

11 March 2015

## Principal's Report



It's hard to believe that we are already in week 6 so more than half way through term 1. I am pleased with the attitude of students in general to their studies, particularly our senior students and the pride with which students are wearing the uniform. Last week on Assembly, I addressed both junior and senior students about the importance

of showing RESPECT to people i.e. the letter 'P' in the word RESPECT that encapsulates our school's values.

The strength of any school can be measured by the RESPECT shown between students, students and staff and staff and parents.

I reminded students that whenever they are wearing their school uniform, including before and after school, our school will be judged by their behaviour, their language and indeed the RESPECT they display.

I take this opportunity to outline the following staff changes occurring between now and the end of term 1.

Paula Hamilton – Master Teacher to replace Sarah Hawkings who has taken leave

Blair Webster – replacing Paula Hamilton in English/Humanities

Emily Whitlock and Laura Kistemaker – appointed as additional staff as part of the Great Results Guarantee program aimed at improving literacy and numeracy

Tim Harrison – additional teacher as a result of the increase in SEP student enrolments

Jessie Cliff – replacing Di Tierney in Practical Arts

## School Reports

I am pleased to announce that school reports will now be issued every term in recognition of the importance of informing you about your student's progress. Term 1 and term 3 reports will be issued without comments and the End of Semester reports will follow the current format and include comments.

Term 1 reports will be mailed home on the last day come 2 April 2015.

Please ensure that your mailing details are correct on school records. The QParents App will be rolled out shortly to enable parents to update personal details online but until such time corrections can only be made in person at the school office.

Parent/ Teacher interviews based on term 1 reports are scheduled for Wednesday 29 April from 3:15pm to 8:15pm in I Block, the new building.

## ANZAC Day Ceremony

As you may be aware ANZAC Day this year has special significance as it marks the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. All parents and care givers are invited to attend Miami High School's ANZAC Ceremony in the Great Hall on Friday 24th April.

Students and staff will also march with the Burleigh Heads sub-branch of the RSL on ANZAC DAY April 25. I would encourage your student to join us.

## Harmony Day Celebration

On Friday 20th March, the school will celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The cultural diversity of Australia should be celebrated and Harmony Day, with its message about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone is an important celebration and message to students about our multiculturalism. The official Harmony Day is Saturday March 21st, a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

## School Attendance

It is timely that I address this matter given that term one reports will be issued in four weeks' time.

There are a number of codes that the school uses to record student absences and it is important that you are aware of the criteria for assigning codes, and more importantly the implications on your students schooling should attendance requirements not be met.

There are only two categories of Absences into which all absences fall;

## Approved Absences

Approved absences are absences approved by a medical or health practitioner e.g. GP, Dentist, Physiotherapist, Psychologist, Optometrist etc. or the Principal for school related activities i.e. Traineeships and apprenticeships, excursions, sport, structured work placements etc.

A student may have any number of approved absences without consequence however the absence or release from school for medical or health related appointments or reasons will be reported as an unapproved absence until documentation, a certificate or appointment slip is provided.

## Unapproved Absences

All other absences are coded as 'unapproved' and may include:

Sick – phone call or note from parent stating sickness as the reason but not supported by medical documentation.

Holiday – Family holiday during school time.

Unexplained - No reason given

Late to school without valid reason.

Please remind your Year 11 and 12 students that strict requirement regarding school attendance needs to be met for senior studies. Students who reach 5 or more 'unapproved' absences will be issued with a Cancellation of Enrolment – Warning letter stipulating the importance of school attendance as a requirement of senior studies. Students who reach more than 10 will be issued with a Cancellation of Enrolment – Show Cause letter which provides a student 5 school days in which to explain in writing why their enrolment should not be cancelled.

Obviously, we do not want any student to be in this position so I encourage you to support and monitor your student's attendance closely as there is little latitude for undocumented leniency in this area.

## Leaving School and Sick Bay

I am also concerned at the growing number of students presenting at the Student Services counter giving reasons as to why they should be released to go home without prior notification.

Whilst I accept that some students may have a legitimate reason, I am not prepared to give students permission to be released to travel home independently if they are too sick to remain at school. Any student that is sick is to report to the office to be placed in sick bay until a parent can be contacted if we deem the student is too sick to remain at school. I will expect a parent or listed emergency contact to collect the student from school if this is the case.

Obviously there will always be extenuating circumstances and I will be considerate of these but generally the only avenue for a student to be released will be a phone call to the parent from office staff and not initiated by the student using their mobile.

