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19 July 2017

Principal's Report



Dear Parents

A warm welcome back from the mid-year break to our students and families for the commencement of Semester 2. The second half of the year is always a busy one with multiple school events and of course a strong focus on deepening knowledge and strengthening learning outcomes for our

students.

Reporting

Last week every Parent/Carer would have received their child's report card for Semester 1. Reporting is an opportunity for parents to gain feedback on how their child is tracking in each of their subjects and to have conversations with them and their teachers on what strategies can be implemented for continuous improvement. As a school, our staff too will unpack our student outcomes and analyse the progress being made to always look for ways to continue to improve the learning outcomes for each of our students.

Full School Review

In the coming weeks Miami High will be undergoing a Full School Review conducted by the Department of Education & Training's School Improvement Unit. A review takes place every four years for all state schools. This is an opportunity for reviewers to meet with our stakeholders and see first-hand some of the many positive improvements that have taken place since the last Review approximately four years ago and to provide recommendations on what we as a school should

focus on for improvement over the next four years. A detailed assessment of our school will be publicly available on our website once received.

Study Tours

At the start of last week we welcomed Kyushu Sangyo High School from Japan who is visiting Miami High for a cultural/education study tour until Friday 28 July. Kyushu students will be involved in a range of cultural experiences that are designed to enhance their English language study. Thank you to the International Department, all Miami High Staff and our wonderful buddies for contributing to the success of our Study Tour Programs.

Miami Snow Trip

Welcome back to all students and staff who attended the Miami Snow Trip to Perisher Valley during the holidays. By all accounts the trip was a great success and students are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm, behaviour and attitude throughout the week. Staff attending commented that this wonderful group of students contributed to making the trip so successful. It's timely to thank our dedicated staff who gave up a week's holiday to take students away, they included Mr Cross, Mr Petersen, Mr Marshall and Ms Hoy.

2017 Parent/Caregiver School Opinion Survey

Our parent community is invited to participate in this year's School Opinion Survey and have your say about what we do well at Miami High, and how we can improve. Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information that you provide will be treated confidentially. The survey is accessed online and should take less than ten minutes to complete.

In the week beginning 31 July, the eldest child of every family will bring home a blue online access letter with further instructions including a web link and two unique access codes.



Thank you in advance for assisting us to continue improving our school.

We knuckle down for yet another busy term, let's continue with making every day count in working towards our school target of 95% attendance, which ultimately contributes to maximising every day in the classroom to improve student outcomes.

Sue Dalton
Principal

Dates to Remember

10 - 28 July	Kyushu High School Study Tour
19 July	Year 12 Business - Griffith University
20 July	Year 10 Netball - Vicki Wilson Cup
20 July	Careers Evening at 6.00pm
21 July	Miami High Track and Field Championships
24 - 26 July	Miami SHS Music Retreat
25 July	Year 11 Wellbeing Day
25 July	P & C Meeting at 7.00pm
27 July	AIME Excursion to Bond University Day 3
27 July	Academic Awards Ceremony at 8.45am
27 July	Year 7-12 Australian Mathematics Competition
27 July	Senior Movie Night
28 July	Year 12 QCS Masterclass
31 July – 3 Aug	School Review
31 July	International Orientation Excursion
31 July – 10 Aug	Yokosuka High School Study Tour
31 July	Year 11 & 12 Drama Excursion
1 August	Year 10 Netball - Vicki Wilson Cup
1 August	Year 11 Physics Excursion
1 August	Year 9 into 10 Information Evening at 5.30pm
1 August	Year 10 into 11 Information Evening at 7.00pm
2 August	Dance Excel Showcase Rehearsal
2 August	Year 12 Mathew Stanley Foundation Presentation
2 August	Dance Excel Showcase at 6.00pm
3 August	Lip Sync Battle Fundraiser at 12.55pm
4 August	Year 12 QCS Masterclass

4 August	International Orientation Excursion from 7.30am – 3.30pm
7 August	Parent/ Student/ Teacher Interviews from 2.00pm
8 – 11 August	Year 12 Cert II in ORE Cooloola Camp
8 August	Year 9-12 Drama Performance at 10.35pm
9 August	Year 7-12 Chess - Interschool Gold Coast Chess Competition
10 August	Oceanic Track & Field

NEW Student Absentee Line

For all student absences please call our direct number on **5554 0334** or email absences@miamishs.eq.edu.au.

Finance Office New Trading Hours and Payment Options

Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8.00am to 12.00pm (closed Friday).

