College Principal’s Message

It’s Year 11 Leadership Camp this week and our thoughts turn to our wish as educators that we fervently want each student to live a life in which they are motivated by something larger than themselves; a life of engagement, commitment and risk; risk taken in service to what matters most to each individual person. This week is about providing opportunities for ‘running forward’ to ensure personal growth. The week is about building resilient young men and women and promoting the fundamental building blocks for young people’s personal development.

There are seven C’s which are critical to resilience building – competence, confidence, connection, character, contribution, coping and control. We hope that the week at Maroon will be an adventure like no other. We hope that the students are challenged and that the opportunities presented for both the individual and the group ensure that students gain an understanding of their own abilities and those of others, their own strengths and weaknesses and developing an appreciation of them throughout the process. We hope that the students experienced ‘new’ activities, new topics of discussion, new challenges and new social interactions – all accomplished without social media for five days! We hope that they develop different life skills throughout their activities, including positive ways in which to communicate with each other (other than on Facebook) by both talking and listening, the art of compromise in community living and an understanding and appreciation of other students’ individuality. They will certainly learn about the importance of improving their overall fitness, an appreciation of and further development of taking responsibility for personal actions, perseverance, courage and integrity. The list could go on and on. This is why we undertake this all important leadership activity.

As the Roman poet Horace wrote, ‘Begin, be bold, and venture to be wise.’ Stretton challenges our students to do all this and more. In recent times we have witnessed far too many unspeakable tragedies. We have also witnessed the importance of strong political leadership during these times. Hope is an attitude in action, and enables people to mobilize, achieve and move forward. Hope enables us to transcend the difficulties of today and envision the potential of tomorrow. Hope is testimony to the power of the human spirit. A leader is a dealer in hope.

I certainly believe that leadership skills and techniques can be learned – you don’t have to be a natural leader. Very few people are. Three things that I have noticed about really good leaders are that:

• They inspire others by their own example – they show enthusiasm, passion and energy.
• They are invariably highly motivated people.
• They know where they are going and how they are going to get there – they set goals.
• They possess real character, credibility and integrity – they have strong moral values and know the difference between right and wrong.

Another universal truth about student leadership based on my past experience is that every student who wants to make a difference in his or her school must be willing to take action. Just talking about the student who is eating alone in the playground doesn’t comfort or help him. Talking about the girl who is made fun of in science will not help her. DO something! Many of today’s student leaders understand this virtue, and I hope that over time many more will catch on to this call for positive action. Also as a leader, remembers that it is OK to make mistakes – be open to criticism and be prepared to change. Credible Leaders are optimistic and full of hope. They go forth with love and courage. They arouse positive images and cause positive action.

“Be careful of your thoughts, for your thoughts become our words;
Be careful of our words, for your words become your deeds;
Be careful of your deeds, for your deeds become your habits;
Be careful of your habits, for your habits become your character;
Be careful of your character, for your character becomes your destiny.

We could also add:

Great state. Great opportunity.
**Be careful of your leadership, for your leadership becomes your legacy.**

Until next time,

**Jan Maresca**  
Executive Principal

### Associate Principal News

**ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY**

It was wonderful to have so many parents and family members join us for the Academic Awards Ceremony on Tuesday 22 July. This important event provides us with the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of some of our most successful students across the College. For the first time this year these awards were extended to the Prep students. In total 125 students received either an Academic Award or Academic Distinction. These students, along with their peers, will be aiming to achieve these awards again at our annual awards night, Night of Stars, on October 29.

The ceremony was compered by our Academic Prefects and featured outstanding performances by our Senior Concert Band, fresh from their tour of Sydney, and the Big Band.

### HIGH ACHIEVERS’ PROGRAM

Some of the brightest Year 6 Students from Stretton and six other schools are coming to the Illaweena Campus on Wednesday afternoons for the Karawatha Cluster High Achievers’ program. The workshop section of this program finishes on August 6. A celebration evening for all students and their families will be held in the Gowan Campus Hall on August 18. This will be a great opportunity to see and hear (the High Achievers’ Band will have their one and only public performance) what these students have achieved across nine weeks.

Prior to this the inaugural TEDx Event will be held on Monday August 11 at the University of Queensland’s Pharmacy Centre of Excellence. While this event can only have a live audience of 100 the University of Queensland have arranged to live stream the students’ presentations. The URL for viewing the event is not yet available and will be provided to families when it is known.

