5 June 2014

College Principal’s Message

I believe that creativity is the currency of the 21st century.

Steve Jobs

“Children need the Arts as much as they need fresh air otherwise they perish on the inside,” said Philip Pullman, British writer and children’s novelist. Like Pullman, I have a passionate belief in the potential of young people and their ability to engage in dance, drama and theatre, focusing on real human experiences in order to affect positive change in our society through the Arts. Since the beginning of time, humans have expressed themselves in dance, song, storytelling and enactment.

During the performances of our brilliant inaugural Musical, Little Shop of Horrors, we were able to suspend our imagination and see our students step into the shoes of someone else, and through embodying a character, they became exposed to multiple perspectives, learning about themselves, each other, their teachers and most importantly – life.

Their learning through such co-curricular activities as a College Musical, takes place characterized by a unique juxtaposition; students are encouraged to take risks and set their imaginations soaring whilst learning the precise skills of discipline such as focus, collaboration, concentration, independence, empathy, communication, the rewards of practice, resilience, perseverance, memory, self-confidence, mental dexterity, physical strength, endurance and all the elements of a performance.

I overheard many students backstage on the final night of our Musical claiming that this had been their best experience ever! Friendships and relationships with their peers and teachers, allowed them to collaborate and strive for excellence. It was another example of Stretton EXCELLENCE in all we undertake. Students enjoyed the chance to participate in a truly creative act of sharing, of digging deep to reveal the best of themselves.

At this week’s celebratory Morning Tea, the students unanimously declared that it was the experience of a lifetime, and that they would jump at the opportunity to be involved in a similar performance in years to come! I don’t think we’ll have any problems with audition numbers in 2015!

As an educator, I realize the vital importance of early connection to performance. Early connection to the Arts creates an emotional geography for children that will last a lifetime. Our young people live in an instantaneous world: they can shop online at 3 am, download music, play games 24/7, become connected all too easily to ‘screens’. If we don’t expose them to live acts, they will grow up thinking that their animated screen game characters are just as acceptable as human beings!

At LEC, it was wonderful to be part of the audience who witnessed Stretton history in the making! Everyone was alive and focused on celebrating and supporting our young talented Stretton performers. The actors, singers, dancers and musicians contributed their performance, and the audience contributed their attention, their silence, their laughter, their applause, and most importantly their respect.

Let us rejoice that our first Musical was such an amazing success on so many levels. An enormous thank you for ALL staff who worked so hard to make this happen, and in particular to the amazing talent and creativity of Pene Cawthorne, Leona Millar-Dangaard, Sasha McDonald, Rachel Breen, Brad Stewart and Nicole Crew. What a team! Let us rejoice that our dedicated staff are so truly committed to making the dream a reality for our students. We will never forget our inaugural musical 2014, for the sheer joy and exhilaration it provided – a tonic for the soul and essentially, for the nourishment of the human heart.

Until next time,

Jan Maresca
Executive Principal
Associate Principal News

Tour and Talk

It was a pleasure to show twenty people through the Illaweena Campus on the latest Tour and Talk on Tuesday, 27 May. Comments from the participants included “The classes were really interesting”, “I would like to be able to use this equipment”, “The students are so well presented”. They were in awe of the many opportunities and pathways open to our students on both campuses. I find the tour invigorating as I listen to our teachers speak so passionately about their students and subjects.

Our students are also very clear about the learning happening in their classrooms. This is a reflection of their preparedness for and full involvement in learning; and our teachers sharing learning goals every lesson.

The three strands of excellence programs – Lighthouse (Academic), Instrumental Music and Sporting Academy were obviously highly sought after by the parents who attended.

The Term 3 Tour and Talk will be held on Tuesday 19 August from 8:45 am. We invite all Gowan parents to join a tour and see firsthand the tremendous learning environment that our staff and students enjoy every day on the Illaweena Campus.

Study Tours

It is not only our local community and parents who are interested in our College, every year we host students and teachers from overseas. The students join us to experience Australian life and improve their English speaking ability while the teachers observe our talented staff in action and look to take these practices back to their schools.

