LEADERSHIP INDUCTION

The school’s first signature event of the year, the Student Leadership Induction Ceremony took place this week and highlighted the wonderful calibre of our Stretton State College student body. We have numerous structures within the College that provide students with formal leadership opportunities. This responsibility provides students with many opportunities to develop and finesse skills highly valued in society. I have no doubt with the quality of students on display across all Year Levels, the College will be well served in 2014 and future years by the student body.

Whilst the ceremony was an acknowledgement and celebration of our students who have been selected to serve the school in an official leadership capacity all students should view themselves as leaders who can make a positive change to their world. The title does not make the leader. Leadership is action and all of us have opportunities every day to exhibit leadership qualities.

The Student Leadership team is as follows:

Illaweena Leaders

College Captains

Breannah Deed, Courtney-Jayne Pomerenko, Chelsea Hill, Josh Powell

Prefects

Sydney Hamnett, Fiona Dang, Georgia Peace, Vedad Dusinovic,
Kealan Newbold, Ayla Djonlagic, Jessica Lee-Bennett,
Oliver Corfield

Year Level Representatives

Almir Basinac, Kyra Muller, Michelle Stock, Irfaan Rashid,
Hamza Al Ansari,
Sophie Smerdon, Taylor Vernon, Ali-Josiah Siua’ana,
Tarish Kapur, Arijana Murselovic

House Captains

Robert Friend, Bryce Bungay, Georgina Faatuga Moe,
Declan Ryan

Gowan Leaders

School Captains

Sristi Lal, Anna Nguyen, Samantha Nolan, Ishan Singh

Prefects

Lucinda Stevens, Darcy Peters, Usaid Cajee, Bailey Lello

Class Representatives


House Captains

Kelly Fulop, Chelsea Howkins, Natalie Gorry, Breeanna Morgan,
Ivan Chang, Aleena Jacob, Tyler Sullivan, Andrew Edmondson

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW 2014 P & C EXECUTIVE

Congratulations to our new P&C Executive for 2014. President - Wendy Torric, Vice President - Damien Hill & Secretary - Donna Riches. We are looking forward to another great year of positive partnership with our P&C! Please come along to the next P&C meeting where we hope to fill the Treasurer position.
SWIMMING CARNIVAL – THE STRETTON SPIRIT

On Friday 7th February, we held our Swimming Carnival for Years 7 to 12 at the Hibiscus Swimming Complex. This was possibly the best attended carnival of this type I have witnessed at the College. I would therefore like to congratulate all of those students who made the effort to be present on the day. There was a very relaxed atmosphere throughout the day with the students’ behaviour and cooperation being worthy of praise. House Spirit continues to improve with the competition fierce in and out of the pool. My congratulations to Ms Jansen and the HPE Faculty for all their hard work organising a successful carnival.

STUDENT ENROLMENTS

Student enrolments have continued to grow on the Illaweena Campus. 2014 enrolment figures as at February 6th are:

- Year 7 = 102
- Year 8 = 185
- Year 9 = 172
- Year 10 = 151
- Year 11 = 167
- Year 12 = 136

The 2015 enrolment process will open shortly – more information will follow in the coming weeks.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION:

It is important that parents are informed about the management structure in our College. Student welfare issues are organised according to our year levels. Each year level has a teacher responsible for overseeing and coordinating student welfare issues. These staff members are known as Year Coordinators and they focus on the quality and standards of non-subject specific matters – eg behaviour, uniform and overall progress. If you have concerns or questions regarding your son or daughter, please contact the relevant Year Coordinator:

- Year 7 = Ms Pene Clarke-Cawthorne
- Year 8 = Ms Jodie Austin
- Year 9 = Mrs Chris Taylor
- Year 10 = Mr Paul Terechow
- Year 11 = Mr Trevor Norman
- Year 12 = Ms Belinda Johnson

Heads of Department have key curriculum responsibilities which focus on quality teaching and learning in their respective faculties. Faculty Heads of Department are:

- Mathematics = Mrs Mary-Anne Rolls
- Science = Mrs Heather Boreland
- Applied Technology = Mr Brad Johnstone
- eLearning = Mr Luke Fleming
- English = Ms Rosa Cavallaro
- Humanities/Business = Ms Binny Willis
- HPE = Ms Kristen Jansen
- The Arts = Ms Leona Millar
- Senior Schooling = Ms Liz van Genderen
- Head of Special Education = Ms Lyndal Murray
- Guidance Officer = Ms Kate Niland

If parents or students are having questions or have issues relating to subjects studied e.g. assessment, marking, teaching practices, it is the Faculty Head of Department you should be contacting.

