and Queens Park on the 31st of July. Students and teachers joined together with thousands of community members and ran in either the 10km or 5km event. Everyone involved had a fantastic time and were overwhelmed with excitement when our school was announced as the winner of the inaugural 10km School Shield. Well done BTADS! A superb effort!
Just when you thought the year was coming to a close there is still lots to occur in sport for our students. This week’s Gift Race will see our 8 fastest girls and our 8 fastest boys run against each other in a bid to find the fastest girl and boy at our college. This week will also see our students fundraising for Cancer Recovery by participating in the “Wear Your Footy Colours Day” on Friday. Students will be participating in lots of fun activities on the oval while dressed in their favourite team’s colours. On Sunday the 11th of September some brave students and teachers will be taking on the Bridge to Brisbane 10km Fun Run challenge. Good luck to all competitors and have a great day! Over the coming weeks there will be a number of Teacher VS Student challenges kicking off this week with Touch. The two teams will then battle it out over Tennis, Golf and Netball to ultimately decide who will rule for 2011.

So keep watching this space to hear all the wonderful results of our students as they continue to achieve great things in sport for Bundamba. Also, pencil in your diaries Wednesday the 12th of October for our night of nights – the 2011 Sports Awards Dinner which will be held in our school hall. I look forward to joining with you all to celebrate a great year of sport!

Andrew Breen 
Sports Coordinator

Pacifica News

Our thoughts go to the families affected by the tragedy at Slacks Creek last week. We have been providing chaplaincy and counselling support for those in need. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can assist your family in this manner.

Welcome to Victoria Wing our new Pacifica Tutor. Victoria will be working with students in class supporting them to achieve increased academic outcomes. Victoria and Jackie will also be at the homework centre held every Tuesday in the Library commencing the 6 Sept 3:00-4:00pm

A reminder that ‘Celebrate Pasifika’ is being held on Saturday, 17 September at Marginson Park, Goodna at 9am to 3pm. This is an Ipswich City Council community event. A number of BSSC students will be performing at the event. Our P&C Association will be holding a BBQ stall to raise money for the school. The Ipswich City Council will be donating all stall holders fees to the Slacks Creek families affected by the tragedy. The P&C welcomes assistance to run the stall. Please contact Jackie Toeleiu on 38166333 if you can donate some of your time for this worthy cause.

Josette Moffatt 
HOSES

Goodbye and good luck!

It is with mixed emotions that I bid farewell to the staff and students at Bundamba State Secondary College and embark on a new journey as Acting Senior Schooling Head of Department at Marden State High School. The experiences that I have had as Acting English Head of Department at Bundamba SSC have been immense and I am proud to have worked with such a talented team of teachers who are both passionate and dedicated to improving student outcomes. Thank you to all English faculty members for your contributions to the department, I wish you all the best for the remainder of the year. Ms Maja Bogicevic will return as English HoD at the beginning of Term 4.

Furthermore, as Student Council coordinator, Year 12 Geography teacher and QCS (Core Skills Test) teacher, I would like to acknowledge and thank all Year 12 students for their hard work and dedication to their studies in their final year of school. In particular, the efforts of those students involved in the QCS preparation program must be acknowledged. It has been a long, and at times, challenging journey, however the end is now insight! Be sure to look after yourselves and each other, get plenty of rest and stay positive. I wish you all the very best of luck and… don’t forget to highlight!

Signing out,

Ms Griffith
Acting English Head of Department

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