8 May 2014

College Principal’s Message

“As you go your way in life, you will see a great chasm. Jump. It’s not as wide as you think.”

This is one of my favourite quotes given to a young Native American at the time of his initiation. To me it resonates the challenge in our lives of ensuring that great success will only come about through sustained effort and the ability and drive to practice hard. No one can achieve great performance without the benefit of passion and a truly extraordinary drive, and sometimes we need to ‘jump’ in order to realize that drive and passion. As we work together with our students to set goals for themselves and to make progress towards those goals, we want each student to figure out “what he or she must still do to reach that highest level of attainment possible.” That is, the MOTIVATION isn’t simply an award or glib praise, but increasingly, it has to be the student’s inner drive to BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE!!

To be able to ‘crack that code’ of children’s ‘intrinsic drive’ to do better is what we attempt to do every single day as educators. Very few children are born with that innate drive to excel, however sometimes there is a ‘tipping point’. It could be sitting in an Assembly listening to a highly accomplished musician, sportsperson or business achiever. As a virtuoso pianist once recalled as she recalled a life-changing experience at age fifteen of sitting just a metre away as a great pianist performed at a concert: “I remember feeling inundated and overwhelmed with the dynamic range, with the expressive potential, with hearing the real bite of the sound, the real softness of the sound…..at that point I became serious like I never had before. I cut out mucking around at piano practice. I stopped taking the ‘easy way out’. I started to work.” Sometimes we refer to these moments as our ‘aha moments’. Wouldn’t we love our children to have those aha moments?

As parents and educators we can help students reach the goals which they set for themselves. An important question to ask throughout this process is: What is it going to take for you to pursue this goal? What do you have to ‘give up’ in order to eventually realize this goal? And the other question we can ask our children is: Do you really believe that you can achieve this goal? Do you believe that if you do the work, your performance and achievement will improve? If children genuinely believe that, then there’s at least a chance that they will achieve their goals.

Sometimes our children are constrained by limiting beliefs set by themselves. However, everyone who has achieved exceptional performance has usually encountered terrible difficulties along the way. There are usually no exceptions to this rule. When children receive a ‘setback’ give up and think that they lack the ‘necessary talent’ to achieve their goal, they usually never achieve what they might be possible of achieving. The evidence shouts most loudly that great performance is not reserved for a pre-ordained ‘few’. It is available to everyone with the right effort and attitude.

This is what we want for our students at Stretton. As the great inventor Thomas Edison reflected: “People are not remembered by how few times they failed, but by how often they succeed. Every wrong step can be another step forward.”

We want our students to have the confidence to jump – to try – to set goals further than they think possible. We are a College which is happy and comfortable but never complacent in its own skin.

We want our students to take ‘leaps of faith’; but we also want them to be secure in the knowledge that when they land, the things of real importance will always be there for them. This is the role of a true educator.

Until next time,

Jan Maresca
Executive Principal

Associate Principal News

ANZAC DAY

On Thursday 24 April both campuses stopped to reflect on and commemorate ANZAC Day. I congratulate Mrs Dimech and Mrs Willis for their organisation of this important day in our school life and all staff and students involved in the delivery of these poignant and fitting ceremonies for each campus.

Following the two moving ANZAC ceremonies a large contingent of staff and students led by College and School
captains joined the Sunnybank RSL community service. All students were part of the march with designated students contributing to the ceremony across a range of roles. I continue to be impressed by the community mindedness of our student group this year.

Next year will be the 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day. I hope even more students and staff will join the community service in 2015.

PARKING ISSUES
The Gowan Campus Principal is currently working collaboratively with Brisbane City Council and Queensland Police Service to address issues relating to our car parks and drop off/pick up zones. At this point in time there have been no changes to the car parking system. Officers have been and will continue to enforce illegal parking within school zones across Queensland, with the primary purpose of ensuring child safety. This includes cars standing/parking near a yellow line and also cars parking in 2 minute zones. They will also be enforcing the 40 km speed zone, mobile phone usage and children being left unattended in cars.

We do ask Gowan Campus Parents to have their surname visible on the sign on their visor as they enter the school pick up zone so that we can resume using the announcement system. If you require a new sign, please collect one from the Gowan office. We anticipate that there will be changes to our drop off/ pick up procedures early in Term 2 and we will be sure to keep you updated. We thank you for your suggestions and patience as we work towards a long term solution. Should you have any further suggestions please contact us.

Illawena Principal News
"We are going to relentlessly chase perfection knowing full well we will not catch it because nothing is perfect. But we are going to relentlessly chase it, because in the process we will catch excellence. I am not remotely interested in just being good."
{Vince Lombardi – Green Bay Packers}

Welcome back for term 2, I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break. The start of a new term is a good time for students to think about their results to date and to set targets and goals for the year ahead, especially after the distribution of mid-semester reports and the parent – teacher interviews.