CYBER SAFETY

The internet, mobile phones and social media provide wonderful opportunities for people to network and socialise online. While these technologies provide positive platforms for sharing ideas, they also have the potential to cause pain and suffering to individuals, groups or even whole communities.

I have listed below some simple strategies which can help keep the use of social media positive and constructive:

- Before you post something online, ask yourself if the community or individual really needs to know. Is it relevant, positive and helpful?
- Remember that what you post online is a direct reflection of who you are. People will potentially form lasting opinions of you on what you post online.
- Today with the use of social media, online discussions between you and your close friends can very quickly be shared with a much wider audience, potentially far larger than intended.
- Taking a few moments to think about the content you are about to post could save upset, embarrassment, and possible legal action.
- Be a good role model. If things get heated online consider logging out and taking a few moments to relax and think. Hasty, emotive responses could inflame situations unnecessarily.
- As a parent you have a role in supervising and regulating your child’s online activities at home and its impact on the reputation and privacy of others.

Michael West
Principal – Illaweena Campus

Gowan Principal News

Love of Learning

There has been an excited vibe on Gowan Campus the past few weeks, not just on Valentine’s Day. In every classroom that I have visited I could see and feel our students engaging in their learning, working towards improving their skills and knowledge, and most importantly enjoying their learning. Students are proud to
show off their newly acquired skills, their newly extended vocabulary, their abilities on the sports oval, or their creativity in all of its forms. I am sure that you are enjoying hearing about all of this when they come home to proudly detail their accomplishments.

**Proud of our Leaders**

![School Captains and Gowan Campus Prefects]

We were very proud of our Gowan Leaders when they were inducted at this week’s Student Leaders’ Induction Ceremony. Our Campus captains, campus prefects, and campus class representatives proudly demonstrated the Stretton Spirit and once again demonstrated why they were selected to represent the 1030+ students on our Gowan campus in 2014.

![House Captains and Class Representatives]

Our Campus Captains and prefects will soon join thousands of other primary school leaders at the annual National Young Leaders Day, an event founded in 1997 to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. The program consists of keynote talks, multimedia presentations and interactive learning that seeks a range of specific outcomes for young people who aspire to lead themselves and others well. We wish our student representatives the best on this very exciting day.

**Deputy Principal Senior Secondary News**

**Uniform Changes**

As you are aware the Parents and Citizens Association of Stretton State College have endorsed some recent changes to our uniform for 2014. These changes include such items as a tie for the senior school boys and the addition of a Panama hat for girls. To date we have been extremely pleased with the collective response from families about the changes as well as the brilliant start to the year that students have shown in their presentation.

To ease the burden on families who have more than one child at Illaweena Campus the hat is being progressively introduced over three years beginning with years 7 and 10.

The start of a new school year can be a real strain for many families. With this in mind we have allowed a four week period to give families some extra time to purchase the girl’s hat in a further attempt to assist family budgets.

Please be aware that girls in year 7 or 10 are required to own and be wearing our Stretton Panama hat by the 25th of February. All sizes of the hat are in stock in the Uniform shop for a cost of $70. We will be communicating some procedures to the girls to ensure that the hats are protected from damage throughout a typical school day.

Thank you for your efforts to date for the immaculate start to the year that our students have made to 2014. We believe you will notice the changes and be impressed by our students as a whole on your next visit to the College.

