



HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff

On my desk I have three calendars, one for 2011, 2012 and 2013. As I prepare for each newsletter I reflect on the past two weeks this year, compare events to last year and look to planning for the same period of time the year ahead. As I do these I am amazed at how much happens in the life of a school in such a short time.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the swimming carnival and congratulations to Taylor House on emerging victorious on the day. Thanks to Mr Bowness and staff who worked tirelessly to ensure the carnival ran as smoothly as possible. Thanks to Mrs Saunders, Mr Niman, Mr Bowness and Mr Davis for giving up their time to run an overnight camp for the student leaders and congratulations to the year 7 and 8 students selected to serve the College as Student Councillors.

We have also had two evacuation drills, school photographs, a year 10 social and the Year 9's have left for camp at Rottneest. Added to this there have been various planning meetings and interviews and most importantly we have been preparing, teaching and assessing. With all this and much more happening there is always the sense of continuity (ie events similar to those in other years) yet there is the ever present sense of change as each event creates its own challenges and story.

In context of the College, the ongoing introduction of the National Curriculum, the move of year 7's to the high school, an increase in the number of students, new staff and not to mention a new Principal have all been changes that influence the life of the College.

I pray that as we face changes individually and as a community we are able to work together and focus on the positives. We are also encouraged in the knowledge that God is always with us In Matthew 17:20 (NIV) we read.

"...Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.'

Although we do not have to physically move mountains it is wonderful to know that with faith in God all things are possible.

Tel Williams
SECONDARY PRINCIPAL



DIARY OF EVENTS

Wednesday to Friday	07/03/2012 to 09/03/2012	Year 9 Camp
Friday	09/03/2012	Assembly / Presentation of badges to Yr 7 & Yr 8 Leaders Inter-House Netball & Soccer Year 11&12 P1
Monday	19/03/2012	Interschool Swimming Carnival
Tuesday	20/03/2012	P & F Meeting 7pm
Wednesday	21//03/2012	High School Interim Reports posted home

NAPLAN REVIEW 2011:

A review of the NAPLAN results for Quinns Baptist College for Year 9 published in the My School Website is encouraging for the staff who are working hard to constantly improve the academic standards at the college.

In each area examined (reading, spelling and grammar, punctuation and numeracy the students showed a marked improvement.

	READING	SPELLING	GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION	NUMERACY
2010	550	540	555	550
2011	590	570	575	590

This data is the average achievement of our students from statistically similar backgrounds.

The P&F are very excited to start the new school year.

P & F NOTICE

So far this term the P&F have provided a surprise afternoon tea for the children and parents of our lower school children, we thought this would be a good initiative to strengthen the friendships of our children, and for parents to get to know one another as the start of another busy school year begins.

This has had positive feedback as some parents are new to the school, while others work fulltime and find it challenging to meet their Childs friends and meet their mums and dads.

Bringing the community feel to the school is something that we are hoping to enhance this year, and we welcome any feedback or suggestions that you may have which may help us to achieve this.

Fundraising for future community spirit events such as a few more surprise afternoon tea's, as well as to complete the shade area for the year 3 area include the cookie dough which your child will receive home shortly. The cookie dough was a big hit last year. Our children loved the little prizes, parents loved spending that quality time with their kids baking and they also tasted yummy.

Please get behind the P&F with this Term 1 fundraiser. The next P&F meeting is on March 20th at 7pm in the Primary School library, we would love to see some new faces, and hear any suggestions you may have.

Sharron
(President P&F Committee)

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL



On the 23 February, QBC held its Inter-House Swimming Carnival at Craigie Leisure Centre. This was a new venue and it turned out to be a fantastic location for the event. This year's swimming carnival was a very closely contested event with the lead changing several times. The emphasis was on mass participation from the houses, who earned points for each race students entered. It is worth mentioning that the overall winners, Taylor and runners up, Aylward, did not have many champion swimmers but were more organised on the day and filled the races. I am looking forward to 2013 where a new culture of support and appreciation for each other becomes evident and students move out of their comfort zones and into the pool, making challenging sacrifices for the good of their houses.

The final house positions and Champion Swimmers were as follows:

1st Taylor, 2nd Aylward, 3rd Carmichael and 4th Carey.

U13 Champions: **Emily Dring** (Carmichael) and **Tiago Valentim** (Carey)

U14 Champions: **Sarah Whitney** (Taylor) and **Lee Dennis** (Aylward)

U15 Champions: **Carmen DuRandt** (Carmichael) and a shared award for **Jacob Gardiner** (Carey) and **Jaiden Beale** (Carmichael)

U16 Champions: **Megan Quick** (Carey) and **Mark Thomas** (Aylward)

Open Champions: **Izabella Wooler** (Taylor) and **Phillip Mills** (Carey)

We appreciate the commitment and training of all our swimmers at the College and would like to congratulate the students selected for the Swimming Team to represent the College at the Inter-School Carnival on the 19th March.

Mr A Bowness
(HOD Health and PE)

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2012

**A PICTURE OF TRUE LEADERSHIP,
SPORTSMANSHIP AND PARTICIPATION**

It is what our Carnivals are all about.
Well done to leaders and participants
who made the day such a success





Nice Hats Taylor..