Good results do not come by chance; it requires planning, focus and determination over a long period of time and now is the ideal time to re-focus after a refreshing break. There are a number of different staff who can help students with their assessment items. The first place to start is with their subject teacher. Have a conversation with them about what you can do to improve your results. You can also seek assistance from the Head of Department, Year Coordinator, Deputy Principals and Guidance Officer.

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT
By the time you receive this newsletter the parent teacher nights would have been completed; 861 interviews were conducted throughout the evening. I hope that the forum gave you a good understanding of how your child is progressing. Your child’s education is a partnership between home and school and good quality dialogue is essential between the two. I encourage all parents to follow up with any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child’s education with staff through email, telephone call or a further interview.

FANTASTIC TERM 1 ATTENDANCE
Congratulations to the 222 Illawena students who successfully maintained a 100% attendance record for Term 1. Equally impressive is that a further 282 Illawena students had an attendance rate of between 95 and 99% for term 1. As mentioned in the previous newsletter - 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.

ATTENDANCE – STRATEGIES TO KEEP YOUR STUDENTS ATTENDANCE ABOVE 90%
A considerable number of students across Australia are having their opportunities to perform to their potential adversely affected by condoned absences. Once it was the case that students only missed school when they were genuinely ill, but now that has changed. Students are being allowed to stay away from school for an ever increasing number of excuses. We can all work together to make a difference to your student’s future by ensuring they attend school.

Our Education Department has now collected data from the NAPLAN Year 3,5,7,9 tests that are conducted each year and how it relates to student data. Take a look at the Graph below.
The data is very striking: Student Attendance is measured along the bottom of the graph with a range from 1= full attendance down to 0.7 – or 70% attendance (which equates to 60 days or 12 weeks of learning EACH year).

The NAPLAN scores are shown up the side of the graph. The graph shows:

- Students with higher attendance tend to do better in the tests regardless of year level;
- As student attendance rates fall, achievement drops.

Look at the 0.7 attendance rates (children who miss 3 days each fortnight) and NAPLAN Performance. You will see that:

- Those in Year 7 with 0.7 attendance perform similar to a Year 5 student with full attendance (So students in Year 7 attending 70% of the time were 2 years behind the other Year 7's in performance);
- Those in Year 5 with 0.7 attendance perform just above a Year 3 student with full attendance;
- Those in Year 9 with 70% attendance are performing well under Year 7 students who attend all the time.

This really does show that every day does count. I haven’t met a parent yet who doesn’t want the best for their children. One of the best things you can do is to support your child’s learning and the school by encouraging maximum attendance at school. Obviously if your child is sick they are in no condition for learning and need to be at home so as not to spread the sickness. However, if they are healthy, the research is now clearly showing us that the more they are at school, the better they will perform, both now and in the future. If they are attending school, please make sure you get them here for the full day. Being on time is also important as missing 10 minutes or 30 minutes a day has drastic long-term effects on student performance.

**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 tracksuits (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.

Stretton sports jumpers that have been purchased in previous years, though still fit properly and are in good condition are accepted as part of the school uniform.

Non Stretton jumpers of any description are not permitted; we ask parents to assist in ensuring your child has the correct uniform.

**CAR PARK INCIDENT**

We have been asked by a member of our school community to request any witnesses that may have seen an accident which occurred in our school car park on the afternoon of Parent/Teacher interviews, 1st May approximately 4.30pm. If anyone witnessed an accident between a Toyota RAV 4 and a white car (possibly van) could you please contact the office.

**Michael West**

Principal – Illawena Campus

**Gowan Principal News**

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the recent parent teacher interviews. As I walked around the Hall it was gratifying to see the engaging conversations focused on how together we can support your children to be the very best they can be – academically, socially and in all other areas. Thank you to the parents who attended and to the teachers for your ongoing commitment to the education of the students at Stretton State College.

**A DAY MADE BETTER**

Exceptional teachers do more than just teach – by going above and beyond in their classroom, show your support now. You can do this by going online at www.adaymadebetter.com.au/support-a-teacher.

**DAYS OF EXCELLENCE**

Recently one of our Gowan School Captains, Sristi Lai, attended the Days of Excellence workshop focussing on Public Speaking and Debating. Sristi was so impressed by what she learnt that she sent an email to both her teacher and me, detailing a summary of her experience. I have included some of Sristi’s words.

