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Principal's Report



Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to Term 2 to all of our families following the extended Easter break. I hope that your Easter break enabled you to relax and spend time with family and friends. After one full term as Principal of Miami State High School I can certainly say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my new environment and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students, families, School Council and P & C association for making me feel so welcome.

It has been a busy start to Term 2 with many events already taken place within our school community. Below is a summary of these.

ANZAC Day

On 20 April, Miami High once again came together for our annual ANZAC Day Memorial Assembly. Thank you to all staff involved for making this assembly a success. It is wonderful to see our students so humbly and respectfully acknowledge the service to our country and community of all members of the Defence Forces present and past. Thank you also to all staff and students that represented Miami State High School in the ANZAC march at Burleigh heads on April 25. A special mention to our school captains, Callum and Charlotte, who spoke at the Burleigh Heads service with precision and poise.

Cross Country Carnival

Last week saw our annual Cross Country Carnival which highlighted the spirit of our school and positive relationships

between staff and students. The winning house was Bindana. Congratulations to the 2017 Cross Country Age Champions: 12 years – Emily Gauld and Jay Skinner, 13 years – Baylee Kovarik and Ryan Barwick, 14 years – Hollee Abbott and Will Brown, 15 years – Belinda Maher and Saxon Rose, 16 years – Taya Hosking and Blade Rose and Opens – Briley Bradfield and Henry Adams.

Well done yet again to Jessica Roe and all staff who helped make this carnival another huge success.

NAPLAN

Last week Miami High Years 7 and 9 students sat the NAPLAN tests. Many hours of preparation and dedication by staff and students go into making this week as smooth and successful as possible. Many thanks must go to Mrs Jackson, Mrs Mahon and Mrs Flynn for their management and organisation of both the NAPLAN tests and the preceding intensive days. I am confident that our students have performed to the best of their ability and will enjoy resuming normal classroom activities this week. NAPLAN results will be mailed to Parents/Carers mid-term 3, no specific date has been released.

P & C Meeting

You are invited to join us for the upcoming P & C Meeting on Tuesday 23 May starting at 7.00pm in the Administration Building. The P & C plays a very important role in supporting the students at Miami State High School in many different areas. Our P & C Association run the canteen and other initiatives to enhance student's educational experiences. We are always appreciative of parent involvement in the important decisions that are made to drive our school forward.

Student Attendance

With just 6 weeks to go until the end of Term 2, we ask that your children make that extra effort to be punctual, attend school daily and give their very best. We understand that as we head into the winter months more illness arises, however a commitment to making every day count out by attending every day (outside of illness) can only enhance student learning and outcomes.

**Principal
Sue Dalton**

Dates to Remember

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| 10 - 29 May | Year 11 Cert II and III Health Services Practical Nursing Laboratories |
| 15 May | Year 10-11 Philosophy - Julie Arliss Gifted & Talented Academy Conference |
| 15 May | Miami Masterclass - Numeracy 8.00am in the Library |
| 15 - 17 May | Year 12 Biology Camp |
| 16 May | SEP - QCIA Shopping |
| 16 May | AFL Queensland Schools Cup |
| 16 May | Girl's Rugby 7's Competition at 4.00pm |
| 16 May | P&C Meeting at 7pm |
| 17 May | Year 7-12 Chess - Interschool Gold Coast Chess Competition |
| 17 May | Years 8-12 Sport Titans Cup Rugby League Opens and 15 years at 5.00pm |
| 22 May | Miami Masterclass - Guest Speaker |
| 23 May – 10 June | Lizen High School Study Tour |
| 23 May | SEP - QCIA Shopping |
| 23 May | Year 12 QCS Multiple Choice Masterclass at 3.15pm |
| 23 May | Year 6 Lightning Carnival |
| 23 May | Girl's Rugby 7's Competition at 4.00pm |
| 24 May | Years 8-12 Sport Titans Cup Rugby League Opens and 15 years at 5.00pm |
| 24 May | Parent Information Evening TBC |
| 25 May | Oceanic Cross Country |
| 26 May | GIPSA Sport - Round 4 |
| 29 May | Miami Masterclass – Literacy at 8.00am in the Library |
| 29 May | Year 12 Business - Griffith University |
| 30 May | SEP - QCIA Shopping |

