3 April 2014

Associate Principal Message

The holidays are nearly upon us and our staff, students and their families can look back on a busy and successful term. As a College we highlight the importance of making the most of the learning opportunities offered through full attendance at school – every lesson – every day. Congratulations to the 559 students who have been in 100% attendance so far this year. Students who maintain this 100% record for the semester will be recognised at the mid-year Academic Assembly.

I am sure we are all ready for a break and to slow down so we are refreshed and energised for the term ahead. While it is a chance to relax, the process of learning continues every day. To make sure students don’t forget everything they have learnt across the term students need to remain engaged in learning. This can be an enjoyable part of the holidays and does not need to look like homework or assignments (although I am sure many of our senior students will be working on these across the break).

Some tips for building this into the normal flow of your family life include; numeracy as part of baking a cake, shopping or calculating how much exercise is needed to wear off Easter chocolate, geography when planning a trip, encouraging holiday reading and making a scrapbook or video journal of an event. Playing observation games, board games and word games are all fantastic ways of encouraging conversation, extending vocabulary, practising spelling and comprehension.

Remember that as part of our Resource Scheme all students have access to Mathletics and Reading Eggs. Build these into any computer time the students might have over the holiday period. A little and often time spent for these programs will keep their learning on track.

In the wider community there are museums, galleries and places of interest to visit and build our knowledge or widen our perspective. Many of these are free.

I wish you a safe and happy Easter holiday break on behalf of the staff of Stretton State College. We look forward to continuing the learning journey with your students in the new term.

Geoff Latta
Associate Principal

Illawena Principal News

It’s hard to believe that this is our final Newsletter for Term 1! Term 2 brings with it a whole host of exciting events including our first ever musical. Term 2 also sees State Education Week in May, where staff and parents can nominate our teachers for DETE (Department of Education, Training and Employment) Staff Excellence Awards for 2014. These awards are given to recognise the achievements of staff who have demonstrated excellence in commitment and delivery, and who have achieved outstanding results that have had a similar impact on the lives of students, other community members and/or their work colleagues. If you are inspired by an exceptional teacher, why don’t you nominate them – please visit https://www.qct.edu.au/wtd/excellence-awards.html for further information.

Interim Report Cards and Parent Teacher Interviews

Term 1 report cards have now been emailed home. This report outlines the effort and behaviour each student has made since the commencement of the 2014 school year and an interim level of achievement. As a follow-up to these reports and to ensure students are all focused on their learning goals for Term Two, we invite parents/carers the opportunity to meet formally with our teachers through Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 1st May. These interviews provide a meaningful way of sharing information about student strengths and achievements as well as highlighting areas for future attention. The interviews also allow parents/carers and teachers the opportunity to work together to best support our students to achieve optimal outcomes. Details for making bookings can be found on the College website.

100% Attendance Award

Excellent school attendance by all students is a high priority at Stretton State College. Regular attendance at school enables your child/children to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and builds important coping and friendship skills. Through regular attendance at school, they can make the most of their opportunities, leading to greater social, emotional and educational outcomes, which could assist them in achieving their full potential. A number of research studies “consistently indicate positive and statistically significant relationships between student attendance and academic achievement” (Gottfried: 2009). In 2014, we are introducing a 100% Attendance Award which will be presented twice per year. Students who achieve 100% attendance for Semester 1 will be recognised at our Mid-Year Academic Awards Ceremony in
term 3; students who can then maintain this 100% attendance throughout term 3 will be recognised at our formal academic awards night in term 4. Students who have been absent due to school sporting commitments, school excursions, camps and other school activities will not affect their ability to obtain a 100% attendance award.

**Winter Uniform**

With the weather beginning to cool down, this is a timely reminder about the Uniform Policy at Stretton State College:

- The Knit Pullover is to be worn with the Formal Uniform.
- Navy Fleece Jumper with Maroon trim and Stretton logo is only to be worn with the Sports Uniform.
- Only Stretton school trackuits (jackets and pants) to be worn and only with the sports uniform.
- Boys Tie – Compulsory in terms 2 and 3 for students in Years 10, 11, 12.
- Senior Jersey’s (Year 12) can be worn with sports and formal uniforms.
- Non Stretton jumpers of any description are not permitted; we ask parents to assist in ensuring your child has the correct uniform.

