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29 July 2022

From the Principal



Welcome to Semester 2. We have had a busy start to the new term as we manage both staff and student absences due to COVID and flu, while working to provide continuity for learning for all our students.

Reconciliation Mural Dedication

The highlight of our first week of school – after welcoming everyone back! – was to welcome the Premier and our local member, Anastacia Palaszczuk to school for our mural dedication ceremony. Titled Mullago Dhago, which means Tomorrow Altogether, the Premier added her thumbprint to complete our mural.



It was lovely to have our community members join our school staff and students for the dedication. At the event we unveiled a plaque, which includes a QR Code that will take you to our webpage with a storyboard of the project and its meaning to our school. This will include explanations of the different

aspects of the mural – including the use of Yuggara language local names for the animals.

Excitingly, the Premier asked if she could use an image of our mural on her annual Christmas Cards. Of course we said yes!



Scan this QR Code to read the mural's storyboard

Welcome Year 7 Leaders

Earlier this term we inducted our new Year 7 student leaders. These students will join our Student Leadership Association and together with our School Captains, Prefects and other student leaders we know that they will lead by example, achieve some amazing results and uphold our PRIDE expectations.



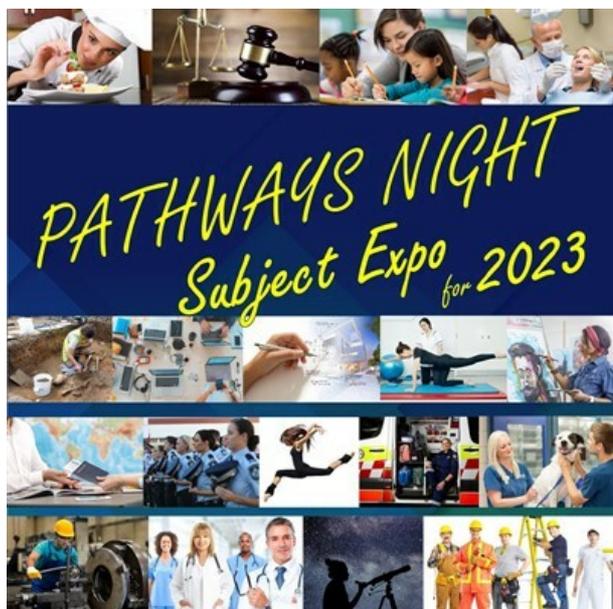
Parent Teacher Interviews

After distributing our year 7 to 10 reports in the first week back at school we had planned to hold face-to-face interviews again with our parents. Unfortunately, due to the large number of staff who have been absent sick, and in an attempt to keep everyone safe and healthy, we converted this to an online event.

I thank parents for their patience as we moved modes. I have heard feedback of people who have had Teams meetings, telephone calls and email communication to replace the planned meetings. I again remind parents that you are welcome to contact teachers at any time. Teacher email addresses are on our webpage for your easy access. Teachers will respond to emails when they have time in the day – keeping in mind that they often have a full day of teaching.

Pathways Evening

We are now beginning to plan for 2023 and are asking students to consider their subject choices for next year.



To assist students moving into years 9, 10 and 11 next year we have information sessions at school next Tuesday night, August 2. Sessions will look at the study options for each year level and provide advice to students and parents on how to best choose the appropriate study pathway.

Information sessions will be held:

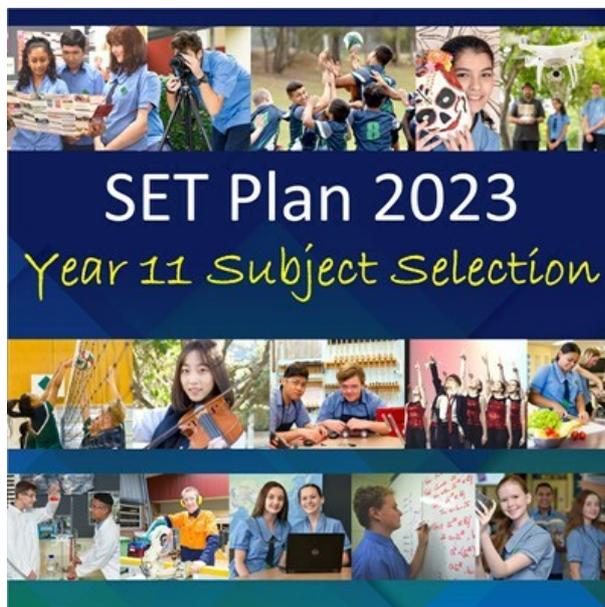
- Year 10 moving into year 11 – 6.00pm or 7.00pm (please read letter emailed home on Monday)
- Year 9 moving into year 10 – 6.30pm
- Year 8 moving into year 9 – 6.00pm

Running concurrently to this in the hall – from 6.00pm to 7.00pm - is our Subject Expo. As well as school staff being available to speak about our school subjects, we have a large number of universities and alternative education providers attending to speak of their offerings.