In the first two weeks of next term we will host our next group of students. We still require homestay families for this visit. If you have a spare bedroom and can host one of our Japanese students there is more information toward the end of this newsletter – host families receive payment.

The next overseas teacher visit is June 13 when we will host thirteen teachers from Hong Kong. The quality of education and teaching practices offered in our school daily drives the frequent requests we receive for these visits.

Illaweena Principal News

We are now past the half way mark for Term 2 and at this stage of the term students are well and truly engaged in learning and undertaking assignments and assessment. The Year 11 and 12 students will sit their formal end of semester exams during the structured block time in Weeks 8 and 9. Your support by encouraging your student to revise and review work done will set them in good stead for these upcoming exams and assignments. Your student’s school diary/planner has information in it to help them with study techniques, research skills and strategies to effectively manage their time.

Little Shop of Horrors

My personal congratulations go to the large number of staff and students who were involved in the incredible production of our first ever musical. It was a very professional production and enjoyed by all. When all of the actors and performers were simultaneously on stage, the vibrant atmosphere rivalled many of the professional stage shows that I have seen. I would like to congratulate the entire cast on their commitment and efforts to master their lines, songs and dances. It was a truly sensational representation of our College.

Term 2 Attendance to Date:

Congratulations to our Year 7 students who are leading the way with a 95% attendance rate for the first half of term 2; the Year 8’s are hot on their heels with a 94.1% attendance rate.

At Stretton we aim for 100% attendance; 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.
Congratulations to the 347 Illaweena students who currently have a 100% attendance record for Term 2 and an even bigger congratulations to the 134 Illaweena students who are yet to miss a day in 2014.

College Pedagogical Framework

As previously advised in an early newsletter this year, one of our key priorities for 2014 has been the implementation of Stretton SC Pedagogical Framework. The College identified The Art and Science of Teaching (ASoT) as the framework that best suits our College and Community. In Semester 1 our focus has been on establishing and tracking student learning goals and classroom routines which maximise learning. The good news is that we are seeing a significant difference with our teaching and learning at Stretton. Our focus for Semester two will be on how students effectively interact with new knowledge and positive teacher-student relationships. Please feel free to contact any of your children’s teachers for a further explanation on our framework.

Michael West
Principal – Illaweena Campus

Gowan Principal News

Happy and successful children

What all parents want most is to know that there child is happy and they have a reasonable level of success in all that they attempt to do. Successful children do not have to be elite athletes, award winning artists, or eisteddfod worthy musicians. Successful children are those who always endeavour to give their very best, push themselves to reach new goals and feel pride and joy in these achievements.

Here are some hints for ‘successful children’:

- Be responsible for your own actions and the consequences of those actions. Good deeds and hard work lead to great results and great rewards. Inappropriate choices can lead to negative consequences and a lack of respect from others.
- Always do the right thing, whether someone is watching or not. Remember you choose your actions, attitudes and moods and you can’t blame other people for these. Surround yourself with people who brighten your mood and encourage your positive actions and avoid people who make you sad or angry.
- Plan ahead and set goals. Goals don’t have to be major achievements or milestones. Goals can include being more active, or meeting and making new friends.
- Set priorities, make a schedule, and follow your plan. Try to be organised and stay focused on what you want to achieve.
- Think positively and believe in yourself.
- Try your best to get along with others and respect and admire people for their differences. We can learn a lot from other people and the things that they know and think.
- Take care of your body and mind by eating right, exercising, having outdoor time, and remembering your hygiene.
- Look for ways to help others, to make their lives or day better. Each day try to make another person smile and every day give someone a compliment about something they have achieved.

All of these priorities sit perfectly with our Stretton SPIRIT values and we are proud that our students embrace and live these and as a result are happy and successful children.