**Drew Jell**
Deputy Principal - Illaweena

**Deputy Principal Junior Secondary News**

**Year 7 Camp: Monday 17 March 2014 – 19 March 2014**

During the camp students will be involved in the following activities:

- Ropes
- Rock Climbing
- Raft building
- Leadership games
- Disco
- Talent Show

**Location:** Alexandra Park Conference Centre

**Departure time:**
- 8:00 am – Students assemble out the front of the canteen
- 9:00 am - Bus departs from Illaweena Campus – 216 Illaweena Street, Stretton

**Return time:** 2:45 pm to Illaweena Campus – 216 Illaweena Street, Stretton

**Kym Amor**
Principal - Gowan Campus
Transport: Students will travel via chartered bus service to and from the venue.

Total Cost: $240 - final payment: Friday 28 February 2014 (Week 5)

We will send a Camp Information Booklet home closer to the time that the camp will take place. Special dietary requirements will also be collected closer to the date. To be eligible to participate in the camp the ‘Resource Scheme fee’ for your student must be paid (this includes full payment, significant deposit or payment arrangements as negotiated with the Business Services Manager) with or prior to the submission of the permission form.

Year 9 Camp

This year, our year 9 cohort will be attending Apex Camp Mudjimba at Twin Waters on the Sunshine Coast during Term 1. The camp will run from Tuesday 25th March – Friday 28th March 2014. The camp is close to the beach and river and only a 10 minute drive to Maroochydore. The location is perfect for team building adventures and there will be many exciting things happening. All of the activities will be provided by the Apex camp activity managers and other external groups regulated by the highest standards. Students will participate in;

- Radio Rogain
- Team Building & Adventure Challenges
- High Ropes & Flying Fox
- Surfboard Riding
- Overnight Camp Out
- Outdoor activities such as the pool, tennis courts, large oval with cricket pitch

All of the meals will be provided by the fully catered kitchen. The cost for the camp is $285.00 which includes all activities, accommodation and food while at camp site, as well as transport to and from venue in seat belted buses. The bus will depart from the Illaweena Campus at 8:30am on Tuesday 25th March and arrive back at the Illaweena Campus at approx. 2:45 pm on Friday 28th March (traffic permitting). Parents should put planning in place for pickups in the event of a late return.

Payments may be made by instalments, provided the full sum is paid by the 10th of March.

To be eligible to participate in the camp, the Resource Scheme Fee for your student must be paid (this includes full payment, significant deposit or payment arrangements as negotiated with the Business Services Manager) with or prior to the submission of the permission form.

NAPLAN Practice

Congratulations to all our year 7 and year 9 students for their focussed approach to NAPLAN Practice tests last week. Amongst other information that we gather around students’ academic performance, these tests assist us to support students’ literacy and numeracy development.

From here we will have the practice test data analysed and will continue with “Turbo Lessons” and the like in the lead up to the NAPLAN Tests in May.

Immunisations

Thank you to all the parents of our year 8 and year 10 students who have returned immunisation booklets. We have sent our booklets to Immunisation Services for processing. If parents are still wanting to proceed with immunisations but for some reason don’t have forms: they can be downloaded from:

Any forms to be returned must now be mailed directly to Brisbane City Council as follows:
Attention: Belinda Sourris
Brisbane City Council
Immunisation Services
505 St Pauls Terrace
Fortitude Valley
Brisbane QLD 4001

Craig Hynes
Deputy Principal - Illaweena

Gowan Deputy Principal News

The students have been working very hard all week and I have been impressed with their eagerness to learn. I have enjoyed working with the students in their classrooms and this week I’d like to share with you my snapshot of what’s happening around Prep – Year 2.

In Prep

During Science, the children explored their ‘5 Senses’ by making popcorn. They were able to smell, hear, touch, taste and see the popcorn. They followed a procedure and were very excited when they got to eat their popped popcorn.

In Year 1

In Maths, Year One students have been busy learning about counting, skip counting and addition. During English, they are looking at the sequence and events in stories. In Art, they explored the artwork of Bruce Gray, an artist who uses shape and colour in his work, and started creating their own similar piece of artwork.
In Year 2
The Year Two students have been busy in their classrooms improving their reading skills and concentrating on using their word sorts. In History the students have been exploring the changes in technology and how technology affects their lives.

