



# BRIGHT FUTURES

## Shailer Park State High School

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### Moving Opera Hits A High Note

The Moving Opera Excellence workshop again proved an outstanding success. The 21 singers performed a delightful concert with visiting professional musicians on Friday 24 March.

### The magnificent Moving Opera Team



shailer's  
future  
stars



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## PRINCIPAL'S OUTLOOK

### Shailer Shines!



As we approach the holidays and celebrate Easter, I am inspired by the message of this season; new life and new beginnings.

This week *Shailer Constructions* began work on the Middle School building for Years 7 and 8. The exciting project should be ready in 22 weeks offering 4 classrooms, a technology centre and performance rehearsal space.

School renewal projects are gaining momentum. Approval to install the Commercial Kitchen in Hospitality has been given. A stunning new makeover of the Performing Arts foyer will be completed by April 17. The new metal band saw for Industrial Design and Technology has arrived. New carpet will brighten the library.

We await a decision on the 90 computers we applied for in the *Investing In Our Schools* program. Special Education has sought extra funding to enhance its great program. 120 new lockers have arrived to offer better security and a more pleasant environment. Our bamboo shark will be released and a new egg is ready to hatch. Thanks to Underwater World and the Science Department for their caring work.

It is the achievements of our students that brings most joy. Two programs have been nominated for Showcase Awards. The **GLEAM** team works with the SHINE team in Sapphires restaurant to bring a fine dining experience to our community. This month it's been breakfast after breakfast. We received glowing reviews from the Winning Women guests.

Chaplain Jeff Sorensen and HPE Specialist Tony Yabsely team with other staff to run the *Wild at Heart* program for Year 9 boys. Best of luck to the two nominees in the Showcase Awards 2006.

Dozens of our sporting best have been competing at district or regional level achieving fine team performances. Futsal, volleyball and basketball remain particularly impressive strengths.

Struddy's practice firm continues to give students the idea of working in business.

Mid-semester reports and parent teacher interviews tell students and parents about behaviour, work attitudes and progress being made in these first several weeks of school.

*Puddleducks* Child Care mornings for parents and young children gives our students the chance to interact in a play setting with dozens of families every week.

Social Science students enjoyed their fascinating excursion through some of Brisbane's newest and most multicultural suburbs.

Tourism students spent three days as employees at Royal Pines Resort, rising early and working the late shift, as they rotated through different jobs at the Gold Coast's 5 star hotel. Congratulations to Ellecia Evans who received a special commendation.

The Gold and Silver awards ceremony in honour of teacher Mr Bill Schacht acknowledged the 437 students who get it right nearly all the time. Its amazing that when over half the school do us proud, the spotlight too often falls on the few who have yet to become the responsible citizens we hope for.

Vibrant high schools like Shailer Park are busy places with hundreds of conversations and encounters hourly. Our support staff try hard to service the needs of students, parents and teachers. I appreciate their dedicated work.

Congratulations to our junior and senior debating teams on great wins this week. Mrs Sweeny, your eloquent coach, is proud of you all.

Griffith's Deputy Vice Chancellor Professor John Dewar invited Brisbane and Logan principals to the launch of the *Griffith Connect Valued Partners* program. This will again offer our most talented students a scholarship to Griffith University every year and allow Year 12 students to join the guest program of studying Uni subjects in their final year of school.

60's rock star and Vietnam veteran, Normie Rowe has agreed to sing at our Anzac Ceremony on Monday 24 April.

A happy Easter to you and your family.

**John Milne**  
Principal  
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## EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
<b>Fri 7 Apr</b>	<b>End of Term 1</b>
Mon 10 Apr	Easter Holidays Begin
<i>Mon 17 Apr</i>	<i>Easter Monday</i>
Tue 18 Apr	Student Free Day
<b>Wed 19 Apr</b>	<b>Start of Term 2</b>
Mon 24 Apr	ANZAC Day Ceremony 9:00am in Multipurpose Shelter
Tue 25 Apr	ANZAC Day
Wed 26 Apr	Year 11 Tourism Seaworld Nara Information Night 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Fri 28 Apr	Motivational Media "Catalyst"
<b>Tue 2 May</b>	<b>P&amp;C Meeting 7:00pm to 9:00pm in Sapphires ALL WELCOME</b>
Wed 3 May	Round Robin Sports Day
Fri 5 May	Interschool Cross Country

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*We make a living by what we get,  
We make a life by what we give.*

### Sports News with Patrick Wright

It has been a fantastic start to the year for the house captains. We've been involved in a lot of activities including the Swimming Carnival, Round Robin and Interhouse Sporting Competitions.

