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Principal's Report



Dear Parent

As this is the last newsletter for Term 2, I wish you all a safe and relaxing vacation.

Staff News

Congratulations to Alison Fahlbusch and Jason Cross who have both been appointed to permanent positions as

Deputy Principal at Miami High. Alison will continue in her role as Deputy Principal Capability and Jason will be Deputy Principal Senior Secondary.

Congratulations also to Rebecca Churchouse who will be Acting Head of Department Technology. Rebecca will be replacing Jo Howes who is taking well deserved long service leave for all of Semester 2.

Welcome back Rachel Pirie, Tami Creasey and Paul Schnetker who are all returning from leave next Term.

Farewell and best wishes to Gemma Beriman taking twelve months maternity leave, Georgia McNichol twelve months special leave and Erin White whose contract is finishing.

Exam Shutdown

Exam Shutdown for Year 11 and 12 students occurs from 11 June to 18 June. All students have been given a hard copy of the exam schedule. Students are reminded that a medical certificate is required if they miss any assessment through illness.

Semester Reports and Interviews

This year all end of semester reports will be emailed rather than posted. This will significantly reduce our ecological footprint.

Years 7, 8 and 9 reports will be emailed on Monday 22 June. Years 10, 11 and 12 reports will be emailed on Wednesday 24 June.

All Parents/ Carers will be notified by text when the reports are emailed.

Please contact the school administration if you have changed your email address recently and have not notified the school.

Parent Teacher Student Interviews will be held on 27 July. Please discuss the report with your student to ensure they are achieving to their potential.

M Factor

M factor 2015 will be held on Monday 22 June and I know the student council has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that it is a night of entertainment and fun where we celebrate the outstanding talents of many of our students. Students will once again be advised that this is an 'in school function' and school ID cards will be required for admission for all except Parents. Outsiders will only be allowed permission if they are accompanied by a Parent of this school.

I would be grateful for your support in this regard.

Careers Evening

Miami High is pleased to offer an invitation to students and parents of Years 9-12 to attend an inaugural Careers Information Evening on Thursday 16 July at 7:00pm in the Great Hall. There will be representatives from over twenty universities, TAFE, Registered Training Organisations and the Australian Defence Force. This is a tremendous opportunity to speak with representatives regarding future career options. My thanks to Mr Josh Atkins for the organisation of this event.

2015 School Fees

Statements will be issued to Parents/ Carers for any outstanding 2015 School Fees. Please contact Angie Johnson, Finance Receivables Officer if you have any concerns regarding the statements. All outstanding fees will need to be finalised prior to selection of 2016 subjects.

Farewell and Thank You

It is with mixed emotions that I say farewell to the Miami High Community at the end of this term. Although I am excited about my future retirement, I will miss the students and staff at Miami.

I began here in 1986 as Head of Department Science and have been very fortunate to develop my career at Miami. You don't

remain in a workplace for almost thirty years unless you really enjoy the challenge of work and the people surrounding you. This has been my case with Miami High.

Miami students have always been polite, friendly and justifiably proud of their school which also makes it very special.

One of the many rewards of teaching is meeting past students in the community and learning of their many achievements post school. I hope this opportunity will continue in the future.

Miami High is a great school with an enviable reputation in the community. I wish staff and students all the best in the future, thank you for a wonderful 30 years and may Miami High continue to flourish.

Regards

Mal Zischke
Acting Principal

Dates to Remember

11 - 18 June	Exam Shutdown - Year 11 & 12 Students
16 June	P & C Meeting
18 - 19 June	Year 9 Miami Challenge Mt Warning Camp
19 June	Year 11 Drama Assessment
19 June	Year 12 Marine and Aquatic Practices Boating Assessment
22 June	Year 8 and Year 10 Immunisations
22 June	M Factor
22 June	Years 7, 8 and 9 End of Semester Reports Emailed
23 June	Year 8 Well Being Day
23 June	Year 12 Marine and Aquatic Practices Boating Assessment
24 June	Years 10, 11 and 12 End of Semester Reports Emailed
24 - 25 June	Year 12 QCS Practice Test
24 - 25 June	Year 10-12 International Outdoor Recreation Mt Warning Camp
26 June	Last Day of School for Semester 1
13 July	First Day Back to School
13 - 21 July	Study Tour - Kyushu Sangyo High
15 - 16 July	Year 11 QCS
16 July	Career Information Evening
17 July	Interschool Sport – Round 7