Healthy Snacks
Parents, when packing your child’s lunch please remember to pack a healthy snack which is chopped up fruit or chopped up vegetables. Place your child’s healthy snack in a separate container or bag and label it.

If you want ideas for a healthy lunch box you can visit: http://www.kidspot.com.au/best-recipes/Lunch-box+10.htm

Spare clothes
Please ensure your child has a spare pair of underpants and shorts and socks packed in their bag in case of little accidents. You can easily place them in a ziplock pouch and place it at the back of their bag.

Yours in the SPIRIT
Tam Dimech
Deputy Principal

Gowan Deputy Principal News

College Photos
Queensland School Photography will be taking our College photographs and will be on the Gowan Campus in the sports hall on the following dates;

• Class/Individual photos for Prep to Year 6 on Wednesday 26 February beginning at 8:45am. Envelopes to order Class/Individual photos have been given to each student. Extra envelopes available from the Gowan office.

• Family/Sibling photographs on Friday 28 February beginning at 8:00am until approximately 9:30am. Envelopes to order Family/Sibling photographs can be collected from the Gowan Office. No appointment is required for this session.

Students are required to wear their correct formal uniform for the College photos. Prep students will wear their sports uniform.

To ensure a smooth running day, please note that all orders are pre-paid and we would kindly ask that you hand your correct payment envelope to THE PHOTOGRAPHERS on the date mentioned above.

Follow these steps in order:
1. Complete student details on the order envelope - one envelope for each student.
2. You may pay by cash, cheque, credit card and online. If you have two or more children attending you may include the payment in one envelope. Please note clearly on the outside of all envelopes that you have paid in one envelope.
3. Online orders- visit www.qldschoolphotography.com.au to order. Reference number supplied for the order must be recorded on the envelope provided and handed to photographers on the day.
4. Cheques are made payable to Queensland School Photography Pty Ltd with your name, address and phone number written on the back.
5. Tick the box on the envelope for the package required.
6. Enclose the correct payment (change cannot be given).
7. Each student is to hand their individual envelope to the photographer on the scheduled day mentioned above.

If for any reason you are not satisfied with the photos taken of your child Queensland School Photography will provide a full refund.

Queensland School Photography will accept late orders for individual and group photographs, a late fee to cover postage and handling will apply.

If you have any questions or wish to place a late group order please feel free to contact Queensland School Photography customer service department on (07) 3807 9601

Helping your primary school child with homework
Homework is an important part of learning. It not only assists students consolidate their classroom learning, it lays strong foundations for lifelong learning and encourages family members to become involved in student life.

Sometimes parents find it difficult to keep up with what needs to be done. The following clip will assist all parents/caregivers in better understanding how to prepare and plan for homework.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXY73t4TTSA

School A to Z - Helping with homework

When giving homework, teachers take into account the need for students to have a balanced lifestyle. This includes sufficient time for family, recreation and cultural pursuits where appropriate.

How does homework enhance student learning?
• It is age appropriate, purposeful and relevant to students’ needs.
• It develops the student’s independence as a learner presenting them with varied and challenging tasks, which are related to class work.
• It allows for student commitment to recreational, family and cultural activities.

Cartia Balladone
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Student Wellbeing

The Student Wellbeing Team

The Student Wellbeing Team on Illaweeena Campus for 2014 is:

- Kate Niland (Guidance Officer)
- Drew Jell (Deputy Principal Senior Schooling)
- Craig Hynes (Deputy Principal Junior Secondary)
- Year 7 = Ms Pene Clarke-Cawthorne (Year Level Co-Ordinator)
- Year 8 = Ms Jodie Austin (Year Level Co-Ordinator)
- Year 9 = Mrs Chris Taylor (Year Level Co-Ordinator)
- Year 10 = Mr Paul Terechow (Year Level Co-Ordinator)
- Year 11 = Mr Trevor Norman (Year Level Co-Ordinator)
- Year 12 = Ms Belinda Johnson (Year Level Co-Ordinator)

The team will also consist of a school based Youth Health Nurse and a Chaplain. At this stage we are in the process of finalising the personnel for these positions. Upon finalisation these positions will be announced to the school community. If you have any concerns or queries please direct them to Kate Niland, Guidance Officer.

