Year 12 Formal

Our Graduating Year 12’s had their School Formal on Thursday 20 November at the Brolga Theatre.

It was a wonderful night and enjoyed by all in attendance.

Please enjoy the following photos taken on the night.
OFFICE CLOSURE ON HOLIDAYS
The school office will close at 3.30 pm on Friday 12 December 2014. It will re-open at 8.00 am on Monday 19 January 2015.

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2015
In 2015, as has been the case for the last two years, there will be NO Student Free Days at the beginning of each term. Terms 2 and 3 will begin for staff and students on the Monday of the first week.

Term 1 has a staggered start to assist new students to the school by having one day when only half the student body is here. To this end, on Tuesday 27 January Years 7, 8 and 11 are asked to be in attendance with all Year levels being on site Wednesday 28 January (Note: Monday 26 January is a Public Holiday).

Term 4 begins on Tuesday 04 October as the Monday is a Public Holiday.

END OF YEARS ACTIVITIES
As per previous years, the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the last week of school for Year 8’s and 9’s will not feature their usual timetabled activities but a variety of different activities and options. Further information around the activities being run will be forwarded home prior to the end of the second last week of term.

While the school will supervise students who attend on the last day, the activities the students will engage in will not be as per their usual Friday timetable.

Where possible if students attending on the last day could be picked up or given permission to leave school at 12.00 pm this would be greatly appreciated as there is a staff function beginning at 12.30 pm and if there are no students on site at this time it would allow all staff to attend the function.

VOLLEYBALLERS OFF TO THE NATIONALS
The school’s Year 9 and 10 Boys and Year 8 Girls Volleyball teams are off to the National Schools Championships in Melbourne in two weeks time. The teams won Silver, Gold and Bronze Medals respectively at the State Schools Championships and their results are a reflection of the time and dedication shown by a number of teachers (and student coaches) associated with the Volleyball program. Special thanks to staff, parents and the student coach who are also travelling with the team.

FORMAL
The 2014 Year 12’s have finished the year well. It was a pleasure to share the evening with this group at the Annual Formal. Special thanks to Ms Tegan Symes, Mrs Fiona Reynolds, Mr Adam Hodgkinson, Miss Jenni Taylor and Mr Damien Blyth for their additional efforts to make the night the success it was.

YEAR 6 AND 7 INDUCTION DAYS
Tuesday 02 December is the Transition Day for Year 7’s moving to Year 8 in 2015 and Wednesday 03 December for 6’s moving to 7.

The purpose of this day is to allow students an opportunity to become more familiar with the school and the students with whom they will share their first year in high school.

Students should gather at the hall on the morning of their particular transition. After the 8.40 am bell has rung, students will be brought into the hall to be placed into form classes just for that day.

Further information about the day can be accessed from either Therese Dixon (Year 7 Head of Department) or Shane Haddow (Year 8 Head of Department).

ROSS HIGGINS
Principal
The Yr 13 program has now concluded. Students have been provided with information and contacts regarding opportunities for 2015. These include:

- Tertiary Prep Programs delivered by USQ through the Hub adjacent to Maryborough Central State School;
- Certificate III courses available through a range of VET providers including TAFE; and
- Information relating to financial assistance and information for students heading off to Uni.
- If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

QTAC
While the initial application period has closed – students are still able to make changes to their QTAC application. Please encourage students to see Mr Amarandos (Guidance officer) to discuss these.

VET in SCHOOLS (VETiS)
Students in Year 11 should now have received an offer from TAFE for courses for next year. Please be advised that the continuation of these courses is dependent on enrolled numbers and as such students are strongly encouraged to see Mr Dodd regarding any concerns they might have.

Students have recently confirmed their subject selection for next year with most students enrolled in four subjects for 2015. This decision is in place to support students who might need to catch up work and to ensure that all students get a QCE at the completion of Year 12.

Most courses will commence with an induction program on Thursday 05 February 2015 with the exception of Sport and Rec which will commence on Thursday 29 January.

Student timetables and any additional information will be provided with student report cards at the end of the year. Parades run from 8:40 am until 8:55 am

JACKSON DODD
Deputy Principal

The Pen Is Mightier Than the Keyboard

The Summer addition of “Australian Educator” featured an article about the benefits of handwriting rather than keyboarding during the process of learning. This adds further justification to the use of handwriting in exercise books during class to take notes; a policy Aldridge enforces in the English department. After all, our key business revolves around writing.

A growing body of evidence suggests that “using pens or pencils rather than keyboards, children are better able to retain information, generate and compose ideas, and write fluently.” The article also reiterated that using handwriting is essential in the development of motor skills and has a “direct impact on cognitive ability.”