**School ANZAC Assembly 2014**

On Thursday morning 24 April, we will be conducting our Annual ANZAC Day ceremony. It will be held in our Sports Hall. The program will be conducted by our School Captains and we share this service with members of the Sunnybank RSL and thank them for their on-going support of our College. All students are also invited to attend the Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch Commemoration March and Service on Friday 25th April commencing at 7.45am. Interested students should please meet at 7.35am at the corner of Station Rd and Turton St Sunnybank. Students wishing to represent the school in the ANZAC Day March are required to wear their full formal school uniform.

Finally, I wish you all a happy and safe Easter and look forward to more adventures and challenges next term.

**Michael West**  
Principal – Illawena Campus

**Gowan Principal News**

As Term 1 draws to an end, it is timely to look back and reflect on the positives that have been achieved across our Campus and College over the past ten weeks. There have been numerous examples of students excelling in the academic arena with the vast majority of our students achieving their learning goals and targets. Many students have excelled in the sporting arena with students performing well at Interschool, District, Regional and State levels in their chosen sport/s. The Arts has been another area where our Gowan students have shone, with many of them excelling in Instrumental Music, Dance and our School Musical, “Little Shop of Horrors”. Our School Leaders are definitely leading by example both in our school and broader community. Just recently our School Leaders from Years 3 -6 met with our College Facilities team to provide valuable input into the design of our new school playground, which we hope to have completed in the near future. In addition to all of these accomplishments, I think the stand out moments from this term have been related to our Stretton SPIRIT. The way in which our students and community embraced Harmony Day and the Take A Stand Against Bullying Day are examples of the values that our students live by and for that we are very proud.

At Stretton State College we know that none of the above accomplishments would be possible without the successful partnership between home and school. When parents, teachers, and students work together we achieve incredible results. I would like to thank the parents who consistently work in partnership with us by supporting their children with homework and assignments, reinforcing our SPIRIT values, maintaining high standards of behaviour and uniform, and modelling positive interactions and communication. I would also like to acknowledge the teachers and staff of Stretton State College, who I know go above and beyond to develop and help mould your children into fine young people who are well equipped socially and academically for the world ahead.

**Recognise a Great Teacher**

https://www.qct.edu.au/wtd/excellence-awards.html Each year we have the opportunity to acknowledge inspirational teachers and nominate them for the QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards. There are four categories that you may wish to nominate a teacher for in 2014:

1. Excellence in Beginning to Teach
2. Excellence in Teaching
3. Excellent Leadership in Teaching & Learning
4. Outstanding Contribution to Teaching

**Information relating to the Categories, eligibility & criteria can be found at www.qct.edu.au/awards**.

**New Staff on Gowan**

I would like to congratulate Ms Aimee Thompson and Ms Blanche Evans for their recent appointment to the positions of Literacy and Numeracy Pedagogy Coach for the Early Years. Also congratulations to Ms Susan Sneddon for her appointment to the role of EALD coach for the Early Years. We welcome Ms Pru Verrall (Yr 5 Lighthouse) and Ms Laura Lennox (Prep) as classroom teachers. We wish them all the best in their new roles and I am sure you will make them feel very welcome and valued.

**Call for Volunteers**

The majority of primary schools in Australia thrive as a result of the parent and community volunteers that support programs and initiatives within their school. I am aware that many parents and carers are on the school grounds during our school day and I would like to personally invite those parents to lend a hand and volunteer in various areas of our school.
Some of the areas that we could most use help include:

- School Resource Centre – re-shelving books, covering books, helping with displays etc.
- Prep Classrooms – preparing resources, cutting papers and materials, etc.
- Classroom reading – teachers will provide all training and support
- English as Second Language – supporting our students with their English fluency
- HPE, Sport and Prep Gross Motor Program – supporting teachers with activities

Amanda Chamberlain and I will be offering a very brief (30 minute) information session for all parents who would like to volunteer their time to our College. Further information will be distributed in the near future. If you are interested in registering please see Amanda in our Administration Office. Together we can achieve so much more.

**Car Park Reminder**

A reminder to all parents and carers that you are not permitted to park your vehicle in the car park or driveway of the C & K Kindergarten at any time.