“On the 23rd and 24th of April, I went to a workshop that focused on Debating and Public Speaking. The first day was dedicated to public speaking and the second day to debating.
On the first day, a class of 25 students learnt the essential tips for public speaking. We learnt the 3 P’s: Prepare, Posture and Physicality, and Pander the audience. It was also suggested we stand tall, be confident and always make eye contact.

The second day was even more fun and challenging than the first, as it focused on debating. On this day, a professional debater attended our workshop for the day. I had an enormous amount of fun from challenges at the workshop.”

We are very proud of Sristi and the way that she represented herself and Stretton State College. I will keep you updated as other Gowan students provide details about their experiences at upcoming workshops.

BOOKS FOR BABIES

Books for Babies provides a wonderful opportunity for us to welcome new babies born into our Stretton State College school community. Each new school community member receives a book pack containing a story book for the newest member and a fantastic book for Mum and Dad – Mem Fox “Reading Magic - How to teach your child how to read before they start school.”

If you have had a baby recently please contact the Gowan school office or our BOOKS for BABIES coordinator, Mrs Karen Jeffrey, so that we can get your details and arrange a parade time to present you and your baby a book pack. The Stretton State College P and C are extremely supportive of this project and have again funded the program to run this year. The value of reading to and with your children is of enormous value to your child’s education. Happy reading.

Senior Secondary Deputy Principal News

BLOOD DRIVE

It’s been a year already since I arrived at this wonderful College; where has the time gone? Being part of some of the amazing extra-curricular activities that the students of Stretton involve themselves in have made up some of my more rewarding times over the last twelve months. The number of charitable and community minded activities that our students initiate and take part in is nothing short of amazing. It is a fine thing to see so many young people with such a refined sense of social mindedness and a willingness to give to the community. Our students are literally ready to give blood for others!

Last week I accompanied one of the many trips by our senior students to the Springwood Blood Donation Centre to be part of the blood drive. Apart from a little nervousness at needle time, it was a delight to see our crew cheerfully raising their hands for such a vital initiative.

STRETTON CROSS COUNTRY

The Stretton cross country was another recent event where I had a chance to see our students in a different light; the spirit of competition was friendly but fierce; especially when they heard that I would be buying lunch for anyone that beat me in the open division! (Thank you Ms Jansen!) Robert Friend showed a clean pair of heels and proved he can eat his body weight in food at the canteen when I honoured the debt.

Oh well, looking forward to having my car washed by a certain senior who made a misplaced bet at the start of the race (thank you Declan!)

Drew Jell

Junior Secondary Deputy Principal News

NAPLAN TESTS: MAY 14, 15 AND 16

All students have had a minimum of 8 turbo lessons specifically targeted at areas of improvement in literacy and numeracy in preparation for NAPLAN.

We have been working with our upper two band students (lighthouse and other high performing students) on specific and individually targeted strategies through tutorials and turbo lessons to further extend their performance in literacy, numeracy and higher order thinking.
KARAWATHA CLUSTER HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

In the weeks following NAPLAN, we open our doors on a Wednesday afternoon to the “Best and Brightest” year six (6) students across the Karawatha Cluster of schools as we lead and host the first High Achievers Program. Over 100 high achieving students will take part in one of five extension and enrichment workshops: Maths, Science, Instrumental Music, Humanities or TEDx (see below for more information) including all our year six lighthouse students and other selected emerging high achievers. Further information will reach relevant parents soon including invitations to our opening night and further information about the program.

TEDx:

We have been the first Queensland school to secure a TEDx event (see www.TED.com.au ) and we will stage the event in partnership with the University of Queensland, Mighty Minds inc. and the Queensland Academies. A selected number of the highest achieving year six (6) students across our cluster of primary schools will work with our “Best and Brightest” year 11 student mentors and with academics from the University of Qld to present their own “mini-thesis”. More information to follow.

DEBATING

This year Stretton enters the debating world with two teams (a Year 7/8 team and a Year 9/10 team). The Teams have acquitted themselves extremely well in all seven debates so far and we expect them to continue to improve with experience. Anyone interested in Debating from years 7-12 for 2015 should please make contact with either Ms Sasha McDonald or Mr Chris Hudson our debating leaders.

MATHS TEAMS CHALLENGE

Tuesday August 5 sees us host the second year of the Maths Teams Challenge. Last year saw over fifteen (15) schools compete (240+students) and we expect this to grow this year as we defend our Senior title and look to add the junior title to the trophy cabinet. The Maths Team Challenge is open to outstanding students from years 5 -12.

Junior Primary Deputy Principal News

This week in Year 1 and Year 2 we have begun our new reading groups. We will be targeting the teaching of phonemic awareness; fluency in reading, comprehension; vocabulary development and word recognition in order to further develop your child’s reading ability.