Student Payment Times: Before school or during first break

INTERNET PAYMENT

Please quote the reference below to ensure the payment is credited to your account.

Reference: EQ ID & Excursion Name or Student Name

Student EQ ID No: refer to your student's ID card or Timetable

Excursion: refer to accompanying letter

Account Name: Miami State High School General Account

BSB: 064-404

Account No: 00090020

Please be aware that payments **must be paid 48 hours prior to the excursion closure date.**

IN PERSON

Payment by Credit Card, EFTPOS, Cash

Payment can be made in person at the Finance Window on the days/times noted above only

Please be aware that payments **must be paid 48 hours prior to the excursion closure date.**

BY PHONE

Payment by Credit Card Only

Please call Angie, Accounts Receivable Officer on (07) 55540330 during payment window opening hours. Please have your credit card details ready when you call.

Please be aware that payments **must be paid 48 hours prior to the excursion closure date.**

BPOINT

Credit Card Payment into School Bank Account

BPoint allows you to pay 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. BPoint can be accessed through the QParent Smartphone App or by visiting the link below:

<http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>

Please be aware that payments **must be paid 48 hours prior to the excursion closure date.**

Receipts will always be given for payments made over the counter and will always be available on request for payments made by Internet Banking or Credit Card over the phone

Kellie Johnston
Business Services Manager

2018 Subject Selection Timelines (Years 9, 10 AND 11)

In preparation for your student's journey at Miami State High School in 2018, please see important dates below in regards to the subject selection process. As each important date approaches further information will be disseminated to students, parents and the wider community through our website and Facebook page.

PROCESS	DATE
Subject Selection Booklets and supporting documents go Online (www.miamishs.eq.edu.au)	14 July
Careers Evening (Years 9-12)	20 July
Year 9 (2018) Subject Selection Folders handed out	24 July
Year 9 -> 10 Information Evening (5.30pm - 6.30pm)	1 August
Year 10 -> 11 Information Evening (7.00pm - 8.30pm)	
Parent Teacher Interviews (2.00pm - 7.30pm)	7 August

PROCESS	DATE
Year 11 (2018) Subject Selection Interviews * Year 11 Subject Selections Due	14 - 15 August
Year 10 (2018) Subject Selection Interviews * Year 10 Subject Selections Due	16 - 17 August
Year 9 (2018) subject Selections Due to Student Services	18 August

Jason Cross
Deputy Principal

Subject Selection Evening - Tuesday 1 August 2017

Year 10 (2018): 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Year 11 (2018): 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Venue: Miami Great Hall

A 2018 subject section evening will be held on 1 August in the Miami Great Hall. This is an important evening for Year 10 (2018) students as they will be the first cohort of students in Queensland who will study under the new tertiary entrance system (ATAR).

In addition, this evening is as equally important for the Year 11 (2018) students who will begin their journey in the current tertiary entrance system (OP or ATAR). The Year 11 (2018) component of the evening will allow you and your student to choose the targeted discussions related to your student's pathway that you wish to attend on the night (i.e. tertiary entrance or vocational training).

It is an expectation that your student attends the evening.

Following the subject selection evening, compulsory subject selection interviews will be held with every Year 10 (2018) and 11 (2018) student and their parents to finalise their subject selections. Interview bookings can be arranged using the link provided on the school website or the school's Facebook page as of the week beginning the 24th of July.

*Year 11 (2018) interviews to be held on the 14-15 of August

*Year 10 (2018) interviews to be held on the 16-17 of August

Jason Cross
Deputy Principal

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Date: Monday 7 August 2017 (2.00pm to 7.30pm)

Venue: Miami Great Hall

In 2017, Miami State High School will continue our proactive model in regards to the scheduling of Parent Teacher Interviews. The focus of the individual interviews will be about:

- "This is what your student has been learning",
- "This is what they will be learning" and
- "This will be their upcoming assessment."

It is an expectation that your student attends these interviews.

Please be reminded that school will finish at 12.55pm on this day to allow for Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews to commence at 2.00pm in the Great Hall. The reason for interviews to commence at 2:00pm is to enable a greater proportion of parents and students to access individual teachers for interviews.

Interview bookings can be arranged using the link provided on the school website or the school's Facebook page as of the week beginning 24 July.

Parents are requested to make alternative transport arrangements for students on this day but please do not hesitate to contact our office on 5554 0333 should you wish your child to remain supervised until the end of a normal school day.