In order to promote attendance at the school, prearranged personal appointments should be made outside of school hours wherever possible however the release of students to

attend appointments during school time will require a prearranged written note from the parent and approved by a Deputy Principal, Head of Student Services or Year Coordinator before school.

Parents are reminded that everyday counts as outlined below:

## Attendance = Academic Progress

Please refer to the following link explaining the importance of attendance.

## Changed Legislation – Tobacco Laws

Parents are advised that legislation concerning smoking came into effect this year. From 1 January 2015, a 5 metre 'no-smoking' area around the perimeter of the school beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area e.g. bus shelters, car parks, have been included in the ban.

The law applies at all times – during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays, and includes the use of all smoking products e.g. regular cigarettes, electronic cigarettes.

Your support and assistance in this matter would be appreciated. For more information please visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-laws](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-laws).

Regards

**Jim Baker**  
**Principal**

## Dates to Remember

11 March	Year 12 First Aid
11 – 13 March	Year 8 Camp
12 March	Parent Information Night for World Challenge Borneo Trip
16 – 20 February	Year 11 Certificate 3 Work Experience
17 March	Year 10 Outdoor Recreation Snorkelling
17 March	P & C Meeting
17 March	Year 11 Legal Excursion to Brisbane Courthouse
18 – 20 March	Year 7 Camp
18 March	Year 12 PE Oral Interviews
23 – 27 March	Year 12 Certificate 3 Work Experience
24 March	Year 9 Well Being Day
24 March	Year 7-9 AFL Excursion
25 – 27 March	Year 11 Outdoor Recreation Camp
25 March	Year 11 Maths A & B Exam (periods 2 & 3)

27 March	Harmony Day Assembly Junior & Senior
27 March	Year 12 Maths A & B Exam (periods 2 & 3)
30 – 31 March	Cert II Tourism Excursion to South Stradbroke Island
01 April	Miami High Touch Invitational
02 April	School Surf Comp
02 April	Term 1 Student Reports posted home
02 April	Last Day for Term 1
03 April	Good Friday
06 April	Easter Monday
20 April	First Day for Term 2
21 April	P & C Meeting
22 April	Year 8 & 10 Immunisations
23 April	ANZAC Day Ceremony
24 April	Round 1 Interschool Sport
29 April	Parent/ Teacher Interviews
01 May	Round 2 Interschool Sport
08 May	Round 3 Interschool Sport
12 May	NAPLAN Test
13 May	NAPLAN Test
14 May	NAPLAN Test
15 May	School Cross Country
15 May	NAPLAN Catch-up
19 May	P & C Meeting
19 May	Year 7 Well Being Day
20 – 22 May	Year 12 Biology Camp
21 May	Year 5 Lightning Carnival
22 May	Round 4 Interschool Sport
26 May	Year 6 Lightning Carnival
28 May	Oceanic Cross Country

## Year 7-8 Touch Excellence

*'Turning players of today into champions of tomorrow'*

### Sponsorship Proposal – An exciting opportunity for your business!

To nominate your business for one of the available sponsorship levels or to find out more information please see the attached sponsorship proposal.

Firstly I would like to congratulate your students on their participation in the Year 7-8 Touch Excellence program to date.

Below is a summary of this program and some important information.

### So far.....

During Weeks 1-2 the class focussed on swimming for fun/fitness leading into their very first Miami High Swimming Carnival. They were then asked to write a written reflection of their day for homework and to ask you to sign their work.

**Practical:** Students are working on Red Zone Touch Attack (ask them what this means!).

**Theory:** Students are studying a unit titled "What makes a Champion?" which focusses on goal setting and role models.

Students met Denis Cotterell in Week 6 who spoke to them about the importance of goal setting and striving to be the best person you can be. Denis was instrumental in forming the Miami Swimming Club in 1976. He has held the position of Head Coach since its formation guiding many swimmers into berths on Olympic and Australian Open Representative Teams.

### In the future.....

Students are expected to trial for the interschool touch teams for interschool sport which begins in Term Two.

Touch Afternoons began in Week 5 and will run every Thursday at Miami High from 3-4pm. Students are expected to be in attendance. So far we have had in excess of 70 students each week!

From these afternoons, students may be selected to play Monday night touch at Palm Beach and gain selection into our All-Schools Teams to compete at the largest school sporting event in Australia in October.

Oceanic (district representative) Touch Trials are being held at Miami High on the 19th of March (students are to see Mr Dowker in D-Block to gain a permission form).

**Jason Cross - Touch Excellence Program Manager**

## 2015 The Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2014. The *Next Step* survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the *Next Step* survey in 2015.