20 July	Year 12 Business Management Excursion - Griffith University
20 - 23 July	Brisbane City Bands Festival
21 July	Year 12 Geography Excursion - Jacobs Well Environmental Centre
21 July	P & C Meeting
23 July	Year 12 Legal Studies Excursion – Supreme Court Brisbane
24 July	Interschool Sport – Round 8

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

Finance Office/Uniform Shop hours of operation

REMINDER: The **finance counter DOES NOT operate on Fridays for receipting**. This closure coincides with the current arrangements in place with the uniform/bookshop closed each Friday. Hours of operation are 8.00am to 2.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Kellie Johnston
Business Services Manager

Payments Via Internet Banking

Paying for Miami High School excursions and/or fees is possible using Internet Banking.

The traditional payment methods are still available (Cash/EFTPOS/Credit Cards), but some people find Internet Banking much quicker and easier – especially because you can make payments 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from the comfort of your own home or office.

INTERNET BANKING DETAILS

Account Name: Miami State High School General A/c

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Branch: Burleigh Heads

BSB: 064-404

Account Number: 00090020

PAYMENT REFERENCES

Each child has a unique Education Queensland Identification number (EQ ID). For all internet payments we will require you to use your child's EQ ID number to identify your payment, e.g. 0011223344W.

Please ensure each payment sent through has the following details within the Payment Reference so that we can clearly identify your payment.

Excursions:

>>Student EQ ID Excursion>> e.g 0011223344W Seaworld

Please ensure only one payment per student per excursion – If you have multiple students/excursions to pay for, please put each one through individually, unless otherwise arranged with the school office. As internet banking payments are not instant, please ensure internet payments are done 48 hours prior to payment cut-off date.

School Fees:

<<Student EQ ID Fees>> e.g. 0011223344W 2013 Text

If you have any questions relating to payments, please contact the payment office on 07 55540333 or email Angie Johnson on ajohn543@eq.edu.au .

Kellie Johnston
Business Services Manager

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.

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.

Tiffany Grant / Glenn Smits
Student Support Coordinators

SEP News

JELLYBABIES PLAYGROUP

Miami State High School's 'Jellybabies' Playgroup, in conjunction with Playgroup Australia, welcomes parents/caregivers of young children to their playgroup every Wednesday morning (in school term) from 9:00-10:30am for fun-filled adventures with other young children while participating in educational games, craft, painting, water play table, dress-ups, sandpit, play dough, singing and other adventures whilst playing with other young children.

Students undertaking their Certificate III in Children's Services assist with activities. Morning tea is provided. Cost is \$4.00 per visit per family (no charge on your first visit). For further information please call Julieta Thomas at Miami High School direct 5554 0333 or email jthom843@eq.edu.au .

Enrolment Information Evening

Year 6 students and their families are invited to join us to find out about enrolling at Miami State High School for 2016. Please click on the link below to view the flyer.

Junior Mayor of the Gold Coast

I am happy to announce that Zuzana Harmaniakova is our new Junior Mayor of the Gold Coast. Zuzana competed against 29 other schools on the Gold Coast to attain the highly sort after position. This is Miami State High School's second year in holding this position, replacing our very own Georgia Leak, the outgoing Junior Mayor of the Gold Coast.

Well done Zuzana and thank you to Georgia who proudly and confidently represented our school during her time as Junior Mayor of the Gold Coast.

Kay Simpson

Acting Head of Department – Humanities



2015 Junior Mayor, Zuzana Harmaniakova and 2014 Junior Mayor, Georgia Leak

Year 7 Wellbeing Day

Tuesday the 19th of May was Wellbeing Day.

