

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Semester 2, Term 3 2009. My first week at Elanora State High School has been a very happy experience. I thank everyone who has assisted me and helped me find my way around.

My appointment to Elanora State High School is a permanent appointment and I am looking forward to my time here. I have been the Principal of Keebra Park State High School for the last 12 years, 1997 to 2008 and have spent the last 6 months at Nerang State High School. I have a very keen interest in every student achieving their 'personal best' in every area of their education and to do it with respect of self and others.

The school is undergoing a Triennial School Review of the last three years and preparing the School Strategic Plan for 2010 to 2012. I want parent, student and staff input in order to ensure that we meet the needs of our school community. As part of this, during the Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday, 30 July, I will schedule a number of 10 minute sessions to meet as many parents as I can and to seek out thoughts on our school and its future.

In order for the Parent Teacher Interviews to run to schedule, the school day for students will end at 1.05pm which is Lunch time, as first appointments will begin at 2.00pm. Supervision will be provided for students who are unable to go home at that time.

I am also very happy to announce that Elanora SHS and Palm Beach Currumbin SHS are trialling an initiative of the Queensland Police Service whereby a Police Officer has been appointed to work in our schools – 2 days per week at each school. I welcome Constable Emily Pyke who is already known to members of our Student Council as they have had input into the School Program she is developing. We all look forward to having her as part of our school community.

**Fran Jones**  
Principal

## PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Term 2 Reports will be posted to parents late next week and should be received by early the following week. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted on **Thursday 30 July from 2.00pm to 6.30pm**. A new system of booking interview times via the internet is now in place, and information for accessing this system will be forwarded with the Term 2 Reports. As interviews will commence at 2.00pm, the school day for students will end at 1.05pm. Supervision will be provided for those students who are unable to leave early on this day.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday 22 July –**  
Start of Music Excellence Camp  
**Wednesday 22 July –**  
Year 12 RACQ Presentation  
Year 10 Careers Evening  
**Thursday 30 July –**  
Parent/Teacher Interviews – 2.00pm – 6.30pm  
**Friday 31 July –**  
Interhouse Track & Field

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### YEAR 10 CAREERS MARKET

On Monday 27 July all Year 10 students are invited to participate in the Gold Coast Careers Market at Carrara. Participation will be at no cost to the student as Study Gold Coast provides bus transport for free. Students will receive a permission letter during Year Parade on Monday 20 July. This will be a half day excursion.

This activity fits within the SET (Student Education and Training Plan) process. At the market there will be representatives from employers as well as training institutions and universities. It will provide valuable exposure for students to support decision making around career options to help guide subject and goal selection processes.

### NAIDOC WEEK ASSEMBLY

Elanora SHS celebrated NAIDOC Week at a special full school assembly on Wednesday 15 July. The theme for NAIDOC was "*Honouring our Elders and Nurturing our Youth.*" We had as our special guests Mr William Barton and his mother Mrs Delmae Barton and local elder Mrs Jackie McDonald. William Barton and his mother are internationally renowned musicians and Mrs Barton is Elder-in-Residence for Griffith University. William played the guitar with his mother providing spiritual vocals. He then played the didgeridoo, sang and used hand visuals demonstrating the significance of his music. Mrs McDonald provided the traditional Acknowledgement of Country and addressed the students on the importance of listening to the wisdom of elders.

Cody Tyler (Yr 11) was the Master of Ceremonies and gave two excellent addresses on the significance of NAIDOC Week and the importance of nurturing our youth. Jazzy Gee (Yr 9) did an excellent job of introducing Mr Barton and his mother. James Elliott (Yr 8), Alisha Ranse (Yr 9) and Tyson Zonneveld (Yr 10) carried the 3 flags – Australian, Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal onto the stage. Ms Davies and Ms O'Keefe put together a moving PowerPoint presentation on indigenous history. Thank you to Cassie O'Keefe for providing the connection to Mr Barton and to the Home Economics Department for providing a wonderful morning tea.

**Kym Dickinson**  
Deputy Principal

## CALCULATORS IN MATHS CLASSES

We are calling on all parents and guardians to ensure that your student has a suitable working calculator and that they bring it to every Maths class.

Also, a reminder that all mobile phones and Ipods should be turned off during maths classes due to the disruption they cause to the learning by other students.

Looking forward to a productive term.