Gowan Car Park

I have recently been responding to a few questions from parents and community members about the car park off Gowan Road. We are very fortunate here at Stretton SC that we have a Brisbane City Council car park attached to our school site. This is a public car park and not a Stretton State College car park, which means that members of the public, staff from neighbouring early learning centres and our College, all have permission and the right to utilise the car parking spaces. Where possible, staff from our College and other centres, do their best to use spaces within our sites, but due to limited spaces, they often need to use spaces in the public car park. I hope that this clarifies the concerns raised as we continue to work towards improvements to our drop off and pick up areas.
Senior Secondary Deputy Principal News

Senior Exams

It’s that time again when Year 11 and 12 students prepare and sit for a five day block of exams. In that time students will only attend school for the sessions in which they have exams/catch up sessions unless they are at risk of not completing their certificate courses or have any work outstanding. The dates are between Thursday 12th June and Wednesday the 18th of June. All students have received a hard copy of the timetable.

Students who wish to visit school when they don’t have an assessment session must sign in via the office and wear full formal uniform during the exam block. A study room in the library will be provided for those students who do not have permission and are not able to get home after an exam. Students will not be permitted to leave any exam session early, and are expected to attend all exam sessions relevant to them and provide a medical certificate if absent for a session (Qld Studies Authority requirement).

Refer for detailed exam times.

I’d like to wish everyone the very best for their exams!

Drew Jell
SENIOR SECONDARY DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Junior Primary Deputy Principal News

Well Being Team

This month we will be exploring the value of Integrity. Integrity is the value of being truthful and reliable.

Year 1 Fire Fighter Visit

‘Hi, I’m Blazer, the QFRS Fire Safety Koala. It’s my job to teach kids all over Queensland about fire and how you can help keep your family and friends safe. Last week I visited Stretton State College Year 1 students and I’ll be back this week to speak again with students.’

The fire-fighters showed the students their protective gear they wear when fighting fires. They taught the students about what to do in the event of a fire; Ring 000, “Get down Low and Go Go Go” and to meet at the letterbox. They were also told if their clothes were on fire to Stop, drop and roll to put the flames out.

The students listened intently and look forward to the next visit when they will be able to get up close with the Fire Engine.

Under 8’s Day

Thankyou to everyone for coming and sharing in Under 8’Day with us last week. We all had a fantastic time, Mrs Dimech.

Yours in the SPIRIT

Tam Dimech
Junior Primary Deputy Principal

Senior Primary Deputy Principal News

It is assessment time again! The term is ending fast, and we need to be sure that our students can perform to the best of their ability at this important time. Ensure that your child has sufficient sleep, and an early bed time for the next two weeks – so that they are alert and ready in class for all tasks. It is also important that they have a good breakfast and healthy lunch to help their brains work in the school day. Every day counts – all students need to be at school as much as possible – make appointments out of school hours if possible. These final assessment results impact on the report cards you will have emailed to you in week 10. Let’s get the best results we can for our students!

Lisa Tonscheck
Senior Primary Deputy Principal

Little Shop of Horrors

We promised to deliver the best little shop musical of 2014 (BIGGER than Hula – hoops) and our amazingly dedicated and talented students along with our selfless staff certainly did just that!

Stretton’s very first musical production exceeded all expectations with three exceptionally polished performances and an influx of praise from all who attended. LEC management commented on the professionalism of our students and were taken back with the quality of our show comparing it alongside local theatre companies.

Georgia Peace starring as AUDREY was an absolute standout and her stage partner, Ransom Webster as SEYMOUR was flawless in his script and song deliveries. Ransom and Matthew O’Neill (starring as the sadistic dentist ORIN SCHIVELLO) stole the matinee show with a quick improvised section to cover for a near mishap with dentist chair, whilst Tremayne Pendragon starring as MUSHNICK gave us that very amusing, ridiculous dance number. Of course anyone who attended will never forget the awesome voice of AUDREY II – Mr Chris Hudson (puppetry executed by Ms Helena Townsend and Mr Jason Tobin) – an absolute show stealer! And there supporting our leads were our wonderful DOOWOPS – Erin Elythe, Neesha Waho and Kaela Mefford who provided tight three-part pro
harmonies throughout the show, backed again by our little Doo-woops and our musical chorus – singing and dancing their way throughout the show. Our dance troupe (choreographed by Ms Rachel Breen) were amazing with their stunts, our Gowan littles (lead by Ms Nicole Perry) were ever so cute and of course our student/staff band (lead by Mr Brad Stewart) provided a professional, well-rehearsed polished backing to our vocals.