As parents you can support your child’s reading love by:

• Reading to your child every day!
• Ask your child questions before, during, and after reading.
• Talk about the pictures in the book.
• Let your child see you reading.

• Look for letters while out and about and in the environment.
• Read a variety of books.
• Discuss letters and sounds.
• Encourage your child to sound out short words (consonant, vowel, consonant).
• Practice memorizing a few sight words each day.
• Visit the library together.
• Use Reading Eggs at home.
• Most of all have fun together!

STRETTON SPIRIT

This Month we will be focusing on the value of Perseverance. Perseverance is showing that we try very hard and put a lot of effort into the task. I look forward to seeing all the students at Stretton displaying this value.

UNDER 8’S DAY

On Friday the 23rd of May the Prep -2, Year 3C and 3E students will be celebrating Under 8’s Day. This year’s theme is Everyone Can Play. If you have not yet sent your $2 to school can you do so this week. If you are also able to assist with the requested items from your child’s teacher can you send them in this week also. Thank you to the members of the community who have already volunteered their time for this morning already.

We look forward to seeing as many Mums and Dads as possible coming along and enjoying the morning with us.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

On Tuesday 13th May at 2pm we are holding a Volunteer Induction Session in the library. After attending this session we will be able to discuss with you when you can help at school in the classrooms and the library. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible attend. If you are able to attend please RSVP to the office by Monday 12th May at 9.00am.

Yours in the SPIRIT

Tam Dimech
Deputy Principal
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Your family simply have to click on the Stretton State College link above and choose which State or Territory in Australia where they live, then choose their Local Entertainment Book. In NZ you can choose from many cities on the North or South Island as well. The school will benefit as long as they proceed to purchase through the link above. So, do your school a favour (where your students will benefit directly) and SPREAD THE WORD.

Any Books not required (because you’ve decided to purchase a Digital Membership) should be returned to their Gowan or Illawena Office in the envelope provided by Friday, 16th May

If you do not wish to purchase online, please return the completed Payment Slip and retain your hard cover Book.

Thank you Students and Staff for your support.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

The P&C would like to thank the students for participating in our Mothers Day Stall this year. The Stretton Students were fantastic, with lots of Stretton Spirit Manners on display.

The P&C will give you a rundown of this event in the next Newsletter.

YOUR SUGGESTIONS

The P&C are hoping to run a fundraising event every month – whether it’s a Holiday Raffle, a Disco, a Stall or tickets to the Cinema? In saying this, we do not want you to feel pressured into participating in each and every one. Like anything in life, you get to choose. Pick a fundraiser that you feel your family or students can benefit from, that has prizes that you would really like to win, or something that your children will enjoy, then participate in those particular events.

But here’s the catch …. We’d like your feedback or suggestions…. What prizes would you like to win in a Raffle? What suggestions do you have to improve your child’s learning or environment at the school? Where do you want to see the P&C funds going? Do you help out in the classroom - is there something missing there? Perhaps a comfy bean bag for the reading corner, a big fan in the Hall for the summer months? A chilled bubbler on the grounds?

Please print the suggestion slip and return it to the office. We’d like your name, contact number and/or email and your suggestions, so that we consider them properly. Perhaps some of you will have the same ideas? We won’t know unless we hear from you.

Again, thank you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts. We look forward to hearing from you.

P&C Executive
Student Wellbeing

Parent Information Seminar at Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

QUT will hold a Parent Information Seminar at its Gardens Point campus from 6 – 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7 May 2014. The seminar will cover topics such as:

- making course and career decisions
- gaining entry to university
- life as a university student
- transition to university and support for students
- study costs and financial support
- resources for parents and students.

Find out more at http://www.qut.edu.au/study/events.

Career Discovery Day at the Australian National College of Beauty (ANCB)

ANCB is a registered training college that offers a Diploma of Beauty Therapy. VET FEE-HELP is available. It will hold a Career Discovery Day at its Fortitude Valley, Brisbane campus on Saturday 3 May 2014.

See http://www.ancb.edu.au/events/career-discovery-day-brisbane-3rd-may for more information and to register.

RSL Youth Development Program

The RSL Youth Development Program recognises and rewards the efforts of high-achieving Queensland students. It is offered through the Returned Soldiers League (RSL) and Bond University. Current Year 10 and 11 students who demonstrate academic, community and leadership achievements can receive grants of up to $5,000. Recipients of an RSL Youth Development Program grant also have an opportunity to apply for an Anzac Scholarship to cover 50% of the tuition fees for single or combined degrees at Bond University at the completion of high school. Applications for this program open on Anzac Day (25 April 2014) and close on Remembrance Day (11 November 2014).