Further information on Next Step is available online at [www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/) or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.

## 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 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 Friday's 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jthom843@eq.edu.au).

## Chaplaincy at Miami SHS

Hi, my name is Shane Scott. Welcome to 2015 at Miami State High School. My role as chaplain ('Chappy') is to support you and your young person in this school community. I am employed by SU Qld (Scripture Union), Australia's largest employer of school chaplains, and work in the school at the invitation of the Principal and with the support of the P&C and a Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC). The position is funded through the National Schools Chaplaincy Program (NSCP), school, P&C and LCC.

Chappies are a safe person for young people to connect with at school, providing a listening ear and caring presence. The Chappy helps foster a supportive and caring school community and the pastoral care provided extends to staff and families. The service provided is voluntary and available to everyone

in the school community regardless of their religious beliefs. Such support only includes a religious/spiritual component if requested. The Chappy does not provide religious education in the school.

## The Chaplain can provide a broad range of services including:

Support and assistance for the students, staff and parents of the school community.

Student development programs that aim to develop self-esteem, resilience, teamwork, leadership, goal setting skills, motivation, helping skills, life skills.

Participation in the classroom addressing various issues such as values, tolerance, self-esteem, peer pressure, bullying, grief and loss, relationships, etc.

General involvement in the life of the school community (E.g. carnivals, camps, excursions, sport, etc).

Liaison between the school and community groups/agencies/churches.

I am at Miami SHS on Monday, Thursday and Friday and can be contacted at the school or by email [shanes@chappy.org.au](mailto:shanes@chappy.org.au)

Please visit [www.suqld.org.au](http://www.suqld.org.au) for further information on school chaplaincy.

## Gold Coast Hospital & Health Service Child & Adolescent Oral Health

To the Parent/Guardian,

Gold Coast Oral Health Services are now offering free dental check-ups and treatment to students enrolled in year 10.

To arrange an appointment for your child telephone:

The Oral Health Client Service Centre  
**1300 300 850**  
Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm  
Excluding Public Holidays

Gold Coast Oral Health Service provides a free dental program for all Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school. A qualified team of dentists, oral health therapists, dental therapists, and dental assistants will work together to meet your child's specific dental health care needs.

Dental health care is provided at dental clinics located across the Gold Coast or at mobile dental clinics located onsite at your child's school. Parents/Guardians may be required to transport children to and from dental appointments.

Parents are encouraged not to wait to treat a problem; instead they are invited to arrange a check-up for their child/children at least once a year.

**Gold Coast Hospital & Health Service**  
**Child & Adolescent Oral Health**

## Canteen News

We are endeavouring to cater for everyone's tastes here in the canteen, if you would like any request that you may like to see in the canteen please let me or one of my staff know, and we shall endeavour to make it available for you.

The Banana bread has really been popular if you would like to purchase a toasted piece please let us know and we will have it ready at break for you to collect.

A full slice is \$3.00 and a 1/2 slice is \$1.50 no extra for toasting.

We also have introduced some Beef Lasagne, Ravioli Napolitana, Potato Bake and Fried Rice all these are available daily at \$4.00.

With the extra numbers this year it has been wonderful to see the patience that students have had when they have been coming through the line, we ask that students could possibly decide what they wish to buy before entering the canteen as this will eliminate the wait and congestion near the ice cream freezer.

It has also come to our attention that the some younger students are buying great quantities of food for their friends and do sometimes have large notes, it is difficult for us to police this, but staff are assisting us in letting parents know if this situation arises.

We have eftpos facilities available if any child forgets their lunch so you may give us a call and we can organize your child's lunch, as we do not send accounts out to parents.

Any concerns please give me a call direct on 5554 0319 and I shall do my best to assist.

**Vicki Hefford (Convenor)**

## Technology News

The Technology Department would like to both welcome and introduce the newest member of the Manual Arts team, Mr Lee Wilkinson. Mr Wilkinson joins the Miami Team from Elanora where he has taught for the last 13 years. Lee has a passion for imbedding the practical skills of Manual Arts into the junior school.



