Our Harmony Day celebrations on the Gowan campus this Monday, was a time for great pride, as together we came together as one. There can be no doubt that our strength as a College lies in our differences, not in our similarities. It was wonderful to see the children proudly wearing their national costumes and delighting in the differences between the cultural groups at Stretton. By doing this, our young students will learn that differences in ideas and attitudes are for celebrating and rejoicing, part of life’s exciting varietal tapestry, not something to fear.

There is certainly a richness that comes from students working side by side with others who are not of the same cookie-cutter mould. Students who attend our College, come to a school with a diverse student population and develop an understanding of the perspectives of children from different backgrounds and learn to function in a multicultural, multiethnic environment. Teachers are also encouraged to face the challenge of making instruction ‘culturally responsive’ for all students as we take a proactive approach to acknowledging student diversity. We are mindful of this responsibility, and we are always looking at ways in which we can create a respectful environment.

Our SPIRIT values encourage mutual respect, and this is very much an important part of the equation. Harmony Day therefore becomes part of the social fabric of our school, rather than just being a one-day special event.

As more and more students from diverse backgrounds populate 21st century classrooms, the need for pedagogical approaches that are culturally responsive intensifies. Today’s classrooms require teachers to educate students varying in culture, language, abilities and many other characteristics. At Stretton, our teachers create a classroom culture where all students are welcomed and supported, and provided with the very best opportunity to learn. As we educate our students about cultural diversity, we expose them to the rich diversity of the world into which they will move and improve their capacity to influence for the greater social good.

It is important that events such as Harmony Day become an integral part of the Stretton cultural heritage. The world that our Stretton students are moving into is dynamic, exciting and full of opportunity. It requires independent minds adaptable to collaboration in a global environment; minds that ask the right questions and know the skills which need to be brought to bear to forge important solutions. It is a complex, diverse environment linked by communication, and we want Stretton students to help ensure connected airwaves do not leave disconnected people. As the global international community shrinks with the immediacy of instant communication, we must be careful not to follow suit.

Establishing traditions such as Harmony Day gives our College confidence in developing our cultural heritage for the future. In a relatively new school, building tradition and heritage can sometimes be challenging as we don’t have the richness of centuries of tradition, but it is the platform from which to build lasting improvement.

The opportunities we provide for Stretton students to interact with other cultural groups and nationalities beyond our own boundaries and insular borders, nurtures minds receptive to change and adaptable to difference. We are increasingly involving students in opportunities with a global flavour where the intensity of each experience often reaches over a lifetime. Students also study global issues and perspectives in order to bring current world issues into our curriculum.

At Stretton, a diverse landscape of engagement forms a context of openness and adaptability, keeping young heads high and minds alert. We are passionate about opening young minds and hearts to embrace creativity, diversity and difference rather than live in fear of it. When students thrive in such a school environment, the boundaries are endless. To do otherwise, is to remain in a dark world of rigidity and conformity. In the words of Kahlil Gibran:

“We are the sons and daughters of Life’s longing for itself. They come through you but not from you, And though they are with you, yet they belong not to you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts. For they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.”
You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor taries with yesterday.
You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth."

Until next time,

Jan Maresca
Executive Principal

Associate Principal News

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE

In our last newsletter I wrote about the Great Results Guarantee money that has been provided to our school. I am pleased to report that the implementation of the programs this money will support has begun.

We are fortunate to have Mrs Susan Sneddon join our join our EALD (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) team. Her major focus will be working with teachers in Prep to Year 2 on the specific strategies that will assist our EALD students in the classroom. She will be spending the rest of the term identifying the needs of the students and teachers and formulating a response to these needs which will be implemented from the start of Term 2. Susan will work with us three days per week, Monday to Wednesday.

QUICKSMART PROGRAM

The College Executive team, English and Maths Heads of Department from both campuses along with key support staff had a very productive meeting this week planning the roll out of our intervention strategy for students in Years 4 to 8. We will be using the Quicksmart program which has documented success across several years. Already some of our staff have attended the first 2 days of professional development. This planning and professional development will continue across Term 2 for full implementation in Term 3.

At the College we have a very clear and consistent focus on student outcomes at all levels. These initiatives and refinement of our on-going practices will allow us to stay at the forefront of education delivery for your students.