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| 30 May | Girl's Rugby 7's Competition |
| 31 May | Years 8-12 Sport Titans Cup Rugby League Opens and 15 years at 5.00pm |
| 1 June | Trial External Assessments - Year 11 Maths B in the Great Hall |
| 1 June | Year 5 Lightning Carnival |
| 2 June | Trial External Assessments - Year 11 Visual Art |
| 2 June | GIPSA Sport Finals - Round 5 |
| 5 June | Miami Masterclass – HOT (Higher Order Thinking) |
| 6 June | SEP - QCIA Shopping |
| 6 June | Year 12 QCS Short Response at 3.15pm |
| 6 June | South Coast Cross Country |
| 7 June | World of Sport Gold Coast Finals |
| 7 June | Years 8-12 Sport Titans Cup Rugby League Opens and 15 years at 5.00pm |
| 12 June | Miami Masterclass - Literacy |
| 12 - 16 June | Year 12 Shutdown |
| 12 – 16 June | Year 11 Shutdown |
| 13 June | SEP - QCIA Shopping |
| 14 - 16 June | Year 10 Shutdown |
| 14 June | Gold Coast Cross Over Finals - Wet Weather Backup |
| 14 June | Years 8-12 Sport Titans Cup Rugby League Opens and 15 years at 5.00pm |
| 15 June | Semester 1 Music Chamber Concert |
| 15 June | Rec Sport Selections for Semester 2 |
| 16 June | Year 9A & B English Live Performance "1984" QPAC (8.00am) |

2019 Year of the ATAR



Many rumours about how the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will impact Queensland students have started since the decision was made to jump ship from the Overall Position (OP) system. Whilst schools have not yet been provided with complete details about this transition, the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) has told us this...

- The new system will commence for Queensland students completing Year 12 in 2019.
- The ATAR is the primary mechanism for ranking students for entry into most undergraduate university programs across Australia.
- The ATAR allows students to have their senior schooling recognised by institutions in other states.
- By moving to the ATAR, Queensland will align with the other states.
- This ranking is used by university and tertiary education programs as a clear and intuitive ranking to select prospective applicants for their programs, though other means may be used in combination (such as the UMAT for undergraduate entry medical studies, or interviewing candidates that meet an ATAR threshold).
- ATARs are expressed on a 2000-point scale from 99.95 highest, down to 0 in increments of 0.05 as opposed to the 25 point OP scale.
- It is expected that between 30 and 40 students in Queensland will qualify for the highest ATAR of 99.95 each year.
- The ATAR will be based on a student's best 5 Authority subjects, or 4 Authority subjects plus one SAS subject or a VET qualification at Certificate III level and higher.
- Eligibility for an ATAR will be subject to satisfactory completion of an English subject.
- Whilst English is the only compulsory subject required for ATAR eligibility, the student's result in English will not be a mandatory inclusion in the calculation of their ATAR.
- Choosing certain subjects (e.g. Physics) will not increase a student's ATAR - a student's ATAR indicates their overall position across each of their subjects; therefore, a student can only maximise their ATAR by performing well in their subjects.
- It is expected that achieving very high ATARs like 99.95 will only be possible for ATARs based on 5 Authority subjects.
- The school attended and post code of the student will not feature in the ATAR calculation.

- The ATAR is not a score but a rank. Its purpose is to provide a measure of a student's position overall against other students.

Students and parents will receive complete information about the ATAR system as it comes to hand and can rest assured that Miami State High School will be on the front foot throughout this transition to ensure its students have the opportunity to achieve to their full potential.

Josh Atkins
Guidance Officer

Tutoring Scholarships Announced

One of the Gold Coast's leading tutoring company's, A Team Tuition, and a member of the Miami Valued Partners Program, has partnered with Miami State High School to create elite students and offered life transforming scholarship opportunities to two of our students.