For more information and to apply, visit http://RSLyouth.com.au.

Selected course and career events from 22 April – 16 May 2014

April

30 Design College Australia Information Evening

May

2 University of New England Open Day
http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-options/landing/open-day

3 CATC Design School Brisbane Campus Career Discovery Day http://www.catc.edu.au/events

3 Australian Institute of Applied Sciences Open Day
http://www.aias.edu.au/about/upcoming-events

3 APM College of Business and Communications Career Discovery Day http://www.apm.edu.au/

3 Australian College of Natural Therapies, Brisbane Campus Career Discovery Day http://www.acnt.edu.au/about-us/events/brisbane-openday

3 Nursing and Health Expo 2014
http://www.acn.edu.au/expos

3 Australian National College of Beauty, Brisbane Campus Career Discovery Day http://www.ancb.edu.au/events/career-discovery-day-brisbane-3rd-may


3 Endeavour College of Natural Health, Brisbane and Gold Coast Campuses Open Day

7 Queensland University of Technology Gardens Point Campus Parent Information Seminar
http://www.qut.edu.au/study/events

6 CQUUniversity mid-year information sessions at all campuses and online http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar

8 2014 Gold Coast Careers Expo

10 CATC Design School Gold Coast Campus Career Discovery Day http://www.catc.edu.au/events

10 Explore your future in a day with the Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine at Bond University
HEART WEEK

Heart Week’s aim is to bring attention to the problem of heart disease and to improve the heart health of all Australians.

Each year more than 10 000 Australians die of a heart attack, and more than 1 million Australians aged 30-65 are at risk of having a heart attack or stroke – but they may not be aware that they are at risk!

This year heart foundation is urging all Australians to learn the warning signs of a heart attack and reduce the risk of having one. More at heartfoundation.org.au/risk, heartattackfacts.org.au/ or call us on 1300 36 27 87

At Stretton during Heart Week, Youth Health Nurse, Kirsten Anstey, will be distributing information to staff via staff room displays and school notices

ALLIED HEALTH FORUM

Recently, students from Year 12 visited the University of Queensland’s Careers that Shape the World & the Princess Alexander Hospital’s Allied health Forum. From all reports both these opportunities proved to be valuable.

At the end of Term 3 students will be asked to complete a QTAC (QLD Tertiary Admission Centre) application. On this application students will put in 6 preferences indicating their interest in either TAFE or university. Attending these events and d

I will be posting information about open days, scholarships and course information via the newsletter, our Facebook page, Year 12s emails and post Year 12 interviews during period 3 on Tuesdays. The more information young people get the better the decisions they make.

If you would like any information on post Year 12 options for your son or daughter please contact me at the college.

Kate Niland
Guidance Officer – Illaweena Campus

Careers That Shape the World

The University of Queensland held it’s annual Career’s that Shape the World on Wednesday 23rd of April. This event entailed a range of courses aimed at inspiring future students and providing an insight into various possible future career paths. Representing Stretton State College were Courtney Pomereneke, Chelsea Hill, Emily Pidd and Sydney Hamnett. The day consisted of a tour of the unparalleled and impressive facilities and grounds and three block sessions in which lecturers were able to provide information on the different programs the university runs. Enjoyed by all, the enhancement day presented the opportunity to interact with like-minded individuals from surrounding schools and was extremely beneficial in directing students on the right path to be taken as our schooling comes to an end and we are faced with future decisions.

Sydney Hamnett, Yr 12

Princess Alexander Hospital’s Allied Health Forum

On the 30th of April, Stretton’s Guidance Officer – Ms Niland, took a group of five students to attend the Allied Health Forum and gain a great insight into future career paths revolving around allied health. The group of Stretton students, along with hundreds of other students from schools across Brisbane attended the event and listened to various representatives of their field give a detailed and interactive explanation of the experience of working in that field. Students were able to look into professions ranging from dieticians to radiologists, social workers, podiatrists, psychologists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists and audiology. This information can help determine which field they want to enter upon the completion of high school. Stalls set up by universities and peak occupation groups allowed students to gain further information about a certain field after the eye-opening lectures. Overall it was a unique and fantastic experience that provided students with the opportunity to learn about different career paths.

Phillip Tran, Yr 12

Andrew, Maria, Emily, Ms Niland, Lan & Phillip attend
From Our College Captains

BLOOD DRIVE

Stretton College Captains, in partnership with the Red Cross, are pioneering the way with community blood donations. The initiative put forth by this year’s leaders will see the senior cohort band together to save the lives of their fellow Australians. The four captains, in addition to the prefects, bared their arms for the college’s first blood donation, already saving 12 Australian’s lives. The senior cohort will continue to donate every Wednesday for the remainder of term two, alongside supportive staff. Parents and community members are urged to donate too, under the team name ‘Stretton State College’.