### Illaween Principal News

Welcome back for the commencement of Semester 2. We are in full swing for the term already, with our Mid-Year Academic Awards, Year 6 into 7 Information Evening and Parent Teacher interviews occurring in the first two weeks. This week our Year 11s depart for their Leadership Camp held at Maroon Outdoor Education Centre; looking at the calendar it will continue to remain busy for all students and staff with many important events occurring this term.

### New Staff

As well as welcoming a number of new students and families to the Stretton State College Community; we also welcome the following new staff to the Illaweena Campus: Ms. Jacqueline Craigie joins us as our new permanent Head of Special Education; Ms Bell replaces Ms Johnstone in the KLC (maternity leave); Mr Foster replaces Ms Crosland (maternity leave); and Ms Watts joins the Humanities team.

### Dean of Students – Senior Secondary

We also welcome back Ms Johnson from maternity leave. Ms Johnson returns to Stretton in a new position – Dean of Students. The Dean of Students (Senior Secondary) replaces the Year 10, 11 & 12 Year Coordinator Positions. The aim of this new role is to provide a consistent, holistic approach to student management and welfare. Ms Johnson has been a Year Coordinator for the past four years and brings plenty of energy and enthusiasm to her role. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Johnson if you have any concerns regarding your child in Year 10, 11 or 12. The current Year 7, 8 & Year Coordinators will continue their role for the remainder of 2014.

### 100% Attendance

Congratulations to the 143 Illaweena students who maintained a 100% attendance record for Term 2; and an even bigger congratulations to the to the 102 Illaweena students who are yet to miss a day in 2014. Students who successfully maintained 100% Attendance for Semester 1 have been presented with a certificate celebrating this fantastic achievement. ALL students should aim to attend school every day of the year.

### ATTENDANCE BOOSTS ACHIEVEMENT

A number of research studies “consistently indicate positive and statistically significant relationships between student attendance and academic achievement” (Gottfried: 2009). We stress with our students the importance of being responsible for their learning and being part of the strong learning culture at the College.

A 95% attendance rate means a student is away from school an average 2.5 days per term or 2 weeks per year. What looks like a reasonable attendance rate still has the potential to impact negatively on a student’s results. A 90% attendance rate means the student is away 1 day per fortnight or 4 weeks per school year and this is likely to have a clear effect on results.

While we recognise that students will become ill and be unable to attend on some days I am drawing your attention to the need to be present at every opportunity. This includes being on time for the day and each lesson. Please do not allow your student to remain home to complete assignments when they could attend school. Below are some links that may be of interest to you.
How can I get my teenager to school?

Regular school attendance: information for parents and carers

University of Queensland – Enhanced Studies Program – Stretton Graduates

Congratulations to Year 12 Students Fiona Dang, Sydney Hamnett, Courtney-Jayne Pomerenke, Shona Krishna, Phillip Tran and Kristal Hutchins who have graduated from the University of Queensland Enhanced Studies Program after successfully completing their first university subject. UQ’s Enhanced Studies Program has been running since 1988 and this year accepted 150 students from thousands of applicants. The aim of the program is to give high achieving Year 12 students the opportunity to find out what university life is really like by studying an area of interest. Program participants study one subject during Semester 1 of Year 12 and have full access to the university’s staff and facilities. As a result of successfully completing their UQ subject, these students are now eligible to receive one bonus point towards his university entry rank through UQ’s Bonus Rank Scheme.

2015 Lighthouse Applications

Applications are now being accepted for a place in a Lighthouse Academic Excellence Class for 2015. Lighthouse classes are offered in each Year level from Year 5 to Year 9. An explanation of the Lighthouse program and application can be found at:

https://strettonsc.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Excellenceprograms/Pages/Lighthouse-Academic-Excellence-Program.aspx

Michael West
Principal – Illaweena Campus

Gowan Principal News

Thank you for my warm welcome back to Stretton. It has been a delight to reconnect with students, their families and our lovely staff after having been away for quite some time. One of the most rewarding experiences of my return has been the conversations with students who want to tell me about what I have missed in their world since I left. For example… “Look how big I am now Mrs Gosling”, “Did you know I have a new baby brother?” or “I went to Dreamworld for my birthday”.