A reminder that parents and carers are not permitted to enter the Staff Carpark between the hours of 7.30 am and 4.30 am on any day (for any reason). This includes Assembly and Special Event days. The only parents that may access this car park are those dropping off or collecting students from our Before/School Care Service and those parents are only permitted during the above mentioned hours. This is for the safety of our students and staff.

I am aware of numerous parents/carers who received a $110 fine from the Brisbane City Council in the past weeks. Please be aware that this monitoring from BCC will continue and parents who are parking or “standing” their car in the incorrect areas may be fined. These areas are indicated by signs or a yellow line. According to the BCC a Yellow Line means - Don’t stop or park at any time in zones marked with a solid yellow line on the road. This is a 'No Stopping' zone. Other than the yellow line, these zones are usually not signed. We would be disappointed to see families receive these fines so please follow the BCC parking regulations.

I am meeting with Councilor Marx and Brisbane City Council Officers to discuss the car parking and drop off/pick up issues on our campus and we will keep you updated with the outcome. In the meantime can I please make the following suggestions:

- Please do not arrive at the Campus driveway until after school finishes (2.45 pm). There is no point arriving at 2.30 pm when students will not be ready for collection until at least 2.48 pm. Parents who are stopped prior to 2.45 are at risk of being fined for parking/standing by the BCC.
- If you have a student in Years 3 -6 you may wish to tell them that you will collect them at around 3.00pm. The students are supervised in the school entry until 3.15 pm every day and are safe on our grounds. This will allow a more staggered flow of traffic through our pick up/drop off lanes.
- Please remember to use the visor signs that were provided to all families upon enrolment. These allow us to call the student over a loud speaker system and have them ready for you in the pick- up lanes. Should you require a replacement visor sign, please see our Office Staff.

If we all work together, we can alleviate some of the current issues. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Kym Amor**
**Principal – Gowan Campus**

**Senior Secondary Deputy Principal News**

**New School Chaplain**

It was my pleasure to be involved in the selection process for the College’s new School Chaplain last week. We are delighted to welcome Ms Julie Godfrey who will begin her role in Term 2. Julie is a mother of four boys and has had thirty years experience working with young people including recent service as a Ranger Leader. Julie will be attend the College on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and is a perfect fit for our school community.

Welcome Julie!

**Drew Jell**
**Deputy Principal**

**Junior Secondary Deputy Principal News**

**Year 7 and Year 9 Camps**

Our Year 7’s and Year 9’s have recently returned from camps at Alexandra Headland Park Conference Centre and Apex camp Mudjimba respectively. They were extremely enjoyable camps for all and many students achieved a personal first in either surfing, ropes or raft building and in the case of the very wet Year 9 Camp: mud wading.

I’d like to thank the students for their excellent participation, behaviour and “getting along with others”. I’d also like to thank our staff for all their preparation, organisation, sleepless nights and for taking time away from their families to run the camps.

**Reporting and Parent Teacher Night**

By the time you have received this newsletter you will have received your son/daughters’ interim report. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child and to acknowledge good achievement, behaviour, effort and homework and discuss also ways in which they may improve.

Please note that achievement results contained within this report should be viewed as a guide only to current progress within these subjects. In most 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 will be conducted on Thursday MAY 1 for Years 7-12 in the Illawena Campus Hall. Please make bookings online at www.sobs.com.au. I encourage all parents to attend.

**NAPLAN TESTING**

NAPLAN testing will occur next term for years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. Any concerns or queries regarding illness, exemptions, special consideration etc. need to be directed to the HOSES Ms Lyndal Murray as a matter of urgency.

**TEDx**

Stretton State College (with special thanks to Ms Sasha McDonald) has managed to secure a Queensland Schools’ first in being granted a license to host a TEDx event. The event will be reflective of the popular website TED (Ideas that Matter) and will feature students from Stretton State College and eight surrounding primary schools. Stretton State College is proud to be working in partnership with the University of Queensland, Mighty Minds and the Queensland Academies to provide this unique opportunity to our best and brightest students in our cluster of schools. More information will follow.