Senior Education and Training Plans (SET Plans) – Year 10

A critical aspect of the planning to successfully transition into senior schooling for our year 10 students is developing a SET Plan. Our school will meet with students and parents on Tuesday August 9 to complete this process. All year 10 parents were sent an email on Monday with details of how to book a meeting time.

Parents are encouraged to read this information and make a booking as soon as possible to assist us in our planning for the very busy day.



NAIDOC Celebrations

Each year the official NAIDOC week falls during the winter vacation so our school selects a different week where we can run activities with students to celebrate. During this week we celebrate the history, culture and achievements of our First Nations people. It is the perfect opportunity for our school to build our appreciation and show our respect by engaging in activities and learning about our past. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for stories of how we celebrate.



2023 Enrolments

To support our students who are moving into year 7 next year we will run a school tour again after school on Tuesday afternoon next week at 4pm. Already many families have attended our school to see all our fabulous facilities.



Next Thursday afternoon, August 4, we will hold an enrolment afternoon. All new students and their parent/s need to attend

an information session to finalise their enrolment application. Please contact the school if you have a child needing to enrol for 2023 – and let family/friends know that we have the information session running next week if they have children in year 6.

Auditions and trials for our Programs of Excellence are running this term also. See below for dates:

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PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE
Year 7 - 2023 Auditions and Trials

- RUGBY LEAGUE**
1 August at 3.30pm on our school oval - enquiries - wvine4@eq.edu.au
- ACADEMIC**
9 August & 13 September at 3.30pm - bookings essential - contact 3714 2333
- DANCE**
21 August at 11.00am - registration required - lmcna146@eq.edu.au
- ESPORT**
2 September at 12.45pm under Library - registration required - mraatt@eq.edu.au
- INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**
Apply through Contract in enrolment pack - contact 3714 2333

COVID updates



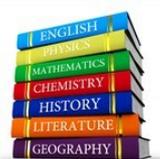
On return from holidays our school has noticed that we are having more staff and students absent from school with COVID and the flu. I have attended school parades to encourage students to wear masks to keep themselves and their friends and teachers safe. I remind parents that if your child travels on public transport to get to school they are required to be wearing masks.

I have also encouraged all students to ensure that they have access to their eLearn or OneNote subject pages so that if they become unwell they will be able to continue to access their learning resources while not at school. If students have forgotten how to do this, they should speak with their teachers.

I also remind parents that the school still has RATs that can be sent home with students if they are feeling unwell. If a child is unwell and showing symptoms of COVID they should not attend school but stay home until symptoms have cleared.

Textbook Distribution changes

In an attempt to support more students to have access to textbooks we have reviewed our school access policy. Children whose parents have made payments for the current financial year – irrespective of outstanding fees – will be provided access to the current textbooks.



Access to extra-curricula activities and PRIDE rewards will still require that all outstanding fees are settled. If you wish for clarification of this please contact the school office.

Vapes at School



Vapes – just the same as cigarettes – are banned from all Queensland state school. There has been much media discussion about the health impact of vapes and the misconceptions of youth that vaping is not harmful to health.

I encourage parents to speak with your children about the health concerns and remind students that vaping in school, or when travelling to and from school in school uniform, is not appropriate. Students who are in possession of, or are caught using Vapes will be dealt with according to the school's Student Code of Conduct.

Parents and Citizens' Association

Our July P&C meeting was held on Tuesday. We converted to a Teams meeting due to the current pandemic situation. Our next meeting will be face-to-face in the school administration building commencing at 6.30pm on August 23. All parents are encouraged to attend.



Year 11 News

Simon Campbell, Deputy Principal

Year 11 students are now well into Unit 2 which is the second half of Year 11. Year 11 and 12 students no longer work in terms and semesters due to the Year 12 External Assessment program which takes a significant part of Term 4 Year 12. Current Year 11 students will begin Unit 3 (Year 12) learning in Term 4 this year which means there is no "down" time until the holidays begin. Since the introduction of the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) in 2019, we have identified a clear pattern where students with strong learning results in Unit 2 do well in Units 3 and 4. On the flip side, students scraping through Unit 2 or missing Unit 2 credit points have a much higher chance of struggling in Unit 3.

This information about the structure of Year 11 and 12 is part of a Year 11 Parent-Carer email update that was sent on Monday 18 July at 10.54am. If you haven't seen this email I would encourage you to go back for a look and possibly check your junk email folder in case it has ended up there. There is further information on AARAs, the recently offered Independent Learning contracts, 2023 TAFE applications and Senior Jerseys for 2023. By being informed we anticipate parents and carers will be in a good position to support their child as they work towards attaining their strongest QCE.