Wellbeing Day is all about a good or satisfactory condition of existence; a state characterized by health, happiness, prosperity and welfare.

At school we took part in wellbeing day. We had 5 different groups of people come in and talk to us about the things you need to do to have a happy and healthy life no matter if it is getting up and dusting yourself off or just being aware of how to protect yourself in different scenarios.

As part of our day we participated in Arakan Self-defence. We learnt how to protect ourselves from punch and how to safely defend ourselves against an attacker.

Moni's presentation was about Ambition. He made raps about it and told his story about his career as a footballer. He spoke about how he recovered from his career threatening injuries to work towards his goals. Moni was very motivating and made it really fun.

I would like to thank Arakan, Moni, Constable James Walker, Accoras and our Chappy Shane for coming in and talking to us. We all enjoyed our day and learnt a lot.

Josephine Dutton

Year 7 Student



“Why do we study Shakespeare?”

This is a question Year 10 and Year 12 teachers often get asked by students. Studying Shakespeare for the first time can be daunting for many students, but many will value the experience of tackling the greatest writer in the English language.

All Year 10 students are currently studying the play, “Romeo and Juliet” and are analysing features of language, characterisation and plot. “Romeo and Juliet” isn't as complex as the later tragedies, so it serves as a good introduction to Shakespeare.

Year 12 students have finalised a term's study of Shakespeare, with classes studying either “Macbeth”, “Hamlet” or “Othello”.

So, parents, if you wonder why we study Shakespeare, check out these interesting facts about this brilliant man.

- He wrote a total of 37 plays and 154 sonnets.
- He is the second most quoted writer (after the Bible).
- His tragic heroes are unequalled in literature and are still popular today because of their complexity.
- He is the only writer with his own library Dewey decimal number – 822.33.
- Shakespeare used words in his plays that have since been adopted into our language. These include, “eyeball”, “gossip”, “fashionable”, “bedroom” and “bloodstained”. There are more than 1000 words that he invented that we use today.
- He is credited with inventing the names Olivia, Miranda, Jessica and Cordelia.
- In New York's Central Park, a four acre plot named “Shakespeare's Garden” features all of the flowers and plants mentioned in his poems and plays.
- Shakespeare is called The Bard (meaning poet) because he is considered to be the greatest poet that ever lived.
- Shakespeare's works contain more than 600 references to various types of birds.
- William Shakespeare is an anagram for. “I am a weakish speller.”

May I end with a quote by Marchette Chute: “Shakespeare told every kind of story – comedy, tragedy, history, melodrama, adventure, love stories and fairy tales – and each of them so well that they have become immortal. In all the world of storytelling he has become the greatest name.”

Cathy Crawley

Head of Department – English



Humanities Department Update

What a busy year we have had so far in the Humanities Department. Mr Dooley's Year 8 Japanese class have participated in a "taste test", where students had the opportunity to try some Japanese delicacies.

Mr Maitland's Year 12 Social and Community Studies students, as part of their curriculum have been volunteering their time and working with "Rosie's", where students have had hands on experience working with the Rosie's staff and meeting their clientele. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to staff and students who have given up their time to participate in such a worthy cause.

Senior Geography will be conducting field research at the Jacob's Well Environmental Centre as part of their assessment, learning about the environment and sustainability.

Junior History (Year 8 – 10) classes have been learning about "Australian Popular Culture", creating "Japanese Shogunate Scrolls/Posters" and studying "The Industrial Revolution".