The Brave Program

The BRAVE Program: Beating Back to School Pain!

For children and teenagers with Social Anxiety, returning back to school can be difficult. Concerns about new classmates or teachers, and other school related activities like presenting oral reports, participating in class activities, or making new friendships groups can cause much anxiety. But there is help available... and it’s online!

A team of researchers (BRAVE Team) at Griffith University, University of Southern Queensland, and the University of Queensland are seeking teenagers (13-17 years) and children (8-12 years) suffering from social anxiety, a fear of being negatively judged by others, or extremely shy.

The BRAVE program aims to help children and their parents learn strategies for managing social anxiety and teach techniques to cope with anxiety providing social situations. The treatment program involves between 11-15 online sessions for participants, with each session taking approximately one hour to complete. Families are charged a one-off fee of $250 to assist in covering treatment costs and will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews. However, families will receive a rebate of $25 in vouchers each time they complete a post-treatment assessment.

For more information, or to register your interest in the program, please visit the BRAVE ONLINE website: www.mypu.uq.edu.au/braivestudy Alternatively, you can call the BRAVE team on (07) 3756 3312 or Email: karen@pku.edu.au For further information, pay a visit to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/thebraveteam

Senior Schooling

Welcome to Senior Schooling.

Well done everyone...we have hit the ground running!

Our year 11 and 12 students should be well and truly settled into their classes here at school and off campus. In addition to our subject and pathway offerings at Stretton we also have students studying through the Brisbane School of Distance Education/Metropolitan South Training Unit/Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE/Southbank Institute of Technology/Skills Tech Australia.

This year saw the opening of the Stretton Business Training Centre. The school was successful in winning an NAB Schools First Award which enabled us to form a partnership with the University of Southern Queensland (USQ – Springfield Campus) and MSIT. It is here students study an array of subjects that will enable them direct entry to USQ (without an OP) upon the completion of year 12.

Our OP eligible students have commenced their intensive QCS preparation program. This program runs Tuesday during CARE class; Wednesday afternoons along with workshops run by Mighty Minds. The dates for the next Mighty Minds workshops are Thursday 20th February and Thursday 6th March from 3pm-5pm. These workshops are compulsory for year 12 OP eligible students.

Students are encouraged to attend the OP Maximiser Classes held daily in the Library from 3pm-5pm. Students from all year levels are welcome to work on assignments and homework.

The senior school office also supports students wishing to do work experience or apply for school based traineeships or apprenticeships.

Yours in Senior Schooling

Liz van Genderen

From the Art Department

THE LITTLE ART SHOP OPENS...

The Art Department is off and running, designing, constructing and painting props for the 2014 College Musical ‘Little Shop of Horrors’.

The Stretton Spirit can be seen in the excited faces of the teams of Year, 8 and 9 Art students and the Year 11 VAS classes. Giant leaves, baby Audreys, colourful Pop Art style character portraits and T Shirt/Poster designs are developing day by day.

Canteen News

Thank you to all new and existing parents for supporting our first Back to School Gowan Campus Meal Deal for 2014. Due to the overwhelming success of the previous meal deals offered, we are now providing you with weekly meal deals. To view the remainder of term 1 meal deals, refer to the link below.

Congratulation to Julian Lo in 6C. He was the winner of our Back to School Meal Deal flexi school draw. Julian won a Boogie board for ordering on-line with flexischools.