"A Team Tuition is a movement founded in the belief that ANY student anywhere can achieve an "A" when they have the right strategies and support. With one in every two of our students achieving an "A" grade or higher, A Team Tuition knows what it takes to transform your child into a limitless learner," says Hayden McEvoy, Founder and Director of A Team Tuition.

At a recent assembly the winners of the life transformation tutoring scholarships were announced. It was decided that not one but two, blessed Miami students would be recipients of this life changing opportunity. They were Skylah Rambold in Year 9 and Waide Carson in Year 10. Thank you to all the students who entered the competition and to Channel Nine Gold Coast for covering the story.



A Team Tuition staff and the winning students with Australian Olympic swimmer, Cameron McEvoy, at the Tutoring Scholarship announcement

Exploring Space in Art

The Year 11 Senior Art class has just completed a twelve week unit studying the concept of space with a focus on their physical space. Their task was to create artworks that explore the ways physical space has an impact on our psyche, identity, nature and social interactions.

Both senior Art classes went on an excursion to the Gallery of Modern Art in Brisbane where they interacted with six exhibitions: Making Modernism, Creative Generation, Sugar Spin; You Me Art And Everything, Moving Pictures, Pip & Pop, and also Anish Kapoor.

Scott Barnard
Art Teacher



Artwork by Grace Pemberton Artwork by Jasper Kervin



Senior students Jasper Kervin, Lana Jones and Mickey Burgess at the senior art excursion.

Year 9 Art

During Term 1, Mr Barnard's Year 9 Art class created self-portraits using symbolism to communicate each student's identity. They developed methods of visual literacy and learned the importance of research to implement an informed visual style when approaching creative tasks. Every student in this class has learned the importance of preparation for a major artwork and they have seen the benefits. Students have effectively used media and mediums with a focus on watercolours, ink and paint. They have increased their knowledge about the elements and principles of design, particularly in the areas of: colour, line, shape, balance, composition and focal point. Through this unit of work, students have learned about themselves and that art can be more than just personal expression – even if it is a self-portrait.

Glen Barratt
Head of Department: The Arts



Year 9 Art Student,
Eden Gray's, self-portrait



Year 9 Art Student,
Mackenzie Crane's
self-portrait

Healthy Lifestyles Update

Last term the Healthy Lifestyles class held an RSPCA Fun Day where students versed teachers in different activities as well as hosted a BBQ. All the students in the class were enthusiastic and involved and I am pleased to announce that the Healthy Lifestyles class raised \$389.50 in support of the RSPCA.



This term the Healthy Lifestyles class and the Miami SHS Interact club are joining forces and will host a Trivia Night on Thursday night, 18 May, doors open at 6.00pm, in the Great Hall. It is a \$10 entry fee at the front gate and you can compete in teams of six. There are two categories this year, firstly Adults and a new Student category. There will be a BBQ on the night as well as a drinks for sale and fantastic prizes up for grabs.

This year we are again supporting Iafrika, an orphanage for homeless boys in Nairobi, Kenya. We are raising money for new playground equipment for the boys to help brighten their day.

THE STREETS ARE NO PLACE FOR A CHILD

Trivian Night in Support of Iafrika

What is IAFRIKA, and why have this TRIVIA Evening?

We are fundraising for new playground equipment for the boys.

From: Kenyan BBQ food including a Bar, Extras, Prizes, raffles, Lucky Door Prizes
Cost: \$10 per person at the door. Team of 6 people.
Team entries close on Monday 15th of May.

Organise a team and contact Danielle Gardiner, email dgard20@eq.edu.au or phone 5554 0333 to register your team of maximum 6 members for the night. \$10 per person

Organise yourselves into a group for either: Student Team Category or Adults Team Category. Team entries close Monday 15th of May at 5pm

6.00pm Great Hall for 6.45 start. Thursday night 18th of May

Support the Trivia Night on 18 May

News from the Technology Department

JAPANESE CLASSES

Japan club has started again at Miami SHS this term! Held every Monday during second lunch, students are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of Japan-related activities. In the first week students tried ?? shodo or Japanese calligraphy. Shodo is a form of calligraphy, or artistic writing of the Japanese language. An ink-dipped brush is used artistically to create Chinese kanji and Japanese kana characters. Shodo remains a traditional part of Japan's culture today. The students had a great time trying to beautifully write a variety of Japanese words. The next activity will be based on Mother's Day with a Japanese twist! Japan club is held every Monday during second lunch in Room K 08. Everyone is welcome.



