A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

State Showcase winner! Arguably, the best Junior Secondary model of teaching young people in Queensland is right here at Mount Gravatt High. Mount Gravatt High entered the State Showcase for Excellence in State Schools Awards in the Junior Secondary category taking out the Metropolitan Region Winner and in so doing, advanced to the State Final.

On Friday, 5 November our school was announced and awarded the State Prize in that category at the gala dinner held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. Schools from around the State were represented and this event marks a pinnacle of professional practice, at its best, in each of the categories.

Our award recognised that at Mount Gravatt, we value making students feel welcome and a part of a learning community of exceptional quality. Because of that “DNA”, the settling in of Year 7 students to high school was absolutely seamless; the creation of junior leadership and senior students mentoring our younger students added dimension to great relationships; curriculum and teaching that engages, supports, enriches and extends every child is commonplace; a safe and encouraging school climate and a culture for learning goes from strength to strength. It was a pleasure and privilege to accept the award that includes a cash prize money totalling $32000 to invest in our program. Priceless, is the impetus this gives to teachers to keep on giving their best and of the confidence parents can have in their school of choice. Personally, it is a career highlight to lead such a team quality each and every day.

Our written submission got us to the State finals, but it was the passion of our team in their personal presentation to the selection panel that brought the prize home. Wonderful work was done to present our case by Ms Helen Fisher, Ms Tara McKenzie and Year 7 student Sam who are to be congratulated for the esteem this award brings our school.

Aspiring to leadership isn’t for the faint hearted and last week the results of the student and staff election of student leaders and mentors for 2016 were announced. I had the pleasure and privilege to interview 18 aspiring leaders and such is the depth of quality of the young people who presented themselves I was completely convinced that regardless of the success of any candidate to a position they aspired to, that student governance in our school would also go from strength to strength.

I congratulate our new student leadership team.

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Year 12 almost there. Next week we farewell Year 12 students but it is work right to the end with students expected to complete all their course commitments. We anticipate very solid results and gains and our young people well prepared for the ‘real world’. Much work has been done to partner with parents, fine tune and personalise every student’s progress to best result possible.

QPARENTS is now available and I encourage all parents of continuing students to return the subscription form. Parents who have signed up have already seen the benefits of being able to interact in “real-time” and stay informed of their child’s learning, personal and financial accounts.

Richard Usher
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

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QPARENTS

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Our school now has QParents. Parents should have received an invitation email or letter by now and it’s great to see that so many parents have registered already.

If you have not received an invitation, please advise us immediately.

Over time, QParents will become an integral part of how we communicate with parents. Get on board now to enjoy the ease and convenience that QParents offers.

DEAN OF STUDENTS – SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Year 12 students are currently sitting their last ever high school exams, and may have even finished by the time this is published! It will then be time for them to celebrate their accomplishments by attending the Graduation Ceremony and the Formal on Thursday 19 November.

Formal Details:

Venue: The Landing at Dockside, Kangaroo Point

Arrival Time: Students to arrange for their transportation to drop them off between 6:30pm and 6:50pm

Finish Time: 11:30pm (Students will not be permitted to leave prior to this time without consent from a Deputy Principal)

Those parents wishing to see their child arrive at the formal are welcome to be standing out the front near the red carpet at 6:30pm. Please be aware that students will be asked to move into the venue once dropped off and all students will be seated by 7:00pm. Only those paying guests are permitted inside the venue.

Moving onto other Year 12 news – I would like to congratulate Dhanuja Sampatha Waduge on his completion of the AccelR8 program whereby he has attained a Certificate II in Automotive Underbody Technology complemented by 20 days of work placement. The image below shows Dhanuja receiving his Certificate at the AccelR8 Graduation Ceremony that was held on Thursday 5 November. Well done Dhanuja!
I would also like to congratulate James Deegan on the completion of the GenR8 program whereby he has achieved a Certificate II in Logistics complemented by 20 days of work placement. James too attended a graduation ceremony whereby he received his certificate. Congratulations James.

Year 11 students are getting ready to start their block exams on Wednesday 18 November and I would like to wish them luck! It won’t be long before they are the seniors of our school.

