30 January 2015

Principal’s Column

Welcome back to all our continuing students and their families and welcome to all our new students and families who have joined our school community this year. To these new families welcome to our e-newsletter – Family Information Bulletin. Hard print copies of the newsletter are available from the student Counter in the office each Friday if you wish to collect one.

On Tuesday it was very rewarding and pleasing to see our new Year 7 and 8 students, as well as new students in other year levels, arrive and start to settle into and become familiar with our school campus and routines. Like any new start to the school year we are all enthusiastic to create and renew those quality relationships which are so important for understanding and learning to take place.

Again our school achieved good academic results at the end of 2014 with 8 OP1s, 93% of our students receiving between OP 1 – 15. Congratulations to Joshua Bennett, Willy Chen, Elijah Holland, Alli Murray, Hannah Musco, Harry Parker, Margaret Perona and Silas Wong who obtained OP1s. We will celebrate their achievement at special Scholars Assemblies on Friday 6 February 2015.

This year is already developing into a busy, productive and rewarding one for all of us. It will be one where we encourage students to stretch themselves academically as well as personally on their journey as life-long learners.

I ask you to encourage your sons and daughters to seek out and commit to the opportunities provided to them by the staff, parents and other students so that they can enjoy a rich and academically rigorous education at The Gap High in 2015.

New Staff

Welcome to the following staff who have joined our staff this year.

- Mr Jack Bailey – Science/Chemistry teacher
- Mr Paul Axten - Year 7 teacher.
- Ms Nerida Black – Special Education teacher
- Ms Sarah Brennan – Health & Physical Education teacher.
- Mrs Liz Caperon – Year 7 teacher
- Mr Tony Degnian – Deputy Principal
- Mrs Janet Delnit – Special Education teacher
- Mrs Ulana Edds – Year 7 teacher
- Ms Jessica Jew - Health & Physical Education teacher
- Ms Rebecca Marken –
- Ms Leigh McCormick –
- Mrs Sue-Belinda Meehan – Master teacher
- Mr Mark Walker – Economics, Mathematics teacher

Welcome back to Dr Judy Neilson, Deputy Principal after 12 months as acting Principal at Queensland Academy of Mathematics, Science and Technology.

Vehicle Parking:

In 2015 there will be continued demand for parking in the school grounds. In order to control vehicle movements and safety in and out of the school grounds the following guidelines are in place on normal school days and hours.

**GATE 1** (near shopping centre) School staff and deliveries. This gate is not for dropping of students into the school grounds.

**GATE 2.** (near the Uniting Church) School staff and ITD deliveries. This gate can be used for dropping of and collecting instrumental music students who have musical instruments.

**DROP OFF ZONES:** travelling west use the front of the school Waterworks Road and travelling east use Pamway Street (opposite the pedestrian traffic lights).

**Visitors to School Administration Building:** Gate1 Vehicles can be parked for very short periods of time in the administration car park to collect sick or injured students and for interviews with administration staff. Longer visits please park opposite the tuckshop.

Any vehicle entering the school ground is at the owner’s own risk and the Principal has the right to refuse entry to any vehicle or have a vehicle removed at owner’s expense from the site.
The Gap Village Shopping Centre has also advised the school that parking on the top outdoor level of the shopping centre car park is no longer available for unrestricted parking. Parking at the shopping centre is governed and controlled by the The Gap Village Centre Management Terms and Conditions.

Parking is available at the council provided parking areas at the end of Glenaflic Street and walking along the bikeway to the oval entry into the school.

On special occasions and ceremonies the school will make additional parking available in the school grounds.

**Russell Pollock**  
Principal

**Deputy Principal’s Column**

**Welcome to all students, and families in the Junior Secondary School**

May I offer a warm welcome to all of our new Year 7, 8 and 9 students and their families. It was a great pleasure to meet you all this week and it was also lovely to see our 2014 Year 7’s and 8’s return as Year 8’s and 9’s.

May I say a big thank you to the parents who attended on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see such support for your children as they commence schooling at The Gap.

Finishing primary school and starting high school is one of the most significant times in a student’s life, it’s a new beginning and time for belonging, a time where they lay the foundations for their senior education and establish themselves as a person. It is a time of change, one where they might feel both excited and afraid. Instead of being a senior in a small school, they are now a beginner in a big school and this can seem a little daunting.