With any musical it is a massive team effort and true as it may be, starting with just a handshake between myself and Ms Pene Cawthorne closely followed by Ms Sasha MacDonald, Ms Rachel Breen, Ms Bec Moore who jumped in, feet first, within about 5 minutes of the initial conversation – there was no stopping the Little Shop show. The success of our production was the culmination of many hours of hard work by our sixty strong cast/crew and over twenty staff throughout the production process. The dubbed Green Team fast became the Dream Team by closing night.

Please take a moment to read through the production credits that follow – the enthusiasm, selflessness and generosity of our staff is second to none and the production simply would not have happened without these amazing people. There were many other staff not listed in our production credits who also gave up their time to help supervise students and were just there to lend a hand along the way and we thank you for that.

All cast and crew were treated to a morning tea this week, kindly held by our administration, where students and staff were presented with certificates and a souvenir program. We will follow up in a few weeks with an afternoon ‘after party’ to settle back and watch the musical back on DVD. More details on that afternoon to follow shortly.

Despite the sacrifice of hundreds of hours of outside of school hours given by our students and staff involved, you know you’re onto a winner when students and staff are already asking “Soooo what are we doing next year?” Of course I haven’t replied ........ yet!

For now just remember, whatever you do – DON’T FEED THE PLANTS!

Leona Millar - Dangaard

Illawena English

Author Visit

Last week the Year 7 students were fortunate enough to participate in a visit from a well-respected Brisbane Author named Robert Hoge. We first met Robert at the Brisbane Writer’s Festival last year after his recently published memoir called ‘Ugly’ detailing the trials and tribulations he has faced while living with a prominent disability.

During Robert’s visit, our students were able to spend quality time with Robert listening to his life story as well as his advice regarding the writing process. This was a particularly valuable experience for our Year 7 students as they begin to write their own memoir in English this term. Robert entertained us with his tales and inspired us with his remarkable outlook on life.

If you would like to know more about Robert Hoge including his life and work, you can visit his website at http://roberthoge.com/, or read the recent transcript from his appearance on the ABC at http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-09-16/roberthoge-embraces-ugly-in-a-beauty-obsessed-world/4959136 .

Many thanks to our librarian Mrs Maria Kapa and English teachers Ms Cavallaro and Ms Bailey for their organisation of this event.
Premier’s Reading Challenge

This year Stretton State College will be participating in The Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an annual statewide event for students from Prep to Year 7. The reading period for the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge commences on Tuesday 20 May and closes Friday 5 September.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to further develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts.

For a student to successfully complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below.

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*Experiencing a book can include classroom or at-home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a text, or being read to.

The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 7 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read.

If you would like to support your year 7 student in selecting a book, a recommended reading list can be found at http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/booklist.html. Perhaps you may like to read along with your child and engage in some meaningful discussion about the plot, characters and themes in the novel.

Mrs Monique Trim
English Head of Department
Illawena Campus

P & C News

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

As you know, the 2013/2014 Brisbane Entertainment™ Book has just expired. If you haven’t already purchased a new 2014/2015 Entertainment™ Membership, now is the time to do so. 10 more sales and we reach our target!

If you buy an Entertainment™ Book for just $65, you’ll receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers! Use just a few of the hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 offers and you’ll more than cover the cost of your Entertainment™ Membership. Plus, you can take advantage of additional, valuable Member-only benefits until 1st June 2015!

Digital Membership Benefits

1. Customers can easily locate your business using “near me” mapping technology, prompting spontaneous dining.
2. Customers are prompted to check-in on Facebook, growing your exposure on social media.
3. You can promote off-peak dining through direct phone notifications.
4. You receive instantaneous reporting and database information you can use for performance monitoring and further marketing.

PURCHASE NOW > at

If you’ve chosen the popular Digital Membership or you’ve elected not to purchase the book, then please return it either Gowan of Illawena Office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

BOOK FAIR - 16th to 20th June

We are assisting the Library with spreading the word about “The Gowan Campus Annual Book Fair”. This year it will be held in the new Lighthouse building (located between Cottages 18 and 19) from Monday 16th to Friday 20th June from 8am to 4pm each day.