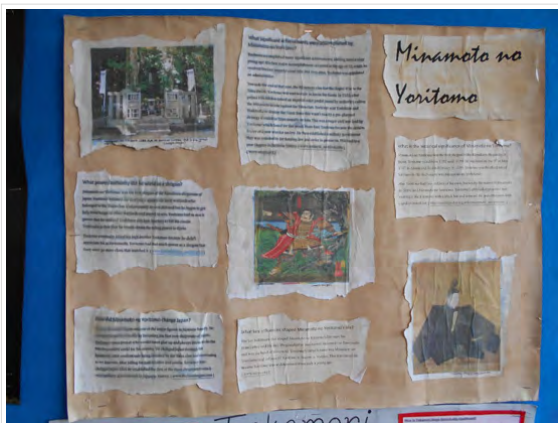
In addition, we have some very busy students entering into the Australian History Challenge. This is a nationwide competition that closes 21st August (see Mr Dooley or Ms Barton-Thomas if you are interested in the C and J Block Staffrooms).

Lastly, the Kitchen and Gardens class have been busy learning and growing food and focussing on how the local community can benefit from our school garden.

We are nearly half way through the year and there are many more exciting units of work to be covered across the Humanities Department curriculum.

Kay Simpson

Acting Head of Department – Humanities



Year 9 Global Blanket

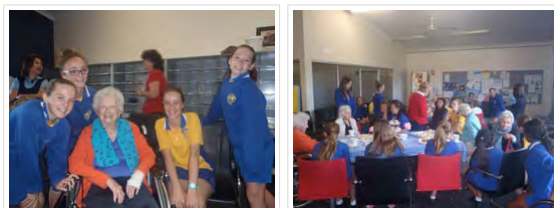
Over the last few years, Miami's Year 9 Global Blanket classes have built up a strong relationship with Mermaid Beach TriCare. It has been a rewarding and valuable experience for students to spend time with the residents.

Last Term, the students were busy knitting up a storm and this week invited TriCare Residents to lunch where they gifted them with some lovely warm and woolly scarves. Our guests were delighted and everyone had a great time chatting while enjoying lunch made by the students.

Earlier this term, students had made cookie gift packs which were sent to the Ladies at TriCare for Mother's Day. They have also prepared morning tea for guests invited to attend Miami's Anzac Ceremony, which once again included our friends from TriCare. Our thanks goes out to Mr Dooley who offered his time to drive the bus and pick them up with a memorable little side trip down to the Remembrance Wall at Currumbin on the way home. We have received a number of thank-you cards and letters from the residents commenting on how well-mannered and kind the students of Miami are. Everyone, students and TriCare residents alike are looking forward to our next get together.

Karen Purdy

Hospitality Teacher



7H Visual Art: Our "Picasso Faces"

Over the past week, students in 7H Visual Arts class have been examining the use of abstraction by famous artist, Pablo Picasso. Picasso created portraits that contained many faces in one and students examined this Cubist technique using a clever board game approach (where a dice was used to randomly select visual components from a selection board) to recreate their own "Picasso Faces".

Firstly, original pencil drawings were created. These drawings were then painted using the authentic primary colours used by Picasso. Students have created two paintings so they may be turned into large portrait sculptures in up-coming lessons. Special mention to these artists for the extra efforts made during our Art lessons: Hunter Skene, Joey Norton, Mac Millar, Jazmin Savage-Morton and Zac Eklund.

Karen Wilbur-Smith

Visual Art Teacher



7H Visual Art

Get Active Miami High



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning		7am Run Club (meet shades) 7am League Training (oval)	7.30 - 8.30 Miami Cheerleading	7.45am – 8.15am Dance Fitness (flexibility/stretch) Dance Studio	
Lunch	Soccer Competition (oval)	Soccer Competition (oval)		Soccer Competition (oval)	
Afternoon				3pm Allschools touch (oval)	Kokoda training (check E block staffroom)

Upcoming events: Whole School Athletics Carnival on Friday 31st July

Oceanic Cross Country Championships

Thursday 28th May saw 65 Miami High Cross Country runners compete at the Oceanic Schools Championships at Pizzey Park. Students ran over the distances of 3km, 4km and 6km.

It was a very successful day for Miami High with a record 34 students making the Oceanic team to compete at the upcoming South Coast Championships set down for Runaway Bay.