The common theme for children is to ‘keep you in the loop’ making sure that the adults in their world continue to stay connected to what is important to them. It makes me realise how very important the element of ‘community’ is in raising children. Not just because team work between adults supports the difficult job of parenting, but also because positive relationships between home and school fosters a positive community environment for children to thrive in. To nurture a culture of connectedness for our children – I urge you to get involved in school community activities. It may be in helping change home readers in early primary classrooms or supporting sporting and other extra-curricula activities. Let your child’s teacher know if you are interested in assisting with classroom activities or supporting afterschool activities. Parents and families are always welcome to join us on our weekly school assemblies and will also be invited to join us for a coffee or tea prior to assembly starting at 2pm in the Gowan Hall each Monday.

A COMMUNITY OF READERS

In keeping with the community theme, I applaud the work being done by our teachers in establishing community connections between big kids and little kids. On a weekly basis, our prep students enjoy sharing stories with older students. The dual focus of Buddy Reading is to engage and enthuse children in reading while at the same time, ensuring that little children establish and build on relationships with big kids.

BOOKS FOR BABIES

Books For Babies is another Stretton tradition that promotes a love of reading and is our opportunity to meet the newest addition to the Stretton Community/Family. For many years now, Mrs Jeffrey has made her special mission to ensure new babies are gifted with a new reading book and resources are provided to parents to encourage a love of reading with their children too. In the first few weeks of this term we have welcomed three new babies to our school community. Please make yourself known to Mrs Jeffrey or leave a message at the school office to let us know about your new baby, and we can present you with a book pack too.
Parents are reminded that the pick-up lanes in the front of Gowan Campus are not parking areas. They are designated as pick-up and set down only. This means you must stay within your vehicle and wait for your child to walk out to you directly at the front gate. Please be considerate of others and move along and drive around again if your child is not ready. Children are supervised by our teachers until you arrive, so there is no need to park in these lanes and obstruct traffic flow. You are reminded that random checks (and accompanying fines) are issued by Police and Council Parking Officers. Disregard for road laws and our children’s safety will be costly if you choose to park illegally.

Please display your ‘visor sign’ with your family name prominently so they can be easily read by the teacher with the loud speaker – who will call your child/ren to the front of the line for collection. All families should have received a visor sign at the start of the year – please let the office staff know if you require a new one.

Kind Regards,

Maryanne Gosling
Principal-Gowan Campus

Senior Secondary Deputy Principal News

SUBJECT EXPO AND PATHWAYS EVENING: YEAR 9 AND 10 STUDENTS

As part of the Stretton State College subject selection process, all Year 10 students and their parents/caregivers are invited to attend a Subject Expo on the 5th of August which will provide information about all senior subjects offered at Stretton State College in 2015. Attendance for parents of our Year 10 students at this vital information evening is essential to ensure that you are aware of the new and diverse pathway options available to students entering the senior phase of learning.

Our school’s Pathways evening is intended to provide current and practical information on the issues and choices facing students and is divided into two parts:

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Following the Pathways presentation in the Senior Learning Building, we will take a short walk to the Sports Hall at 6:30 pm where the Heads of Department and Subject Teachers will be available to answer questions about subjects in the senior years and the requirements for individual subjects.

Staff will be available on the night to discuss OP’s, QCE’s, Vocational Education and Training and traineeships. We will also be offering optional information sessions throughout the night on:

- Stretton Business School
- Stretton Sports Academy
- English for ESL Learners

We look forward to seeing you on the 5th August.

Drew Jell
Deputy Principal
Senior Secondary

Junior Secondary Deputy Principal News

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

The School Opinion Survey is being conducted this term, during the period 21 July – 1st August. Parents should have received a letter with details about this survey. As partners in your child’s education, this is a great opportunity for you to let us know how we are performing as a College. The parent survey is conducted on-line (www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey). It will only take a few minutes of your time and your feedback is greatly appreciated. We would encourage all stakeholders to participate in this survey to achieve a balanced response from the whole community. We have received a 100% response from our students and are hoping to receive a large response from our parent community.

All responses are completely confidential and results will be reported later in the year. If you have not completed the survey as yet, you have until the 1st August to do so. We value your feedback and appreciate the time given to complete this survey. Together we can make this great school an even better place for your students to receive the best education possible.

Craig Hynes
Deputy Principal
Junior Secondary
Junior Primary Deputy Principal News

WELL BEING NEWS

This is our last week exploring the value of Integrity. Integrity is the value of displaying honesty and doing the right thing even when no one is looking.

A big thankyou to Mrs Stephens, Ms Manser and Mrs Slusarczyk for modelling the value of integrity at our parades.

PREP ENROLMENT 2015

I would like to invite you to our Stretton State College In-Catchment Prep Information session. This will be held on Wednesday 6 August at 9:15 - 10:30am in the Gowan Campus Multipurpose Hall.