Illaweena Principal News

With only two weeks remaining in the term, the focus is now clearly on assessment, due dates and the general demands of the schooling year. It is important that students remember to carefully plan study time at home. It is well known that students who commit to a study plan at home are committed to ensuring well planned and prepared assessment pieces are submitted. The teaching staff at the College will be gathering information that will form the Interim Report: these reports will be emailed to parents in the final week of term. This report is designed to provide parents with a guide as to how their child is progressing so far this year. As you would realise, it is early in the year and as yet there might not have been any formal assessment on which to base these comments. It is important, however, that feedback is provided at this time as we have many students who are just starting a chosen course of study. In the second week of term 2 we will be holding Parent/Teacher Interviews so that parents have the opportunity to discuss the content of the Interim Reports. This evening will be held on Thursday 1st May. All interviews will be booked online and information about how to do this will be included with the report.

HARMONY DAY & NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) occurs on the third Friday in March each year. In 2014, it falls on 21 March. The NDA is an opportunity for students, teachers, parents and the whole community to take a stand together against bullying and violence. This annual day provides a focus for schools who want to say, ‘Bullying. No Way!’ and to strengthen their everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. Further information about the NDA can be found in the Student Wellbeing Section of this newsletter.

This Friday is also Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day for all Australians to reflect and celebrate our success as a culturally diverse nation. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

MAKE-A-WISH FUNDRAISING DAY

What a fantastic display of enthusiasm, energy and the Stretton Spirit last Friday on the Uniform Free and Red Food Day. The Gowans Campus raised $1138 from their uniform free day, whilst the Illaweena Campus raised $2234 from the BBQ and uniform free day. The College Captains and Prefects were simply amazing! Less expense, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has received a cheque for $2900. Thank you everyone for your support and contribution.

UNIFORM

It has been wonderful to see so much improvement in the standards of uniform presentation by all of our students. Thank-you to all parents and staff members who have worked collaboratively to achieve this. Please understand that Stretton State College is a full uniform school with the support of our Parents and Citizens Association. The Education Act of 2006 allows schools to enforce a uniform policy and apply consequences to students who are not in correct uniform. Please, therefore ensure your student has the correct uniform items including a Stretton School Bag for use each day. With the winter months not far away, please consider making jumper purchases through our uniform shop prior to the end of the term, or early next term.

‘The standard you walk past is the standard you accept’
(Lt General David Morrison AO Chief of Army)

STUDENT SAFETY

While we ensure there is continued information given to students at school in regards to using the designated crossings correctly and being ‘road safe’ - we are still receiving reports that students coming to and from school are taking unnecessary risks and not waiting for the crossing lights or...
running across the road at undesignated areas. I ask all families to please ensure they are spending time at home reinforcing the messages of being safe and crossing the road at only designated areas and when the lights say it is safe to do so!

Michael West
Principal – Illaweena Campus

Gowan Principal News

We celebrate Harmony Day

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity.

I am very proud that here at Stretton we teach and celebrate the values of inclusivity, respect and thoughtfulness. We encourage our students and members of our school community to be respectful and considerate of each other and to celebrate and not discriminate against diversity. On Monday we held a very moving and powerful assembly to celebrate these values and to acknowledge the diverse and rich community that we exist in, here at Stretton and here in Australia. Our students proudly represented their cultural backgrounds through dress, performance and song. To see over 1000 people join hands and sing “I am/We are Australian” is a moment that will be etched in my memory and I am positive the memories of our students for years and decades to come.

We are one, but we are many
And from all the lands on earth we come
We share a dream and sing with one voice:
I am, you are, we are Australian

By participating in Harmony Day activities we were able to learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

I would like to thank the many parents and Stretton State College community members that live and breathe our Stretton SPIRIT values in all that they say and do. That is one of the significant reasons that we are the GREAT SCHOOL that we are.

We Take a Stand Against Bullying

The 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is on Friday 21 March 2014. This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying. No Way! And to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

From Friday 21st March to Friday 27th March we will be focusing on Taking a Stand Against Bullying which will involve a range of activities and events including:

- Gowan Assembly focusing on – Being Brave and Taking a Stand
- Classroom activities and conversations about bullying and it effects
- Posters, banners and displays around the school
- A special gift to all Gowan students to remind them that together we are Taking a Stand against Bullying

We ask parents and carers to continue these important discussions at home and remind students that if they feel bullied, they can be brave, take a stand and speak to a member of staff here at school. All incidents of bullying at Stretton State College are investigated and appropriate action is taken.

Road and Car Park Safety

Once again I feel it is necessary to remind parents and carers to be mindful of the safety of our students and their families in and around our school driveways and car parks.

Last week we had a very serious situation where one of our Gowan students was nearly hit by a speeding car that left the Gowan Campus. The car drove straight through a red light into the area where our students and staff were crossing at the green walk sign. Thanks to the brave and instant response of one of our Illaweena teachers, a tragedy was prevented.