Student Representative Council News

The first day of June saw the Miami SHS Student Council hold their first junior movie night at the Great Hall. Pirates and Pyjamas was the theme for the evening. Several students volunteered to busk at the beginning of the evening providing lively entertainment. Thanks to Lidiya Ramkamur, Ashley Irving and Matthew Maher. Thanks to Dreamworld for the donated double passes to their theme park which were won by Year 9 student Shayla Amor. Thank you must also go to Miami Primary school for the loan of their fantastic boat prop which greeted students as they entered the courtyard. Money raised at the event has paid for our popcorn machine the SRC have purchased to be used at similar events in the future.

The senior movie night is set for **27 July**; and the movie is *Anchorman*. Food and drinks will be on sale by the Student Council Representatives.



Gold Coast Business Expo

Miami State High school hosted the Gold Coast South Business Expo, organised by small business owner, Paula Brand, during the July holidays in the Inspire Building. The classrooms were transformed into an expo area for 120 trade tables and workshops featuring leading business people sharing their strategies on how to create a successful business.

Thanks to our student leaders who assisted on the day. Here is a snapshot of photos from the day.



The biggest small business expo took place in the Inspire Building in the July holidays.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>

<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me.

Craig Gallagher
Acting Head of Special Education Services

SNOW TRIP PHOTOS



A few images from the recent snow trip during the Winter School holidays

“I Want It!” Miami State High School Dance Excel Showcase

‘The dance is over, the applause subsided but the joy and feeling will stay with you forever.’

W. M. Tory.



Rehearsals and preparations are well underway for the 2017 Dance Excel Showcase which will be held on Wednesday 2 August in the Miami High Great Hall. It is set to be an awesome night of dance, showcasing the talents of all dance students. Titled, “I Want It!” the showcase will involve over 120 students including a primary performance involving over 30 students from a number of Gold Coast schools. Entry is \$5 per person at the door on the night with the evening starting promptly at 7.00pm.



Miranda van't Hof
Dance Excel Showcase Director

Graphics news

During the holidays Year 12 Graphics students Kira Hutchings and Mikaela Nugent attended a two day Architectural workshop run by Kahn Neil, director of Neil Design, at Griffith University. The workshop gave high school students an opportunity to experience studying architecture at a tertiary level.

They were introduced to basic measuring, drawing conventions and the concept of scale in drawings, further to communicating ideas about form, space and human occupation.

“We both learned so many new techniques for sketching and conceptualising. The whole experience gave a really cool insight into studying Architecture.” – Kira and Mikaela

Both girls plan to study Architecture when they complete their Year 12 studies at the end of this year.

Karissa Wortmann
Graphics Teacher



Japan Study Tour 2018

Miami State High School will be conducting a Study Tour to Japan during the Winter holidays 2018. The proposed dates are to depart Wednesday 27 June and returning Monday 8 July 2018.

Whilst the final details of the itinerary are still to be confirmed, the cities we hope to visit will include:

- Tokyo,
- Yokohama-Kanagawa,
- Osaka,
- Kyoto,
- and a cultural experience of either Hiroshima (Peace Park) or Hakone (national park of Mt Fuji.)



It is difficult to ascertain exact costing at present, but the estimated cost of the trip will be \$3800 (exchange rates must be taken into consideration). This price includes:

- Airfare
- Taxes and airline levies
- Hotel accommodation
- Day excursions (transport, city tours, entrance fees)
- 7-Day Japan Rail Pass
- Suica card (a travel card for all other non-JR travel)
- All breakfasts and some meals.

Students should also allow for spending money, some meals, phone card and miscellaneous extras.

To indicate your child's interest in travelling to Japan, please sign the form below and return it to Miss Wilson in F1 or email mwils234@eq.edu.au. A parent information evening will follow Parent Teacher Interviews on Monday 7 August from 6.30pm in the Library.

In order to secure the booking, a non-refundable deposit of \$300 will be requested after the evening; this will secure the airline and accommodation bookings. We will not be able to add students after deposits are paid as the deposits secure the airline booking and hotel rooms at group rate that cannot be altered. Therefore, we are unable to add students to the trip

who may decide later in the year or at the beginning of 2018 that they wish to attend.

Please note that all outstanding text, resources payments and subject levies must be paid in full prior to acceptance of deposit for this tour. All future correspondence with parents will include email updates, so please indicate your email address below.

Please feel free to contact me on 5554 0333 if you have any queries.