We can't wait to be involved in more sporting activities in the near future. On behalf of the house captains, I would like to thank Miss Young for all her hard work and guidance.

The next Round Robin will be held during term 2 on Wednesday 3 May. We anticipate another very successful day.

**Patrick Wright**  
**Trojans House Captain**

## Year 8 Technology help the RSPCA

This term the Business strand of Technology are forming a Business with a Managing Director, Finance Department, and Marketing Department. Our aim is to run our own Business and collect donations to help the RSPCA.



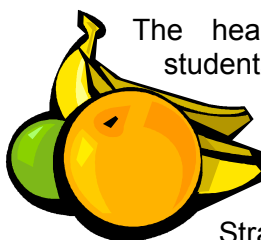
In order to achieve our goal we are collecting the following items. We would greatly appreciate any donations you could give us. Please bring these in to Mrs Calder or Mrs Stoneman in F Block staffroom.

- ◆ Clean ice cream containers
- ◆ Washed milk bottles
- ◆ Unwanted blankets, towels etc
- ◆ Any pet food

Thank you for your support.

**Pia Stoneman**  
**Janice Calder**

## Healthy choices a priority for our school



The health and wellbeing of our students has always been a priority. The new *Smart Choices* toolkit is the latest initiative in the Government's Healthy Food and Drink Strategy for Queensland schools. It is helping schools select the most nutritious food and drink options to offer students.

From 1 January 2007 it will be mandatory for state schools to supply and promote food and drinks that are low in saturated fat, sugar and sodium and significantly limit items that are low in nutritional value.

The new strategy will not only apply to tuckshops but also to fundraising ventures, vending machines, excursions, class room rewards and sports days. The toolkit provides a step-by-step guide to making these important selections and will also be of interest to many parents. You can find the toolkit by visiting the website listed below.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/food-drink-toolkit.html>

### **Debating teams win!**

Last Wednesday 29 March the Junior and Senior Debating Teams won their interschool competitions. The Junior Team, consisting of sisters Amanda and Marni Evennett, Katherine Ferguson and chairperson, Carolina Gomez, won their argument. "That Australians are Good Samaritans". They had many examples of people and organisations who volunteer to help others in need. They debated against Windaroo Valley State High.

The Senior Team, Elodie Wilson, Danielle Meadows, Daniel Banfield and timekeeper Brenton Wagner, won against Woodridge High School with their argument, "That the Pen is Mightier than the Sword". The students had clever arguments and looked fabulous in their delivery. The gist of their argument was that the pen writes down the ideas which are the basis of all our advancements in culture and society.

The students are competing in their next debate on Wednesday 26 April - Juniors v Windaroo 1 and Seniors v Marsden.

Students are encouraged to argue with their parents to give them practice!!!

**Cheers ☺  
Rebecca Sweeney**

### **Shailer Idol**

Shailer Idol was held during week 10 of term 1, during two fun packed lunch times. The competition was very well received and supported by the students. Everyone enjoyed the performances. A big thank-you goes out to all who helped, the judges who had a tough time as there were so many semi- professional performances, stage crew, staff and the Wednesday Music/Sport group.

The eventual winners were a group of girls who performed their own "Old School" medley while creating their own rhythmic accompaniment. The girls in the winning group were: Atutahi Fa'agase, Charity Fa'agase, Hine Korewha and Kelly Rutene. Well done girls, and to all who competed.

**Mrs Denton  
Music Teacher**

### **Lions Youth of the Year Quest**

Courtney Wallace, our Girls' School Captain, was Shailer Park's representative at the recent **Lions Youth of the Year Quest**. The contestants were required to attend an interview, during which they were judged on their leadership, sporting and academic abilities and community involvement. On the public speaking night, the five contestants were required to deliver a prepared speech and to also respond to two impromptu questions dealing with current issues.

Courtney delivered a very moving and inspiring speech entitled "Dare to Dream" and acquitted herself extremely well. Courtney was an excellent contestant who should be very proud of her achievement. Her school is certainly proud of her. Well done Courtney.