"Miami" the cow we purchased for the boys last year now supplies milk for the boys as well as extra being sold to the local community.

Their current playground equipment is old and breaks easily. The metal slippery slide can get too hot during the day.

The boys' soccer field and the post that they use as a goal post.



Dance Excellence

Once again, the Year 7 Dance Excellence students are spending a lot of time in class 'clowning around' but it's all in the name of their Circus Cabaret unit. This term the students will develop skills in expressive movement, acrobatics, clowning, clowning make up and balloon artistry through in class workshops. This will culminate in a circus cabaret dance performance which will be performed at the 2017 Dance Excel Showcase in August.



The Year 8 Dance Excellence and 8G Arts students have filled the studio this term with loud banging, clapping and stomping in their percussive dance unit and recently experienced a professional workshop with RAW Dance Company. The workshops were thoroughly enjoyed by all students and formed the basis to their collaborative percussive dance choreographic tasks to be performed at the end of this term.

Miranda van't Hof
Experienced Senior Dance Excellence Teacher



INTERACT

On Friday 5 May the Interact Club had an extremely successful fundraising day. Starting off with the Crazy Sock Day, followed on by the coffee drive at morning tea and then finishing off with a Sweet Treat Stall at two locations around the school for second break. It was great to see so many teachers and students in their crazy socks and supporting the Interact Club by buying all the goodies. The organisation that we were fundraising for is called Rise Up and offers support to victims of Domestic Violence. What a great cause to be helping! Thank you to all the students who gave up their time to organise the event and run the day with the support from our fabulous Ms Purdy.



Lee Wilkinson
Head of Department: Design Technologies

News from the Maths Department

We are now nearly halfway through Term 2 and we are getting busy with assessment items in all grades. Most subjects are busy working on assignments and 7, 8 and 9 have tests approaching at the end of the term.

Exam Block

The Year 10, 11 and 12 exams are in the week 9 shutdown exam block. So for all students now is time to be studying and preparing for exams. Remember to check the date and time of your exam on the school website and also bring equipment (ruler, pens and calculator). Teachers will be keenly tracking student academic performance as it grows throughout the year.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN Numeracy is on Thursday 11 May and the Year 7 and 9 students will most likely have completed this by the time of publication of this newsletter. Mathematics Teachers identified the specific needs for their classes and delivered a customised preparation program. Students are looking happy and confident and we look forward to the results.

Maths Club

Last week we had 17 students working hard in the library after participating in the school Cross Country. Now that shows the dedication of our students! We regularly get in excess of 40 students in attendance. I expect numbers to rise in the coming weeks as we get closer to end of Semester exams. I would invite all students to come along on a Tuesday afternoon (3:00-4:00pm- Library) and be part of this positive academic culture at Miami State High School. I thank all the Teachers and Students who give up their own time each week in this valued activity.

Todd Campbell

Head of Department: Mathematics

Student Representative Council (SRC) 2017

Term 2 has started with several exciting activities for the SRC. Miami SHS School Cross Country gave the SRC an opportunity to provide drinks and snacks to our runners. Healthy choices was the theme for the day and it also gave us an opportunity for our newly purchased popcorn machine to have its first run.

We are currently planning our big events which will be 2 movie nights at the Great Hall raising money to purchase equipment. The Junior Movie Night (years 7-9) will be themed Pirates and Pyjamas and will be held in week 7 on Thursday 1st June. The Senior Movie Night (years 10-12) will be held in week 3, term 3 on 27th July, the theme is yet to be decided. On each of these nights there will be prizes to be won, BBQ, snacks and drinks for sale. Doors will open 5pm and finish at 8:30pm. We are looking forward to this great SRC event.