Talking about “Seniors”, earlier this year a Senior Committee was formed to make some key decisions regarding senior jerseys for 2016. The committee and I, along with the support of the administrative team, have decided that students will have an option to purchase a jersey or a jacket in 2016. Both items will have the same design; one of them will just have a zip. At this stage it is looking like the cost will be $85.00. Due to the time it takes to make the items, I will be sending home a letter with the details and asking for orders and payments very early on in 2016.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone to be mindful of their attendance. The school’s goal for the year has been a 95% attendance rate and this is what every student should be aiming for. Students in the senior school are expected to be attending school each day right up until the end in accordance with the school’s instructions.

Kellie Anderson
Dean of Students – Senior School

REMINDER: Please notify our school office of any changes in email or contact details.
Email: admin@mtgravattshs.eq.edu.au or Phone: 3291 5222

2016 Senior Leaders

Last week we listened to all the students who were running for a position as a Senior Leader, School or Vice Captain. The pool of applicants was very impressive and it was a very difficult decision that students and teachers had to make during the voting process. I wish all the new leaders all the very best with their added responsibilities for 2016.

The 2016 Senior Leaders are:

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In getting them prepared we are offering all House Captains, Senior Leaders and Captains the opportunity for the Leadership training “Maximising the Badge” run by YLead at the Mount Gravatt Bowls Club on Wednesday 25 November. Students will come away with a better understanding of what makes a good Leader. Hopefully this will prepare them well for anything they face in the Future.

Congratulations to our 2016 Senior Leaders.

Farewell to our 2015 Seniors

Students are now in their last exam block for the year and only have a few responsibilities before they are finished their high school experience. Students have been given information regarding their final few days in regards to clearance procedures, Laptop returns and USI completion as well as Graduation rehearsals. If you have not seen this letter, make sure you check in with your student.
I look forward to seeing everyone at the formal next week to help send them off in style.

First Aid Course

Students have had the opportunity to take part in a First Aid Certificate in order to gain this valuable qualification and an extra 2 QCE credit points. There is a final chance for 2015 available on Friday 13 November at Holland Park High School. If your child has missed this opportunity we will be holding sessions here at Mount Gravatt in the new year for current students. Feel free to email me on swils118@eq.edu.au if you wish for your child to take part early in 2016. I will be putting together a waiting list of interested students and will advertise dates closer to the time. Cost of the course is $70.

University Bridging Course

As part of TAFE’s commitment to support students wishing to undertake TAFE Queensland Brisbane pathway programmes leading to Bachelor of Education qualifications, they are offering a number of bridging units to assist students to meet relevant university entry requirements. These units cover appropriate content and duration to meet Authority English, maths and science requirements for students progressing from Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care and Diploma of Sports Development pathways into Bachelor of Education via our pathway programmes. Students may enrol in relevant units offered through Adult Tertiary Preparation or Unilearn which has multiple offerings per year.

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Sandra Wilson
HOD Student Development

DEAN OF STUDENTS – JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

High Resolves Remembrance Garden

Our Remembrance Garden has now been planted by the Year 9 High Resolves Garden Committee. The garden group met on Wednesday October 28 from 3 to 4pm. Thankfully for everyone, the digging was made easier by showers of rain during the week. The students planted Geraldton wax, Kangaroo paw and native grasses. Our Garden committee researched Australian native plants and planned the garden accordingly. The plants were purchased through fundraising ventures by the whole High Resolves team.

Our Groundsman, Mr Wenner, showed the group how best to plant our garden, to give our plant selection the best possible chance of survival. We thank him for his support and knowledge during this process. The results have been very rewarding, as we watch our plants ‘take’ after enjoying the recent rain. The fence at the rear of the garden was constructed by the Yr. 11 Construction and Mr Wilson. We thank them all for their hard work in making our garden a success. The Remembrance plaque has also been completed and placed on the wooden support in the garden. Thanks to the IDT department for making our plaque. The design developed by the Plaque Committee looks beautiful in the Garden.

Remembrance Day

November 11 is an important day in which we observe one minute’s silence at 11 am to remember those who died or suffered for Australia’s cause in all wars and armed conflicts.