Melissa Wilson
Head of Department Languages and International

Please complete and return these forms to the International Department if you are interested in the Japan Study Tour 2018

International News

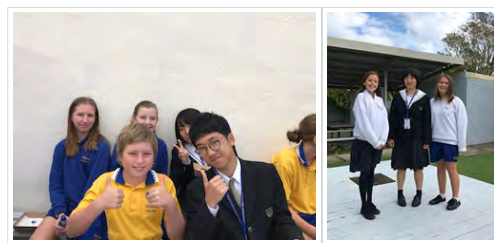
Farewell to our 30 Internationals who have completed their program with us. We wish you the best in your future endeavours back in your home country



Currently we are hosting Kyushu Study Group from Japan (11-27 July). This is the sixth time we have had this group visit our school and we always look forward to having them. We appreciate that our students here at Miami SHS make an effort to make these students from Japan feel welcome as each of our Buddies are volunteers – 30 Japanese students, each have 2 buddies! We are very fortunate to have such wonderful students who enjoy the cultural exchange.



Welcome morning food with Kobi Rankin helping out the International team



Welcome Kyushu Sangyo High School students from Japan who are visiting Miami High for a cultural/ education study tour until Friday 28 July



Kyushu students tasting vegemite for the first time



Kyushu girls tasting fairy bread - another Aussie delicacy!

We are also welcoming 34 new Internationals this Semester. We will have 49 International students in total from 9 different countries.

Griffith University Language Competition 2017

The annual Griffith University Languages Contest is fast approaching – this year the competition will be held on Sunday August 13 at the Gold Coast campus. This competition attracts primary, secondary and tertiary students for competitions in Japanese, French, German, Chinese, Italian and Spanish. Junior students are given a speech template to follow while senior students are expected to write and present their own original speech.

Competitions such as the Gold Coast Languages Speech Contest build confidence public speaking skills and language skills. We are looking for students in all year levels to represent MSHS in Japanese and Spanish.

Some students have already approached their language teacher and have begun memorising their speeches in preparation for the impending competition. If your child is interested in participating in this fantastic opportunity, please have your child see Miss Damon in F Block staff room for a speech template and additional information.

We will begin lunch time practices from Week 3 leading up to the competition date to ensure all students are ready and confident in presenting. Minasan ganbatte!!

Tasha Damon
Japanese Teacher

SEP Showcase

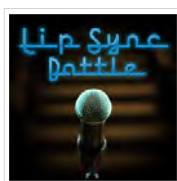
At the end of last term, the SEP welcomed parents to a showcase of student work. Displays included artwork, posters, graphic design challenges and medieval castles. Students guided their families through classrooms to share their achievements and demonstrate the various technologies used throughout SEP and the whole school community. The Year 8 ITD students with the help of Mr Schnetker provided a demonstration of their gas propelled cars, while the 8A Science class screened a selection of films they had created to name Australia's new icebreaker ship.

Students challenged their families to tangram puzzles and probability games as well as grammatical battles on the interactive smart board in G10. Teachers were on hand to talk with parents and students about their accomplishments and future goals and the afternoon was wrapped up with some wonderful refreshments prepared and served by Year 12 QCIA Community and Citizenship Studies students.



Craig Gallagher
SEP HOSES

Shooters Video Club - Lip Sync Battle is back!



It's time to grab your air guitars and invisible microphones and sign up to compete in this year's M'Oscars Lip Sync Battle. Or you can come on down to the Great Hall for a bit of a laugh as you watch Miami High's favourite teachers and students go head to head for the chance to be crowned this year's Lip

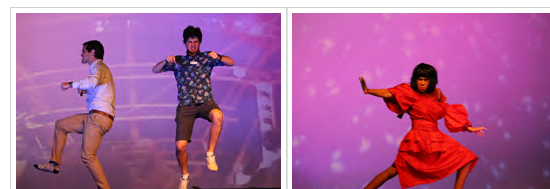
Sync champion. Crowd favourites such as Mr Hardman and Mr Mckillop will be returning as well as a few surprise entries. This is an event not to be missed!

When: 12.55pm on Thursday 3 August
(Week 4, Term 3)

Where: Miami Great Hall

Entry fee: Gold Coin Donation (all proceeds help fund this year's M'Oscars Film Festival)

Lucy Carr
Film and Television Teacher



A reminder of the fun Lip Sync Battles from last year

Saver Plus

Click on the link to find out more about the Smith Family Saver Plus Program. Saver Plus, a matched savings and financial education program, can assist families and students with educational costs. For more details find the letter on the MSHS App.

Kokoda 2017!

The Kokoda Challenge event that took place last weekend was one of the most difficult in memory. The mud, rain and cold made it an extreme challenge for all teams competing.