As you are aware we have been working very closely with the Queensland Police Service and the Brisbane City Council to improve our drop off and pick up situation. However, none of these measures can prevent the dangerous and reckless driving behaviours of some members of our community. I absolutely implore you to consider your driving behaviours when in and around our school. I also ask you to continue to be respectful of other members of our school community by following our drop off and pick up area procedures.

A reminder that no car is permitted to be parked or left unaccompanied during pick up or drop off times. This is for the safety of our students and out of respect for your fellow parents.
and carers. Parents, I also ask that you role model road safety by using the designated crossings at all times. We are working together for the safety of our students and I thank those families that are doing the right thing for our community.

Interim Report Cards

An Interim Report Card will be emailed to families/guardians on Monday 31 March. The report is part of the ongoing commitment from the College to communicate to parents the progress of their child.

The achievement results contained within this report should be viewed as a guide only to current progress within these subjects. In some cases, achievement results have been assigned based on formative and/or anecdotal information which may include homework and classwork observations rather than formalised testing.

Teachers will expand on assessment items/diagnostic tools used to formulate their achievement results used in this progress report at interview. Parent/Teacher interviews for Gowan Campus will be conducted on Wednesday 30 April 2014. Parents will be able to make bookings with staff via the School Online Booking Service (SOBS). Details will be emailed with the Interim Report Card on Monday 31 March.

If you need to update your email details or unable to access email and require a hard copy of the report please contact the Gowan Campus office prior to Monday 31 March. A copy of the report can be requested and made available.

Gowan Deputy Principal News

Year 2 Students

Last week the incredible year 2 students surprised us all when they performed a flash mob dance on parade. They were fantastic. Congratulations to the teachers and students. I know everyone enjoyed watching them.

Stretton Values

Next week we will be introducing the Value of perseverance. Perseverance is the SPIRIT of self-determination and never giving up. We will be practicing a sense of determination and strength of character in all that we do.

ANZAC Service

Currently we are planning the Colleges Anzac Service. If a member of your family is a veteran and would like a personalised invitation to the services please contact the office staff to make these arrangements.

Reading

Finding time to read is an important part of developing literacy skills for all children. There are many easy and convenient ways to make reading a part of each day — even when it’s tough to find time to sit down with a book.

Finding the Reading Moments

Car trips, errands, and waits in checkout lines and the doctor’s office are all opportunities for reading. Keep books or magazines in your car, bag, or backpack to pull out whenever you’re going to be in one place for a while. Even if you can’t finish a book, read a few pages or discuss some of the pictures.

Encourage older kids to bring favourite books and magazines along wherever you go. While it’s tempting to provide electronic games and readers, be sure to alternate electronic media with plenty of opportunities to read traditional print books.

Other reading moments to take advantage of throughout the day:

- in the morning, before breakfast or getting dressed
- after dinner, when kids are relaxed
- bath time (with plastic, waterproof books)
- bedtime

Reading opportunities are everywhere you go. While riding in the car, for example, encourage students to spot words and letters (on billboards, store signs, etc.), turning it into a game (“Who’ll be the first to find a letter B?”). While shopping, ask your child to “read” pictures on boxes and tell you about them. Point out the difference between the words and the pictures on the boxes. Encourage older kids to tell you what’s on the shopping list.

Even daily tasks like cooking can provide reading moments. You can read recipes aloud to younger children, and older students can assist you as you cook by telling you how much flour to measure. These types of activities help children see the purpose of reading and of print.

Most important, be a reader yourself. Children who see their parents reading are likely to imitate them and become readers, too.

Yours in the SPIRIT

Tam Dimech
Deputy Principal

Gowan Deputy Principal News

Stretton has registered to be part of the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 21 March.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (National Day of Action) is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for
schools. It’s a day where school communities across Australia ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence.

Our College is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

Stretton has a number of initiatives in place to counter bullying. These include:

- **The Stretton State College Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.**
- **A network of support** for students and families which includes but is not limited to the classroom/specialist teachers, internal and external support staff/agencies as well as the College Administration.
- **A comprehensive array of self-esteem, confidence, behavioural and gender specific programs from our Guidance Officer and Chaplain.**
- **Stretton SPIRIT Values** which maintain high expectations in our community and defines the classroom rules and expectations for a safe learning environment.
- **Gotcha Awards** acknowledging the positive deeds of all students, affirming that we demonstrate our SPIRIT Values in our everyday actions.
- **Student of the Week** recognising and encouraging the exceptional efforts of our students in all their interactions with their peers, classroom teachers and visitors to our school.
- **College Awards Night ‘SPIRIT AWARD’** celebrating the students that represent the College and themselves with the highest level of ‘Purpose and SPIRIT’.
- **Student Leadership** providing opportunities through the Student Council and Year Level Representatives for students to have a say in their school.