Unlike previous years, 2014 will see a new range of books supplied by a local bookstore The Really Good Bookshop located at Hillcrest. This wonderful store, run by Wendy Reilly, already supplies Stretton with many library resources and this year we look forward to seeing a different range of books - some even second hand which will cater for students of all budgets.

We take delivery of books on Friday 13 June and require some volunteer assistance with setting up from around 9am.

The Fair will officially on Monday, June 16th and students will be able to come to the fair during their allocated “Library” time, as well as before and after school to make purchases. At this stage the Fair will be closed during both breaks which...
will enable students to do their regular Library borrowing and returns should they wish.

Volunteer help at the Fair would be greatly appreciated at any time, but especially before and after school when there is the most parent traffic.

The types of things we require help with will be displaying the books, assisting students with writing their “wish list”, re-arranging books, re-ordering popular titles, collecting money and issuing receipts (we have a cash register). We will not have to use an EFT/Credit Card machine as it will operate similar to Book Club where parents write out their details and fill in a form. One of the Library staff will be there at all times so a volunteer would not be on their own.

Could any Stretton Community members who are able to volunteer or who have any further questions please contact Mrs Maria Kapa on 3723 0239 or via email: mkapa1@eq.edu.au

Thanking you in advance for your assistance.

WE WANT YOUR SUGGESTIONS

In our previous article, we mentioned that we want your suggestions. To date we have received very few responses. Don’t hold back! We really do want to hear from you. There are always plenty of things in and around the school that could do with fixing up or improving, some addition to your child’s classroom - something that you’d like to see someone do something about. This is where your P&C can help out.

This is your chance to “speak up”. As parents and guardians, you are the eyes and ears of our school and are able to see certain things that we may not. Be up front about the change you want to see. Give us the chance to do something about it.

Please drop your suggestions into the office, or send via email www.pandc@strettonsc.eq.edu.au or drop your anonymous suggestion note into the office in an envelope with “P&C” on it, so it can be placed in the P&C Pidgeon Hole.

Even better ... drop it in personally to us at a P&C Meeting. Next Meeting: Wednesday, 18th June, Illaweena Dining Room from 4pm.

STENCILLING ON GOWAN

The existing stencilling on the Gowan Campus has seen better days. It is over eight years old and the P&C had arranged for the existing and lots of new stencilling work to be carried out last Saturday. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans and sent us rain instead of sunshine, so this work has been delayed.

We are re-scheduling the work to be carried out towards the end of Term, or during the school holidays. So, when you return the Gowan Campus stencilling will be renewed, with lots of additional handball courts and other special educational based stencilling for your children to enjoy.

Kind Regards
P&C Committee

Library News

BOOK FAIR

Preparations are on the way for the Gowan Campus 2014 Book Fair!

Unlike previous years, we have enlisted the help of local bookstore The Really Good Bookshop, who will provide us with a new range of exciting books. The Book Fair will be held from Monday 16th to Friday 20th June in the Junior Campus library. This year we look forward to seeing a different range of books, some even second hand, so make sure you start saving your pocket money!

CBC Book Week 2014

The Children’s Book Council ‘Book Week’ 2014 shortlisted books have been announced! The theme for this years celebration is “Connect to reading” and will be held on the 18th August – 22nd August.

“Connect to reading” is about enjoying the experience of exploring story, and travelling to other worlds” through what we read. The 2014 shortlisted books are now available in both the Illaweena and Gowan libraries. Make sure you check out the shortlisted books next time you visit!

Overdue Loans

Just a reminder, that there are still many students with overdue loans. Outstanding loans restrict the students borrowing and prohibit further loaning until all resources have been returned. Please check with library staff if there are any queries regarding your library accounts.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Free dress day-Fundraising on Gowan 22nd of May

Thank you to the Stretton Community on Gowan Campus for dressing up in your favourite football team colours on Thursday the 22nd May. Everyone looked extremely colourful!