International News

Our Internationals had a trip to Jellurgal Aboriginal Centre with their English Teacher Ms Tuck. Students saw Aboriginal dancers and were taken on a tour around Burleigh Headland.



Our International Volleyball girls (from left to right): Mariana Genevicius, Clara Genevicius, Federica Mazzetti, Bianca Zuccato, Beatrice Anedda, Francesca Bordin, Sofia Hopfgartner, Giovanna De Oliviera, Larissa Menezes, Heloisa Albino, Carlotta Forno had an excellent game against another Miami team at a recent GIPSA sports day with both sides scoring 29 points each. Well done girls. It was an exciting game.



Year 11 Furnishings and Year 9 IDT

The IDT department has received its laser printer which will enable us to take our projects to an even higher level of professionalism. Below is a photo of one of the bread/cheese boards that the Year 11's recently completed. As you can see it has an appealing Miami logo engraved into it. All the students have taken home their boards to the delight of their families. The

Year 9 IDT class has also been using the laser to engrave their backboards on their projects.



student's confidence and love of reading? If you are interested or would like more information. Please contact Shelley Wyper at the school on 5554 0333.

Shelley Wyper
Lap Co-Ordinator

Titans Challenge U15 competition

On 26 April Miami Stat High School entered its first team in the Titans Challenge U15 competition and came out with a resounding 22-0 victory. The boys played with only 14 players for the entire game after an early injury and for the last 3 mins only had 12 on the field.

The team included Ethan Mooney, Quentin McMillan, Oscar Rice, Hina Te Heu Heu Tukino, Jake Thoms, Cody Howes, Stephen Williams, Mack Millar, Jed Bourke, Logan Edwards, Trent Osborne, Ronny Fiala- Motu, Daniel Gauld, Morgan Adams, Jassim Chibid and Corey Barrett (Assistant coach and water runner).

The boys played well in the spirit of the game and represented Miami well.

Careers Information and QTAC

Title: Yr.12 parents and students are invited to attend a special presentation being run by QTAC on July 20, 2017 in the Miami S.H.S. library from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. The Careers evening will follow thereafter.

Save the date for the 2017 Careers Evening at Miami State High School – Thursday 20 July 2017.

Read more about the Careers evening here below:

Careers Evening Miami SHS

Thursday 20th July '17

QTAC presentation for Yr.12 Students and Parents from 6pm - 7pm, in library - followed by...

7:00pm – 8:30pm, at Miami Great Hall
Yr.9, 10, 11 & 12 Students and Parents

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- Southern Cross Uni
- University of Queensland
- University of Southern Queensland
- Christian Heritage College
- TAFE Gold Coast
- Chalton Brown
- Australian Industry Trade College
- JMC Academy
- New York Film Academy
- Virgin Australia Airlines
- Australian Defence Force
- Smith Family
- Queensland Police
- Yellow Brick Road

Year 10 Netball Team Undefeated

Congratulations to the Year 10 "A" Netball Team. They are currently undefeated at GIPSA.



Term 2 Girl's Rugby 7's competition

Tuesday 9 May saw the beginning of our Term 2 Girl's Rugby 7's competition. Miami had three teams competing against PBC and Merrimac with multiple wins across the park. We resume next Tuesday, 16 May at 3.45-5.00pm so come on down to cheer them on.



Reading Volunteers Needed

The Miami State High School volunteer program is made up of an enthusiastic group of people. They give up their time to work one-on-one with selected students in Years 7,8 and 9. Would you like to come and join this wonderful group of volunteers? Would you like to help make a difference in our

Year 9 Student Danced at World Event

Congratulations to Paige Wilson in Year 9 and her ZACS Allstar Dance and Cheer School from Burleigh for being selected to participate in the Worlds Cheer and Dance Championships held at Disney World, Orlando, Florida early this month. The invitation only event saw 40 different countries attend.

In Philadelphia, Paige's teams participated in Encore which was a cheer and dance competition. ZACS Allstar Junior Cheer came first and Senior Cheer came second, only missing out on first by 0.07 of a mark. They were also crowned the Grand Champions for Junior Cheer at Encore "We were the only international team competing and we beat the USA at their own sport of Cheerleading. Junior Pom also came first at Encore in their division," said Paige excitedly.