**Angela Maguire**



### **School Parking**

A large number of parents/ caregivers have been observed dropping off students inside the grounds of the school. For the safety of students in the school there is no entrance to the circular driveway (in front of the administration building). There is ample parking available in the bottom car park (in front of the bus shelter).



## Inspire Class meets the world

The INSPIRE class has begun receiving replies to the letters the students sent out earlier in the year. So far five students have received letters from Scotland, Canada, England, Greece and Hong Kong. We can't wait to hear from students in other countries to find out about their lives in all parts of the world.

**Hannah Duffy:** My letter reply was from 13 year old Anastasia from Greece. Her school starts at 8.30 am and finishes at 2.40 pm every day. They have no uniforms. She told me she loves going to the beach, reading, skiing or going rollerblading. She loves poetry and even has a poem to be selected for publication in an English book. Her dream is to one day come to Australia.

**Cyndi Baldwin:** I wrote my letter to Montreal, Canada, to a 13 year old girl named Miki Lackman. From this letter I found out they learn four languages; English, French, Hebrew and Yiddish. Also that they get a lot of homework. I enjoyed reading her response and will write back to her.

**Nathan Birch:** Hey. I wrote my letter to two boys, one named Brian and one named Maurice and they live in Hong Kong. They live an interesting life as they enjoy computer games and own houses all over the world. Thank you for your time.

## International Woman's Day

On Wednesday 8 March two year 11 and nine year 12 girls together with Miss Young and Mrs Whitehouse attended the International Woman's Day breakfast at the Gold Coast Convention Centre. Guests included feminist Germaine Greer, Jo Charles and Michelle Monsuer, CEO of Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

The morning included a gruelling wake up at half past 4, an hour's drive to the centre, a five star breakfast which included croissants, fresh fruit and yoghurt with the speeches commencing soon after. Firstly, some students who were also attending gave short speeches about their schools and how they differ from the others there. Michelle Monsuer from Currumbin, told us how she worked her way to the top by being herself but also having the determination to get where she wanted to go. She also brought a barking owl, a crocodile and a carpet python to show off.

Next was Jo Charles, she talked about the life of girls in China who aren't considered to be able to go to school or in most cases don't even survive. The Charles Foundation supports these young girls throughout their education from donations. After that Professor Germaine Greer stepped in and told us (women) not to work too hard and to take time out to smell the roses. She also believes that women shouldn't care about the latest fashion trends going around and to not impress the men but instead to rate them out of 10 and see how they appreciate it.

It was a very interesting day with many excellent speeches made by brilliant people.

**Kathryn Whitehouse**  
Senior Leader



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## School Based Youth Health Nurse



**Hello to all  
Parents,  
Students and  
Staff**

For those who have not met me as yet I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am the new School Based Youth Health Nurse in your School. My name is **Julie Cantrill**. I will be available in the school on **Mondays and Tuesdays**.

### My role within the school is to:

- Provide individual health consultations (for students, staff and parents) to address concerns or problems about health and wellbeing;
- Support teachers with curriculum, teaching and learning activities that support health and wellbeing;
- Connect people with other support services inside and outside the school.

**All consultations are private and confidential except if I assess that the student's situation is in danger.**

Please feel free to refer any students to me for any concerns.

I look forward to working with you all.

**Julie Cantrill**  
School Based Youth Health Nurse  
Phone 3209 8710  
Extension 228

## New Senior Qualifications

The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) will replace the current Senior Certificate from 2008. Students entering Year 10 next year will be the first to receive it.

The Certificate recognises a wider range of learning, including vocational education and training.

Students will need to complete 20 credits at sufficient standard to receive the QCE, with a least 12 from core courses, including skills-based training and academic subjects.

The remaining eight credits can be a mix of core and other courses such as vocational education, workplace learning, university subjects of recognised certificates in such areas as music, sport or drama.

Students who don't achieve 20 credits at the end of Year 12 can continue to accumulate points and gain the certificate at a later date.

All students will be issued with a Senior Statement at the end of Year 12, regardless of whether they achieve a QCE or not.

### **P&C Easter Raffle Winners**

The 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner of five movie tickets was Tiffany Hansen Yr 12

The following 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners have won a movie ticket each:

- ◆ Max Whitehouse
- ◆ Matt Hall
- ◆ Alex Rowe
- ◆ Congratulations
- ◆ Jade Benstead



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