There were three Miami State High teams and three students from Miami on the Kokoda Kids.

The Miami teams included: Team Mateship 48 km – Mrs Millett, Finn Robinsen, Aaliyah Maoate, Alex Johnston and Dayna Lennon

Team Endurance 96 – Miss Robinson, Talua Lui, Kayla Hirakawa, Riley Bristow and Connor Brooks.

Team Courage 96 km – Mrs Locke, Zac Murphey, Ky Curtis, Declan O'Brien and Bailey Gray. Team Courage crossed the finish line in just over 24 hours – what an achievement!

Finally, Jackson Buckland, Kobi Rankin and Sarah Mc Allister were walking as part of the Kokoda Kids. This is a one year commitment which includes training, volunteer work and a final trip to Papua New Guinea to walk the Kokoda Track.

Congratulations to all staff, students support crews and volunteers. You make the event amazing!



The Parenting Teenagers Course

The Parenting Teenagers course will be held at Miami State High School for 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings commencing Wednesday 16 August from 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

This course will equip parents and carers of children aged 11 to 18 years old with strategies to build a healthy relationship with their teenager while guiding them into adulthood. Whether you consider you have strong parenting skills and all is going well, or if you are facing challenges, you will benefit from the five sessions in which you will learn practical ways to help support your teenager, communicate effectively, discover how your teenager feels loved, set appropriate boundaries and let them go gradually so that they can take on increasing responsibility for their own behaviour.

The five session topics are:

1. Keeping the end in mind, 2. Meeting our teenager's needs, 3. Setting boundaries, 4. Developing emotional health, 5. Helping them make good choices

The format of each session:

1. Viewing a DVD presentation including input from the hosts Nicky and Sila Lee as they share from their experience of parenting four children, advice from parenting experts, and interviews with parents and teenagers.
2. Guided small group discussion to give a chance to talk about the topics presented. Each guest is given a manual with exercises and questions for these discussion times.

The Parenting Teenagers Course is based on Christian principles but these principles apply to every parent. It is not a Christian/religious presentation and you do not need to be Christian/religious to benefit from the course. The course is run successfully in many countries throughout the world.

The cost of the course:

An optional investment to help cover costs of guest manual and refreshments (suggested only - \$10).

Please note that places are limited. To confirm your attendance, or if you have any queries please feel free to contact me at shanes@chappy.org.au or on 0424473790.

Shane Scott
Chaplain
Miami State High School & Miami State School

Careers Evening

A reminder that the Miami State High School Careers Evening takes place on 20 July. A QTAC presentation will be held in the library at 6pm followed by the Careers Evening in the Great Hall. This is valuable information for parents of students in Years 9 – 12. All welcome.

Careers Evening 20 July from 6pm in the Great Hall

Student excels in Jiu Jitsu

Congratulations to Brody Spiechowicz who competed at the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Byron Bay Open. He had three highly competitive matches and fought extremely well coming away with the 3rd place medal.



Well done Brody on your 3rd place medal

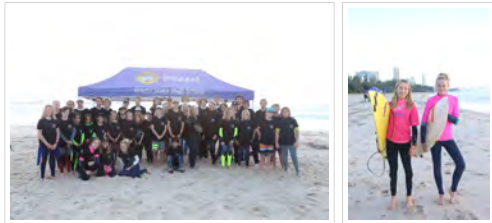
47th Miami Surf Contest

The annual 47th Miami Surf Contest hit Burleigh Beach at dawn on 23 June to great surf conditions. Bacon and Egg rolls were

a delicious treat for our competitors at the start of the day. Thanks to Mrs Purdy and Ms Pearce for their cooking skills. The surf rolled in and a few barrels were caught while the White Water Challenge students had some fun in the waves. Well done to **Luke Robinson** for winning this White Water Challenge. In the Bodyboarding section, well done to **Ethan Mott** for taking out the Junior Division and **Bryce Forbes** for winning the Senior division. **Abby Gain** blitzed the Girls Surfing section and **Jack Bodhi** took out the Junior Boys Surfing. Congratulations to **Maddy Job** for winning his respective division throughout his schooling journey as he once again took out the Senior Boys division in this his final year at school. Congratulations to **Charlee Job** on receiving the Cathy Ryan Memorial Trophy this year.

Cathy Ryan was a popular staff member of Miami High School who also excelled in Surfing. Cathy reached great heights in school surfing and was rated the No.1 female surfer in Australia while still at High School. The memorial trophy was first presented last year in 2016 and is awarded to the female surfer who has contributed the most to school surfing at Miami High.