Year 11 students have one lesson a week called 21st Century Skills (TCS). This period of time is used to develop transferable skills across subjects and skills that can be used after leaving school. The current focus is on studying smarter not harder through improved personal management skills. The skills being learnt are applicable to students studying General subjects and seeking an ATAR as well as students with their main academic learning being Essential Maths and English and seeking an apprenticeship or employment. It is hoped students will use the skills developed to make themselves competitive in their chosen pathway.

World Champion Charlie

Our Charlie, Year 8 APEX Class, is a world record breaker and is now ranked number 3 in the world for the blindfold Rubix Cube Speed Competition!

In Melbourne earlier this month, Charlie broke the Australian & Oceanic Records in the 3x3x3 Blindfolded event, for both a single solve (15.78seconds) and mean of three solves (17.84seconds).

Outstanding achievements Charlie!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zOureSuDdc>

Watch Charlie's solves on his YouTube channel here

Year 11 Health Assessment

What's your alcohol consumption?



As part of their Health assessment our Year 11s have created a survey to collect and collate data around the safe consumption of alcohol in Forest Lake. Can you help our Year 11 by completing a survey?

Click on the link below, your participation will be anonymous.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xccAZrUWr0uekzI72MAduSe3aAVwJZPv_8kCFiFTUdUN0xZU1o1Nlo5OEdMMWlpWM1A3UEw3TEc0WC4u&fbclid=IwAR2zvcJZYjnkK5MOZUXvJld6XXwT9nwlobgCr-ok_FtMJ1fwTx_kOKgBfPBg

Esports News

MJ Raatz, HOD, Digital Technology

Creating Minecraft Worlds

Recently our Year 10 Esports students had been working hard on creating a fun, interactive and competitive Minecraft World that engages their clients... Year 7 students! Some really cool tech was used including redstone, command blocks and other Minecraft oddities.

The students had to design, develop and evaluate their worlds and ensure that their clients were engaged and educated. The Year 7 APEX students had the pleasure of being the guinea pigs for the event, and it was amazingly engaging. Congratulations to the Year 10 Esports students for creating a wonderful and engaging experience. Some of the APEX students event took down the very experienced games in the event. Well done to all!



Battle of the Lions

Last month our Forest Lake Lions Esports Team battled a variety of issues from traffic and public transport to technical faults, to compete in the games League of Legends, Rocket League, and Overwatch at the QUT Esports Arena.

Our students demonstrated their ability and desire to compete in the digital field to win the entire event. The students also participated in a quiz all about digital safety and online security and came out again on top. They represented our school and showed PRIDE throughout the entire day. Well done to all of the students who participated and QUT Tigers are looking forward to working more closely with our Esports contestants throughout the year.

A huge thank you to Mr Aaron Croft for managing this event for Forest Lake SHS over the weekend. These events can't happen without the support of committed staff.



Esports Work Experience

On another note, students will soon commence work experience at QUT Esports Arena to help and support the Australian Varsity League Esports events and gain knowledge in production, casting (broadcasting), chat monitoring, video production, and organising teams online. It's wonderful pathway for our players and support crew!

Health & Wellbeing Group

Keeping physically, emotionally, and mentally healthy is important for our health and wellbeing. Sarah, our School Based Youth Health Nurse has introduced a new health and wellbeing group for students.

This week the group learnt about why sleep is important and how to get a good night's sleep. Future topics will include stress busting, relaxation, relationships, nutrition and lots more..

Please encourage your young person to come along and join in.

Where: Every Thursday at second lunch in CRC 3. All welcome.



STEM Curiosity

Year 5 students from Forest Lake State School had enormous fun participating in our STEM activities last week. The younger

students explored the phenomena associated with light, specifically reflection, refraction and dispersion.



They were intrigued, engaged and curious in regards to investigating these phenomena using our senior school physics equipment. These photos show students using pin-hole cameras. The idea behind this is that light travels in a straight line through the small pin-hole (in the can) and forms an inverted image on a screen (near their eye). This models the way light travels into our eyes.

People's Choice Finalist

Luan from Year 9 has been listed as a People's Choice Finalist in the 2022 Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards, with his entry *The Lake*, depicting our very own Forest Lake.

To achieve finalist status, his image captured the spirit of Brisbane and was chosen as a finalist by the Lord Mayor and a panel of judges from hundreds of entries. Council has also displayed a copy of his entry in the foyer on the ground level at Brisbane Square Library which is available to view in person from Monday 25 July to Sunday 21 August 2022.