Highlights of the day include Blade Rose winning the 14 Boys 4km event, Diesel Donnelly winning the 13 Boys 3km event, the 15 year girls winning the team challenge and Miami High finishing a very well deserved 2nd overall out of seven Oceanic schools - great job team!

Congratulations to all students for the manner in which they conducted themselves while representing Miami High and a special 'thank you' to Mr Chapman and the Year 12 Outdoor Recreation students for assisting on the day.

Ty Dowker
Sports Coordinator

Farewell International Students

As Term 2 comes to a close, it is with sadness that we farewell many of our international students. Students came from Germany, Brazil, Finland, Austria and Mexico and have shared their cultures with Miami SHS.

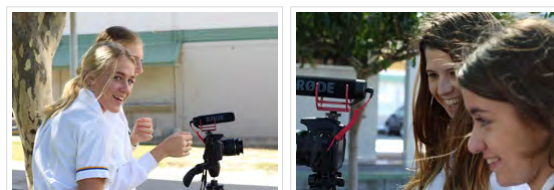
We farewell the students and wish them good luck with their future studies. These students are Bruna Luiza Alves Oliveira, Andres Azanza Guitron, Leticia Barrocas Chaves Vajas, Michel Bodeit, Leonardo De Olivera Braga, Pia Dittman, Alicia Dresel,

Moritz Gruber, Sophia Hultsch, Chiara Joos, Sarah Luder, Ludovica Mager, Finn Lasse Maschke, Carolina Nowak, Ana Beatriz Peres Daros, Ignacio Rossi Weiler, Magdalena Schiefermueller, Michael Schmitt, Ann-Kristin Seiwert, Georgia Teodoro Maciel Lopes, Amanda Tuominen, Morgane Wendt and David Jasper Wenzel.

Film & Television

What a great year it has been so far for Film and Television at Miami. Not only is the subject growing at exponential rates, the enthusiasm of the students is inspiring. Our 'Shooters' Video Club has doubled in numbers since last year and it has been wonderful to see the senior film students take the reins as we madly prepare fundraising for our 2015 M'Oscars Film Festival in October. We are very excited to announce that this year's M'Oscars will be held at The Gold Coast Arts Centre with guest from Bond University and Gold Coast TAFE attending to view our fabulous student works. The students have decided that the night will be themed around the book/film 'Murder on the Orient Express', and will be run as a murder mystery with prizes to the audience member who can solve the crime. Make sure to look out for updates as the evening draws closer.

Lucy Carr
Film & Television Teacher



Lizen High School Study Tour

On May 20, 30 tired Taiwanese students arrived at Miami SHS coming straight from the airport and eager to meet their homestay families and Miami buddies. This is the 13th year Lizen HS have visited Miami SHS. Lizen students have participated in a number of activities, English Culture Lessons, AFL, a Miami Amazing Race, boomerang painting and bush dancing. We look forward to continuing our friendship in 2016.



Lizen High School Study Tour

Year 9 and Year 11 Drama Students

This year has been another busy year for the Drama students. The Year 9 and 11 Drama students were fortunate enough to participate in two workshops, conducted by Grin and Tonic. The Realism workshop and the Physical Theatre workshop were designed to link to the senior curriculum requirements and assist students with their assessment.

During the Realism workshop, students learnt how to create work that utilised Realism conventions and how to speak with a Southern American accent, which was a requirement for their assessment task. The Physical Theatre workshop focused on teaching students how to use their body as the main source of expression. Through the workshop students also learnt how to develop physical awareness, ensemble skills and composition work.

Students were highly engaged in the workshops and thoroughly loved the experience. They appreciated that they could explore their artistic expressions and spontaneity in a safe encouraging environment.

Jasmine Dive
Drama Teacher



Year 9 and Year 11 Drama Students

Miami High Dance Excellence News

Miami High Dance Excellence 2015

Well it's not often you would be happy about your child clowning around in class but in Year 7 Dance Excellence this term, 'clowning around' was a requirement. The Year 7s have recently completed their circus cabaret performances in a dance unit titled, Enter the Dancer which comprised of writing clowning scenarios, developing circus, acrobatic and dance skills and clown makeup. The students are now looking forward to learning their clown dance for the 2015 Dance Excel Showcase.