High school can bring many new experiences. New school expectations, new peers, new subjects and getting used to having multiple teachers is very exciting. I know some students felt a little overwhelmed on Tuesday but hope that as the week has progressed and with time, they will adjust and learn to love the Gap and all it has to offer.

2015 has seen our Year 7 cohort has grown markedly to 10 classes. This is a considerable jump from the three classes in 2014, requiring additional specialist staffing and also rooms to accommodate such a group. Adding to the specialist team of Mr Gareth Begley, Mrs Jenny Green, Mr Paul Clifton and Mr Nick Howard, we welcome Mrs Kristine Barbarossa, Mrs Elizabeth Caperon, Mrs Ulana Edds, Mr Paul Axten, Miss Louise Morton and Mrs Kate Mahoney. All of these teachers have strong links to The Gap State High School and the feeder primary schools in the Mount Coottha Cluster.

The Year 8 group has 6 classes of students, which is a growth from 2014. This group comprises of 3 class of Year 7 students who were part of the pilot program in 2014 and approximately 75 new students. Although a small group, they seem to be already coming together under the guidance of Mrs Sheridan Cash.

**Getting Organised**

As mentioned in the Year 7 and 8 assemblies, it is vital to set up a routine early in the school year. Creating a positive learning environment both at home and in the classroom; learning to use the study planner to record homework, assignments and exams and setting personal goals will assist in planning for success.

**Getting Involved**

This is a great way to meet new people, and joining certain clubs and activities will open up students up to new experience and a new group of friends. These can also lead to leadership opportunities and enhancing skills.

**Peer Supporters**

Developing student leadership is an important focus for our students. A group of 20 Year 10 students have taken on the important leadership role of providing pastoral care for the Year 7 students and providing a positive role model. Each Year 8 and 9 class has three/four Year 11 or year 12 peer supporters who will work with your students to answer all of their questions. Peers supporters have participated in two days of intensive training to develop their leadership and peers supporting skills.

**Communication**

This weekly newsletter is an important source of information as to what is going on at school. For clarification or if you need to contact the school you are more than welcome to contact your child’s form teachers, and the Year level Coordinators, Mrs Green and Mr Begley (Year 7), Mrs Sheridan Cash (Year 8) and Mrs Veronica Stephenson (Year 9) and Mr Rex Bertrand (Junior Secondary Head of Department) or myself if you have questions or concerns. To note this year we also have the privilege of Dr Judy Neilson, Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning who will be looking after Year 8.

Please mention to fellow parents that you have received the newsletter in case anyone has not yet signed up to receive it. Please direct them to contact admin@thegapshs.eq.edu.au if they would like their name added to the distribution list.

**Subject Selection**

Any subject changes must be completed by Friday 13 February. Please contact the Guidance Officers, Mr Gilmore or Ms Barrett in the first instance.

**Ms Carolyn Speers**  
A/Deputy Principal
Swimming Carnival - 5 February 2015
The annual Gap State High School Twilight Swimming Carnival is on again.

**Date:** Thursday 5 February 2015  
**Time:** 4.30 pm to approximately 9.00 pm  
**Venue:** Ferny Hills 50m Pool, Ferny Way

The school day will be altered to accommodate the Twilight Carnival.

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Swimming Carnival: 4.30 – 9.00 pm at Ferny Hills Swimming Pool

Students are to attend school at the regular start time in full school uniform and have equipment for the first four lessons.

- **Students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12** will be permitted to finish at 11.50 am. Please advise if you do not wish your child to leave school at this time, they will then be supervised in the Library until 3.00pm.
- **Parents of students in Year 8** will be required to contact the school (3511 3888), or email on admin@thegapshs.eq.edu.au for their child to leave at 11.50 am, otherwise, Year 8 students will be supervised in the library until 3.00 pm.
- **Students in Year 7** will have normal classes for the day until 3.00 pm.

The carnival is an important element of the school sporting year, it is hoped that students will support the school, house and fellow students through their attendance and participation. Students are encouraged to wear house colours (Antares = Red, Orion = Yellow, Rigel = Blue). Students will not be permitted to leave the venue until the completion of the carnival, or if they are collected by their parent.

We look forward to a most enjoyable and entertaining evening. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**Please Note:**

1. For Year 8 students this is not an opportunity to visit their previous primary schools in the afternoon as it creates disruption to school routines and learning.
2. Students will be moved on from The Gap Village Shopping Centre by 12.30 pm unless they are with their parent or guardian.