Thank you to our parents who attended the event and to the staff who worked at the event on the day.



The 47th Miami Surfing event took place on the last day of Term 2 at Burleigh in great conditions. Well done to our winners!

MVP Memberships Grows

The Miami Valued Partners program was at the Gold Coast South Small Business Expo in the July school holidays. If you have been considering joining us, register online at the link below or contact Mr Jason Cross at 5554-0333 for more information. Thank you to those who have signed up to join the MVP program.

<http://www.miamivaluedpartners.com.au>

Hints for Creating Resilient Families

Rediscover some family rituals

Family rituals are strong predictors of resilience. It doesn't matter whether it is the family walk after dinner, the Sunday roast, the Friday night pizza or the Saturday morning clean up – rituals are highly protective. The best rituals often cost nothing. These are the activities you hope that later on your children will reminisce and say "Mum always made sure we did this" or Dad always made sure we did that".

Wellbeing Update

Welcome back after a restful two weeks holiday. This term will be quite a busy one with our first Good Vibes Day being for Year 11 on 25 July. We have some excellent guest speakers booked in covering topics such as *Healthy Relationships* with Simon Santosha, *Body Image and Mindfulness* with Nicole Joy, Israel the DJ doing some *Hip Hop*, Headspace will be chatting about *Managing Change*. These days have always been very successful with positive feedback from the students. A reminder that the day follows the usual bell times and full school uniform is to be worn. Attendance is compulsory. The other Good Vibes Days for this term include Year 8 on 15 August and Year 12 on 12 September.

Compassionate Cities Project

Our School is involved in the Compassionate Cities Project run by Griffith University aimed at all the schools on the Gold Coast to look at ways to make our city a more compassionate place to live. The Compassionate Cities Project is based upon to Charter for Compassion that was written to ask people to commit to make the world a more peaceful and compassionate place. This Charter has been signed by many countries in the world. Australia was one of the first countries to sign the Charter. So it was decided that it was time to put this Charter in action here on the Gold Coast.

What is Compassion? "Compassion means to have the courage to descend into the reality of human experience" (Paul Gilbert).

This means to identify the reasons people are behaving the way they are and take a positive action to assist where possible.

How do we do that? To reach out and help someone in need or to be that person to stop the bullying, to perform Random Acts of Kindness, or even just to lend an ear to a person that needs to talk.

Year 11 student Kobi Rankin and I were invited to the Compassionate Cities meeting that was attended by many schools on the Gold Coast with the purpose of committing to make their school a more compassionate place. Each school spoke of their project that they were embarking on and why they believe it will benefit their school and community. These presentations were also attended by Mayor Tom Tate and a proposal put forward to Mayor Tate with ways to make the Gold Coast a more compassionate city. As we know the recent events that have occurred in Mayor Tate's life with his wife having a heart attack in Singapore airport and the struggle that occurred afterwards. Mayor Tate made is clear that it was due to the compassion displayed by the people around him that gave him strength to carry on while his wife was in a coma. Mayor Tate spoke very highly of the students and their presentations and committed to working with the students to implement their ideas to help make the Gold Coast a more compassionate city.

MIAMI MOVEMENT FOR COMPASSION – a short film competition

Miami's commitment to the Compassionate Cities Project is our short film competition.



We are asking students or community groups to put together a short film 1-4 mins to show what compassion looks like. It can show ransom acts of kindness, bullying, domestic violence, mental health, helping someone in need, showing care to animals or any other idea you may have.

Film your idea and submit it to Miami High, attend the Gala film night on 16 August and show your support for making this community a more compassionate place. The night will have the screening of the films, musical and dance performances and guests from Griffith to speak about the Charter for Compassion. Our Wellbeing Expo will be in the courtyard and food and drinks available. This is a gold coin donation for entry and all are welcome.

All the entry details are attached, the deadline is fast approaching. If you are interested on participating in this event please contact Tiffany Grant on 55540333 or email tgran17@eq.edu.au.

Please find the attached entry details.

Wellbeing Tip

Our strength of the week this week is HOPE. We all have hopes and dreams and sometimes as we get older these can change or fade. HOPE means to look forward to the future put our positive thoughts into positive actions to achieve or dreams and goals. What are you HOPING for? How will you get there? When you have HOPE, how does that make you feel?

Self-talk has a big influence on how we think and behave and this influences our outcomes. What is your self-talk like? What does positive self-talk look like? Does it look like NSW or QLD?