**High Achievers Program**

In parallel to the TEDx event Stretton State College is also proud to offer a nine week extension and enrichment workshop program for the best and brightest year 6 students across our cluster of schools. Workshops will occur on a Wednesday afternoon (during sport time) in Science, Mathematics, Instrumental Music and Humanities. More information will follow.

**Craig Hynes**  
**Deputy Principal**

**Junior Primary Deputy Principal News**

Congratulations to everyone for a great start to the year. I have been very impressed with the hard work the students have done this term.

**ANZAC DAY 2014**

After the holidays, on Thursday April 24 we will be having the Gowan ANZAC Service at 9.00am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to attend. As a sign of respect students are asked to wear their formal uniform on this day.

We have also been invited to attend the Sunnybank RSL Sub Branch Commemoration March and Service on Friday April 25 commencing at 7.45am.

Students of our school are welcome to attend the March, along with staff from the school. Parents are required to drop off and pick up the students immediately following the conclusion of the March. Parents are welcome to attend the service with their children at the conclusion of the March, if they wish.

Students are asked to meet at 7.35am at the corner of Station Rd and Turton St Sunnybank.

7.45am – March forms.

8.00am – March commences and proceeds down Station Rd to Lister St, then turns left into Lister St. Then proceeds to Gager St and turns left into and moves past the District Cenotaph at the RSL Hall, and finally turns right onto the Sunnybank SHS Oval where the March falls out. The participants then move to the Anzac Day Service at the RSL Hall in Gager St. Students are collected by parents who can depart or attend the service together.

8.30am – Commemoration Service begins.

9.30am – Service concludes - followed by morning tea.

Happy Easter to everyone.

**Tam Dimech**  
**Deputy Principal**

**Senior Primary Deputy Principal News**

**Term 1 Interim Report Card**

Interim Report Cards were emailed to families/guardians on Monday March 31.

The achievement results contained within this report should be viewed as a guide only to current progress within these subjects. In most 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 your child’s achievements at the parent/teacher interviews. Parent/Teacher interviews for Prep to Year Six will be conducted on Wednesday 30 April 2014 in the Gowan Hall.

Please go to https://strettonsc.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Studentservicesandsupportprograms/Pages/SOBS-parent-instructions.aspx for instructions on how to make your booking.

If you did not receive an email with the report card or require a paper copy of the report card please contact Administration.

**The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The dates for the 2014 NAPLAN tests are Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday, 14 May and Thursday 15 May.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The assessments are undertaken nationwide.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy
NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

For more information about NAPLAN please visit: http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2014_information_for_parents_brochure_web.pdf

**National Young Leaders Day**

Gowan Campus Captains and Prefects attend ‘The 2014 National Young Leaders Day’

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4D-N-k--7Y

The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event created in 1997 by the Halogen Foundation to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. The program consists of keynote talks, multimedia presentations and interactive learning that provides a range of specific outcomes for young people who aspire to lead themselves and others well.

Anna, Ishan, Sristi, Samantha, Lucinda, Darcy, Bailey and Usaid have taken the messages of leadership from the day and implemented them into their everyday business on Gowan Campus. Congratulations to these outstanding students who have represented the College and themselves with ‘Purpose and SPIRIT’ in Term 1.

Speakers at the Leaders Day included:

- **Lorin Nicholson** The first blind person to ride over 4000km across Australia.
- **Karni Liddell** Paralympian, businesswoman, commentator, writer, counsellor, fundraiser and disability champion.
- **Andy Griffiths** Is one of Australia’s most popular children’s authors.
- **Wes Mannion** Director of Australia Zoo and sits on the board of Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors charity.

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**P & C News**

**P&C News**

Thank you to the entire Stretton College Community for supporting our first fund raising event for the year. We have managed to raise over $3000 from this event and these funds will be put towards upgrading the concrete play areas throughout the school in the very near future for all the students to enjoy.

**CONGRATULATIONS to our WINNERS!**

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**Stretton Family Ticket Sellers Prize** goes to **Candace Green from 3E** whose family managed to sell a whopping $160 worth of tickets!

We take this opportunity to wish all of our Stretton Community a very Happy Easter and hope you have a relaxing break. **Please stay safe over the holiday period and be kind to one another!** We’ll see you back here on Tuesday, 22nd April fresh to start the new Term.