This is your opportunity to come along and learn more about Stretton State College and how your child’s educational journey will start with us in Prep next year. During this morning you will learn about what our great College has to offer your child.

Information and displays will help support your enrolment journey, and will include information about purchasing school uniforms, an overview of our vibrant learning curriculum and what you will need to prepare your child for entering school. In addition to this, you will be treated to an exhibition of what life at Stretton College is like for Prep and beyond.

In the coming weeks, families will then be invited to attend our orientation and enrolment interviews. This is necessary to discuss your child’s individual needs with our Prep staff and allow your child an opportunity to investigate how our Prep classrooms operate. Schedules for enrolment interviews will commence from Late August, and you will be notified of your interview time after your paperwork is returned to the office and accepted.

Please contact our friendly administration staff to let them know if you will be attending via email at wsund1@eq.edu.au or 3723 0333.

Yours in the SPIRIT

Tam Dimech
Deputy Principal
Junior Primary

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Senior Primary Deputy Principal News

This term, Year 5 have been involved in some fun-tastic mentoring programs. Firstly, Chappy Julie is working with some students on the Gritt program, which teaches students perseverance and how to work together. I am working with students on a program known as Games Rangers.

It is important to realise that a school is like a small community in which people learn, play, interact and function – just like the wider community. It is our responsibility to shape the school community in such a way that we all feel we are important and valued members. By being involved in this program, students are able to help others become a part of an environment that is warm and friendly. Games Rangers is designed to give students skills to create this environment in our school.

Along the way, students will be equipped with social skills that will aid their personal development as a valuable person in society. Students will learn and develop their mentoring, communicating, problem solving and self-management skills. Their job is to support the playing of games for small groups of students in the lower school during first break. These students have been taught new games and skills and are helping other students play fairly and cooperatively as well as making the game fun.

To be able to complete these lessons, we firstly needed to learn about quality mentoring. Quality mentors look and sound like:

- Friendly to all group members.
- Acknowledging everyone’s effort.
- Fair to everyone.
- Giving clear directions.
- Uses a signal to get everyone’s attention.
- Always patient.
- Waits for the group to be quiet.
- Is organised.
- Remains calm.

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.” Benjamin Franklin

Our camping program is beginning this term with some exciting camps for students in Years 4 and 5. Year 4 students are having a sleepover at Underwater World on Tuesday 16 or Wednesday 17 September. This will be an exciting trip where some students will get to sleep in the tunnel of the HUGE aquarium. The next day, students are visiting Australia Zoo before heading back to Stretton State College.

Year 5 camp takes students and teachers to Thunderbird Park at Mount Tamborine. Thunderbird Park is 112 hectares of lush rainforest and Australian bushland in the Gold Coast hinterland. The Year 5 students will be involved with full day programs, escaping their ordinary surroundings and interacting with the natural environment.
Many thanks to the Teachers and Business Service Managers who have organised and volunteered their time to take students on these life changing, fun and learning experiences.

Yours in education,

Lisa Tonscheck
Deputy Principal
Senior Primary

Dean of Studies

Welcome back to Term 3! As the newly appointed Dean of Students- Senior Schooling I am excited to get the ball rolling on what is going to be a very busy term for all.

Starting off we have our Year 10 students beginning the career planning program during their pastoral care lessons. This will end with every Year 10 student attending a SET-P interview with their parents at the close of the term. During these interviews students will finalise their subject choices for 2015/2016 as well as have the opportunity to sign up for TAFE, SkillsTech and other off-campus opportunities. Further details about the SET-P interviews will be sent home over the next few weeks.

The Year 11 cohort will be attending a Leadership Camp in week 3 of the term and then will have the opportunity to nominate for leadership positions for their final year of schooling. During Pastoral Care, those students who will be sitting the QCS will focus on problem solving activities and those students not sitting the QCS will concentrate on employability skills such as communication and teamwork during these sessions. Students will also be attending University presentations so that they can begin to explore their post-schooling options. If students have questions with respect to their University choices Kate Niland, Guidance Officer has appointments available.

Year 11 students will also be selecting the design for their senior jersey. Correspondence will be sent home with details of the procedure for purchasing a jersey in the next few weeks.

This is a big term for Year 12 QCS students with the test taking place on the 2nd and 3rd of September. Pastoral care sessions for these students will be taken up with final preparations for the QCS test. Those Year 12 students that have opted not to take the QCS test will be involved in a getting ready for work program. We will also begin planning for the end of year celebrations including the formal and the mystery bus tour.