Download these free apps now in the Student’s section of www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Our plans and activities to celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday, 21 March 2014 will include:

- **Classroom teachers will provide ongoing discussions and activities for students recognising the National Day of Action and Stretton State College high expectations for behaviour.**
- **Student Council will provide each student with an opportunity to have their say by decorating a bunting (flag) with pictures or words that promote a positive school environment. These can be collected from the classroom and completed at home with the family, providing a great conversation starter on how to deal with bullying.**
- **Bunting (flag) can be dropped off at the Gowan office and will be displayed around the Junior Campus on Friday 21 March.**

From Our College Captains

Thursday the 13th of March saw Stretton’s College Captains journey to the Red Cross’s state headquarters to complete their Youth Ambassador training. Joined by the leaders of other Brisbane schools, the captains spent the day touring the facility and worked extensively with community representatives on ways to foster greater community awareness and participation.

This will mark the first year that Stretton’s seniors will make whole blood donations and hope to leave it as a legacy for future graduating classes. The students of Stretton who have committed to donate their blood can be proud of the fact that they will be playing our part in helping to save the lives of more than 150 Australians.

Student Wellbeing

The message of Harmony day is that everyone belongs, we celebrate Australia’s diversity. It’s a day that encourages us to respect each other from the traditional owners of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

On Tuesday 18th March the School Captains will be delivering a presentation on the Illaweenra assembly to the school community celebrating Harmony Day. There will also be a
display in the library. On Friday 21st March the School Leaders will be handing out stickers and balloons to students throughout the day.

Our school is made up of people from many diverse backgrounds, we all belong to this community and nation and make it a better place.


2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Our school is taking a stand against bullying and violence in 2014

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Stretton State College is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

If a student is experiencing bullying (a repeated pattern of harmful verbal, physical or social behaviour which involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons) Illaweena College Staff encourages them to talk to a friend/teacher/trusted adult about the incidents. Depending on the situation other school staff may need to become involved such as the Year Coordinator/Deputy Principal/Student Welfare Team, to help work towards a positive solution.

We have a number of programs and initiatives in place to counter bullying.

These include at Illaweena Campus:

- To celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence a presentation was given to the whole campus on Tuesday’s assembly by our School Captains
- Tuesday’s CARE lessons are based on Beyond Blue’s SenseAbility modules developed to enhance and maintain emotional and psychological resilience. This week’s lesson looked at taking a stand against bullying and violence. Year 8 students have had a visit from Senior Constable Darnielle for a Cyber Bullying presentation. http://www.beyondblue.org.au/resources/schools-and-universities/secondary-schools-and-tertiary-senseability
- Cybersafety help button has been installed on all EQ computers, providing students with an easy means of reporting cyber-bullying and online concerns
- Students have been taught how to use the “Stop Harassing Me Postcards” that can be issued to students engaging in cyber bullying. Students are able to pick these up from the Administration
- Student Wellbeing Team which students can self-refer/or be referred by teachers currently comprises of: Guidance Officer - Kate Niland; School Based Youth Health Nurse - Kirsten Anstey; Year Coordinators and Deputy Principals.

The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities.

For further information please look at the Bullying, No Way! website http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/

P & C News

Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle is underway and ticket sales are going extremely well. Thank you for those students who have returned tickets and money already. Great Work!

Next time you are at Gowan Parade you can check out the pictures of our Fabulous Easter Prizes up on the big screen as everyone is getting settled into the Hall.

Remember that Extra Ticket Sheets can be collected from the Gowan office. Please ensure that all tickets sold and money collected are returned to the College by Friday 28th March (labelled with your child’s name and class) so they can have a chance to win our Bonus Stretton Family Ticket Sellers’ prize.

Thank you again for supporting our first fund raising event for the year. Monies raised from this venture will be put towards upgrading the concrete play areas throughout the College Campus.

Happy Selling! Don’t forget to grab some tickets for yourself - YOU could be one of the 10 Lucky Winners at Gowan Parade on Monday, 31st March when these fabulous prizes will be drawn.

Good Luck EVERYONE!