EASTER APPEAL

This year the student council undertook ‘The Easter Appeal’ due to the absence of the school chaplain. Organised by community prefect Kealan Newbold, students, teachers and admin alike participated in a guessing competition over a jar of assorted Easter Eggs. Congratulations to the winner – Dr. Ryan. The funds raised went towards producing Easter themed baskets, filled with assorted chocolates, lollies, bon-bons and bunnies. In total, the College raised enough money to produce four large baskets, all of which were donated to AngliCare. AngliCare is a not-for-profit organisation designed to assist elderly citizens who cannot afford to be placed within mainstream nursing homes. AngliCare was extremely grateful for the donation and personally wish to congratulate Stretton State College on their efforts and contribution to the community.

ANZAC DAY PARADE

The College Captains also attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Sunnybank RSL. Arriving in the dark at 4am, the Captains were joined by veterans, local politicians and families to pay their respects. Following this, they attended a breakfast and mingled with veterans who shared their experiences. Gowan and Illaweena students, parents and teachers then marched alongside each other under the Karawatha Cluster Banner, laying wreaths at the memorial as a sign of respect for the fallen. College Captain Josh Powell featured as flag bearer, whilst Courtney Pomerenke and Samantha Nolan both gave an address. It was a moving experience for many and we encourage everyone to attend next years’ service.

What’s happening in Senior Schooling?

STUDENT PATHWAYS

When deciding on pathways for our students, I sometimes think we could start to map student’s pathways in the junior years.

Over the past two weeks 7B has been truly spoilt with the presence of one of our past students. Josh finished school last year and is now a second year apprentice as a full time Chef. Josh commenced his apprenticeship in year 10 here at Stretton.

The Year 7’s already have learnt so much not only about the apprenticeship but also the expectations of the workplace. Josh is currently employed by Ice works at Paddington. If you ever have the opportunity to dine here it is well worth the experience.
Fortunately at Stretton we provide multiple opportunities for students to succeed and obtain a set of transferrable work skills.

As well as our regular curriculum provisions we have students completing Certificate and Diploma courses in the following areas:

- Certificate I Plumbing Services/Construction/Engineering
- Certificate II Landscaping/Electro technology
- Certificate IV Justice Studies
- Diploma of Beauty/Business/Graphic Design/Justice Administration/Health Services

These courses are school based programs offered by the Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE, Southbank Institute of TAFE and Skills Tech Australia.

These programs can also be accessed via School based apprenticeships and traineeships. Either way students are out one day per week at TAFE or in the workplace working towards the successful completion of these qualifications.

**MIGHTY MINDS COMES TO STRETTON!**

On Thursday 1st May our Year 12 students sitting QCS were actively engaged in a full day workshop with Steve McCabe. What an invigorating day it was! The clear message for the students was that this was not a QCS workshop instead a workshop of techniques, techniques that could be transferred across all subject areas.

I would like to commend the Year 12 Students on their participation and responsiveness to the day. We all learnt so much. Further inspiration is available from the Mighty Minds website.

*Liz van Genderen*

*Head of Department Senior Schooling.*

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**Art News**

**LITTLE SHOP OF PRODUCTION......**

The Visual Art rooms have been a hive of production over the two terms producing props and posters for our upcoming School Musical- ‘Little Shop of Horrors’

Year 8’s have been creating 3 dimensional clay and mixed media Audrey 11 plants, Year 9’s have almost completed their large Pop Art posters based on a character from the musical and Visual Art Studies have been busy creating Posters, Props and merchandise. It has been wonderful to watch the large group of students become engaged in the spirit of this team effort and contribute in a very colourful and creative way to the first ever Stretton State College Musical!!

Art works will be used for publicity purposes, to decorate the foyer of the Logan Entertainment Centre and on stage during the production.

*Ms Friend-Visual Art Department*

**Football Academy**

**FOOTBALL ACADEMY CAMP**

Camp was held at the Runaway Bay Sporting Complex on the Gold Coast. The students were in awe of the professional set up of this Complex and the sheer class of athletes who had been staying in the same dorms they were about to spend their next three days. It gave them a buzz for what they were about to experience in the following days.

Immediately after dropping our bags off and getting our introduction to the camp from the very helpful Coordinators we were onto the pitch for our first training session. The students had never experienced training on a synthetic pitch before, so this session was an eye opener for them and set the standard for the rest of the camp.