3. Free buses will leave The Gap State High School at 3.45 pm and return leaving from the pool at 7.45 pm for Year 7 to 9 students and 9.00 pm for Year 10 to 12 students.

**ID Photos Catch-up**

The photographers are coming to the school on Tuesday 10 February at 9.00 am to do the ID photos for students and staff who missed out at the end of 2014. If you missed out last year make sure you available to get your photo taken in the J A Robertson Hall.

**Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony**

Student Leaders represented our school in the flag procession at the ceremony in our hall on Monday 26 January. New Australians took their oath to become Australian citizens in front of their friends and political representatives. Councillor Geraldine Knapp officiated, the Rotary Club Ashgrove/The Gap organised the event, the electoral commission representatives, Rotary District Governor and the Premier of Queensland and his wife also attended.

**2015 Student Leaders’ Induction**

The Student Leaders’ Induction is being conducted in the Hall starting at 8.45 am on Friday 13 February 2015. The School Captains, School Vice-Captains, SAC Executive, Sports Captains, House Captains, Arts Captains, Instrumental Music Leaders, International Student Captains, Tech Crew Leaders, Rotary Interact Executive and Year 9 Junior School Leaders will be inducted at this special assembly. We wish our Student Leaders every success in 2015 and look forward to working with them to ensure that 2015 is both an enjoyable and rewarding year. Parents of the student leaders are invited to come along to the ceremony.

Congratulations to our new Senior Student Leaders for 2015.

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Congratulations to our new Junior School Student Leaders for 2015.

Junior School Leaders
- Cooper Dowie-Bridges, Grace Gibson, Sophie McNamara, Ethan Monement, Junior Pulini, Zoe Toy-Wagner
- Antares - Taniesha Bond and Charlie Condon
- Orion - Sascha Kment-Flynn and Callum McNeillage
- Rigel - Sophie Watson and Robert Porter

General Information

Absences

When your child is absent from school please advise the school by:

- **Telephone 3511 3860** and leave – The student/s name/s, Year Level, Reason for absence, Date/s of absence/s, and your name and telephone number.
- **Email** the above details to studentabsence@thegapshs.eq.edu.au

When your child is late:

- Phone the office direct or have your student bring a note to the student counter on arrival. Please note all absences are displayed on end of term reports both explained and unexplained.

This system enables us to more accurately monitor the attendance of students and communicate more closely with parents. A bonus for parents is that they no longer are required to write a note explaining a student’s absence if they use the absence line/email.

However, under this system, it is imperative that students arriving late for school come to the office to sign in. Otherwise they will be recorded as an unauthorised absence for the day.

If you do not have an Absence Magnet with the Absence Number on for your fridge please send your student to the Student Counter at the office to collect one.

Uniform Reminder

Students have already been advised of the school’s uniform requirements. We ask for your assistance in helping us to maintain the high standard of dress expected of Gap High students.

- **Jewellery** - no more than two studs/sleepers in each ear, no visible necklaces, no other visible body piercing
- **Shoes** – **Formal Uniform** – plain black leather lace-up college shoes only
  - **Sport Uniform** - a lace-up sport shoe – no slip on shoes
- **Trousers** – grey college trousers/shorts including a belt
- **Shirts** - Boys are required to have their formal shirts tucked in.
- **Skirts** – Length is to be below the knee
- **Hats/caps** must be worn for all outdoor lesson activities and on the playing fields and hard courts at lunch breaks
- **Hair** should be worn neat and tidy, long hair (both boys and girls) must be tied back, and only natural hair colours are acceptable.

The uniform is required to be worn with pride ie trousers, skirts are worn on the waist. Boys have a grey belt and shirts are tucked in.

Students are not permitted to have any visible body piercing as they are neither safe nor suitable for school. Students who have visible body piercing (eg eyebrow, nose or tongue) are required to remove this piercing or wear a clear plastic retainer.

Mobile Phones

Mobiles phones are to be switched off from 8.40 am to 3.00 pm while at school, on visits or excursions. Students are not permitted to use mobile phones at any time during the school day. The security of mobile phones during the school day is the student’s responsibility. Students who are seen with a mobile phone during school hours will have the phone confiscated for the remainder of the school day, or longer depending on the circumstances.