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P&C Submission Form

Anyone interested in putting forward an idea for the P&C to consider, or if you want to raise an issue at the next meeting, please complete the attached P&C Submission Form and email to pandc@stretonsc.eq.edu.au, deliver to the school office, or post to PO Box 1830, Sunnybank Hills Qld 4109.
Lions Youth of the Year Quest

Charlotte Fung has proven that she is an outstanding example of the Stretton State College spirit and values. On 8 March 2014 Charlotte competed in the Lions Youth of the Year Zone Finals and was awarded with the honour of moving on to the next stage of the competition. Charlotte faced five other students from neighbouring high schools and showed fierce competition in both the interview and public speaking rounds. Charlotte’s award represents the hard work and dedication Charlotte shows in her school and local community. We wish her the best of luck as she represents Stretton State College in the next round of the competition!

Year 9 Update

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners this week!!!
Keep working hard

CAMP! CAMP! CAMP!

It will be an experience where new friendships will be made and students will be able to develop their leadership skills in a new and challenging environment. We are sure they will remember it as a highlight of their time at Stretton State College.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BRING

We are in a Coastal Environment and insect repellent is a must. Items worn on camp are likely to get dirty – do not bring your best clothes or best shoes. Non-necessary jewellery should be removed & expensive personal items left at home.

Clothing

- Set of clothing for each day at camp
- Shorts or pants, minimum of mid-thigh length
- Shirts must cover waist and shoulders – recommend collared with long sleeve
- 1 x spare set of clothes
- Tracksuit
- Jumper/coat socks for each day
- Underwear for each day including spare sets
- Pyjamas
- Swimming costume, swimming shirt & board shorts
- Thongs for Shower
- Closed in shoes (joggers)
- 1 x pair old joggers for water/muddy activities (closed in shoes must be worn – crocs are not acceptable)

Safety

- Insect repellent (Coastal Area)
- Raincoat
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Torch
- Water bottle
- Small back pack or bag
- Hair ties for long hair

Personal Hygiene

- Garbage bags for dirty laundry & wet items
- Toilet bag with soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant (pump or roll-on ONLY due to aerosols affecting smoke alarms) brush, comb, face washer etc
- Bath towel
- Beach towel
- Pegs to hang wet towels, swimwear, etc on the clothes line
- Medication & medical instructions, if relevant (discuss with teachers)

Sleeping

- Pillow with pillowcase
- Sleeping bag or sheets and blanket.

Itinerary for Stretton State College

Tuesday 25th – Friday 28th March 2014

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**Instrumental Music**

**Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser**

Our Cadbury chocolate fundraiser is nearly finished. All money MUST be returned by Friday 21st March. There are a few boxes left on both campuses for students to collect and sell.

Our MPSG group are organising the counting and banking of money returned each Friday. If you are available to assist please contact Robyn Rosewarne of your availability and our MPSG secretary Wendy Tomic will confirm times with you.

We would like to thank EVERYONE for your assistance and support with this fundraiser.

There are fantastic incentive prizes on offer for all students as listed below:

1. **Top Seller - Prize: $60 Coles/Myer Gift Voucher**
2. **Best Senior Band Seller -**
3. **Best Middle School Seller -**
4. **Best Intermediate Band Seller -**
5. **Best Junior Band Seller: - Prize: $20 Coles/Myer Gift Voucher**

   Plus many smaller prizes for those who return their money quickly!

Due to healthy eating school guidelines, it is essential that no chocolates are sold during school hours or before school.

The procedure for selling, chocolate collection and money return is outlined below.

- **Students will sign and date each box of chocolate they take.**
- **Additional boxes can be collected from either Mrs Rosewarne or Mr Stewart during lunch or after school.**
• Chocolate boxes are to go home, and not come back into the school
• **Return $50 before school** in the Cadbury envelope provided to either Gowan or Illaweena administration. (No money is to be handed to teachers or carried in bags during school hours). Ensure your full name is on the envelope.
• **ALL MONEY AND REMAINING CHOCOLATES MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY 21st MARCH.** If you are unable to sell your box, please return it immediately to Mrs Rosewarne or Mr Stewart.

**Band Workshops**

Last week our Senior, Middle School and Intermediate Concert Bands participated in workshop days with Qld Conservatorium Graduates. The 2 days were a great success with students working hard as a team to enhance their music skills.

Thank you to both Mr Brad Stewart and Mrs Leona Millar for their assistance with the workshops.

**Sydney Band Tour**

Payment 3 is due by Friday 21st March to the Illaweena Admin.

The itinerary will be released in March outlining when specific performances will be including the performance at the Sydney Opera House.

Tour students have now received their tour uniform order details. Please ensure this is returned by the due date also.

**Band Performance Uniform**

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

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

**Lessons and Band Rehearsals**

As band rehearsals occur before and after school it is essential that the band director is notified of any student absence.

Please email or provide a note outlining any absence.

Students are to notify their instrumental teacher in advance if they are unable to attend their lesson due to an assessment. If the instrumental teachers are given prior notice, often lesson group times can be changed so all students can participate.