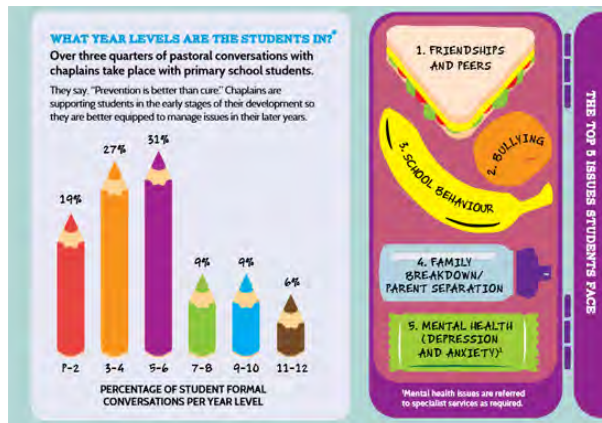
News from Chappy

Welcome to the third chaplaincy snapshot taken from the SU Qld (chaplaincy employer) annual snapshot of school chaplaincy. Throughout 2016 SU collected information on chaplain's activities and impact to give an overview of the role of government school chaplains throughout Qld. As mentioned for the first snapshot, I share some of the information in this document to help you better understand who chaplains are and what a chaplain does. The findings of this research are obviously based on collective data, from both primary and high schools. Data would vary from school to school. (You can view the full document at suqld.org.au/snapshot2017).

If you have any queries or think I may be able to assist you in some way please contact me at school or by email shanes@chappy.org.au. My days at Miami State High School are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The remainder of the week I am at Miami State School.

What Do Students Talk to Chaplains About?

Students approach school chaplains for support across a broad range of personal, family, friendship and school issues.



40 Hour Famine

This year, the 40 Hour Famine is different.



Could you imagine packing your bags and leaving everything behind? Globally, more than 65.1 million people have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict. More than half of these are children. This year the Miami community has an opportunity to take part in the 'Backpack Challenge'. We're making a change by packing our bags and living out of a backpack, with only the essentials, for 40 hours to raise funds for refugee and displaced children. Fill your bag with food, water and warm clothes; whatever you think you'll need to get through.



This year's 40 Hour Famine will support work in regions heavily affected by the crisis; Syria, South Sudan and their neighbouring countries. The funds you raise will help provide food, water, blankets, tarps, temporary shelter and safe spaces for some of the world's most vulnerable children.

The World Vision 40 Hour Famine is officially held on the weekend of Friday 11 August from 8.00pm until Sunday 13 August 12 noon (or at a time which suits you).

Students can collect information and permission forms from the Chappy, RTC room or I block staffroom (for Years 7 and 8 students). Alternatively you can register your child (and/or yourself) online:

1. Go to www.40hourfamine.com.au and click 'sign up'
2. Make sure you register to join '**Miami State High School**'. Please DO NOT register as a team leader.
3. You can then share the link to your participant page with family and friends, or direct people to the 40 Hour Famine website where they can search your name or 'Miami State High School' and make online donations by credit card, PayPal, or make a cash/cheque pledge. Please note that donations of \$2 or more made online can be tax deductible.

If your child is not participating and you would like to make a donation to our school effort you can visit the link below and donate to 'Miami State High School'.

<http://www.40hourfamine.com.au>

Any queries can be directed to our Chaplain Shane Scott via email: shanes@chappy.org.au

Shane Scott
Chaplain

Workshop for Teens

Improve your living space with a hand-crafted wall hanging made with your own twist. This workshop is designed for Teens and takes place on Thursday 20 July 2017 from 4.00 to 5.00pm at the Broadbeach Library.

Please find attached a notice for some changes to the Surfside school bus service 3009 PM effective as of the start of Term 3. For more information, visit their website

Teen Girls Exercise Classes

Are you concerned about your daughter's physical health, does she worry too much about body image?

I can help! I run Teen Girls only Group Exercise Classes. Promoting healthy body image and helping girls to grow a love of exercise that they can carry for the rest of their lives. Healthy body equals healthy mind. All abilities welcome. Help your daughter learn to love her body for what it can do, not what it looks like.

BOOK INTO JAMIE'S KITCHEN FOR COOKING CLASSES

Jamie's Ministry of Food Mobile Kitchen is a not-for-profit organisation funded by the Queensland Government promoting food literacy and helping to reduce diet-related disease and we are in Burleigh Heads!