Our second day started with what was described as “the most painful experience of the student’s lives”. Our students were given a work out in a beach fitness session, which had them all looking for their beds afterwards. Having these sorts of training sessions is a rarity for these students and shows them what it takes to become an elite athlete. It also makes them realise the sort of training they need to be able to commit to in becoming an elite athlete. It was an experience very few will forget.

In between sessions on the pitch were deep water exercises in the excellent outdoor pool with the help from our Camp
Coordinator who insisted the teachers join in on these activities which seemed like a good idea at the time…we were all regretting it a few hours later with sore legs and arms. Luckily we were able to join the students for the ice baths which was a massive help to everyone's sore legs from the previous days activities.

During some of the downtime we were lucky enough to have a professional lecture on the importance of sports nutrition. A big thank you must go to Griffith University Gold Coast, who provided the Lecturer for this session. I am sure the students gained some valuable information which they will use for years to come.

We were treated to first class meals all throughout the camp which were specially designed for sports people.

All up the camp was a huge success with students already asking about next year’s camp and if it can be longer. A big thank you must go to our other Football Academy Coach Georgia Chapman, as well as our HPE prac student Vily Jovel who helped to make the camp run as smoothly as possible. The attitude and professionalism the students who participated in this Camp displayed is to be applauded, you all showed how far you have come as football players. I am already looking forward to next year’s camp!!!!

*Jason Tobin*
*HPE Teacher*
*Football Academy Coach*

**Canteen News**

Term 2 is here and so are the new menus!

The students have been able to purchase from the new menus for the last couple of weeks, and they love it. There are many new options to keep you warm - Butter Chicken, Ham and Cheese Focaccia, Hamburgers, Chicken Burger and Spaghetti Bolognese are just a handful of new menu options available EVERYDAY in both our Canteens.

Remember to order via Flexischool to ensure your student receives his or her favourite meal!

**Uniform Shop News**

Since the cooler weather has started we have plenty of winter uniforms available for your students. For Prep to Year 3 students we have V neck fleecy jumper and fleecy track pants; and the new V neck knit pullover for grade 1 to grade 12 (cotton polyester, machine washable). Microfibre jacket and pants are available for all grades. For boys grade 1 to grade 12 we have navy formal trousers in all sizes. All sizes of socks are in stock at the moment. We have a new Stretton Navy Scarf for sale for $22.00. For the Girls we have cotton tights for Prep to Grade 3 and microfibre tights for Prep to Grade 12.

**Shop hours are : PH (07) 37230215**

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

**GOWAN SPORTS NEWS**

**GOWAN CAMPUS CROSS COUNTRY**

On Friday 4th April students in years 4-6 participated in the school Cross Country. It was great to see so many students participate and give it a go as well as the amazing support shown by all staff and spectators.

![Cross Country participants](image1)

Congratulations to all students who ran on the day and represented their house with great pride. A special mention to all those students who qualified for the school cross country team who will who will represent our college at the Sunnybank District Cross Country- Good luck!

**Well done to all our 2014 Cross Country Age Champions:**

- 9 Yrs Boys - Jack Scott
- 9 Yrs Girls - Ella Borcak
- 10 Yrs Boys - Chevy Brown
- 10 Yrs Girls - Ariana Gantimuroff
- 11 Yrs Boys - Bailey Lello
- 11 Yrs Girls - Abigail Durcau

![Cross Country champions](image2)

Finally each house group worked extremely hard to try and take out the 2014 Cross Country House Champions award with the help of our outstanding House Captains. It was a very close finish with 4th place going to Goomburra, 3rd place going to Yarraman, 2nd place going to Karawatha and a big
congratulation to Barakula for finishing with the most points and taking out the 2014 House Champions award.

DISTRICT SPORT

Congratulations to Bavan Atwal for being selected in the Sunnybank District Boys football team. Good luck at the regional trials Bavan!

STINGER SPORT

Stinger sport has started up again this term. Please check the following information about training:

- **Stinger Touch**- Training every Monday & Wednesday at 7:45am on the top oval
- **Stinger Football**- Training every Thursday at 8:00am on the top oval
- **Stinger Volleyball**- Training every Tuesday morning at 8:00am at the Illaweena Hall
- **Stinger Netball**- Training every Thursday morning at 8am at the Illaweena Hall
- **Stinger AFL**- Training every Wednesday afternoon at 3:00pm on the top oval

AASC SPORT PROGRAM

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons this term from 3.15pm to 4:15pm we will be running the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program. This Australian Government program is run by the Australian Sports Commission and provides opportunities for primary school children to participate in free sport and other structured physical activity, after school.