**Marg Flanagan**  
Acting HOD Mathematics



**MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS!**



**ACE Kabuki  
Theatre Evening**



A big thank you to all parents, teachers and students for making our recent Kabuki theatre evening such a beautiful event.

In particular, we thank the students' Japanese and Home Economics teachers, David Hoskins and Melissa Wright. There was tremendous team effort from many members of staff. The catering team, lead by Kristy McCarthy, prepared and served delicious Japanese cuisine. Collaboration also included the Performing Arts and Art teachers who added ambience to the evening. The students must be commended for taking on the challenges put to them and for participating with enthusiasm. Everyone enjoyed the experience and the positive feedback from parents was welcomed.

We are looking forward to another exciting term in Term 3 with the introduction of the Solar Boat Challenge and Opti-minds units.

Regards,  
**Carmel Naidoo**  
Head of Department Middle School

**FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER**

**TERTIARY STUDIES EXPO –**  
Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July from 10.00am – 4.00pm at the RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane – exhibitors will include Universities, from Australian and overseas, graduate recruitment and employment agencies, higher education colleges, TAFE Institutes, government agencies and more – Free admission.

**CAREER EXPO –**  
The Gold Coast Career Expo will be held on Sunday 26 July and Monday 27 July at the Carrara Stadium. Exhibitors will include Universities, trade schools, representatives from local and interstate education and training providers, employers, employment agencies and support organisations.

**SCHOLARSHIPS –**  
**Griffith Uni – Academic Excellence** – This scheme offers scholarships and guaranteed early admissions. Please see the GO for details.

**Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarships** – Provide financial assistance to applicants identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander who are or will be studying a TAFE (Cert IV or above) or undergraduate level in areas of health, dentistry, nursing etc. Visit [www.rcna.org.au](http://www.rcna.org.au) for further information.

**International Film College at Molendinar –**  
Half scholarships are being offered for the Diploma of Screen and Media course commencing February 2010. This is in an intensive one year full time course which covers all the major areas of production. See the GO or visit [www.internationalfilmcollege.com](http://www.internationalfilmcollege.com) for details.

**Endeavour College of Natural Health** – Available for full-time study in 2010 over a range of Bachelor and Diploma courses. Visit [www.endeavour.edu.au](http://www.endeavour.edu.au) for information. Applications close 30 September 2009.

**OPEN DAY -**  
**Griffith Uni** – Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses are holding their Open Day on Sunday 9 August from 9.00am – 2.00pm to showcase the 500 degrees available across their 5 campuses. Academics and students will be available to talk about study, career paths and outcomes, financing your degrees and student life. Visit [www.griffith.edu.au/open-day](http://www.griffith.edu.au/open-day) for the full program.

**INFORMATION FROM THE  
INDUSTRY LIAISON OFFICER**

**AVIATION CAREER – Women in Aviation –**  
Girls – want a career as a pilot, engineer or air stewardess? The Aviation Careers Expo will be held on Saturday 8 August at 25 Boronia Road, Brisbane Airport. Visit the 'Women in Aviation' exhibition booth to learn about the broad range of careers available for women in aviation. See flyer on display in G Block or visit [www.aviationaustralia/aero/expo](http://www.aviationaustralia/aero/expo) for more details.

**2010 AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE GAP YEAR**  
Applications are now open for the 2010 Gap Year. Applications are due by 3 September 2009 and will only be accepted online at [www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au). As places are limited, get your application in early if you are interested in this program. Phone 131901 for further information.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ENGINEER?**  
Griffith Uni is offering an Engineering course to students whilst attending school in Year 11 and continuing into Year 12. Stage One is offered to selected Year 11 students who express a genuine interest in pursuing a career in Engineering. To be eligible, students must be studying Maths B and English and at least one of the following – Maths C, Physics, Chemistry, Technology Studies or Engineering Studies. Stage Two will be offered to students who successfully complete Stage One.

Please see Jan Hargrave in G Block for more details.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES .....**

**'The Edge' Program** – Lifeline will be running this program for adolescents aged 13 – 15 years of age whose lives have been affected by separation, divorce, loss of a close friend or sibling, or who are experiencing issues such as bullying or peer pressure. It is an 8 week program commencing 30 July. Parents are encouraged to attend the support group which is held at the same time. Bookings are essential. Phone 5579 6000 or visit [www.lifeline.org.au/goldcoast](http://www.lifeline.org.au/goldcoast) for details.