Well done Stretton, with your amazing support we raised $1,043.20 that was donated to Beyond Blue, a charity that works to help the Australian community understand depression and anxiety and endeavours to empower all Australians, at any life-stage, to seek help when needed.

Thank you.

Cathy Fletcher and Jasmine Wellington
Student Council Teachers, Gowan Campus
Japanese Study Tour

Instrumental Music

Musical

Congratulations to all our Instrumental Music students who had starring roles both on stage and in the musical band for Stretton’s first musical Little Shop of Horrors!

Musical Band members

Anastasia Sechenova  Reed 1 (flute)
Tanya Jones  Reed 2 (clarinet)
Abigail Peace  Trumpet 2
Delphina Tan  Keyboard 2
Jacob Agapow  Percussion
Lynette Mathew  Percussion

Jazzin’ Up The Hall

Our Semester two instrumental music evening, will be held on Wednesday 25th June in the Gowan Hall at 6.30pm.

Tickets will be available for purchase from Tuesday 10th June ($5 per person, performers are free). Please return your money with the form provided to students to either office.

Seats and tickets will be allocated by the IM staff and provided to you.

Last year’s event was a sell-out so get in quick!

Athletic Day BBQ’s

This year, the IM Department will be hosting bbq’s for all College Athletic Carnivals.

Gowan - Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th June
Illaweña – Thursday 26th and Friday 27th June

We would greatly appreciate any assistance from parents at these events. Please contact Robyn Rosewarne if you are available to help at any time during the week.

Term 2 Date Claimers

25th June – Jazzin’ Up the Hall
23,24,26,27 June - Athletic Carnival BBQ’s
6-13 July - Sydney Band Tour

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.

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  rose42@eq.edu.au
Mr Brad Stewart  bstew25@eq.edu.au

Senior Schooling

What’s happening in Senior Schooling?

Of a Wednesday, some of our Year 11 and 12 students have been working with Napoleon makeup at Terry white Chemist Calamvale Central (as part of their work experience program). The cost of the experience is $35 which includes a cosmetic purse filled with products to this value. Terry White Chemist also offer a Tuesday special with 20% off a selected range of cosmetics and products for Stretton students. A huge thank you to Lauren Deluca (one of our past students) and Terry White Chemist for making this experience available.
Liz van Genderen  
Head of Department Senior Schooling.

Books for Babies

Week one of interschool sport had Stretton State High School at Kiawanah Park, Tingalpa to become the 2014 Metropolitan champions.

You only have to look at the photographs to see the excitement and fantastic Stretton spirit that was on display at the moment we won the game and shortly afterwards.

After being undefeated District Champions, our journey to the Metropolitan finals began. Firstly, we defeated Indooroopilly State High School here on the bottom Gowan Oval. Secondly, we defeated Victoria Point State High School at Kianawah Park. Finally, we continued our undefeated status in the final against ‘Cav Road’.

It was a pleasure and privilege to coach this wonderful group of young men. Their conduct and commitment during this campaign was exemplary. Many commented positively on their behaviour and efforts during the season. I could not be prouder of them or their achievement.

We did not lose a game in 2014. What makes this success even more special is when you consider the fact that there are no cricket nets at the College.

Well done gentlemen! You are a credit to yourselves and our college.

The Team: Bryce Bungay, Vice-Captain; Travis Bagnall; Mitchell Brown; Oliver Corfield; Callum Jay Crase; Keegan D’Souza; Bryce Harding; Ismail Ibrahim; Nav Jhutty; Daemin Lealiiee; Mahomed Leeya; Hayden Weber, Captain; Reserves: Benjamin Sherwood; Lahni Siua’Ana

The Scores: Stretton State College 2/126 defeated Indooroopilly State High School 10/120; Stretton State College 4/143 defeated Victoria Point State High School 2/140; Stretton State College 4/149 defeated Cavendish Road State High School 10/145.

KIM RAVENSWOOD

Interschool Sport – Round 1 v Park Ridge

We had a sensational start to the winter season last week playing against Park Ridge. It was obvious that teams and coaches had been working hard for the week leading up to kick off as Stretton dominated all over the place.
Check out these results!

