

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Next week will be an extremely busy one and we look forward to meeting with many parents with their students on the Parent/Student/Teacher Reporting Evening from 3.30pm – 6.30pm on Thursday 7 May.

The following Term 1 teachers are either on leave for Term 2 or have completed their teaching contract – Mr Ian Herd, Mr Robin Gray, Mr Dave Collins, Ms Kayoko Govindasamy and Ms Pauline Clayton. They will therefore not be available on the Reporting Evening and I recommend parents make appointments with the relevant Head of Department.

I am very pleased with the overall tone of the school. Students are well settled as we gear up for the important end of semester exams.

### END OF SEMESTER EXAMS

I would like to remind parents that there will be an end of semester examination shut-down for Year 11 and 12 students during the latter half of the second last week and all of the last week of Term 2. Please ensure that outside commitments are minimal and that your child is available to sit exams during this crucial period.

Once again, please don't hesitate to phone us regarding any matter on your child's schooling.

Regards

**Jim Baker**  
Principal

## NEWS FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Year 10 Students and Parents

Year 10 students this term will make crucial decisions about their future as they select their subjects for Semester 2 which will parallel their subject selections for Years 11 and 12. We have developed a program of support to help students and parents with these important decisions.

The first part of the program is a student/parent night on **21 May at 7.00pm in the Student Centre**. At this session, students and parents will receive important information on subject availability and the subject selection process.

The English and Maths Heads of Department will provide recommendations for students on which English (either English or English Communication) or Maths (Maths C, Maths B, Maths A or Pre Vocational Maths) they are best suited for in second semester based on their present achievements.

The second part of the program will occur during CREW on **Wednesday 27 May** when students work through the first phase of their SET Planning process. SET (Senior Education and Training Plan) planning is about helping students plan their successful transition from school to their preferred destination. This involves appropriate subject selection coupled with developing career plans. It helps students set realistic goals and ensure they have appropriate subjects to meet any future prerequisite requirements. Staff will receive training on this during the staff meeting scheduled for 6 May.

Towards the end of Term 3 when students select Year 11 and 12 subjects, they will have a further opportunity to revisit their SET Plans to ensure they are prepared to successfully complete Years 11 and 12. This will be coupled with the opportunity for a mentoring meeting with students and parents. Students will further revisit these plans during CREW lessons in Years 11 and 12.



### ACE 2010

An information afternoon will be held on **Tuesday 19 May at 5.30pm** in the Performing Arts centre for students and parents interested in the 2010 ACE program. The ACE class is an accelerated class designed to provide academic and extra curricular opportunities for gifted and talented students. Prospective students and parents will see a demonstration of 2009 student work and learn about the 2010 program and admission and scholarship process.

ACE and Yr 8 Scholarship applications close on **5 June**. Applying students will sit the entrance tests on **16 and 17 June** and notifications are planned to occur by end of Term 2.

### Year 7 into Year 8 Evening

Elanora High will hold an information session for parents and students interested in enrolment at Elanora in Year 8 2010. The session will be held in the **Student Centre on Tuesday 26 May from 5.30pm - 6.30pm**. Students and parents will learn about school life for Year 8 students at Elanora SHS, the enrolment process and available scholarships.

### Year 8 Subject Selection Evening

Year 8 students and parents are invited to attend an information evening on **12 May at 7.00pm** in the **Student Centre**. The purpose of the evening is to outline the subject selection process for Year 8s from Term 3 Year 8 until end of Term 2 Year 10. All Year 8 students and parents are encouraged to attend to help understand the subject selection process and support decision making for their respective son or daughter.

### Thank you to AC and VPU Aumann

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Aumann who have again donated 2 books for ANZAC Day to our school library. The books "Victory in Europe" and "Rome – The Greatest Empire in the Ancient World" are in memory of Lance Corporal William S Aumann and Lance Corporal James A Yates. Thank you Mr and Mrs Aumann for your continued support.