Staff email addresses for contact are:

Mrs Robyn Rosewarne: rrose42@eq.edu.au
Mr Brad Stewart: bstew25@eq.edu.au

**Little Shop of Horrors**

**MEANWHILE ON SKID ROW……..**

A great weekend rehearsal was had by all last Sunday 9th March to piece together singing/acting and dancing in the “Little Shop of Horrors”.

THANK YOU to our students who gave up part time jobs and their other lives on a Sunday to come along and also to the staff for their weekend time and every other Tuesday and Thursday after school… Mrs Cawthorne, Ms Macdonald, Mr Hudson, Mr Tobin, Mrs Breen, Mrs Moore, Mrs Stewart, Ms Evans and Mrs Perry, Mr Stewart, Mrs Rosewarne and Mr Lahnam plus our other muso staff already mentioned above, are getting the Little Shop Show Band polished and well on its’ way. Thank you to our guest percussionist Mr Chris Scott for volunteering his time every Wednesday morning also.

In new news we have the production Polo Shirts ready for ordering and payment. The shirts are great quality and although not a requirement we know that students will be excited to wear them! Parents and staff are also welcome to purchase the shirts.

More information about the shirts can be found on the following link:

Next term will be especially busy with a run of 4 Sunday rehearsals leading up to show week but I know it will all be worth it!!!!

We are still confirming ticketing prices and details with Logan Entertainment Centre and will release that information as soon as we are able to.

We are looking forward to an awesome show - brought to you, by our great students and amazing staff.

Leona Millar.

We look forward to bringing you more exciting news but especially bringing you the live 2014 musical show!

**Where:** LEC

**When:** 29th, 30th, 31st May 2014

**Ticketing information is coming soon. Watch this space.**
From the Visual Art Department

Welcome, Audrey 2.

Our Wednesday afternoon Art extension class has been busy during this term constructing props for Little Shop of Horrors. This week a batch of little Audrey 2’s has been hatched and ready to paint and attach to costumes!!!!

Ms Friend
Visual Art Department

Japanese Study Tour

Study Tours offer a valuable cultural experience for our Students. We are hosting a Japanese Study Tour from July 11 – 24th 2014. Applications for hosting Japanese students are now open. If you are interested in participating in this opportunity please see the link below for further details.

Stretton Community SPIRIT Shines

Stretton Students Run for a Good Cause

Sunday the 9th of March saw a team of 6 Stretton students participate in the International Women’s Day Run Fun for Breast Cancer. Paying tribute to family and friends, they made their way around a gruelling 5km course through Southbank and the CBD - battling rain and 8000 other participants.

Stretton Staff Support Make-A-Wish Foundation

A group of Stretton State College staff members supported the Make-A-Wish Foundation by competing in the Mooloolaba Triathlon. The Triathlon consisted of a 40km bike leg, 10km run and 1500m swim. Just another example of how Stretton

State College staff members demonstrate the Stretton SPIRIT in the greater community.

Stretton Sport

Week 6 and 7 have been massive for the Stretton Stingers! We have had district trials for Rugby League and Met West trials for Volleyball! Congratulations to all our stinger coaches and players for a great fortnight of sport!

Read on for more information!

District and Met West Trials

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***Student need to see Miss Jansen for more information at least 1 week before the trials.

Stretton State College Football Academy

At the beginning of Term 2, 2014, Football Academy students will be offered the fantastic opportunity to live the life of a professional football player as well as develop their team building skills by attending the Runaway Bay sporting complex as part of a 3 day camp.

**Event:** Football Academy Camp 2014

**Where:** Runaway Bay sporting complex, Gold Coast, Runaway Bay Lae Dr, Runaway Bay QLD 4216

**When:** Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th of April 2014

**Cost:** $167.10 per student

Due 14th March

**Accommodation:** Lodge style rooms

4 people per room

**Transport:** Bus and car (will leave and return to Stretton SC)

**Activities:** Football training sessions

Ice bath and pool recovery sessions

Nutrition/health lecture from camp professionals

Team building exercises.

Vikings Futsal Competition

Stretton State College football students competed in the QLD regional futsal tournament. Stretton had six teams competing over two days of competition. Our Under 16 girls finished second in the group round stage and advanced to the finals only to see them be knocked out in the quarter finals against a much older and more experienced team.

Stretton’s Under 16 and Under 13 boys teams both finished in first place on the day of round games beating some very classy opponents. This meant that both of the boy’s teams qualified for the finals on Friday 14th March. Our Under 16 boys met a similar fate to the Under 16 girls facing a very strong opponent
in the quarter finals losing 4-1 meaning an early exit out of the finals.