Well done



TRAFFIC CONGESTION

The large volume of traffic generated by three schools in such close proximity at particular times generates a number of traffic problems in and around the College. The flow of traffic around the College, parking and safety issues for students is of great concern to us and something constantly under review. As we look to resolve the issues within the considerable physical and practical constraints faced, we would ask the community as far as possible to adhere to the following guidelines:

- * **Please obey all traffic signs and road rules**
- * **Please be courteous and considerate of other road users**
- * **If possible delay your pick up time after school**
- * **Please encourage your child to cycle, walk, skate or scoot to school**
- * **Please do not park/wait in areas that inconvenience others by restricting the flow of traffic or a motorists ability to exit driveways or parking bays**
- * **Please consider parking/waiting a little way from the front entrance to the school and encouraging your child to walk the short distance to an arranged meeting point**

Thank you

Tel Williams
SECONDARY PRINCIPAL

NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY ON FRIDAY 23 MARCH



Students are encouraged to ride to school to Support the National Ride to School Day.

For more information please visit www.bv.com.au/general/ride2school/



UNIFORM INFORMATION

PARENTS

IT IS NOW TIME TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S **WINTER UNIFORMS** FOR 2012.

STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE IN WINTER UNIFORM IN **TERM 2 AND 3.**

MANY THANKS

Angela Roberts

UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR



Relationships Australia

Raising Girls

a workshop for Dads

Find out how you can build a rewarding father-daughter relationship.

As the primary male role model in a girl's life, fathers play an important role in the development of their self-concept and self esteem. This affects how they relate to others, particularly to boys and men.

This workshop will discuss:

- common myths and mistakes around father-daughter relationships
- the importance of the father-daughter relationship
- what daughters need from their dads
- practical ways to improve and maintain a positive and rewarding father-daughter relationship.

Time: 6.30 – 9.00pm

Fee: \$25 per person

WEST LEEDERVILLE

15 Cambridge St
(cnr Southport St)

Places are limited so book now on 9489 6322

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

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YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350

towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A:

- CENTRELINK FAMILY HEALTHCARE CARD
 - CENTRELINK PENSIONER CARD
- OR
- VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CARD?

Applications Close

Friday 9th March 2012

SEE SCHOOL RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION

Changes to our Canteen System

Canteen facilities are currently offered in association with Clarkson Community Senior High School. Clarkson High has recently chosen to use "Our Online Canteen" online ordering system to provide an easy and convenient way of ordering your children's meals whilst helping to create a more efficient canteen environment. The system is easy to use, has full customer support and will offer exclusive discounts and prizes from time to time.

We will be **converting** to the new online system from the **start of Term 2, 2012**. The system is up and running for families to register and start ordering online. However, the current manual system of ordering will still be available for ordering lunches until further notice.

GUITAR TUITION

There are a few spots available for tuition so enquiries are very welcome.

Contact Gary Benness on 0417004407 or Email: fretlessexpress@gmail.com

Students may also visit him at lunch or recess in his teaching room on Thursdays to discuss private tuition.

Scripture Union AUTUMN CAMPS 2012



Brochures available from the Office.

Contact: 9371 9100 or www.suwa.org.au/camps



Quinns
Baptist
Church

QUINNS COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastors: Andrew & Danelle Hamilton ~ 0400 044 236

Youth Pastor: Ryan Cristonsen ~ 0417 712 093

www.quinnsbaptist.org

Sunday Morning Services start at 9.30am in the Primary School auditorium
Friday Night Youth Group runs 7.30-9.30pm for High School students.

I went for a surf this week.

It was my first day of no work in quite a while, so I decided that rather than stress about it I'd enjoy it.

When I got to the carpark at The Spot there was one other car there and it was a beautiful sunny, offshore day with a very small swell. I sat there for a few minutes and watched some waves roll in. Small... low tide, so very shallow, breaking fast, but rideable and best of all, no one out... That's a rare find at any break these days so I decided to watch a bit longer.

I hopped out of the car and stood in the carpark and got talking to the other guy.

'Not much happening' he said.

'No - true - but still - a beautiful day and no crowds' I replied.

He was on his phone checking some data on the net. 'I've been here 30 minutes now. The sets are at 5 minute intervals, the tide is rising... and he went on with info about swell interval etc etc.' He had every piece of data you could want on what the surf was like today and it said to him that it wasn't any good. Now I'll grant you it wasn't epic Spot, but after he drove off I decided to paddle out.

And it was small, shallow (first ding in the new board...) and fast, but I had a good 15-20 waves in the next hour and a surf that was as good as any I have had in the last year.

The difference was that I paddled out and got into it rather than analysing the data and making a sensible decision.

I think we do this often in life. Look at the data, see that the numbers don't add up and miss an opportunity. There are times to listen to the numbers and times when you just have to paddle out and take the punt. It doesn't always pay off but then the numbers don't tell you everything either.

When it comes to faith some people look at the 'data' and conclude that 'the numbers don't add up'. The evidence doesn't seem to point to the existence of a God - although it very much depends on whose evidence you are listening to...

And then there are others who get a sniff of the truth and follow their nose into the water, only to discover a reality that defies all apparent evidence. Perhaps you're in the carpark and have a sense that the truth is out there?

Maybe you need to paddle out and see for yourself?

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