The Mobile Kitchen is a purpose built community kitchen on wheels, kitted out in the gorgeous Jamie Oliver style and staffed by a team of qualified Food Trainers who run our program

teaching participants from age 12+ how to cook simple, tasty, delicious and nutritious meals from scratch.

The Mobile Kitchen is located at Stockland Burleigh Heads – Post Office Car Park, 149 West Burleigh Road, and Burleigh Heads. There is one last opportunity to book into a course! Our final course starts the week of Thursday, 27 July 2017 to Wednesday 30 August 2017

Participants attend once a week for 5 weeks, at the same time each week, for a 90 minute hands on cooking class. All ingredients are provided and each participant leaves with the meal they have prepared in class to take home to share with family and friends!

Bookings are now open! Please click here to visit the website and book a course.

Jamie's Ministry of Food Australia is open to everyone in the community. Our aim is to work with as many local community organisations as possible.

The Good Foundation is also able to take private group bookings from community organisations. If you are interested in a group booking for your students or your staff please review the group booking process document and complete the group booking form then email it to info@thegoodfoundation.com.au.

Click on the links above to find out more about Jamie's Ministry of Food Mobile Kitchen

Palm Beach Junior Touch Football nominations are NOW OPEN.

Are you keen to play Touch Football during the Summer season? You can register as a team or as an individual looking for a team and the committee will match you up. We have Under 8,10,12,14 and 16 boy and girl competitions. Games are Friday nights at Mallawa Drive Palm Beach. First Game starts 1st September.

http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-8542-0-0-0&assoc=8542

If you have any question call Sharon on 0447 085 630 or email operations@sharkstouch.com.

Important Information from TransLink



From January, use TransLink's online journey planner to find the best travel options for your child to travel to and from school. Our helpful tips for journey planning for school services makes planning your child's school journey even easier.

Alternatively, you can also use the school timetables search if you already know your bus route number.

Travel to school with go card

When your child travels to and from school on public transport with go card, they can save at least 30% compared to the cost of a single paper ticket. That's in addition to the 50% discount

that school students pay compared to adults. These savings quickly add up!

Grab a go card for your child online or at selected retailers today.

Visit the TransLink website for full details on school transport, tickets and fares.

Is your child eligible for STAS?

The Queensland Government provides eligible school students travelling to and from primary and secondary schools with assistance via the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS).

Find out if your child is eligible and beat the rush – apply now and pick up your child’s travel pass from your local operator today!

Kind regards

TransLink Customer Relations

Update your Contact Details

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE – INCLUDING EMERGENCY CONTACTS?

We have been experiencing a number of students presenting to sick bay with serious illnesses/injuries to warrant the school needing to urgently contact a parent/guardian or an emergency contact but with no success. Could you please make sure that your contact details are up to date and ensure your emergency contacts are available if you’re not able to be contacted. This is especially important for when parents are travelling away during the school term and leaving students with guardians. Please feel free to contact the school either by email admin@miamishs.eq.edu.au or telephoning 5554 0333 to confirm your current details.

Parent Contact

NOTE TO PARENTS/CARERS

The school database program can only allocate ONE address per student. If a student is residing equally between two addresses, the parents/carers must decide which address will be allocated as the main address for the student. The second address can be noted on the student’s hardcopy personal file.

If a second report is required to be emailed, please contact the school in order for us to record this.

Helen O’Brien

Human Resources Manager

RTC SMS Text – Home Communication

To improve the communication between parents and the school, Responsible Thinking Classroom (RTC) SMS text messages will be sent daily for all students referred to the RTC. This will provide immediate feedback for parents allowing them to discuss issues with their student, and if they have

any concerns, contact the school for clarification. The following texts will be used:

SMS text for daily RTC referral.

Dear parent, please be advised your student was referred to RTC today. Please discuss with your student and contact Miami SHS 55540333 if concerned.

SMS text for student reaching RTC Level 3.

Dear parent, your student has reached Level 3 on RTC. Please support by discussing this with your student. Thank you from Miami SHS.

SMS text for student reaching RTC Level 5.

Dear parent, your student has reached Level 5 on RTC. Please contact Miami SHS on 5554 0333 to arrange an intervention meeting time asap. Thank you.

SMS text for student reaching RTC Level 7.

Dear parent, your student has reached Level 7 on RTC. One more referral may result in suspension. Your urgent support is appreciated. Thanks Miami SHS 5554 0333.

Please take the opportunity to discuss this with your student, should you receive a text message regarding RTC. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Glenn Smits

Positive Behaviour Coach