The Year 12 Dance Students recently entertained the school cohort on a full school assembly with their performance of a teacher-choreographed musical theatre routine. My inspiration for this routine came initially from the students' request to revisit the internationally acclaimed musical, The Lion King and so, I choreographed, Circle of Life. The rumble from the students as the Year 12s were introduced was fantastic and the dancers gave their all in a spectacular performance!

Miranda van't Hof

Dance Excellence Teacher / Artistic Director Dance Xtreme



Miami High Dance Excellence Primary Links Program

Miami High Dance Excellence 2015

The Miami High Dance Excellence Primary Links Program is open to dance students from years 4, 5 & 6, both male and female. Students will experience dance workshops developing skills under the instruction of Miami High's Dance Excellence teacher, Miranda van't Hof and the Dance Xtreme students (Miami High's Gifted & Talented Dance Program).



The workshops will be conducted at Miami State High School from 3:00pm – 4:00pm enabling all interested students the opportunity to participate. Workshops will be conducted in Weeks 8 & 9 of Term 2 as per the attached program. Following the workshops, students are offered the opportunity in Week 10 at Miami State High School Great Hall (3:00pm – 4:00pm), to be selected to perform at both the Miami High Dance Excel Showcase and Miami High's Academic Awards Evening.

Students receiving an invitation to participate in the Dance Excel Showcase will be required to attend rehearsals which will be held on five consecutive Wednesday afternoons (Weeks 1, 2, 3 & 4 of Term 3) from 3:00pm – 4:00pm, and all day Wednesday (Week 5 of Term 3) from 9:00am – 3:00pm at Miami State High School.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students in years 4, 5 & 6 to join with like-minded secondary students. Interested students need to register their name, year level and school by emailing Ms van't Hof at mvant5@eq.edu.au.

Miranda van't Hof
Dance Excellence Teacher | Artistic Director Dance Xtreme

7C Claymation Stopmotion Movie

7C students have been busy modelling strange and scary Claymation figures which they have cast as the stars in their upcoming stopmotion movies. There are heroes, villains, weird animals and 'other' creatures emerging and being animated through the magic of technology. Jack and Lachlan are currently the forerunners in the prizes for best director and best story. Some of the movies will be chosen to be shown at the M'Oscars, Miami High's very own film and TV awards.



7C Claymation Characters

SEP Archaeology Dig

Students in the SEP have been enthusiastically arriving to class ready and willing to work hard. They have even been enjoying learning about archaeology, history and science!

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have been involved in a hands-on learning experience excavating through several layers of Australian settlement history from the present, through a squatters' homestead and contact back in time to the life-ways of Indigenous Australians. Along the way they have learned to dig, record, sieve, photograph and sort. Next they will be carrying out scientific preparation of artefacts and finally, creating a museum display to record their final work efforts. This display will be on show in the library in Week 10.

Students are learning to appreciate the values of history and science up-close-and-personal in real time. Perhaps even more importantly, many skills and talents have been fore-fronted that may not as easily be demonstrated in the classroom including student-directed leadership, cooperation and problem-solving in a team situation.

Everyone engaged in the project has come away with a range of positive learning experiences and they all had fun. Students are encouraged to come and check out the final display.



SEP Archaeology Dig

SEP Work Experience

Senior SEP students: Stuart Chong, John Erulgen, Emily Grant, Alex McDonald, Tarsha Tupper, Emily Himing, Lewis Horvat, Jak Kennedy, Josh Moon, Chris Muffett, Kushal Solanki, Taylor Wright, Connor Young and Anthony Proctor have been involved in work experience this term at Endeavour Foundation and The Orana House.