**Upcoming Mothers’ Day Stall**

The P&C is currently ordering some extra special gifts for students to purchase at our Mothers Day Stall in week 3 of Term 2 (beginning of May). A letter will go home to all Gowan students in the returning week of school with all the information, so keep your eyes out for the notes when school resumes at the end of April.
Stretton Volunteers

We are always looking for mums or dads who can assist us in our fundraising ventures throughout the year. If you think you CAN help out (even if you have a little one still at home), you can find out more info about our events and how you can Pay it Forward in two ways:-

On Facebook, send a Request to join our Closed Group “Stretton Volunteers” OR you can email us at strettonvolunteers@gmail.com to have your name and email address added to our ever-growing group of community minded helpers.

Reminder for Next P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 23 from 4.00pm at the Illaweena Campus Dining Room. We invite you to come along and be part of the P&C, a group that is focused on helping students and staff in the Stretton Community. We hope to see you there.

P&C Submission Form

Are you interested in putting forward an idea for the P&C to consider, or do you want to raise an issue at the next meeting? If so, please complete the attached P&C Submission Form and email to pandc@strettonsc@eq.edu.au, or deliver to the school office, or send to PO Box 1830, Sunnybank Hills Qld 4109.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Student Wellbeing

Stretton State College: Illaweena Campus now has a new Youth Health Nurse: Kirsten Anstey. Her office is based on the ground floor of the Hawking Centre. She is on campus Tuesdays, Wednesdays and alternating Thursdays. Please drop in to make an appointment or call administration.

The Youth Health Nurse is employed by Children’s Health Queensland Hospital and Health Services and works in partnership with Education Queensland to: work with the school community on issues that may affect the health and wellbeing of young people and the school community as a whole. This includes helping with curriculum, teaching and learning activities; providing health information and referral; supporting the development of an environment and school culture that supports health and wellbeing; and working with community and other services.

The Youth Health Nurse can provide health and wellbeing information about:

- Healthy eating and physical activity
- Feeling unhappy or stressed
- Relationships
- Healthy skin
- Sexual health
- Smoking, alcohol and other drugs
- Personal and family problems
- Growth and development

Interschool Chess Tournament

On March 20, seventeen Gowan students participated in the first round of the Interschool Teams Chess Tournament for 2014. They played 7 games throughout the day and represented our school with pride and integrity. Three students received ribbons for their outstanding achievement on the day. They are Dylan Lo (5A), Tommy Pham (5B) and Jacob Hansen-Quinn (5B).
Canteen News

On Monday March 17, the Illawena Student Council participated in a Taste Testing Morning at the College. The students were asked to sample and give feedback on products that we would like to incorporate into the College’s daily canteen menu. The Students took this quite seriously and in turn have helped to produce an exciting new menu for Term 2. We have consulted with the community in relation to products they would like to see on the menu and incorporated this where we can. Stretton Canteens are proudly Smart Choice Compliant. Please keep an eye on the College Website and Facebook for this menu.

The College would like to thank the following suppliers for their assistance in making this day successful.

Japanese Study Tour

Study Tours offer a valuable cultural experience for our Students. We are hosting a Japanese Study Tour from July 11 – 24 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.

Year 7 Camp

Year 7 Camp was a wonderful time for the Year 7 cohort. We were separated into numerous groups and were scheduled for a range of different activities each day. These included The Leap of Faith (the ropes course), rock climbing, raft building, body boarding and leadership activities. The raft building activity was mainly about interacting with your fellow teammates and taking their ideas and thoughts into account. Many of the groups that had eventually taken part in the activity soon realised that rushing would not lead you to success. All you were given was some rope, logs, and barrels to complete a raft, and sail it down the creek. This activity was my personal favourite, as it tested your skill and ability to think to its full extent.

The food that Alexandra Headlands Conference Park prepared for us was very delicious. The activity groups rotated turns in setting up and clean up duty for each meal. There was always a variety of dishes to choose from. My favourite dish would have to be the burgers on the last day of camp. On the second night we all gathered in the main hall and watched Despicable Me for our movie night. It was a great night full of laughter and marshmallows.

