FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCIENCE NEWS
Once again our intrepid young scientists, from Year 9 and 10, made the trek to Hervey Bay to compete in the University of Newcastle/USQ Science & Engineering Competition.

The students were an absolute credit to our school. Their manners, enthusiasm, teamwork and sense of fun were outstanding. As a teacher involved with these children, I can say I was very proud to be associated with them.

We have been attending this competition since 2006 and have been in the top three on every occasion. This year's competition involved eight private and state schools from Hervey Bay and Maryborough.

The students performed consistently and with a real grasp of problem solving techniques and innovation. We won two of the eight challenges and came second in seventh of the eight activities. (Four of the activities had two teams from each school competing).

This is our third win in a row and we have won four times in the last five years. We now head to the Sippy Downs Campus of USC for the State final.

Special thanks must go to the teachers of these wonderful students, Mr Higgins for his continued enthusiastic support of our teams and the local Rotary clubs who always come to our aid financially. Judging by the performance of the Year 9 students who attended, things are looking good for next year.

Congratulations, again, to our little geniuses.

Our winning straw and paper tower team: Marc, William and Matt. Their 30 gram tower held 4kg of lead weight without collapsing.

IAIN CARSON
Head of Department Science Aldridge SHS

UPCOMING DATES
- Tuesday 20 May – Meritorious Awards Ceremony in Hall. Year 8 & 11 Period 2, Years 9, 10, 12 Period 4.
- Friday 23 May – Maryborough Show Holiday.
- Tuesday 27 May – Wide Bay Cross Country in Gayndah.
- Monday 09 June – Queens Birthday Holiday.
- Tuesday 10 June – Year 8 Vaccinations.
- Thursday 12 June – Year 10 Vaccinations.
USC JAPANESE IMMERSION DAY
A fun and educational day was had by all at the University of the Sunshine Coast’s Japanese Immersion Day. 20 Aldridge Year 11 and 12 students of Japanese recently joined with several other schools to learn more about the language and culture. Students participated in a variety of activities, aimed at improving their Japanese reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Some of these included practising the martial art of Aikido, playing vocabulary games, conversation role plays and calligraphy. Whilst it was a fast paced day entirely presented in Japanese, students enthusiastically rose to the challenge. They are to be commended on their behaviour too. Well done guys! You did us proud again!

SUE BUCK
Japanese SAC

ENGLISH NEWS
Grin & Tonic Performance
How much fame is too much fame?

Super Natural examines the role of the tragic hero in our modern world. What starts out as a rocket ride to superstar celebrity quickly transcends into a revelation of human nature and all its faults.

Using the great tragic texts of Macbeth, Hamlet and Othello, this multimedia performance guides us through the inner/outer worlds of the jealous, the paranoid and the jealous, dark, dangerous and deadly.

“Fame is like a circle in the water, which never ceaseth to enlarge itself, till, by broad spreading, it disperse to naught.” – William Shakespeare

As part of our Senior English course, students study at least one major play written by William Shakespeare. Many of our students have never been exposed to the delights and challenges of experiencing a live Shakespearean performance. This year we are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to view the Grin and Tonic troupe’s take on some of Shakespeare’s great plays. It promises to be an inspiring performance.

Please make sure your son/daughter does not miss out on this worthwhile opportunity. LIMITED PLACES (150)

Who: Years 10, 11 and 12
When: Thursday 05 June 2014, 9.00 am.
Where: K Block Theatre
Cost: $6.00

Permission slips can be found on the website. Students have also been given a copy.

For further information contact Mrs Rayna Morris on 4120 8446.

RAYNA MORRIS
English Head of Department

VOLLEYBALL STATE REPRESENTATIVES
Congratulations to Joshua Barsby, Jesse Klein and Kyal Moore who recently were selected in the Queensland State Volleyball Team while competing for Wide Bay. This means that three of the 10 players in the State Team are from this school alone. Further to this, Kyal Moore was selected as player of the tournament as the most influential player at the titles.

The Wide Bay Boys team finished third overall with only seven players, six of which were from Aldridge. The team only lost the one match for the tournament to eventual winners Met North, but obtained revenge when they replayed them in qualifying matches winning 3-2. Due to the pools the highest the boys could finish was third and were convincing winners 3-1 against Met East.

The Wide Bay girls, with five players from Aldridge finished a respectable eighth, gaining valuable experience against quality opposition.

ROB THIELE
Volleyball Coordinator

CROSS COUNTRY
The second of the three major sporting events on the Aldridge sports calendar was held in week one. The Cross Country event brings out the sports house colours and costumes as students negotiate the course bush track at the back of the school. It was an awe inspiring sight to see the "Purple Army" marching down Bryant Street as all students either ran competitively for a place in the top ten, or walked the course to gain valuable participation points. Congratulations to Gould house for taking out
the event for the second year running and congratulations to the age champions for their success. The top ten finishers earned the opportunity to represent the school against the other schools in the district. We wish those students the best of luck in that event.

Anniston Chappell
Congratulations Anniston who made the Wide Bay Golf Team at last term's trials. Anniston played years beyond her age and made her way into the U15 team despite only turning 13 this year. Congratulations and good luck at the State Titles.

AARON CARLISLE
Sport Coordinator

CHAPPY WEEK - 18-25 MAY
‘Chappy Hour’ from 3.30 pm-4.30 pm everyday this week at Scoops on Bazaar.

Profits to high school chappies and the chance to win five litres of gelato, if you buy during Chappy Hour.

Meet our Chappy Jacqui on Wednesday 21 May during Chappy Hour, and hear Zac Templeton perform.

Back our chappies. Thank you.

JACQUI DU TOIT
Aldridge School Chaplin

ALDRIDGE VOLLEYBALL FUNDRAISING
The Aldridge Volleyball Program is seeking support in raising funds for our Queensland and National Schools Cup Volleyball Campaign for 2014. At Aldridge we are very serious about our volleyball and we have achieved considerable success over the years winning many State and National medals. In 2013 the Year 8 boys were third at the State Titles and third at the National titles. The Year 9 boys were third at the State Titles and sixth at the National titles. This is a great achievement for a regional school and it is mainly due to the commitment and hard work of Rob Thiele our Volleyball coordinator.

However, it is very expensive for our students especially if they are in the program every year for five years. We have volleyball teams for boys and girls from Year 8 to Year 12 and we are seeking support from businesses to help our students achieve their goals. The cost for each student ranges on their involvement but for our top players who play State Titles, Wide Bay, Nationals and in Queensland teams it amounts to many thousands of dollars.

Businesses can provide support through the following options:
- Donating something that we can raffle i.e. fuel voucher/ sporting equipment/ appliances/ holiday etc. (Free advertising to the value of the donation will be allocated)
- Buying one of our advertising packages.

**Option 1:** Business card size Ad in our fortnightly newsletter plus advertising on our website (http://aldridgeshs.eq.edu.au/wcms/). Cost for option 1 is $50.00/ term or $200.00/ year.

**Option 2:** Half page Ad in our newsletter plus advertising on our Facebook, website and electronic noticeboard outside the school. Cost for option 2 is $125.00/ term or $500.00/ year.

**Note:** Our website has a very high hit rate and we have 1050 students at present and next year our predicted enrolment is 1300 students.

If your business can help or if you have a contact for a business that you think could help, please contact the School on 07 4120 410 (or email cread10@eq.edu.au) and ask to speak to Cynthia Jones our Business Services Manager.

We are proud to thank The Friendlies Discount Pharmacy, 217 Adelaide Street for kindly donating a beautiful Gift basket for our current fundraising raffle.

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This play contains some adult language