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**Met West Selection**

**Cross Country**

Congratulations to all our District Representatives for the recent Met West Cross Country Trials. A special congratulations to Rob Friend, Alex Dean and Declan Ryan who were selected to represent Met West at the upcoming State Titles – Good Luck

**Basketball**

Congratulations to Shaun Sharma and Craig Hunt for gaining selection in the Met West Basketball Team!

**Softball**

Congratulations to Callum Crase who gained selection in the Met West Boys Softball Team

**District Selection**

It has been a huge week for district selection for Stretton State College. It is safe to say the we dominated the 15 Years boys and girls selection with the following students gaining selection to trial for Met West:

- Loughlin Sharma
- Cameron Terrill
- Liam Taylor
- Sakariya Omar
- Almir Basinac
- Luka Marinov
- Scott Black
- Chris Gong
- Alex Barrett
- Brittany Stevenson
- Courtney Black
- Natasha Douglas
- Megan Cole
- Tameka Johnson
- Rebeka Sweet
- Hannah Barrett
- Sarah Goode
- Tegan Miley
- Teneisha Mossop

**All things Stretton Netball!**

It is Stretton Netball’s time to shine! We have a huge amount of talented young netballers at our College and we have four dedicated staff to work with them and help develop them into stars!

**Illaweena Netball - Vicki Wilson Cup**

We have nominated an open team in the Vicki Wilson Cup this year. The team will be made up of players from our Illaweena Campus in years 7-12. They will compete in the tournament in Term 3 starting in late July. The competition starts with preliminary matches against schools in our region. The top sixteen teams will then play a finals competition in October at the State Netball Centre.

Nominations and trials for the Vicki Wilson team will be occurring in Week 7 and 8 this term. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details in care and during assembly next week. If you have any questions please see Ms Taylor, Ms Shiels, Miss Santoro or Miss Austin!
Gowan Netball - Stingers Netball Development Program

Our Gowan netballers aren’t going to miss out! We are currently recruiting as many stinger netballers as we can! We are looking for any girls interested in playing or learning the game of netball in Years 4, 5 and 6. We cater for all ability and experience levels so even players who have never touched a netball are welcome to join! Stingers netball is currently running on Thursday mornings, 7.45-8.30am on the Illaweena netball courts. At the end of the session Miss Austin will walk students back to the Gowan Campus in case any parents are concerned about them crossing Gowan Road.

Our aim this year is to select a Gowan Representative team to participate in Mission Foods Primary Schools Cup in October. More information about this tournament will be coming next term – so keep your eyes peeled if you’re interested.

If you have any questions about Stretton Netball please contact our Netball Co-ordinators, Jodie Austin or Tahnia Santoro.

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Gowan Sports News

The sun came out to celebrate Gala Day on Friday! We had lovely weather and good temperatures for our day of sport. It was the second round of Gala Day on 30 May. Everyone was eager and excited for another big day of sporting action. All the hard work paid off as Stretton put in some excellent performances and achieved some impressive results.

Rugby League: The Seniors (blue) won all three of their games against Sunnybank, Calamvale and Algester. The player of the day went to Matakai Mataele. The Junior team (white) played well, with 2 wins against Warrigal and Calamvale and a draw with Sunnybank. The Player of the day was Kode Lawrence.

Basketball: Well done to the senior boys and girls team with their wins! The players of the day were Madison Pollard and Tory Dwyer. The Junior teams suffered losses and wins, but all team members played well. The players of the day were Angeliki Tsougranis and Marc Rosales.

Football: Both the seniors and the juniors played against Robertson, Coopers Plains and Moorooka. Moorooka proved to be too good for both the junior and senior teams, but Stretton was successful in the other games. Players of the day were David Phan and Abdiqani Abdi.

Congratulations to all of the students that were awarded player of the days in the respective teams. Every team will now keep training hard to prepare for the final Gala Day of the season on Friday 20 June - Good luck to all players and coaches! Thanks also to those teachers who have dedicated lunchbreaks and out of school hours to prepare our teams for playing, and our number of successes. Remember to always use our Stretton Spirit when playing against another team and school – especially using our Persistence, Integrity and Respect – both on and off the fields. Well done every one.

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