Please ensure that all students have their 2014 class details registered on their flexi school account. To register your child for flexi schools please visit www.flexischools.com.au

Volunteer Loyalty Program

The Stretton State College Volunteer Reward Loyalty Program provides an opportunity for parents/caregivers to become active members of the Stretton community. If you wish to Volunteer in our Canteen or Uniform shop please register your interest with Gowan or Illaweeena administration.
Literacy News

Parent Information about Reading to Your Child

- Draw on children’s experiences and knowledge
- Leave room for the children to bring their own experiences to bear on the story.
- Explain important ideas and concepts.
- Discuss the plot or theme of the whole story
- Talk about the meaning of the whole story
- Say language patterns that are unfamiliar and critical to the story
- Talk about the illustrations and help children to discover information in them
- Discuss the characters in the story
- Draw children’s attention to the structure of the text and help them to understand “how the book works”.
- Pronunciation of unfamiliar words (e.g. proper nouns)
- Use some new and challenging vocabulary found in the text
- Draw children’s attention to specific words and punctuation
- Explore any aspects of text layout that affects the meaning of the story or would be tricky for children to follow
- Leave the children with one or two clear questions that will drive them into the text and serve as a continuing impulse to seek meaning when they read

Feedback

Ensure you provide feedback to your child regularly on their reading.

Make sure your feedback is very clear and specific, not just good job Sam.

1. Sam I like the way you read fluently by raising your voice at the end of that question.
2. Jane you did a great job of inferring during that text. What information led you to that answer?
3. Brianna I can see you are trying really hard, next time let’s skip that hard word and come back and see if we can work it out.

Numeracy News

What is Numeracy?

Numeracy is the application of math skills outside the math classroom. Numeracy moments occur every day and provide excellent opportunities for you to engage with your children in using Mathematics.

This fortnight’s Numeracy Moment focuses on petrol prices. The sign alone is an excellent talking point, for example:

- How much do I pay if I don’t have a discount docket?
- How much do I pay for Diesel if I do have a discount docket?
- Why do they advertise the discounted price first?

After your purchase, tell your child how many litres you purchased and ask them to estimate how much you will save with a discount docket. Make sure you let them know how close they were once you have paid!

If you want to share a numeracy moment please email me tblac133@eq.edu.au

Tracey Blackman
HOD – Math/Science Gown Campus

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Welcome to our returning music families and many new instrumental families who are joining us this year. We now have almost 200 students in the Instrumental Music Program!

My name is Mrs Robyn Rosewarne and I am the Instrumental Music Teacher for Stretton State College teaching woodwind and percussion. This year we welcome Mr Brad Stewart who will be teaching brass and percussion.

Our musical year is off to a fantastic start with our Year 5 beginner students receiving a special 1 hour introductory lesson where they were issued with their hire instruments and accessory packs.

Lessons for all students have commenced in week 3 using a rotating timetable which can be found in the music block on both campuses. Students have also been given their own copy.

Band rehearsals will be held on both campuses in either the Gowen Hall or Illaweena Band room (VAM Block). Refer to the attached ensemble schedule for specific rehearsal times and venues. Before school rehearsals start at 7.40am, it is essential that students are on time for rehearsals and bring their instrument, music folder and pencil.

This year we have the following ensembles across the College:

- Senior Band – Year 8-12 students
- Middle School Band – Year 7 & 8 students
- Intermediate Band – Year 6 students
The Performance Calendar is outlined in the newsletter. All students have received their own copy also. Performances are a wonderful opportunity to showcase the hard work and dedication that the students put in. Every performance is compulsory for ensemble members and we welcome all families to attend the performances throughout the year.

Music Parent Support Group

Our Music Parent Support Group is open to all instrumental music parents. The purpose of the group is to assist and support the instrumental music teachers and program through a variety of areas e.g. uniforms, concert front of house, concert set up/pack up, fundraising etc. The MPSG meets once a term, if you missed our first meeting on Tuesday 18th February and would like to be involved please email Robyn Rosewarne with your details.

Congratulations Middle School Concert Band on your first concert of the year! The Middle School Concert Band performed for the College Leadership Ceremony on Tuesday 18th February with a musical rendition of Castlebay. Well done!

Band Performance Uniform

The Music Performance Uniform is compulsory for all ensemble performances and can be purchased through the College Uniform shop.