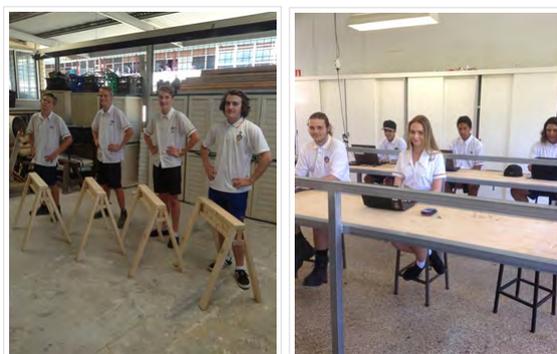
*Lee Wilkinson – Manual Arts Teacher*

The Manual Arts team has purchased two 3D printers as the demand for 3D modeling within industry continues to grow. Ms Karissa Wortmann, who is also the Year Eight Coordinator, is a keen innovator and has offered to in-service the Design & Technology teachers in the Junior School so that they can integrate 3D printing into their student projects.

The partnership between Blue Dog Training and Miami State High School continues to grow from strength to strength as the roll out of the new Certificate I in Construction course progresses. Within this new structure, the focus for the students is on the quality of their work in a simulated work environment where time management to achieve industry standard outcomes is of the utmost importance. Blue Dog Training is focused on providing not only a Certificate I in Construction but also an opportunity for real pathways in the construction industry by allowing students to demonstrate and electronically record their own skills profile. This skills profile will allow potential employers to quickly see that the Miami Blue Dog Construction students will be work-ready apprentices.

Over the past six weeks the Construction students have been focused on completing the online component of their competencies. They have also manufactured a saw horse to a set plan while continuing to develop the necessary skills to work in the industry. These basic skills include, vertical, horizontal and skew nailing, how to handle construction materials and expectations of an apprentice on a job site.

If you are thinking of taking on an apprentice later this year and would like an opportunity to select from some of the best work-ready students on the Coast please contact Jo Howes [jhowe25@eq.edu.au](mailto:jhowe25@eq.edu.au) to register your interest.



## Year 7 Alien Nation

Recently the Art block was invaded by strange beings. Two very talented year 7 classes (7C & 7H) have been busy with Alien creation and a horde of these creatures now greet visitors as they enter the front door. Strange animal-like life-forms highlight science fiction inspired minds and display chimera combinations of weird and whacky fantastical fauna. Works are assessed on innovation, colour skills and 'the shock of the new' impact. These new creatures will only be held in captivity and on display for a few more days. Visiting hours are between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.



## Get Active Miami High



2015 Miami High Swimming Carnival

## 8F Physical Education Excellence – What Makes a Champion

This term students are studying what makes a champion, not only in sport but in school and life in general.

On the 6th of March, the PEX students rubbed shoulders with swim coaching royalty- Denis Cotterell. Denis shared his experiences and coaching memories with the students as well as some tips to success in sport and in life.

### Denis' hot tips to success in sport and in life:

- Be mentally tough
- Have a good character
- Persevere through all challenges
- Set goals to achieve

The students were very excited to meet Denis and really appreciated him sharing his wisdom, stories and knowledge.



Denis Cotterell shares his experiences with 8F Students

## Tennis Excellence

The Tennis Central team are excited to be managing the Miami High School Tennis Centre and working closely with the school to provide the highest quality tennis experience for all students.

The Tennis Central team are delivering a program that caters for the individual athletes requirements. Most athletes are spending at minimum 18 hours with the team of coaches and experiencing many diverse training methods.

### Our team manage all aspects of training:

- On court
- Technical
- Video analysis
- Off court training
- Tournament scheduling and supervision
- Match analysis

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Morning		7am Run Club (meet shades) 7am League Training (oval)		7.45am – 8.15am Dance Fitness (flexibility/stretch) Dance Studio	
Lunch	Volleyball (courts 1pm)		Soccer (oval 1pm)		Friday Challenges
Afternoon				3pm Allschools touch (oval) 3pm Run Club (meet shades)	Kokoda training (check E block staffroom)

**Upcoming events:** Cluster sport selections Fri 6th March - Surf Comp Thurs 2nd April - Cross Country Fri 15th May

## 2015 Miami High Swimming Carnival



Tennis Central aim to make this the most affordable program on the Gold Coast and offer scholarships of all levels.

Please Contact: Sonia Close 0424 703 942 or Hugo Granat 0416 278 364

## PLAYER PROFILE

RIO – Ranked (No 10 Qld U/13)



*Rio Ranked (No. 10 QLD U/13)*

**Age: 11**

**Grade: Year 7**

**Plays: Right Handed (Two Hand Backhand)**

**Favourite Shot: Forehand**

**Favourite Player: Kei Nishikori**

Rio is part of our Excellence program, she is super dedicated to the sport and loves every minute of training, competing and improving.

Her goal is to become a Professional and play on the tour. She is competing regularly in local, state and national tournaments.