On the last day of camp, we all headed down to the beach and had a scavenger hunt. There were many types of weird things that the teachers made us find such as something that was once an animal and seaweed. After that, we got into groups of four and had a sandcastle building competition. There were diverse amount of decorations among the sandcastles.

We were all sad when we left camp. Nobody wanted to leave. We all tried something that we either never thought we could do, or something new. We enjoyed our time together, and we can truthfully say that we made a series of treasured moments that we’ll never forget.

Shevani Pothugunta
Year 7 Student

Senior Music Evening

Congratulations to our Senior Music and Senior Music Extension students who performed for a small but appreciative audience in the second last week of term. There were 18 performances in total and students performed a range of repertoire from the Classical through to contemporary vocal numbers.

The students performed as a part of their senior performance assessment criteria and for many this was the first public performance that had given. Thank you to the parents and friends who attended the evening as it gave students an invaluable experience that they cannot get performing to class members or even a virtual audience.

Stay tuned as there will be another Senior Music Evening during Term 3 for students to further develop their performance skills and fulfill the performing dimension of the subject. Thank you to Mrs Julie Stewart and Mr Brad Stewart who took care of the sound and lighting set up for the night and helping prep students for their performance.

We hope to get some of these and other performances up on our website for you to see.

Instrumental Music

ANZAC Day Ceremonies

This year the following ensembles will be performing for the College ANZAC Ceremonies.

- Illawena Campus – Senior Concert Band
- Gowan Campus – Brass Ensemble

Junior Concert Band Workshop

The Junior Concert Band workshop will be held on Wednesday April 30 in the Gowan Hall. All students will have received a note outlining full details of the event.
We would like to invite all our families to attend the Junior Band’s very first concert at 2pm on Wednesday April 30 (following the workshop day)

**Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser**

Our Cadbury chocolate fundraiser is now finished.

The winners of the prizes will be announced next term once all money is returned.

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

**Would you like a Family Portrait for only $20?**

The next MPSG fundraiser is our Laura Jean Family Portraits.

- For $20 you will receive a FREE 10x13 inch framed portrait plus 3-posing photo sitting per family. You will also have the opportunity to purchase high quality portraits and CD’s at no obligation.
- The photography session will be held on Saturday 17th May and Sunday 18th May. Booking can be made online http://sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=467

(similar to Parent/Teacher interview bookings) with the $20 payment required to the office within 48 hours of placing your bookings. Please ensure your child’s name and Family Portraits is clearly labelled on the envelope.

More information will go home with students next term.

**Term 2 Date Claimers for Instrumental Music**

April 24 – ANZAC Day Ceremonies
April 29 – MPSG Meeting (all welcome)
May 20 – Education Qld Fanfare Festival (Stretton – Host school)
June 25 – Jazzin’ Up the Hall

**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

**News from the English Department**

It’s the last week of term and a great time to reflect on all the hard work of our English students.

This term students have been engaged in a range of challenging units of work in which a large number of students have demonstrated an excellence in writing, speaking and reading for meaning.

Students in years 7 to 9 have been involved in preparing persuasive speeches, many of which have been very convincing which leads me to deduce that many will one day be highly effective lawyers. I commend the year 7 and 9 students who sat the Literacy and Numeracy diagnostic exams in week 3; teachers commented on your exceptional attitude and behaviour.

Meanwhile, year 10 students have been challenged to take on a more rigorous workload in preparation for Senior by completing an in-depth analysis of media texts. Initially they dissected and explained the elements of feature articles before then analysing advertisements. Whilst the students in the Literacy Short Course have been tasked with the mission to create a folio of work related documents such as letters of application and curriculum vitae which will provide them the much needed skills to prepare for the workforce in future years.

Year 11 Authority English students prepared a well-developed and creative character monologue and feature article for the play they have studied in class. Some of these are exceptional in quality and presentation. Year 12 students have written highly descriptive and imaginative narratives under exam conditions and have completed their term with insightful and engaging presentations.

English for ESL Learners have created thoroughly interesting and personal memoirs whilst the year 12 students have written an inspiring dystopian narrative and dissected a dystopian film which they presented as an expository seminar.

English Communications students in year 11 have enjoyed the opportunity of creating a page for a graphic novel, and in year 12, students have been busy creating a new and inventive pitch for a charity event.

