

Dear Parents and Carers

Can I start this column by welcoming back our Deputy Principal Sue Davidson, following ten weeks leave.

I have had the opportunity this term to witness a range of excellent performances by our students and I must say how pleasing it has been to see the effort and talent displayed by them.

Our concert and stage bands worked for two solid days to record this year's CD and it is superb. Jason Fox, Cherie Spannenburg and Graeme Foster need congratulating on leading our students, and the students themselves should be immensely proud of their efforts. We will be showcasing our Concert Band during a special whole school parade on Thursday 27 August at the YMCA. The performance will take place from 10.40 and I invite all parents/caregivers available to attend.

Also, our cheerleading squad performed earlier this month in the District competition. Again, having seen a video of their performance, they are great. Julie Scott has done wonders with this group.

Finally, our sporting talent was showcased at the Athletics Carnival last week and again it was a wonderful day. Thanks to Mary-Ellen Cox and all her helpers and good luck to our talented athletes off to the TCN Carnival.

While highlighting the above events, it brings up the need to remind parents/caregivers that you are always welcome at these school events. If the event is on school grounds during the day, we simply ask you to report to the office first and receive a visitor's pass. This is an EQ requirement.

I have received a range of feedback on our Semester 1 reports. Rest assured we are reviewing this process with a goal of continuous improvement in our communications

with parents. Your feedback is always welcome. Most importantly, reporting is an opportunity for students and their families to reflect on progress and plan for the future. Reporting should inform future learning! I encourage you to contact teachers/Heads of Departments regarding any subject issues you may have.

Until next newsletter

Barry Courtney



## SEMESTER 2 ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES

All year level and subject assessments for Semester 2 are now available on the school website under **Students**. Parents who do not have internet access, can obtain one by contacting the school office.

### New Phone Numbers



Office number: **4058 4333**

We also now have a direct line for students' absences:  
**4058 4366**

You will be advised to leave the following details:

- ◆ name and contact number
- ◆ student name and form class
- ◆ reason for absence and
- ◆ expected duration of absence

Teaching staff contacts are listed on the next page.

## YEARBOOK! YEARBOOK! YEARBOOK!

The year 12's are creating a yearbook for 2009!  
We want YOU to design a cover!!



You can win a free yearbook!!

Hand entries into the library including your name and form class on back of entry.

**Entries due by August 31<sup>st</sup>!!!!**



## 2009 School Yearbook

Orders are now being taken for the 2009 School Yearbook. Copies are \$20 each if ordered and paid for this term. Students are currently preparing this book for publication so if you would like a copy please contact the office.