Girls
- Band performance shirt
- Girls Stretton music slacks
- SSC black socks
- Formal black shoes
- Stretton music maroon scrunchie
- Stretton music maroon clips (optional)

Boys
- Band performance shirt
- Boys Stretton music trousers
- SSC black socks
- Formal black shoes

** Long hair must be tied neatly up with Stretton music scrunchie

Year 5 beginner students have received a letter last week, asking them to attend the uniform shop with their parent by week 7 Friday 14th March to be fitted for their uniform so we can order them in time for their first performance later in the semester.

Music is a valued part of Stretton State College and I look forward to a wonderful year of music making with your children.

Write4Fun

Schools Writing Competition 2014 at Write4Fun

Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2014 Schools Writing Competition!

Students are invited to enter their short stories OR poems, and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer.

There is no theme!!

Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE.

Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Entry is FREE.

All entries must be submitted by Sunday 30th March 2014.

Poems and short stories entered into the competition will be considered for inclusion into our 2014 Write4fun anthology!

Prizes for either Short Story or Poem:

1st $1,000 CASH and YOUR CHOICE of a:
- Xbox 360 AND a 16GB Apple Ipod Touch
- Xbox One
- Playstation 4

2nd $250 CASH + Write4fun Gift Pack
3rd $150 CASH + Write4fun Gift Pack
15 x Finalists Write4fun Gift Pack

Remember, you need to be ‘in it, to win it’.

Go to: www.write4fun.net/competitions to download your entry form, or enter online, or email Ms Cavallaro to forward you the email link.
Dental Health

Dental Health

Algestor Dental

IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING YOUR CHILD’S DENTAL HEALTH

Have you heard about the NEW Child Dental Benefit Scheme (CDBS)?

The Federal Government is introducing a new Child Dental Programme commencing on the 1st January, 2016 for children aged 2 - 18 years.

The child dental benefits will provide us to $1,060 per child for basic dental services over a two calendar year period.

The CDBS will have a means test which requires escape of Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB-A) or relevant Australian Government payment.

The CDBS will provide individual benefits for a range of services including examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing fillings, root canals and extractions.

Due to the changes in government, it is uncertain how long this scheme will be in place, so it will even run for a full two calendar year period.

Algestor Dental will be back filling any eligible children on this scheme and so there will be no loss of benefit experience when you come to see us.

To make the most of this opportunity please phone us today on (07) 3715 9715 to see if your child is eligible.

Yours Sincerely,

The Team at Algestor Dental

PS: More detailed information has been released by the current government as this Scheme was introduced in the previous Labour Government. Our view is that the next Federal Budget (May 2016) changes will be made to this program or it may be stopped due to cost savings needed. We are recommending that any treatment required should be done before then.

District Sport & SSCFA

The Sunnybank District Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday 12th February with 4 students representing Stretton. These students were: Bailey Lello, Kode Lawrence, Kelsey Beetham & Jayde Davidson. It was a beautiful day for swimming and all Stretton swimmers did extremely well.

Congratulations to both Bailey and Kelsey for qualifying for the upcoming regional carnival in two weeks’ time.

Congratulations to both Fletcher Revie & Luke Clarke for being selected in the Sunnybank District cricket team in 2014. Well Done boys!

The Stretton State College Football Academy kicked off the year with an excellent training session on Tuesday 4th February on the top oval. It was great to see so many students bright and early ready to go for the session. Training for the Football Academy primary students is every Tuesday morning from 7:45-8:30am on the top oval.

Finally congratulations to all students selected in our Gala Day sporting teams- Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Football (soccer), Boys Rugby League & Girls Softball. Good luck to all teams and our wonderful coaches! The first Gala day is Friday 21st March.

Ms Flores
PE Teacher and Sport Coordinator

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=812b56ORxB8

Senior Sport

Week 2 and 3 have been massive for the Stretton Stingers! We have had Illaweena Campus Swim Carnival, Interschool Team training and trials, Met West trials for Cricket and Baseball as well as the State Triathlon Championships and sport training times!

Read on for more information!