On Wednesday afternoons a large number of year 11 and 12 students participate in QCS classes as part of an intensive course to prepare them for the Short Response and Longer Writing tasks. Again students have used their of Senior English
assessment and writing tasks to produce some rather outstanding work that demonstrates the flair and talent that exists at Stretton.

A highly productive term indeed!

I wish all the students of Stretton a well-earned and restful holiday and welcome Mrs Trim, Head of Department, back from leave in Term 2.

Ms Cavallaro
Acting HOD English

Drama News

Live theatre is the best way for Drama students to learn the tools of the trade. What an exciting start to the year we have had! The Year 11 and 12 Drama students had the pleasure of taking a day out to see LaBoite Theatre Company’s production of ‘Cosi’ and later in the term the entire Drama cohort from Years 9-12 were lucky to host at school the Shake & Stir theatre production of ‘Tag’.

We are all pumped for the term ahead where we begin to work on scripted text to create our own polished presentations. Parents at home can assist their children by assisting them to learn lines.

Gala Day 1

On Friday March 21 Stretton participated in the first Gala Day of the season. Stretton entered teams into the boys & girls basketball, boys & girls football and boys rugby league. All teams have been preparing over the term in anticipation for the first day and all the coaches reported that our students had an enjoyable day and put in great performances. Bring on the Gala Day 2!

The results for each team are as follows:

Girls Football
Senior team: 1 win, 1 loss and 3 draws
Junior team: 3 wins, 1 loss and 1 draw

Girls Basketball
Senior: unfortunately lost all three games
Junior: unfortunately lost all three games

Boys Football
Senior team: 2 wins
Junior team: 2 wins

Rugby League
Blue team: 3 wins
White team: were very competitive in 2 of their games however lost all three games.

Boys Basketball
Senior: unfortunately lost all three games
Junior: unfortunately lost all three games

The following students were awarded player of the day for their respective sport. These students not only displayed excellent skills but also demonstrated excellent team work and sportsmanship.

Girls Football
Senior team: Emily Ford
Junior team: Sarenyia Scurr-Passfield

Boys Football
Ross Irvine

Rugby League
Stretton Blue: Te Arahi Paraha
Stretton White: Cooper Evans

Girls Basketball
Senior Girls: Bayleigh Reading
Junior Girls: Abigail Durcau

Boys Basketball
Senior Boys: Alex Dunne
Junior Boys: Luke Clarke

AFL Regional Trials

Stretton also had a great result at the recent AFL Regional trials held over the 25th & 26th March. Four of our students attended the 2 day trials representing the Sunnybank District team.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected in the Met West AFL team - what an achievement, great work boys!

- Jack Hillier
- Mitchell Carroll

Rugby League Trials

We also had some excellent results with our rugby league boys at the district trials held last week. Congratulations to the following boys for being selected in the Sunnybank District Rugby League team:

- Hudson Shephard
- Cooper Lau
- Tyler Sullivan
- Collin Baitke

Ms Flores
PE Teacher and Sport Coordinator

Senior Sport

QLD Swimming Selection

Congratulations to Robert Friend for such a successful State Swimming Titles. Robert won the 200m IM breaking the record that was set in 2005!

District Rugby League

Congratulations to Declan Lau and Ben Howkins for their selection in the Sunnybank District Rugby League.

District Touch

Details for the Sunnybank District Boys Touch trials are as follows:

- Date - Monday May 5
- Where - Warrigal Road State School
- Time - 3:45-5:00pm
Students will need the following: shirt (preferably with a number on it), boots etc. Players must bring their own named drink bottle.

Selection in the District Team is the only means by which children can attend the Regional Event. Only children aged 10 - 12 years will be considered. No students turning 13 years of age this year can participate in the trials. Younger players (aged 10) should exhibit outstanding skills in this sport to be included in these trials.

**Active After-School Care - Term 2**

It’s been great to see so many involved with the AASC program. The AASC program will continue next term but with different sports:

- Tuesday - Basketball
- Thursday - Netball

*Kristen Jansen*

**HOD HPE**

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9De_pnM9bc

**Community Billboard**

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**Student of the Week – Gowan Stretton Stars!**

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