While teaching the skills associated with computer use are essential in this day and age, it is important that we recognise that it is not the sole mode of communicating - a lesson which many of our students need reminding of at times. So next time your computer breaks down, don’t forget about the humble pen and piece of paper.

A full copy of the article can be found at the front desk of the school office or online at [http://www.aeufederal.org.au/Publications/AE/AEissues.html](http://www.aeufederal.org.au/Publications/AE/AEissues.html)

RAYNA MORRIS
English Head of Department
Congratulations to the Year 12 Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation Class, who recently completed their final piece of assessment for the two year course. What did they have to do? Well, the students’ were required to cooperatively plan, organise and embark upon a hike across Fraser Island. Requirements for this challenge included: students booking barges, booking their own campsites, arranging their own permits, as well as organising and cooking their own meals.

Once on Fraser Island itself, students split themselves into two groups; one group headed north and one group headed south. Both groups were required to transverse Fraser Island from West to East, and back again. They were only permitted to take what supplies they could carry. After facing many challenges, including: torrential rain, bugs, leeches, the harsh midday sun, 63kms of sand, all students were successful in attaining their competencies. I am proud of their efforts and look forward to undertaking this adventure again in the near future!

A special thank-you to Lou and Graham Jackson for providing some much needed support and aiding the students in their endeavours.
Leo’s Club

Leo Club Members celebrated the end of a successful year today with a special morning tea. Year 12 members were recognised for their contribution to the club and received a gift as retiring members. The group has been involved in delivering phone books earlier in the year as part of their community service. They have designed badges and chosen a logo for a group shirt to wear at official meetings and events. The students created their badge designs and then with assistance, made them into button badges. The shirts are maroon and will be screen-printed with a white Leo’s logo.

In Term 3, the students made paddy cakes and iced them. They held a cake stall to raise money for the Leo’s club and sold six dozen little cakes. Across the whole year, students have graded reading glasses using a lensometer machine to determine the prescription and then sorted the glasses, ready for posting to the Lion’s Club of Redcliffe for distribution overseas to needy people in poorer countries. The students have enjoyed all these activities and have participated to the best of their ability.

LISBET WATSON
LEC Teacher

Pictured above are the hard working Leo Club Members:
BACK ROW: Jakob HILL, Lachlan WOODS, Jackson GOODWIN, Sarah LAWRENCE and Karly OTTO.
FRONT ROW: Joshua TOMLINSON and Louie MCCONOCHIE

Joshua Tomlinson
The transition days for our incoming 2015 Year 7 and 8 students are fast approaching. Current Year 7 students will visit Aldridge High on Tuesday 02 December and current Year 6 students will visit us on Wednesday 03 December. Details of the day’s program is outlined below.

Please ensure that your child brings writing materials for their sample lessons. If your child wishes to make use of the pool during the lunch break, they must bring a permission note along with their togs and towel. We will be cooking a sausage sizzle for the students, but it is advisable for them to bring along extra lunch and/or money for the Tuckshop.

We look forward to meeting your child for these exciting Transition Days. Please gather at the main entrance to the Hall where our Year 10 Aldridge Student Leaders will be on hand to assist us in making your child feel secure and welcome.

THERESE DIXON  
Junior Secondary School  
Head of Department

**TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOTH TRANSITION DAYS**

- **Granville, Albert & Central** - A bus will be available for transport at 8.30 am, 8.40 am & 8.50 am respectively. Students returning to their schools will need to leave Aldridge at 2.30 pm.
- **Sunbury & West** - students will be collected by special bus at 8.30 am & 8.45 am respectively. Students will leave Aldridge at 2.40 pm.
- **St Helens, Mungar, Brooween, Tiaro & Bauple** - students should travel by existing school bus services which terminate at Aldridge High and return as normal in the afternoon.
- **Tinana** - catch existing school bus from Tinana SS to Aldridge and back in the afternoon.
- **Parke** - should make their way to either Tinana or Granville schools to catch existing school buses and return on same in the afternoon.
- **Torbanlea & Howard** - students need to catch the Wide Bay Transit bus to Aldridge (there is a cost involved) then return in the afternoon.
- **St Mary’s Primary** - students to make their own way to and from Aldridge High.
- Parents are more than welcome to drop off and pick up their students on the day. Pick-up will be outside the Hall at 2.45 pm.

**ALL SPECIAL BUSES WILL RETURN STUDENTS TO THEIR PICK-UP SCHOOLS BY 3.00 PM**
**Peer Skills Workshop**

If you have a student currently in Year 10 interested in doing the Peer Skills workshop, please encourage them to collect a form from Mrs Dixon in C2. Forms are due back this week as the workshop takes place on Monday and Tuesday next week (01 & 02 December). This is an opportunity for students to help their peers, especially our new Year 7’s and 8’s integrate into high school. It is a great opportunity to get involved, help others and have fun.