Our High Resolves students have made a strong connection with the local sub branch of the RSL. Recently Mr Hellier, the President of the Holland Park-Mt Gravatt RSL Sub Branch, attended a High Resolves meeting and also inspected the progress of our Remembrance Garden. They invited two of our Junior Leaders to participate in the Remembrance Service.

Kimberley Hodgkinson and Will Hamer were the two Junior Leaders selected to represent Mount Gravatt High at the Holland Park-Mount Gravatt RSL sub branch Remembrance
Day Service. They read a poem called ‘We Shall Keep the Faith’ and laid a wreath on behalf of our school community.

Attendance

As the year draws to an end we can look forward to rewarding Junior Secondary students, who have achieved a 100% attendance for the entire 2015 school year, with newly designed ‘Attendance’ Badges. So if you have not missed a day this year, this may be a great incentive to keep that perfect record.

Helen Fisher
Dean of Students – Junior School

EARLY DEPARTURE PROCEDURE

If you need your student/s to leave school before 2:40pm, please give them a note of explanation to be signed by a Deputy Principal before school. Students will then be issued a leave pass at the office showing details of the leave time. This must be shown to their class teacher and then carried with them when they leave the school grounds.

Due to school security, teachers cannot allow students to leave class without written approval.

JUNIOR SECONDARY REPORT

Junior Secondary Celebration Assembly

When: Wednesday 9 December
Time: 8.30am
Where: School Hall

All parents of Years 7, 8 and 9 are invited to attend our very first Junior Secondary Celebration Assembly. 2015 has been a particularly successful year and we would like you to join in with our celebrations. Our Junior Secondary Leaders will host the event which will formally acknowledge the transition of our Year 9 students into the senior school with a presentation of their senior school ties. Students with 100% attendance records will be acknowledged and the 2016 Junior Secondary Leaders also announced. I look forward to seeing you there.

Judy Andrews
Head of Department - Junior Secondary

DEBATING

While the second half of the year can be correctly characterised as the Debating “off-season”, there have been movement at the station behind the scenes as we prepare for the 2016 season.

Tuesday Afternoon Debating

For the first time, we have been able to offer junior students the opportunity to participate in Debating as an elective during Tuesday afternoon Sport. The option has been made available for two reasons. Firstly, to increase the profile of Debating at Mount Gravatt by allowing students interested in this academic pursuit the opportunity to hone their skills in a competitive activity. Secondly, to help prepare potential students for inter-school competitions in 2016 through skills development in a fun and supportive environment. A dozen students across Years 7 to 9 have been attending each week, debating in both the short and extended preparation format. This augurs well for Mount Gravatt High next year!

Brisbane Girls Debating Association – 2016 competition

The Brisbane Girls Debating Association (BGDA) runs an annual competition for female debaters in Years 10 to 12 attending schools in the wider Brisbane area. This competition aims to improve students’ debating, public speaking, analytical thinking and teamwork and time management skills: all skills that I think you will agree will assist students throughout their senior years of school! The competition is also incredibly valuable for students who are new to debating and public speaking, and want to learn and develop their skills in a friendly, supportive and engaging environment.

I am hoping to enter a Mount Gravatt team into this competition. One benefit of students participating in the BGDA competition is that all debates are short preparation. No research and writing is required before debates. All debates are over by 6:50pm. Accordingly, this competition is ideal for female students who would like to debate but are concerned about the time commitment.

For more information, please visit the Brisbane Girls Debating Association site at http://www.bgda.org.au. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to email me at miles@eq.edu.au.

Queensland Debating Union – 2016 competition

Once again, Mount Gravatt is aiming to enter teams in the Queensland Debating Union (QDU) competition in 2016. This competition runs over four preliminary rounds, with further finals rounds should teams win three or more Debates. It has been exhilarating to share in the success of the Year 11 Debating team, who made it through to the third round of finals in 2015. Ideally, I would like to enter teams across Years 8 to 12 next year. If your student is interested in Debating, or would benefit from developing their analytical and public speaking skills, I would encourage them to contact me this year so that I can begin organising coaches and materials for next year.