This term a diverse and dynamic AASC program has been put together for children to enjoy including Basketball (Tuesdays) and Netball (Thursdays). The activities focus on increasing physical activity and improving skills in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

To ensure children can take advantage of this excellent opportunity, we encourage parents to allow them to participate for the full hour and to pick them up after the program concludes.

If you would like further information on the AASC program please contact Ms Fatima Flores on 3723 0333.

Ms Fatima Flores
**PE Teacher and Sport Coordinator**

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES

Congratulations to our Brass ensemble who made their debut performance for the Gowan ANZAC Day Ceremony. Also, well done to the Senior Concert Band and vocalists Georgia Peace, Diana and Evashya on their performances for the Illaweena ANZAC Ceremony.

A special congratulations to our Last Post buglers Abigail Peace, Jayden Donaldson and Charlotte Fung!

JUNIOR CONCERT BAND WORKSHOP

Our beginner instrumentalists participated in a wonderful workshop day last Wednesday 30th April. Our young musicians spent the day involved in tutorials with instrumental specialists and full ensemble rehearsals. The workshop concluded with the Junior Band’s debut concert. Congratulations to all our beginner musicians on a fabulous day and concert!

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- pose photo sitting per family. You will also have the opportunity to purchase high quality portraits and CD’s at no obligation.
- **The photography sessions will be held on Saturday 17th May and Sunday 18th May. Bookings 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.
- **Hurry, places are filling fast!**

CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Our Cadbury chocolate fundraiser is now finished.

Unfortunately, we still have a few students with outstanding money. Please return all money urgently.

The winners of the prizes will be announced shortly.

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

RAFFLES

We are seeking items to be used as part of our IM raffles this year. If you or your business can donate an item (big or small), please contact Robyn Rosewarne or Brad Stewart.

TERM 2 DATE CLAIMERS

- **20th May** – Education Qld Fanfare Festival (Stretton – Host school)
- **25th June** – Jazzin’ Up the Hall
- **June** - Athletic Carnival BBQ’s

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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**LESSEON AND BAND REHEARSALS**

As band rehearsals occur before and after school it is essential that the band director be 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

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**ILLAWEENA SPORTS NEWS**

**DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY**

Karawatha District Cross Country was held on May the 6th at Riverdale Park Loganlea. A seventy strong cross country team represented Stretton State College and did us all proud!!! A big congratulations to all competitors for a wonderful day! We had 4 age champions, Alex Dean, Almir Basinic, Chantelle Clarke and Robert Friend. Special mention to Declan Ryan and Megan Campbell with 3rd Placing and Alistair Douglas with a hard fought 2nd place. Overall we placed 4th which is our best result ever, finishing ahead of sporting powerhouses – Runcorn and Browns Plains!

Please see the list below of students making the district team; who will compete at the Met West Cross Country:

- Almir Basinic
- Alex Dean
- Chantelle Clarke
- Kian McGrath
- Craig Hunt
- Sarah Goode
- Courtney Black
- Joseph Durcau
- Alistair Douglas
- Jessica Lee Bennett
- Robert Friend
- Declan Ryan
- Hayden Weber

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**Community Billboard**

**BLUE LIGHT DANCE PARTY**

Prep to Grade 7 children, it’s time to grab your friends, put on your dancing shoes for the next Blue Light Disco on Saturday 17th May. Head on down to the Algester Community Hall situated at the Algester State School Ridgewood Road Algester from 6:30pm to 9pm. Entry is $5.00. Canteen open for snacks and glow products for sale. Parents welcome to stay with younger children if desired. For the safety of children parents must drop children off at the door and collect them from the door promptly at 9pm. Children are not allowed out unless with a parent or guardian over 18 years. Full police supervision. Any queries to Sgt Kylie Doyle Acacia Ridge Police Ph 3014 3200.

**CONFIDENT KIDS RESILIENCY PROGRAM**

**Anxiety Buster-Confidence Booster**

Confident Kids and Teens is a fun, innovative small group program designed to enhance emotional & social skills, confidence and resilience. Run by experienced Psychologists.

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**PCYC Rhythmic Gymnastics Academy of Elegance**

The Rhythmic gymnasts have started their competitive season off with a string of successful results. After 2 QLD State trials 5 gymnasts from the Stretton College PCYC Rhythmic Gymnastics program have been selected to represent QLD at the National Championships to be held at the Hisense Arena Melbourne in May. Mackenzie Cuthbert of Stretton College competed at the 2nd State Trial on the 6th of May in the Pre Junior Group competition. Congratulations to Mackenzie and her group on placing 2nd and winning the silver medal.

Rhythmic Gymnastics Enrolments are now open for Term 2 Commencing; 23rd April – 28th June Classes for beginners to Advanced Levels of all ages from prep to year 12
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