**Kym Dickinson**  
Deputy Principal

## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY AND NUMERACY

A reminder that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy Tests on 12, 13, and 14 May 2009.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday 4 May –**  
Public Holiday (Labour Day)
- Wednesday 6 May –**  
Brainstorm Production for Year 10
- Thursday 7 May –**  
Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday 12 May –**  
NAPLAN Tests  
Year 8 Course Selection Evening
- Wednesday 13 May –**  
NAPLAN Tests
- Thursday 14 May –**  
NAPLAN Tests
- Friday 15 May –**  
Morning Crew Free Breakfast

## GUIDANCE OFFICER NEWS

### Griffith Uni Experience Program –

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are invited to register their name for the Griffith Uni Experience Program in which they can attend lectures and workshops in the following areas on the university campus –

Visual Arts, Psychology, Business, Law, Nursing, Criminology, Engineering, Science, IT, Dental Technology, Environment and Planning, Biomedical Science and Biomolecular Science.

To register names or for more information see the GO. Registrations close on 8 May.



### AICA Education Workshops –

Two day workshops in Photo Imaging, Visual Arts and Graphic Design are being offered to students to teach new techniques and see the quality of education that AICA offers as well as the job and university pathways that are available after completion of studies at AICA. The workshops will be held on Saturday 30 May and Sunday 31 May from 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Places are limited so contact Lara Kitchenham on 5526 2055 for further details and to register.

## HOST FAMILIES WANTED

Elanora High will host several long term international students from July 2009. These students will be with us for up to 12 months. We are seeking caring host families to provide a warm and supportive environment to these students (without cost to the host family).

The rewards of having an international student in your home can be great, as like the student, you will also learn and be enriched by the addition to your family. Hosting a student encourages the family to see their country through the eyes of the international student, to visit new places and revisit old favourites, to teach our local customs and language, to have lots of fun and, most important of all, to gain a new family member and friend for life. Experiencing a foreign language and culture in your own home is the next best thing to living overseas.

Without the generosity of our families, International Student Programs could not exist.

Please contact Victoria Malizis on 5533 9299 if you are interested in hosting a student from overseas.



## FROM THE INDUSTRY LIAISON OFFICER

### Traineeships currently available include –

- Cert III Business Administration at Burleigh Heads with a Pest Control Company – for Years 10 and 11.
- Cert III Business Administration at Miami – duties will include general office duties, bookings, answering phones, filing, mail and data entry.
- Cert III Community Recreation Officer with the Burleigh Bears Football Club – duties will include working with the Development Officer assisting with coaching, development and refereeing.

### Full Time Positions available –

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Motor Mechanic at Southport – must have a current manual Driver's Licence.
- Cert III Business Administration at Surfers Paradise and Burleigh Heads.

## ADVICE FROM THE SCHOOL-BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

Queensland Health advises anyone who has been in Mexico or the USA recently and has become ill within seven days of leaving, should consult their GP or a hospital emergency department, particularly if they have any flu-like symptoms.

As a preventative step to protect against flu, anyone with flu symptoms should stay at home until they are better; cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when they cough or sneeze and dispose of it; wash their hands with soap and water after coughing, sneezing or blowing their nose, and before touching other people or objects that others might touch.

Further information about swine flu can be found on the World Health Organisation web site at <http://www.who.int/en/>



## LITERACY AND NUMERACY MAKING LEARNING FUN!

Answers for week ending 24/04/09

**A**

- First move: Turn over the first and second cups.
  - Second move: Turn over the first and third cups.
  - Third move: Turn over the first and second cups.
- Now they should all be right side up

**A**

1. Head over heels
2. Be there in ten minutes.
3. The broom is standing in the corner.
5. Right in the middle of everything.
6. What's in it for me?
7. Sit down beside me.
8. Don't overstay your welcome.
9. I don't like it in here.

### New challenges

**Q**

#### Word Ladder

The creator of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Lewis Carroll, was a word lover. Here's a kind of game he played. It's called a word ladder. Use the word "LESS" to make the first word. You are only allowed to replace one letter in the same place throughout the sequence. Remove one letter from word #1, and replace it with another letter at the same place to make word #2; then remove a letter from word #2 and replace it with another letter at the same place to make word #3; and so on until you end up, at word #6, with an **antonym** (opposite) for word #1.

L E S S

1. \_ \_ \_ \_ 2. \_ \_ \_ \_ 3. \_ \_ \_ \_ 4. \_ \_ \_ \_

**Q**

#### Wheel of Fortune

A game wheel shows the numbers 1 to 36. Figure out on which 2-digit number Lucy has landed given the following facts:

- The number is divisible by 3.
- The sum of the digits in this number lies between 4 and 8.
- It is an odd number.
- When the digits in this number are multiplied together, the total lies between 4 and 8.

Watch this space next week for the solutions!