The Under 13 boys achieved an outstanding result making it all the way to the semi-finals with Almir Basinac scoring an amazing 20 goals in 4 games during the round robin matches. The boys had not conceded a goal in the quarter finals. The semi-finals had the boys facing a very strong team, the boys went down a goal early and missed some key chances at the attacking end. We went into the half time break 3-0. To their credit the boys fought back well in the second half. After shaking off some early nerves we managed to pin back a goal but it wasn’t enough to catch the lead of our opponents. The boys lost 5-1.

The Under 14 boys finished third in their group round, just missing out on the finals by one goal in the goal difference on the ladder. Overall this was an incredibly successful tournament for Stretton State College.

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Interschool Week 2 v Browns Plains

Congratulations to all our coaches and players for a very successful round 2 and 3 of interschool sport!!! This has to be by far our best starts to the season!

Thank you again to Mrs Moore and the Sports Media Crew for their great journalism skills!


Touch Football – Junior

The junior touch team have done outstanding work this week! They have put such perseverance into the game even though they lost 3-1. They each have put in phenomenal effort and showed perfect teamwork. Don’t let the scores get to you! This team is as fierce as a falcon!

- Beyza Karatas, Erin Blyth, Taylah Robinson, Year 8

Touch Football – Senior

In their efforts to defeat Browns Plains in their game of touch football, the Year 10’s and 11’s put in a great effort. They encouraged each other and were respectful towards all team players, including the opposition. Leaving the game defeated, the Stretton players have gained the extra motivation they need to train harder, run faster and play better in the coming weeks to gain their victory.

- Bianca Bachman and Emilie Christinsson, Years 9 and 10

Cricket

Inspired by Australia’s performance in South Africa, Stretton set out to dominate the Browns Plains open cricket team. The team started and ended with fantastic effort and as stated from the one and only Coach Curtin, “These guys are doing great!” Oliver Corfield and Hayden Weber led the team to victory. Great job guys, good luck next week.

- Jie Choi, Jacinta Chand, Year 9

Football Academy

The Football Academy played multiple games of soccer today in the Gowan Hall. They all practiced their kicking through passing drills and improved their general skills in the many games of soccer they participated in. When one of the players was asked what they enjoyed about the Football Academy, she responded with, “I love the football academy because it gives the aspiring athletes the chance to enhance their skills of the game.” – Cara Confessore. Good work, Keep it up!

- Katelyn Banks, Savannah Ryan, Erin and Sophie Rosdon – Year 9
Congratulations to the following teams for sensational results:

- Cricket
- Boys Basketball
- Year 9 Boys Volleyball

Week 3 v Calamvale

Sports Media – Boys Home – Stretton v Calamvale

Volleyball

KAPOW! Over there, over here, in the air, everywhere!! And that’s how the ball was spiked over the net. Even though the junior team had a very tight match with the opposing team, they strove to do their best and performed super shots. However, the senior team performed very well and managed to win against Calamvale and upheld the Stretton spirit. Well done Stretton State College, keep up the good work.

- Rupal Dhimar, Aleena Paul, Samantha Lei and Samreen Atwal Year 9

Basketball

The basketball team is doing a phenomenal job! They are putting such an amazing effort into their game. They had an outstanding score of 14-9 before it even reached half time! How awesome is that? They were buzzing with excitement throughout their breath-taking game, striving for the ball like there was no tomorrow. Good job, boys! If they keep on working as hard as they did today they will definitely be able to make it through to the finals!

- Beyza Karatas, Taylah Robinson, Erin Blyth, Year 8

Touch Football

This afternoon, the touch teams played with all their spirit against Calamvale. They fought valiantly against the other school trying their hardest but despite their efforts they were defeated six to five. Stretton touch teams worked together, putting in a great team effort. Mrs Shiels told two of the boys “that it didn’t matter that they lost, they put in all their effort and did really well”. The touch teams seem to be getting better and better each week. Well done touch team!!!

- Jacob Agapow and Isabella Vo, 9

Cricket

The boy’s cricket team had a confident game today and performed to the best of their ability. The boys played successfully as a team, while aiming well at hitting the ball without fail. Their execution of skills whilst playing cricket was outstanding. Thus the Stretton team strived and proved that all their training had paid off with a positive result.

- Brittany Karanikich, Eleni Karanikolas, Elysha Meafua, Raynash Kumar, Year 10

Football Academy:

This week the Football Academy enjoyed multiple games of soccer. They were separated into four groups and two groups would play at a time while the other two groups would rest. We asked one of the team members what they liked about the football Academy he answered, “It helps me improve my skills and discipline.” We can’t wait to see the next Football Academy game.