The Endeavour Foundation runs an electronic waste program where laptops, keyboards and televisions are taken apart and plastics and metals are separated. Once components are separated they are then shipped to Brisbane to be melted and reused into new objects.

The students have also worked at The Orana House by contributing to a sensory garden for clients to use when they are visiting. We have refurbished sculptures and planted new flowers. It has been an amazing experience to see all students learning new skills and have the opportunity to experience real work environments.

Rosies Friends on the Street

During second term, Year 12 Social and Community Studies students were given the chance to participate in outreach with Rosies Friends on the Street. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to be part of an established organisation that provides an outstanding service to the most marginalised members of our Gold Coast Community. Each Thursday night for 6 weeks, 4 students and a couple of staff members (on one notable night, Mr Baker joined us), gave up 5 hours of their time to assist this amazing organisation in preparing food, packing clothes and blankets and distributing it to homeless people in Southport. Rosies never takes a break, and one group went out on the night of the Gold Coasts major weather event! Everyone was wet and cold but they certainly felt great for the experience.

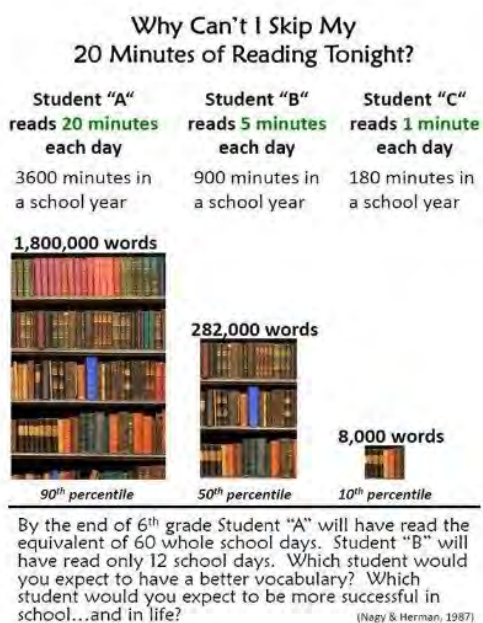
Rosies certainly opened the eyes of those who participated to just how many blessings most of us take for granted. Just to have a roof over our heads, a nice hot shower and some yummy food are things that some people in our community do not have. The other thing that our students were struck by was the good manners of Rosies customers. No one ever pushed in, and everyone made a point of always being thankful for food, hot drinks, and company.

To say thank you for the experience, the class held a fundraiser for Rosies and was able to raise \$350. Well done everyone.

John Maitland
Social and Community Studies Teacher



Why Can't I Skip 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



Community News

New Flight Path and Instrument Landing System Proposal

Gold Coast Airport Pty Ltd and Airservices Australia are seeking feedback on the proposal to install an instrument landing system (ILS) to assist aircraft landing in low visibility conditions.

The ILS is subject to the approval of a Major Development Plan under the Airports Act 1996 and a draft plan is currently out for public consultation.

We are seeking submissions to REJECT the proposal.

It's as simple going to the website below and doing a quick online submission. More information booklet and a draft map are available on the website. Everyone is able to do a submission. People power.

Every submission counts and we need you!

This project is being administered by the Federal Government and you are invited to make a formal submission to the airport simply go to: <http://goldcoastairport.com.au/regulatory/instrument-landing-system-development-plan/>

You should also consider making the views known to the local federal Member, Karen Andrews, at: Karen.andrews.mp@aph.gov.au

Griffith University Dental Clinic

Griffith University Dental Clinic is offering free dental check-ups for students @ Griffith Dental Health Clinic.

Host Families Required for Japanese Students from Yokosuka Gakuin

Japan Advisory Services will be hosting a study tour visiting Miami State High School for Japanese students from 25 July - 8 August. The students will be 16 years old.

Host families will be subsidised by \$40/night/student. You will be required to supply 3 meals a day, transport to and from school and a warm, friendly home.

If you are interested in hosting a student or should you require further information please contact Naomi or Judy on (07) 55920575 or jas@jas.org.au from Japan Advisory Services.