*Thank you*

EMILY BAUMANN
Youth Support Co-ordinator

**Chappy News**

Thank you for a great 2014 Aldridge. I have loved my time as your Chappy. Getting to know students and staff has been a real highlight for me and I have enjoyed my time here. I am heading off early as I am off to see family in South Africa (I have not been back there since moving here six years ago). I wish you (an early) Merry Christmas and blessed New Year. May you have a wonderful time with family and friends and keep safe over the festive season.

*Blessings*

JACQUI DU TOIT
School Chaplain

**Business Market Day**

Mrs Robinson’s Year 9 Business class pictured below with representatives from Maryborough McDonalds - Store Manager, Robbie Attenborough and owner, Tony Keenan. The class made a profit of $353.35 from the Market Day which was held on Thursday 04 September under D block. The class donated all profits to Ronald McDonald House.
Thanks to everyone who ordered pies in our latest Pie Drive, your continued support is appreciated. I hope you enjoy them.

Congratulations to all the Year 12’s on your Graduation. Best wishes for your future. You all looked very stunning at the formal as well; I hope you enjoyed your night.

We will be looking for new P&C Executives next year as one of our very long term Volunteers is retiring and other Executives children are finishing Year 12. If you are interested in becoming one of the team, please come along to our first meeting next year, which will be held on Wednesday, 11 February 2015. Or if you would just like to find out more about what’s happening in your school, please come along to any of the meetings, no pressure to take on a position.

The Tuckshop is getting EFTPOS!!! Hopefully this will be installed next week and will be up and running very soon after. We hope this will not only help the students but also parents who will be able to utilise it for the purchasing of uniforms.

A reminder that uniforms and calculators are available for sale in the Tuckshop. The Tuckshop is open every day between 8.00 am – 2.00 p.m. Buy your uniforms from the tuckshop and help support the school. We are also offering a 3 month lay-by to pay off your uniforms. Buy up now ready for next year.

Our tuckshop is our most valuable fundraiser and it is desperately in need of volunteers to help out with preparation and serving. If you have any spare time to help out, this would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Juanita or Jenny at the Tuckshop on 4120 8423.

ELLEN BOLDERROW
Treasurer
FUNDRAISING
We are very grateful to the Fraser Coast Volleyball Association, Anne Maddern (local Sate Member of Parliament), the Maryborough RSL, the Maryborough Sports Club, Maryborough Sugar Factory and Warren Truss (Wide Bay Federal Member of Parliament) for their very generous donations.

We thank the following businesses for supporting us by taking up our advertising packages:
- Le Boudoir (Ladies Beauty Parlour)
- Allen Gillespie Electrical
- Michelle’s Cutting Edge (Hair Designer, 208 Walker St)
- Tinana Fluid Power
- Murray Barnett Plumbing
- The Land of Sweets
- Fraser Coast Fuels
- Advance Tyeares
- Delux Party Hire
- Woof Dog Spa & Boutique

NOTE:
Please see details of each business throughout the newsletter.

Once again we thank the following businesses who donated prizes for our raffles.
- Maryborough Fitness Health & Bodyworks (Gym memberships)
- UltraTune (Car service voucher)
- The Friendlies Discount Pharmacy (beautiful gift basket)
- Bob Jane T-Mart (tyre voucher)
- Harvey Norman (steam mop)
- Sports Power (inline skates)
- Preplayed - Games & Movie Traders (PS 3 game package)
- Bell Hill-Top Bakery
- Fairfield Butchery
- Greg’s Super IGA

A HELPING HAND FROM USQ

Foundation Mathematics - Year 11 Maths B
To provide basic skills in the key areas of maths, particularly algebra and to assist Year 10 students in their transition to Year 11 Maths B.

Consolidation Mathematics - Year 12 Maths B
To review differential calculus and develop skills in integral calculus.

Where: University of Southern Queensland (USQ)
161 Old Maryborough Road, Hervey Bay

When: Four Workshops each morning
19 January - 22 January 2015
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Facilitator: Don McKay

Cost: FREE OF CHARGE!

Registration
Please register your attendance by sending your name, year level and school to eventsfrasercoast@usq.edu.au.

For more information please call (07) 4194 3142.
HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED RECENTLY?

Don’t forget to call into the main admin office to collect a Blue Change of Details Advice Form. Completing this form when any of your details change - ie. Change of Address, Contact Telephone Numbers, Emergency Contacts or change in family circumstances, enables us here at Aldridge High to be able to contact you in any situation, quickly and accurately.

Please note that we require “Proof of Address” when updating your address details (Documents that can be used are a Lease Agreement; Telephone, Electricity or Rates Account).

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