At the Dance Worlds in Florida, Junior Pom made the finals but just missed out on a top 10 placing in the world. They came 11th. Something to be very proud of! Well done to the teams representing the Gold Coast.



Miami Student to Represent QLD in Baseball National Titles

Congratulations to Jasmine Goodman, Year 8, who has been selected in the U15 Girls State Baseball side to play in the national titles in Canberra later this year. We wish Jasmin all the best.

Brody Spiechowicz Wins Silver Medal

On Sunday 23 April 2017, Brody Spiechowicz (Year 7) competed in the Brazilian Jiu-jitsu South Pacific championships. He fought extremely well coming away with two wins out of three matches taking home the silver medal. Brazilian jiu-jitsu is a martial art, combat sport teaching self-defence and respect.

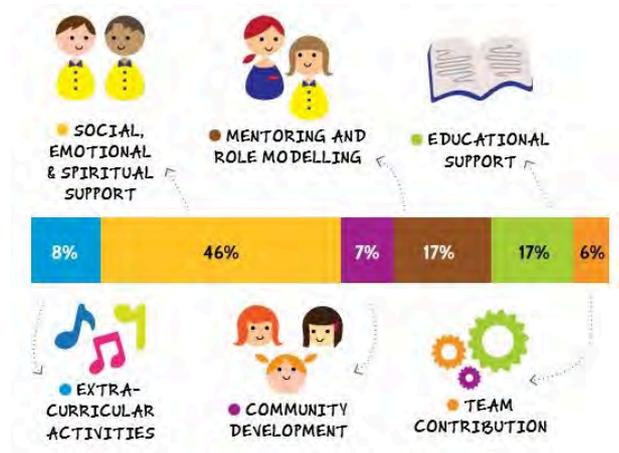


From the Chaplain (Chappy)

Scripture Union (SU) Qld, the primary employer of chaplain's in Qld government schools, recently released its annual snapshot of school chaplaincy. Throughout 2016 SU collected information on chaplain's activities and impact to give an overview of the role of the chaplain throughout Qld. In the next few editions of our school newsletter I would like to share with you 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).

Snapshot 1: What Does A Chaplain Do?

School chaplains have been providing social, emotional and spiritual support in schools for over 25 years, enhancing a school's overall wellbeing strategy and contributing to their educational goals. A chaplain's time is spent in the following ways.



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 High School are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The remainder of the week I am at Miami State School.

Shane Scott
Chaplain

Wellbeing Update

On 27 April the Year 7 students participated in their first Good Vibes Day. The topics covered included Puberty, Grief and Loss, Drumming and Oral health. The presenters commented on the exceptional behaviour of our students and their involvement in all activities. The feedback from the students was very positive with all having an enjoyable day.

Student feedback

Wellbeing Day was educational and we learned things we wouldn't normally learn. We learned how to drum and it was great to learn new things in life. It was very interactive and enjoyable. Thank you for a great day!! **Hollie Jones 7E**

*I thought Good Vibes Day was really fun. I thought it was good because we got to learn about different things. The drumming was really fun and exciting. It was good doing the Grief and Loss class to learn how to handle things. From of the day I learned many new things and how to handle situations. **Paige Dunstone 7E***

I thought Good Vibes Day was GREAT!

*I enjoyed doing Drumming because I learned how to drum and make different sounds. I also learned that your teeth are very important and that you check the sugar percentage on energy drinks. What I got out of this day was learning about new and different activities that are important in life. I also learned about dental care, puberty, drumming as well as grief and loss. **Kaylea Davis 7E***

WELLBEING TIP

To enhance our Wellbeing here at Miami we look to develop our strengths. Each week we focus on a strength and look and ways to use this strength and develop it. These are called our Character Strengths and help boost our emotional wellbeing. They can be defined as personal traits that make up who you are as a person. Twenty four have been identified and a list of these are in the Student Learning Planner. You can find out your strengths by completing the free survey on:

<http://www.viacharacter.org/>

Strength of the week this week is HONESTY.