Music Players

Similarly students are not permitted to use these devices during the school day (8.40 am to 3.00 pm). Students are responsible for the security of their music device. Students who are seen with a music player during school hours will have the player confiscated for the remainder of the school day, or longer depending on the circumstances.

Driving of cars into the school grounds

No Parent Vehicles – Drop Off or Pick-ups at the beginning of 2015. Due to the increased traffic within the school grounds, please do not use the main entrance gate (eastern gate- closest to shopping centre) into the school.

Whenever possible students should be dropped off and picked up outside the school in the zone on Waterworks Road or Pamway Street.

If you need to drop off within the school grounds please use for Col Miller Drive but only when absolutely necessary. (western gate – near the Uniting Church).
Parent/Teacher Interviews

The first of the Parent / Teacher Interviews in will be held on Tuesday 28 April for Years 7, 8 and 9 and Tuesday 5 May for Years 10, 11 and 12. Interviews will run from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm and will be held in the J A Robertson Assembly Hall. There is an online booking process for parent/teachers interviews. You will be informed when this process opens and how to book appointments. If you do not have access to the internet you will be able to contact the school office to set up your interviews. Information regarding online booking of interviews will be posted out with the reports at the end of term.

Sport

Each year a group of parents form a committee which has the aim of fostering sport at the school. This committee – “Sport, Health and Physical Education’ or SHAPE meets once per month at the Sports Hall, Meetings usually take an hour. Many parents have left the SHAPE Committee as their children have graduated so we really need new parents to come along. Whether you child is in Year 7 or Year 12 your contribution will be valued. For any further details please ring Richard James on 3511 3888.

E-Newsletter

E-Newsletters have been a popular introduction at The Gap State High School and it is emailed home every Friday. If you haven’t already done so, I encourage you to register your email details by filling in your details in the form below and returning it to the school administration office.

Enrolling in Mathematics and Science Competitions 2015

Students are invited to participate in the following Mathematics and Science Competitions for 2015, offered to students throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

The competitions are an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external examination situation. They provide schools with a computerised summary of results and give helpful information regarding their achievement. The questions are designed to cater for the complete spectrum of abilities.

All students entering the competitions receive a Certificate and an Analysis of Results. These documents are suitable for inclusion in the student’s portfolio. The analysis indicates which questions the students answered correctly together with the average success rate, statewide, for each question. The analysis is also useful for highlighting the student’s strengths and weaknesses in the skills and processes of Mathematics and Science. Medals are awarded by the organising bodies to the top student(s) in each year level.

Entries must be handed in at the Office together with payment and the entry form below indicating competitions chosen. If paying by BPay please send form to the office at the time of payment, stipulating the chosen competitions. Entries can only be accepted if the entry form is handed in by the deadline. No late entries will be accepted and no refunds will be payable as the school is required to prepay these entries. Please see attached list.

P Barbarossa
HOD Mathematics

G Dellit
HOD Science

Hiring or purchasing a Graphics calculator for Maths B and/or C

If your child has elected to study Mathematics B and/or C in Year 11, 2015. It is a syllabus requirement that a range of technological tools be used in the learning and assessment experience. This can range from rulers to measure, to computers and/or graphic calculators to model data. During their Mathematics B and/or C course students will be expected to use a graphics calculator.

As not all students will continue to study Maths B and/or C the school offers you the option of hiring or purchasing a graphics calculator.

To HIRE for up to 2 years, you are required to make a one off payment of $50 which includes a working calculator (including the lid). This payment must be made at the office with this signed form. Due to limited stock please return the attached form as soon as possible.

Hired calculators are to be returned at the end of Year 11 after the Term 4 Maths exam for a checkup and continuing students will be reissued with calculators at the commencement of year 12.

To PURCHASE a graphics calculator, you have the option to purchase your own calculator from any supplier (** preferably a Texas Instrument graphics calculator). If you choose to purchase from ABACUS (our supplier) via the internet www.abacuscalculators.com.au see the attached form detailing the procedure and ensure you enter the school ID first to get the full discount. All orders to be placed by Friday 20 February (TINSPIRECX-CAS graphics calculator) for quick delivery.

If you have any questions don’t hesitate to ring me 3511 3816.

Mr P Barbarossa
Head of Mathematics
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Immunisation Program comes to schools

This year the Brisbane City Council’s Immunisation service is providing free vaccinations to all Year 8 and 10 students on the following dates as part of Queensland Health’s annual School Based Vaccination Program.