- Savannah Ryan and Katelyn Banks, Year 9

Congratulations:

- Open Boys Volleyball
- Open Boys Touch
- Year 9 Touch
- Open Girls Touch
- Year 10 Girls Touch
- Year 9 Girls Touch
- Year 8 Girls Touch
- Year 9 Boys Basketball
- Year 8 Boys basketball

Sunnybank District Trials – please see Miss Jansen or Miss Flores for further details

Details for the Sunnybank District Boys Soccer/ Football trials are as follows:

Date WED 19th March, Thurs 20th March, Tues 1 April
Where – Sunnybank Hills State School SYMONS ROAD
Time – 3.30p.m --- 5.00p.m
Students will need the following –
Appropriate footwear, Water bottle, Hat, Sunscreen, shin pads and after noon tea.

Details for the Sunnybank District Rugby League trials are as follows:

Date Wednesday 19 March and Thursday 20 March
12 years – Born 2002
11 years – Born 2003
Where – Calamvale Community College Soccer Field
Time – 3.30- 5 pm
Students will need the following –
Appropriate footwear, water bottle, mouthguard, sunscreen and parental consent letter

District Selection

Congratulations to the following students for their selection in Karawatha District Sporting teams:

- Klara Brac – Volleyball
- Angela Faatuga Moe – Volleyball
- Katarina Brac – Volleyball
- Georgina Faatuga Moe – Volleyball

Met West Selection

Congratulations to Klara Brac who was selected to represent Met West for 15Years Volleyball. Klara will compete in May at the State Championships at the Logan Metro Sports centre.

Georgina Faatuga Moe and Katarina Brac were selected as shadow members of the 19Years Volleyball Team.

Congratulations to all girls!
**Athletics**

We have a number of students participating or have participated in athletics in recent weeks! Oliver Corfield, Jenna Lawrence and Megan Campbell have all had great results!

Jenna competed at the QLD Athletics (QA) Junior State Champs at QSAC at the end of February, Jenna was competing in the Under 14 age group and came away with great results.

- 1st in the 3000m walk
- 1st in Shot put
- 3rd in Discus
- 4th in Javelin

Oliver Corfield has had a wonderful result recently finishing 10th in the world!!

Megan Campbell finished in the top fourth for 800m and 1500m in the state!

Good Luck to all our Athletics Champions.

**Cross Country/ Adidas Fun Run**

Stratton State College is participating in the Adidas Fun Run for Cross Country. This will be held at Gowan Oval on 4th April 2014. Year 4-6 will run in the morning from approximately 9:00am -12:00 pm. Years 7-12 will run in the afternoon from approximately 12:00pm -2:45pm.

The Adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Forms to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase equipment throughout the year.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. In the Sponsorship Form you will find many other benefits such as the chance to win a family holiday in Disneyland!

Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without adult supervision, please reiterate this at home. The best people to ask for sponsorship are people you know (e.g. friends, family, work colleagues and neighbours).

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**2015 – Exciting Senior Pathways**

At Stratton State College we are committed to not only developing our talent on the sporting field but in the classroom and for future career pathways as well. Stratton State College is currently in negotiation with the University of Southern Queensland to gain automatic entry and early entry into USQ.

In 2015 we hope to offer the SSC Health Training Centre. The Health Training Centre will allow students to study a program of classes that will allow them to take sport specific classes while still obtaining their QCE; gaining employment certificates; as well as automatic entry into USQ to study a variety of courses in Health. Students will be able to select OP eligible and tertiary ranked options:

1. OP Eligible Strand
   - i. Physical Education
   - ii. Maths A/V
   - iii. English
   - iv. Certificate III Fitness
   - v. Elective
   - vi. Elective II

2. Tertiary Ranked Strand
   - i. Recreation
   - ii. Maths A
   - iii. English Communications
   - iv. Certificate III Fitness
   - v. Certificate II Business
   - vi.

These choices will be discussed further at year 10 subject selection evening.

**Community Billboard**

**Assessment and Treatment of Fears and Anxiety in Children**

**Griffith University**

Parents, is your child fearful of certain situations or do they seem to experience ongoing feelings of anxiety? At Griffith University, we are conducting a large-scale study for children (10 to 13 years of age) with anxiety that includes a thorough assessment and a novel, home-based treatment using computers and telephone contact from a trained clinician. We are providing this service at no cost to families. To find out more about this project, please contact our team on 07-3735 3418, cadrp@griffith.edu.au.
Student of the Week – Gowan Stretton
Stars!

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