Inter house Swimming Carnival

Barakula were the reigning house champions and vowed to continue their domination in the pool! Goomburra, Karawatha and Yarraman had plans to spoil the pool party! The day got off to a great start with a good turn out for the junior secondary school. Barakula (of course) jumped out to a lead dominating the freestyle winning a large number of the races.

Barakula continued to dominate, however the real race was for 2nd and 3rd place! Karawatha and Yarraman fought it out all day with the position on the ladder switching numerous times! As in many carnivals it all came down to the relays!

Karawatha were able to nudge ahead with a good relay performance! The day however belonged to the blue house – Great Job Barakula!

Rank House Points

1 Barakula 642
2 Karawatha 492
3 Yarraman 463
4 Goomburra 319

Congratulations to the Champions for each group!

Kaiea Bridges 12 Years
Lara McKinnon 12 Years
Lleyton Revie 13 Years
Alex Dean 13 Years
Jonathon Friend 14 Years
Chantelle Clarke 14 Years
Bianca Bachman 14 Years
Kian McGrath 15 Years
Kirsten Skipper 15 Years
Rachel Smith 15 Years
Kyle Lotz 16 Years
Anelah Russon 16 Years
Robert Friend Open
Clarissa Rowley Open

District and Met West Trials

Karawatha District SPORT CONVENORS

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**Vikings Futsal**

Trials are underway for the QLD Futsal titles. Please see below:

- 13, 14, 15, 16, & 19 years boys
- 16 years girls teams.

Under 11 primary boys team

- 13-19 years boys - competition 13th march (full day)
- 16 years girls - competition 10th march (full day) Under 11 - competition 17th march (full day)

SEQ futsal titles are the pathway to get selected into QLD and Australian school boys and school boys futsal teams.

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**Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Dylan Penny and Callum Crase for their selection in the Met West Baseball Team! Good Luck boys

Congratulations to Anekah Russon for recently competing in the State Triathlon Trials! Friday was the individual races. Anekah competed in the intermediate division on the Saturday morning where they selected teams for relays. Anekah was chosen for the swim leg. Well done Anehka!!!

Also a big well done to Hayden Weber who was selected as a shadow for the Met West Cricket Team!
## Training Times

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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>7:45-8:30&lt;br&gt;<strong>Sports Uniform and water bottle</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Illaweena student MUST change back to their formal)</td>
<td><a href="mailto:kjani15@eq.edu.au">kjani15@eq.edu.au</a>&lt;br&gt;Kristen Jansen&lt;br&gt;Illaweena Hall</td>
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<td>7:45-8:30&lt;br&gt;<strong>Boots, water bottle and mouth guard</strong></td>
<td><a href="mailto:slau24@eq.edu.au">slau24@eq.edu.au</a>&lt;br&gt;Cris Lau&lt;br&gt;Gowan Oval</td>
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<td>Football (Soccer)</td>
<td>Girls Tuesday 7:45am - 8:30am&lt;br&gt;Boys Tuesday afternoon 3:00pm - 4:15pm&lt;br&gt;Wednesday afternoon 1:25 - 2:45pm&lt;br&gt;Thursday Morning (Stingers)</td>
<td><strong>Boots, Shin Pads, socks and water bottle</strong></td>
<td><a href="mailto:Gchap33@eq.edu.au">Gchap33@eq.edu.au</a>&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:Jltoba0@eq.edu.au">Jltoba0@eq.edu.au</a>&lt;br&gt;Georgia Chapman&lt;br&gt;Jason Tobin&lt;br&gt;Fatima Flores</td>
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<td>Active After School Care Gowan students only</td>
<td>Tuesday 3-415&lt;br&gt;Zova Soccer Thursday AFL QLD</td>
<td><strong>Afternoon tea is provided</strong></td>
<td><a href="mailto:Kjani15@eq.edu.au">Kjani15@eq.edu.au</a>&lt;br&gt;Kristen Jansen&lt;br&gt;Gowan lower fields</td>
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### Student of the Week – Gowan Stretton Stars!

The following students are to be congratulated for their outstanding contribution to our school.

![Student of the Week](image)