Developing Debating Capacity

To increase the Debating capacity of Mount Gravatt I have been collecting and sharing a number of resources for students. On the Learning Place (http://elearn.eq.edu.au) I have created a Debating virtual class, and enrolled all students who have participated in the QDU competition this year and those who are taking part in Tuesday Afternoon Debating. From here, students can access:

The QDU eDebating Series: This is a series of seminars (hosted on YouTube) offered by the QDU to hone the skills of senior students. Participating students are given the chance to prepare arguments and receive feedback from QDU adjudicators. I encourage any Senior Debaters who have not already signed up for this to get involved.
**PERFORMING ARTS**

**Drama Club**

This semester the Junior Drama Club has been working hard to put together a production of Roald Dahl’s *Fantastic Mr Fox*, from a script adapted by Sally Reid.

The junior branch of Mount Gravatt’s extra-curricular Drama program involves students from grades 7, 8 and 9. The students have been encouraged to contribute creatively and collaboratively to the show; making props and costumes and helping with production and direction decisions.

We have put our own Mount Gravatt spin on this family classic, bringing the story into the modern day with a female protagonist. So please join the children, Foxes, Badgers, Moles, Weasels, Rat and farmers for *Fantastic Mr(s) Fox* on Thursday 26 November at 3:30pm and Friday 27 November at 6:30pm.

Doors will open at The Studio 30 minutes before show time. Please purchase tickets for $5 from the payment window from the 16th of November. It is sure to be an evening of furry fun and adorable antics by our very talented Junior Drama Club.

*Hayley Francis*
*Teacher – Drama Club*

**INDUSTRIAL DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

**YEAR 9 Creative Design and Technology**

The year 9 Creative Design and Technology classes have been working hard to finish their Paper Flower project. The students have incorporated different types of flowers into their project to great effect.

This class has also used the CNC Laser cutter to cut out paper butterflies and wooden buttons to individualise their designs. They bought their own containers to display their posies to great effect.

The students were very proud and excited to take home their great work. Their projects looked absolutely beautiful. Students are now learning more about the CNC laser to allow them to make jewellery. This will be a terrific final piece to end a very productive and successful year.

**Certificate 1 in Construction, Furniture and Engineering**

In 2014, 29 students undertook the task of completing 45 Certificate 1’s in either Furniture Construction or Engineering. Students could study a combination of any of the three areas. By the end of 2015 all of the students were successful in achieving their desired certificates. It is a big achievement for 100% of the students to be successful in their endeavours. We wish them well in 2016 and hope these qualifications help them achieve employment in the future.

**Year 10 Graphics**

The Year 10 students are completing their multi model assignment. They have worked in pairs in designing a technology lab on the Industrial Design building. There have been some very impressive designs by the students. The voice overs in the PowerPoints have explained and justified their designs.

**Year 12 Furnishing**

The seniors of 2015 have just finished their final assessment pieces of the year. They designed a clock based on digital design and digital manufacture. The students produced many different clocks and came up with some very functional and practical applications. Students really enjoyed using the new technology and the different materials to construct their clocks. The knowledge gained in using the CNC laser cutter and the vinyl cutter gave the students a new sense of independence in constructing their projects.

**Facilities**

The IDT department has been working closely with the facilities manager Mick Watson to build new components for the yard sweeper which had stripped its gears. Mick drew up the parts on Autodesk Inventor a 3D modelling program that our graphics students use. We then took a number of attempts to print the gears on the 3D printers. Looking at the photos you can see they were very successful.
Year 11 Construction

Mr Wilson’s Year 11 and Ms Rochow’s combined 11/12 Construction classes have spent the term refurbishing the picnic tables and the bench seats around the campus which were in dire need from neglect.

Students developed their team work skills as well as learning the value of recycling materials in order to produce some quality outdoor furniture. This will, no doubt, will become an asset and enhance the appearance of the school grounds.

In addition the students combined with the Ms Fisher’s Year 9 High Resolves group by constructing the fixtures in the recently completed Memorial Garden.