All in all we have a busy and exciting term ahead of us.

Belinda Johnson
Dean of Students – Senior School

Stretton Stage Superstar

It is with much excitement that we can advise that Stretton State College has a Stage Superstar amongst us. Exodus Lale, one of our Year 3 students has been offered the role of Young Simba in the upcoming stage musical The Lion King. Exodus was successful in securing the role despite being the youngest participant in the auditions. Disney have advised that Exodus is the youngest “Simba” ever cast, worldwide. An outstanding achievement, which highlights the talent and dedication that this young Actor possesses. Exodus will be spending considerable time in Sydney for rehearsals for this production.

We congratulate Exodus and wish him well on his professional performance journey and will update the Stretton community of his progress.

P & C News

Welcome back to an exciting Term 3 at Stretton.

STENCILLING

We hope you are enjoying the colourful new stencilling that was carried out on the Gowan Campus while you were away on holiday. There are plenty of new handball courts dotted around the Year 4 to 6 area, with refreshed and brand new stencilling up and around the Prep to Year 3 areas. We hope that many more of our Stretton students are able to enjoy these stencils during your play time together.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - STILL AVAILABLE UNTIL AUGUST

If you have an Entertainment Book at home, please return it to the office ASAP if you don’t intend to purchase it, as they need to be returned to the company.

But, if you haven’t bought it yet and want to, this might give you extra incentive....... To celebrate the Entertainment Book’s 20th year, some of their favourite businesses have come to the party, with over $50,000 in prizes to be won, including the grand prize of a $20,000 shopping spree with Woolworths WISH Gift Cards!

If you haven’t purchased or registered your 201/2015 Entertainment™ Membership, simply purchase the hardcover Book, or the brand new Digital Membership for smartphones, and register to automatically go into the draw to win some fantastic prizes.

If you, your friends or any family members still want a copy you can still do so until the end of July – just go to: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/227k913
VOLUNTEERS
If you are able to lend a hand at any time throughout the year, you can send an email to strettonvolunteers@gmail.com to receive email updates on what’s happening, or ask to join our Closed Group Stretton Volunteers on Facebook where you will see regular posts of various events held at the College throughout the year. This is used as a central communication hub for anyone who may be able to assist with fundraising events or within the College Uniform Shop or Canteens throughout the year. Everyone is welcome - we hope to “see” you soon.

P&C MEETINGS
As you know our P&C Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month. However, due to Staff Commitments elsewhere the date for our August Meeting has been moved.

The August Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 27th of August from 4pm at the Illaweena Dining Room.

If you have any issues that you’d like to raise, or wish to make a Submission, please email the P&C directly at: pandc@strettonsc.eq.edu.au

Kind Regards

P&C Committee

Student Wellbeing and Careers

QTAC Information Evening: Wed 27 August 6 – 7pm, Hawkins Building

All Year 12 students and their parents/guardians are invited to an evening where they can learn all about QTAC. QTAC is the QLD Tertiary Admission Centre. It is an independent authority that administers all TAFE & University applications for Queensland and northern NSW.

Students need to complete online applications detailing their 6 preferences of programs they wish to be considered for. The evening will provide you with all the information needed to do this. Students will also be given their QTAC book.

University open days in August 2014

3 - University of Queensland St Lucia Campus http://youruq.com/openday
3 - University of Southern Queensland Fraser Coast Campus http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events
3 - CQUniversity Gladstone Campus http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar
6 - University of Queensland Ipswich Campus http://youruq.com/openday
7 - CQUniversity Brisbane Campus http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar
9 - CQUniversity Noosa Campus http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar
10 - University of the Sunshine Coast Sippy Downs Campus ‘Imaginarium’ http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/open-day-and-information-events
10 - Griffith University http://www.griffith.edu.au/
10 - CQUniversity Bundaberg Campus http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar
16 - CQUniversity Mackay Campus http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar
17 - University of the Sunshine Coast Gympie Campus http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/open-day-and-information-events
17 - University of Queensland Gatton Campus http://youruq.com/openday
17 - Queensland University of Technology Caboolture Campus http://www.qut.edu.au/study/events
17 - University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba Campus http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events
24 - James Cook University Townsville Campus http://www.jcu.edu.au/openday/
24 - University of Southern Queensland Springfield Campus http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events
24 - CQUniversity Rockhampton Campus http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar

Aviation Careers Expo

This event will be held from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday 23 August 2014 at Aviation Australia, 25 Boronia Road, Brisbane International Airport Precinct. The Aviation Careers Expo has a strong focus on careers, training and employment. Download the Aviation Career Expo Prospectus at http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/expo/.

Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) Information Evening

Interested in working in Psychology, Counselling, Case Management, Coaching or People Management? If so, you may be interested in attending this information evening at ACAP’s Brisbane campus at 6 pm on Wednesday 20 August 2014. ACAP offers accredited degree and diploma courses. FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP are available for eligible students. For more information and to register to attend, visit http://www.acap.edu.au.

Library News

GOWAN CAMPUS LIBRARY BOOK FAIR

The Gowen Campus Library Book Fair in June was a huge success. This year we had a varied and interesting collection of books supplied by the Really Good Bookshop at Hillcrest. Many thanks to the parents and students who came along and helped the Library to raise $1800 in books for our Library. I’d also like to thank the parent volunteers who assisted us during the week.

We had two lucky door prize winners

- Prep to Year 3 - Isaac 1A
- Year 4,5,6 - Dania 6E
CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK

Book Week will be our next celebration and it runs from 16-22 August. The theme this year is “Reading to Connect”. Connecting to reading is about enjoying the experience of exploring story, and travelling to other worlds. The books shortlisted for this year can be found on the website http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2014.htm There is a display of short listed books in the Library and students are encouraged to come along and have a browse.

The annual “dress as a character” parade date is yet to be finalised so watch this space!!!

LIBRARY BAGS

Mrs Jennifer Johnson is looking for any unused library bags you have lying around at home. Please bring them to the Gowan Office if they are no longer needed.

VOLUNTEER – SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The Scholastic Book Club is a program that encourages students to read by offering reading material to students of many and varied genres to enjoy and promote their reading skills. We are currently looking to enlist a volunteer who would be able to assist with the processing of the orders for this program. It would involve approximately 5 hours, twice a month and would be greatly appreciated so this program can move forward. Funds are also raised with this program and the Library has benefited greatly over the years with books that have been donated through this program. Any interested parents, please contact Maria Kapa email mkapa1@eq.edu or 3723 0237.

Maria Kapa
Teacher Librarian

Uniform Shop

Stretton State College Year 6 2014 polo shirts with your student’s name, class and your Teacher’s name are available for purchase at Gowan Administration for $35.00. Collection is available at the Uniform Shop when you show your receipt that has been issued from the office. We have all sizes available size 8, size 10, size 12, size 14, size 16, size 18. All other school uniforms and accessories are available at the Uniform Shop. Opening times are:

- Monday - 8.00 am – 10.00 am
- Tuesday - 7.30 am – 9.30 am
- Wednesday - 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
- Thursday - 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

SCIENCE AT STRETTON

MAKING S.T.E.M. CRYSTAL CLEAR

This year’s theme for the Kids’ STEM Convention is The International Year of Crystallography: Making STEM Crystal Clear.

Each year budding students in Years 6 to 9 who have a passion for science, maths, technology and the environment are invited to be a part of the Kids’ STEM Convention. Students are provided with a real life conference experience together with hands-on practical activities at the University of Queensland in July followed up with their own research investigation presented in September.

The students this year described the convention as ‘awesome’.­

YEAR 10 SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

The Science and Engineering Challenge was a day-long competition designed to give Year 10 students a positive experience with science and engineering.

This competition is held every year and gives our students the opportunity to work with students who have a similar interest and passion for science.

This year, Stretton placed 6th and did our College proud with their competitive spirit and sportsmanship.

Some of the activities involved students designing and testing a catapult, hovercraft, Mars rover, earthquake proof tower and bridge just to name a few.

Starry Nights 2014

This year sees the return of Stretton State College Astronomy Night. On Wednesday 6th August, members of the Brisbane Astronomical Society will be here, setting up their telescopes on the Gowan Oval to provide a close up view of a number of objects found in our night sky. If the sky is clear it should be possible to see the Moon, Mars, Saturn and a number of star clusters.

With both our Year 6 students and Year 10 students studying astronomy units and Year 9 students studying how mirrors and lenses are used to focus and direct light, this is an excellent opportunity for students and their families to gain first-hand experience of what is being taught in our science program.

Where: Lower Gowan Oval  
When: Wednesday 6th August  
Time: Starting 6:30 pm to 7:30  
Cost: Gold coin donation

We look forward to seeing you and your family for a night of star gazing.  