Her schedule includes the Gold Coast Junior Development series tournaments and has recently competed in national ranking tournaments.

She also competes in Saturday fixtures. Rio is not only dedicated to her tennis training she is also an academic excellence student.

## Awesome Effort

***After our Miami State High School Sports Coordinator sent the BELOW message in to the Gold Coast Bulletin to win tickets for our students to the Titans verses Tigers game Saturday the 7th March 2015 .....***

***WE WON! Yes 30 tickets – which were handed out to numerous students to attend the game on Saturday.***



*Titans Town – Miami High School'*

## Competition entry:

### 'Titans Town' Miami State High School

**We are one and we are many!**

'Titans Town' Miami High are right behind our team 'the Gold Coast Titans' for this season and beyond!

From adversity comes greatness and we want to be at the first home game of 2015 to support #titansfullhouse and show the team that they have great support in the community.

Please see the attached photo that was taken this morning after our first rugby league training session at Miami High. The students wanted to get a photo with their fists up to show our 'Titan Town' support!

If we were given the opportunity to win free tickets I am sure there will be plenty of vocal support for GC Titans we support #Titansfullhouse.

Yours in sport

***Ty Dowker | Sports Coordinator***

## Miami High Dance News

### Miami High Dance Excellence 2015

It has been an exciting start for the Dance Excellence Students of 2015! The Year 7 DNX class has been immersed in Irish and jazz dance as part of their term 1 unit titled, The Dancer Prepares which also included an Irish Dance workshop conducted by an international Irish dance teacher. The class is now currently working on their performance assessment which is *Luck of the Irish*. This is a teacher-choreographed routine combining the study of ritual and social dance with popular dance to create an artistic dance performance piece. The students will take the stage for the first time to perform this routine at our Harmony Day Assembly which will be held in the Miami Great Hall on 27th March from 8.45am – 10.00am. The class has also been learning about the foundations of dance and dance components and have been explicitly taught how to structure and write paragraphs using PEEL, building upon their literacy skills.



The Year 8 DNX class has been very busy in theory lessons combining foundation theory with modern jazz theory and are currently writing their feature magazine articles as part of their term 1 unit titled, *The Dancer Advances*. In addition to the

theoretical aspects of this unit, the students have also been thoroughly engaged in the development of their modern jazz technique through their performance task, *Spectrum*.

The Year 9 DNX students although not timetable this semester, have certainly maintained appearances in the dance studio with many of them auditioning for the various dance crews and groups. Miami High is proud to offer numerous opportunities for students to participate in dance and congratulations must go to all the students who auditioned through weeks 5 and 6.



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

## Study Tour Home Stay



**Become a part of our International Student Program**

**Miami State High School is looking for families to welcome International Study Tour Students into their homes for 3 weeks.**

This is a fun and rewarding experience for everyone and if you fit into the following, we want to hear from you!

- **Every person in the household over the age of 18 must hold a Blue Card (this can be applied for through us).**
- **The home needs to be within 3km range of the School.**

Payment discussed on application.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in this wonderful experience

Please contact the International Student Department on  
07 5554 0333



*'Miami High School Study Tour Home Stay Opportunity'*

## Community News

### Successful Co-Parenting Workshops

The focus of this workshop is to build resilience in your children. Another parenting program held at the Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre. Please see attached flyer for full details.

### BOND PIRATES RUGBY JUNIOR SIGN-ON

Fridays, 6-27 March. 5-6pm. Pizzey Park, Miami. Seeking boys born 2002 (under 13's)

Please come down to sign on or register at [bondpirates.com.au](http://bondpirates.com.au) hone Randall Cook for more details, 0401 717 560.

### Surfers Paradise Festival

3 – 18 April. Please see attachment for full details.

### World Education Program (WEP)

#### "Discover the World on a WEP Student Exchange Program!"

Are you ready for a bit of excitement and culture in your life? Looking to push your boundaries in 2015? Why not participate in a semester or year-long student exchange program to one of over 25 countries, including popular destinations such as the USA, France, Argentina and Italy? Applications for programs commencing in July 2015 onwards are still open but will close soon! Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something out of the ordinary, with a WEP high school exchange!

#### Find Out More!

Visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au) and request a FREE information pack for you and your parents. Our brochure contains everything you need to know about WEP's not-for-profit student exchange programs to help you and your parents make this important decision.

If you have any questions about any of our exchange programs please feel free to give us a call on 1300 884 733 or email [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au) .

WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in VIC, NSW and QLD."

### Deadly Families Festival 2015

Free community event celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture. Please see attachment for full details.