- Tuesday 24 March – HPV1 and Boostrix vaccinations at 9.00 am
- Tuesday 9 June – HPV2 Dose and Chickenpox vaccinations at 9.00 am
- Thursday 15 October - HPV3 Dose

All Year 8 students are being offered vaccination to protect against HPV and Chickenpox while Year 8 and 10 students are being offered protection against diphtheria – tetanus -pertussis (whooping cough).

Male and Female students in Year 8 are also being offered Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to protect against the Human Papillomavirus.

The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses.

A consent form for each vaccination offered will be given to your child to bring home. Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form if you wish your child to be vaccinated and return the consent form to the school ASAP. Forms will be collected by the Brisbane City Council on Monday 2 February 2015.

Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have breakfast on the morning of vaccinations.

For more information about diseases, vaccines or the School Based Vaccination Program visit www.health.qld.gov.au/school_vaccination/ or call 13 Health on 13 43 25 84.

School Based Youth Nurse

Hi, my name is Jodie Fisher. I am the School Based Youth Health Nurse at The Gap State High School. I am based at the school on Wednesdays and Fridays.

As a Youth Health Nurse, I am employed by Queensland Health to work with students (from grades 7-12), school staff and parents to:

1. Address concerns or problems about health and wellbeing.
2. Help create a more supportive and healthy school environment.
3. Connect people to other support services outside the school.

I work with individuals and school members to identify and act on issues that affect both the individual and the health of the school community. This includes helping with curriculum, teaching and learning activities, supporting an environment and school culture that encourages health and wellbeing and working with community and other services.

I am able to see young people in private to talk about issues such as healthy eating and physical activity, growth and development, feeling unhappy or stressed, relationships, sexual
health, personal or family issues, smoking, alcohol and other drug use and referral to other health services. My office is located in ‘A’ block and students are welcome to see me at any time. Parents are also most welcome to phone me (my number is 3511 3888) or to make an appointment with any concerns. There will also be regular health information articles in the school newsletters, so look out for those.

Wishing you a happy and healthy 2015.

**Jodie Fisher**  
**School Based Youth Health Nurse**

SHAPE would like to congratulate Kristie Binskin on her selection in the MET NORTH team for triathlon to compete at the state titles in Hervey Bay in February.

Good luck and go well Kristie.

Our first meeting for 2015 will be on Monday 2nd Feb at 7.00pm in the Sports Hall.

Topics for discussion include Swim carnival BBQ, cross country/adidas fun run and AGM for office bearers for 2015

If you are interested all are welcome.

Don’t forget if you have any sporting or health news SHAPE would like to hear about it. Our email address is SHAPE@thegapshs.eq.edu.au

**SHAPE Committee News**

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**Study Skills Website**

Our school subscribes to the ELES Online Study Skills Handbook, which can be accessed at www.studyskillshandbook.com.au. This is a website that provides a comprehensive and interactive online guide to the study skills needed for success in high school studies. The website taps into students’ affinity with technology to create a new and effective way to improve students’ study skills.

To access the handbook, go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and login as a subscriber with these details:

- **School username:** forthegapshsonly
- **School password:** 120 results

Students will be prompted when using the site to set up their own personal tracking username and password to save the results of their quizzes and modules. You do not need to set this up. They will always use the school password (or the direct link the school can set up on the school site for direct access) to enter the site, and their personal tracking details to save their results.

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This is a great online resource for parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns and enables students to learn new ways to improve their results at school. We encourage all parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity to further develop students’ study skills abilities through this online resource.

**Volleyball**

**Social Volleyball**
Social Volleyball (Teenagers and Adults) has started on Monday nights in the Sports Hall. The competition caters for a range of ability levels and also provides skill development and coaching. For further information please contact – brisbanevolleyball.org.au\TheGap

**Dragons Volleyball Club**
The Dragons will be training in our Sports Hall on Tuesday nights. If you are interested in playing competitive volleyball please see their website for details.

**G.S. Volleyball Academy**
A Volleyball Academy for North West Brisbane, for high school students will be beginning soon on Wednesday nights at The Gap state High School. Students who wish to further develop their skills will be invited to nominate for the program in the coming weeks.