Anne McInerney  
Science teacher

Instrumental Music

SYDNEY BAND TOUR

Congratulations to our Senior Concert Band on an incredible tour to Sydney for the International Music Festival!

Our 46 tour students enjoyed performances at the iconic Sydney Opera House, Sydney Recital Hall, Town Hall, Angel Place and Darling Harbour. They were also fortunate to work alongside the outstanding adult Guam Territorial Band from the USA in a rehearsal exchange and have formed some lifelong friendships with this group. Our Concert Band were also awarded one of the highest awards, SILVER, in the festival adjudication competing against vocal, jazz, string and band ensembles from all over the world. Many of which were adult ensembles.

Along with their performances, our students enjoyed the sights of Sydney with visits to Taronga Zoo, Sydney Aquarium, Sydney Maritime Museum, The Blue Mountains, Sydney Tower and a tour of The Rocks.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing team of staff behind the tour Brad Stewart, Leona Millar, Bruce Lanham and Nicole Perry. I look forward to our next tour in 2016!

Robyn Rosewarne  
Senior Band Conductor

URBAN UPBEAT FESTIVAL – EKKA

On Tuesday 12th August, our Intermediate (Year 6), Middle School (Year 7-8), Senior (Year 8-12) bands plus Big Band will be performing at the Queensland Royal Show as part of the Urban Upbeat Festival.

Letters have gone home this week with students. Please ensure the permission form, medical form and $10.50 payment for the bus is returned by Thursday 7th August.

CARS

A reminder to all Band parents that they are not permitted inside the staff carpark on either campus after 7.30am due to health and safety restrictions. Please drop your child and instrument off in the drop-and-go area.

Term 3 Date Claimers

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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

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. 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

Books For Babies

If you have had a baby recently, we would like to welcome your baby into our Stretton school community. Each new baby receives a book package containing two books, one for Mum and Dad – “Reading Magic” and a lovely book to be read to the baby and siblings.

Follow the links below to see the beautiful babies who have recently joined our Stretton community – Baby Hunter, Baby Brandon and Baby Maxwell

If you would like to be part of our program please see the lovely ladies in the Gowan admin building and we will arrange a time on parade to present you with your books.

Karen Jeffrey
Books for Babies Coordinator.

Funabashi Study Tour

On Monday 11th of July we welcomed 15 visiting Japanese Students to Stretton College. The students visited the school for two weeks during which time they were integrated into year 11 classrooms.

The students visited Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary where they had the opportunity to learn about the many and varied animals that we have in Australia. They also had the chance to visit other Brisbane attractions such as Southbank and Kangaroo Point.

When the students were at Illaweeena Campus the students attended lessons for art, PE and food studies. During the cooking lesson the students made and sampled ANZAC biscuits. They also visited the Gowan Campus going into some year 3 classes where they taught the students origami and demonstrated calligraphy.

During their stay the students were home stayed by Stretton families who opened their homes to them, treating them as one of the family and offering them the opportunity to see what Australian society is like.

Our students showed the Stretton Spirit and made the visiting students very welcome giving them the chance to improve their spoken English and share our school culture.

Overall a great time was had by all and it provided a rich cultural experience for all of those involved.

Carolyn Zalewski
Study Tour Co-Ordinator

Student Achievements

Over the June holidays one of our students, Ethan Van Wyk competed in the South Qld BMX Championships which were held at Caboolture. Ethan rode very well over the weekend being up against riders who hold the world number 1 and 6 places. In BMX only the top 8 riders make the final after going through seven heats. After the heats the top 16 then do two heats with the top 4 riders from each heat progressing to the final. Ethan showed great determination to make the finals and is finished 7th it what was a very close race. 5TH – 7TH were only separated by half a second. Ethan is now working towards the State Titles in September and Worlds Championships next April in Belgium.

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3!

This week we celebrated Canteen Week valuing our staff and wonderful volunteers. Both Canteens were decorated to celebrate this event as can be seen in the photos below.
PRIMARY SCHOOL COLOURING-IN COMPETITION

To promote Canteen Week Gowan Campus are running a Colouring-in competition.

Entries close early next week so be quick and drop your entries back into Gowan office as soon as possible.

$250 for your school to spend with your distributor

$20 iTunes voucher for Stretton’s best entry and ASCA will also give a $20 iTunes voucher for the winner from each state.

If you see any of our lovely Canteen staff around either campus, please take the time to thank them for all their hard work they do every day for our staff and students at Stretton.