Honesty is defined as having authenticity and integrity and falls under the virtue of Courage.

Why do you think you need courage to be honest?

Why is honesty an important strength to have?

What body language would you show to reflect HONESTY?

Describe two emotions you may feel when using HONESTY?

Where does HONESTY fall in your strengths list?

Reflect on a time when you have used the character strength HONESTY.

What is something you could do to show this strength at home, at school and in the community?

Research has shown that most adults think it is ok to tell a lie every now and then. Is this ok?

If we work to our strength, we feel strong!
What are your strengths?



Tiffany Grant
Wellbeing Coordinator

Creating Resilient Families

Resilience is the happy knack of being able to bungee jump through life. When the inevitable pitfalls and setbacks of life occur, it is as if you have an elasticised rope around the middle that helps you to bounce back from hard times. One such hint is *Promote Belonging*. The sense of belonging we have is the strongest antidote we know of for self-harm, depression and

drug abuse and it's build on our sense of belonging. Children are most resilient when they have three types of belonging:

1. A sense of being part of a family
2. Having different friendships to belong to
3. Having an adult outside their family who connects with them.

More tips in next month's newsletter by Andrew Fuller.

A BODY 2 FIT Triathlon Club Exclusive Offer

As a MVP Member, the A BODY 2 FIT Triathlon Club would like to offer the students of Miami State High School (who do not currently train with them) the opportunity to take part in **TWO complimentary training sessions**.

Sessions are conducted at 4:00pm on the following days:

- **Monday:** Cycling/Running/Fitness (Pizzey Park, Miami)
- **Tuesday:** Running - this session is currently focused on Cross Country training (meet near the school tennis courts at Santa Monica Rd)
- **Wednesday:** Cycling skills & endurance (Pizzey Park, Miami)
- **Thursday:** Gym Circuit - Fitness/Strength/Speed

To register your interest in one or two of the above sessions or for more information, please contact Jenny Barwick (Director/Head Coach - A BODY 2 FIT Personal Training & Triathlon Club Inc.) via e-mail at body2fit@bigpond.net.au.

Community News

Ear Cleaning Clinic

Do you suffer from Swimmers Ear? At the Ear Cleaning Clinic, located at 2482 Gold Coast Highway, Mermaid Beach, their Ear Nurse Specialist is able to remove wax, and foreign objects that may have entered the outer ear. The micro suction procedure is safe, gentle and efficient. If your child is feeling discomfort in their ears, this can affect their learning as they may be absent from school or cannot hear the teacher. At the Ear Clinic, they are able to clear the infestation faster. Appointments cost \$75. To find out more, click on the link here.



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Step One
You will be seated in a comfortable chair to provide a relaxing commencement to your appointment. Your ear health history is discussed with you by a Registered Nurse who is highly specialised in this procedure and the ear health field.

Step Two
A plastic funnel is placed in your ear to allow a precise view of the ear canal. The Ear Nurse Specialist places binocular glasses over the eyes, these are fitted with a bright light to allow a clear, magnified view into the ear canal.

Step Three
Then a gentle medical vacuum is used to remove the excess ear wax, or foreign objects from the ear. This will allow you to hear better and feel better.

Step Four
- We will explain the findings to you using an ear diagram.
- Let you know when and if you may need this procedure again.
- Provide information pamphlets about ear conditions.

With our highly magnified equipment, we can see microscopic particles and identify bacterial or fungal infections. To clear infections that are present, we can make recommendations for specific medicated drops which can be provided by your Doctor. We will also provide practical tips to prevent reoccurring ear infections.

If you ask, we can assist you in finding a hearing screening clinic near your home.

www.earcleaningclinic.com.au
2482 Gold Coast Highway, Mermaid Beach, Queensland, Australia, 4218
1800 327 253

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.

Broadbeach Football Club Looking for Players

The Broadbeach Cats AFL Football Club are seeking players to play in our Under 16 teams for season 2017. Boys Born in 2001 or 2002 are eligible. Click here for more details:

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).

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 5554 0333 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.

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