**Community Notices**

**LOCAL CRAFT GROUP**
Most Wednesdays during term time – “GUCCE” 9.15am and 11.30am. Excellent babysitting provided! The children often do their own craft! At The Gap Uniting Church, 1050 Waterworks Road, The Gap. Visit our website www.thegapuc.org.au to find out the current classes or email office@thegapuc.org.au for a flyer. First Term classes start Wednesday, 4 February, however, you are welcome to join at any time during the school term. This term our special class includes some clever embroidery, Easter cards and the Poppy Project. We now have a Facebook page “GUCCE Craft” where you can see what’s in store! Although our classes only run for 6 weeks, we offer opportunity to “BYO” your own craft activities. Cost is $3 for GUCCE and child-minding @ $3 per child.

**Are You A Past Student of Windsor State School?**
Windsor State School is celebrating 150 years in 2015, and is seeking all past students, teachers and their relatives, asking them to register in the lead up to the anniversary year. The two main events for the jubilee will be An Evening to Remember on 24 July, and Heritage Day on 10 October, 2015. Registering is easy! Visit our website at www.windsorsss.eq.edu.au and click on the link to register on-line, or download a registration form and return by post. You can also join our facebook community at www.facebook.com/Windsor150 . Registered past students receive a free quarterly newsletter with interesting articles and updates on the anniversary celebrations.

**The Gap Netball Club 2015 Season**
Register now at http://thegapnetball.org
The Gap Netball Club is the biggest in Queensland and has a strong community and competitive dual focus. 2015 registrations are now open online, and Sign-On will be 9-11am on Saturday 31$January at Hilder Road State School at The Gap. Netball is the most popular team sport in Australia and The Gap has teams for all abilities and ages from Modified Rules (8-10 year olds) to Opens (adults). Teams train on weekday afternoons and evenings at Hilder Road State School and play at Downey Park on Saturdays from March to August. The Club will also run NetSetGO at Hilder Road for 8 weeks from Monday 2 February. NetSetGO is an introductory program for 5F10 year olds teaching netball basics in a fun and safe way.

Registrations & further information: http://thegapnetball.org registrar@thegapnetball.org

**WEST BRISBANE FALCONS BASKETBALL**
**CLUB SIGN ON DAY Saturday 31 January 2015**
Centenary State High School Sport Centre, Moolanda St, Jindalee.

8.00am - 9.00am U8 Mixed and U10 Boys & Girls;
9.00am - 10.00am U12 Boys & Girls;
10.00am - 11.00am U14 Boys & Girls;
11.00am - 12.00pm U16 Boys & Girls, U18 Boys & Girls

Please arrive prior to the designated time for your age group and be dressed ready to train. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring a water bottle. Further details: 0450 105 252, westbrisbanebasketball@hotmail.com or www.westbrisbanebasketball.net.au

**Recruiting Cadets Now! Australian Navy Cadets**
West Brisbane Naval Cadet unit (NTS Vengeance) is now recruiting secondary school students between 12.5 – 17 years old to undertake navy orientated activities such as sailing, boating, flying and laser skirmish.

Established in 2013 by former Young Queenslander of the Year in 2009, Sub-Lieutenant Chiu-Hing Chan - the naval cadet unit is located at Centenary State High School in the Western Suburbs of Brisbane, where it is holding an orientation day on Sunday 15 February for students interested to join.

Youths will have an opportunity to obtain their boat licence and sailing certificates, visit naval ships and establishments, and opportunity to undertake pilot flight training and marine engineering.

The Australian Navy Cadets is a youth organisation that is sponsored and supported by the Royal Australian Navy. It provides youth activities and training within a military environment to encourage better citizens and leaders in the community.

Uniforms and equipment are provided for free to cadets. Cadets parade every Sunday, where full day parade occur on the first week of the month from 9 am to 3 pm, all other weeks parade start from 9 am to 12.30 pm. Cadets are required to pay a levy of $10 per general parade attendance.
Student recruits will have the opportunity to be promoted through the ranks, including being selected for officer training for the rank of midshipman.

For more information, please contact Sub-Lieutenant Chiu-Hing Chan (Officer in Charge) on 0411763641 (chiu-hing.chan@navycadets.gov.au) or Captain Bob Hurnes on 0409498211.

**Sign-On Day – Taringa Rovers**

Sign On/Information Day for the Taringa Rovers is on Sunday 1 February 2015 from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm at Jack Speare Park, Fairley Street Indooroopilly. Enquiries: secretary@taringarovers.com.au or visit the website www.taringarovers.com.au. From Squirts (3 – 5 years) to over adults.