Our Term 3 Canteen menus are attached; all orders can be placed via flexischools.com.au website.

If you have a spare hour or two a week and would like to volunteer in our Canteen or Uniform shop, please leave your details with administration.

Sports News

ATHLETICS EXTRAVAGANZA!

Stretton State College held its first whole school athletics carnival in the last week of term 2. The skies were clear and competition was fierce!

Barakula was going for a clean sweep of carnivals and Karawatha, Yarraman and Goomburra were out to spoil the party! The carnival was a tale of two stories with two houses fighting for first and two houses trying to avoid the wooden spoon!

At the end on Day One, the sea of blue were in front but only marginally! By the end of Day Two, Yarraman had taken the lead and the finals day was shaping up to be another great battle between these two great teams!!

Finals day was a great spectacle with the houses lining the track. It was wonderful to see the great house spirit that was shown as our wonderful athletes ran down to the track towards the finish line!

Of course everyone was waiting with baited breath for the final totals!! Congratulations to the Big Blue House – Barakula for another great victory!

Barakula – 1305
Yarraman – 1211

Karawatha – 1053
Goomburra – 1020

Congratulations to the following students were awarded Age Champion for their age groups!

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All things Stretton Netball…

Vicki Wilson Cup

Congratulations to the athletes who stepped up and played strong to represent Stretton State College at the 2014 Vicki Wilson Cup on Thursday the 24th of July. With two convincing wins and two matches lost by a goal, it was the most successful result for our College to date at this tournament. Each of the players dug deep in the gruelling seven matches played. There were too many impressive highlights to mention.

A special thanks to Caroline Stevens, our very own A grade umpire, for once again supporting Stretton Netball by umpiring all day and assisting with the transport of students. Lastly, a little shout out to Sam Tew and Erin Ross for their tireless work scoring!! Well done Ladies.

Our players were:

Jessica Lee-Bennett
Alison Takairangi
Tennessee Edwards
Ellie Ross
Tatum Ashworth
Sophie Smerdon
Clear this is a positive sign for the great things to continue to happen for Netball at Stretton in the years to come.

Gowan Netball

Stingers Netball Development Program

Our Gowan students are right back in the swing of things with the netball development program kicking off again in Week 1. We’ve had close to thirty students attend the first 2 weeks of training and we would love to see more come along and get involved. We have some wonderful Illaweena helpers from Years 9-12 assisting with the coaching and getting to know our future stars. It’s a really great opportunity for the Gowan students to bond with others they might not normally get the chance to – making some great friends in the process. We’ve tried to create a fun, friendly and supportive environment for the girls (and boys!) to learn the fundamental skills of the game and learn to love it as much as we do!

Sessions are run Thursday mornings, 7:45-8.30 on the Illaweena Campus. If you would like more information please contact our netball co-ordinators, Jodie Austin (jaust119@eq.edu.au) or Tahnia Santoro (tlsan0@eq.edu.au).

Stretton Netball Representative Opportunity

Our Illaweena netballers have just participated in the Vicki Wilson Cup where they won 2 games and lost 2 by only 1 goal! Our best result at this tournament yet!! Now it’s our junior students turn.

Netball Queensland runs the Mission Food Cup Carnival for primary school age students. This year it will be a whole weekend carnival at South Beach Netball Association at Palm Beach on the 25th and 26th October. Stretton will be nominating 2 teams in the carnival this year – a Year 7 team and a combined Year 5/6 team (Year 4 students are welcome to trial but the team will be playing majority 12/13 year olds). We will be handing out Expression of Interest letters at the next couple of Thursday morning training sessions. If students would like to trial for the team but are not currently attending the Stingers sessions on Thursday morning please email Jodie Austin (jaust119@eq.edu.au) for details about the trials.

When the teams are selected there will be an extra training session for the girls outside of the Thursday morning Stingers session.

Jodie Austin

Student of the Week – Gowan Stretton Stars!

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**Community Billboard**

**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

Mount Gravatt Blue Light will be holding it’s next Blue Light Dance Party at 7pm on Friday the 1st of August, 2014 at Mt Gravatt PCYC, 90 Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt next to the Hibiscus Centre. The dance is for children aged between 7 and 14 years old. The dance finishes at 9.30pm and cost of entry is $7. Lucky door prizes to be won. The dance is fully supervised by police officers and current blue card holders.

**ARE YOU A PARENT OF A CHILD WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES?**

Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P- Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study.

Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au, or visit https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes for more information.