To support Luan's entry, you can vote for his image to help secure the winning position. Voting is now open until 4pm Friday 19 August 2022 and all winning entries and people's choice finalist photos can be viewed and voted for on Council's website -

https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/experiences-and-culture/lord-mayors-photographic-awards-2022?fbclid=IwAR32u9-yomIm8ln8zWSXPadF9q8cWiy_oguTu1gcnZYyq7gFcUtqy4sVYPA



Making Butter

Our 9L students are learning how substances refract, by shaking cream in glass jars for 10-15 min. This process separates the substance and produces butter and butter milk. They used the tasty butter to make a delicious snack with toast and bread and they saved the butter milk for their next science lesson where they used it to make some yummy pancakes.



Communication

Community Sponsors

Thank you to the Heritage Bank and Allsports Physio Forest Lake, for sponsoring our sports excellence programs.



Community Announcements

Disclaimer - These announcements are included as a local community service only and are not school initiatives.

Youfor2032



In partnership with Sports, the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) is on a mission to systematically unearth and develop Queensland's most talented athletes and prepare them for success in 2032. Cue Australia's largest athlete identification program, Youfor2032.

Youfor2032 stretches right across Queensland to find athletes with extraordinary elite potential who could achieve medal success in 2032.

Youfor2032 seeds the dreams of young aspiring athletes. The quest for the best starts now and will continue to be rolled out in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

Youfor2032 is about opportunity, choices and never any guarantees. The QAS want to provide aspiring young

Queenslanders with an opportunity to see how good you could be in a professional setting under the guidance of expert staff.

To be eligible for Youfor2032 you must be:

- 13 to 23-years-old (born between 1999 – 2009 inclusive) for Olympic Sports, or
- 13 to 30-years-old (born between 1992 – 2009 inclusive) for Paralympic Sports.

Queensland aspirants can self-register for the opportunity to be identified for one of 15 Olympic and 8 Paralympic sports prioritised by the QAS for 2032. It doesn't matter whether you have experience in any of these sports – you may have hidden talents yet to be discovered. Athletic ability coupled with a great attitude to excel are the key ingredients needed for Youfor2032.

The QAS began their state-wide talent identification screening on 13 May 2022 and this is continue to unfold over a 12-month period. During this time, there will be generic testing followed by sport specific testing to match those participants who possess elite potential to the Sport of best fit.

Following sport specific testing, a small number of Youfor2032 participants will be provided with a three-month trial period within the Sport they are best matched to, to further examine their potential.

Those successful in being selected for Youfor2032 will receive expert training, coaching and development support from State and National Sporting Organisations as well as the QAS.

You can find more information and register for Youfor2032 via the website qld.gov.au/youfor2032.

We are looking for as many talented aspirants to register for Youfor2032. If you've got a teammate, friend, sibling, cousin, or neighbour who you think has what it takes, please encourage them to join you in registering.

Touch Football

Hounds Graceville Touch Football Association are hosting a Junior Touch Football Summer competition.

This is a fantastic opportunity for individual participants or existing teams (league, union, netball, touch football) to come along, learn some touch basics and play some touch football as a team in our junior competition. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Summer Season 2, 2022 Competition Information

- Start: 28 August 2022
- Finish: 20 November 2022
- For ages U6–U18
- Fees start from \$10.00 per person per game or \$140 for the season inclusive of your very own Hounds playing singlet
- Additional benefits - school holiday clinics, coach and referee training, representative pathways

To register to Hounds as an Individual player follow this link -:

<https://profile.mysideline.com.au/register/clubsearch?criteria=409779&entity=true>

Queries and team nominations to: houndstouch@gmail.com



HOUNDS SUMMER TOUCH FOOTBALL SERIES

Hounds Summer Series Competition Information

- Nominations open for U6 through to U18
- Social and competitive players welcome
- You can nominate a single child or whole team
- 10 week competition starting Sunday 28th August
- School Holiday clinic - 23rd/24th September
- Level 1 Referee Course - 27th August
- Played each Sunday afternoon from 2pm - 6pm
- Played at Bert Saint Clair Oval, 247 Graceville Avenue, Graceville. *No across town travel*
- Family friendly community focused on inclusion and fair play
- Fees start from \$10.00 per person per game + \$35 for your very own Hounds playing singlet!

Queries to: houndstouch@gmail.com | Hounds Graceville Touch Football Association

Baseball

Western Districts Baseball Club (West's) will be holding Come and Try days on the 13 and 21 of August at their fields in Darra.

The club caters for players under 8 through to Masters and all are welcome to attend at their try-outs.



**COME AND TRY
Baseball**

**SATURDAY, 13 AUGUST @ 3 - 5PM
SUNDAY, 21 AUGUST @ 11AM - 1PM**

59 WESTCOMBE STREET, DARRA 4076

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
NEW SEASON STARTING SOON**

Still have questions?
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