We would like to remind you of our office hours
General Administration Office Hours - 7:30am to 3:30pm
Accounts Office for Parents - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30am to 3:00pm
SAVE TIME BANK ONLINE:
For all your bill payments please deposit to:
Mount Gravatt High School
BSB: 064 118
Account Number: 0009 0265
Reference: Student Name

STUDENT ABSENCES
Please ensure that you contact the school on the day of your student’s absence.
Absence Line: 3291 5266
Email: absence@mtgravattshs.eq.edu.au

GUIDANCE OFFICER
As the year draws to a close, our thoughts are especially with our Year 12s, who are rapidly approaching the end of their secondary schooling. Congratulations and good luck to the 137 students who have submitted a QTAC application and are waiting to hear which tertiary course they will study next year. Best wishes also to the 50 students who have made plans for work, training and life experiences in 2014. Those students eagerly awaiting QCE and OP results: you can view these online from Saturday 19 December at www.studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au.

Having made their subject selections, Year 10 students should be engaged in some career exploration on the MyFuture website. Year 10 and 11 students should keep in mind that there are still some vacancies in the TAFE Partnership With Schools programme (to study a TAFE course whilst at school). Also, a number of full time and school-based apprenticeships and traineeships are still flowing in; these are listed regularly on the Mount Gravatt Guidance Officer page on The Learning Place.

Daniel Wilson
Guidance Officer

2016 STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME AND LAPTOP PROGRAM
Mount Gravatt High School has commenced preparations for Student Resource Scheme (SRS) and Laptop Program in 2016.

Invoices for the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) Levy for 2016 have been completed and in most cases have been sent by email. For operational efficiency and to ensure quick service, please be aware that we bulk invoice the Resource Scheme levies prior to receiving the signed participation/non-participation forms. Invoices will be credited/adjusted accordingly once the participation/non-participation forms are received.

The cost of the Laptop Program in 2016 is $250. We are offering families the opportunity to pay for their child’s Laptop Program fees so they can be issued with their devices as soon as the school year starts in 2016.

A separate invoice to the value of $260 has be generated for SRS, which we would like to stress is NOT required to be paid until 2016.
What to sign and return:

1. Student Resource Scheme Participation Agreement form completed and signed by Parent/Caregiver - ONE PER FAMILY REQUIRED
2. Student Resource Scheme - Laptop Program Participation Agreement form completed and signed by Parent/Caregiver - ONE PER FAMILY REQUIRED
3. Student and Parents to sign - Student Laptop Program Agreement - understanding the responsibilities outlined in the Acceptable computer behaviour and internet use. - ONE PER CHILD REQUIRED

We accept payment via CentrePay Deductions, EFT, EFTPOS, Cash, Cheque or Bpoint. For further details about any of these payment types please contact our accounts receivable office on 3291 5222. option #2 accounts.

If you choose not to participate in the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) and Laptop Scheme, a copy of the resource requirements for each year level is available from the office. Please note that these payments are for the hire of textbooks and other school issued requirements not general stationery; ie: pens, pencils, exercise books, etc.

The payments office is open from 7.30am to 2.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

We encourage online payments made either by EFT into our bank account:

BSB: 064-118 ACC: 00090265 or by BPoint.

Your personal reference number is located on the bottom of your invoice or monthly statement.

BPOINT is an internet web link you can use as a method of paying school invoices securely from your own computer. BPOINT offers several payment options as below:

www.bpoinnt.com.au/payments/dete This link is also on the School Webpage under Quicklinks.

Internet Payment via BPoint Web Link

- Enter the CRN provided on the school invoice
- Enter the Invoice Number
- Enter the Student Name
- Enter amount and select Visa or Master Card
- You will receive a BPOINT transaction confirmation for your records.

Sam Jeffs
Business Services Manager

Uniform Shop

The 2016 Stationery Lists have been emailed and also handed to all students.

The 2016 Mount Gravatt High School Book Packs will be ordered through SEQUEL. There is no obligation to order through SEQUEL, however funds raised via commission will support our school P&C. If you wish to make alternate arrangements, please ensure that you purchase all the specified items on the list. Please find attached the instructions for ordering and a copy of the booklist for your child/children’s year level.

Please address any queries to Gayle Brown Uniform Shop on 3291 5209 or email mghsuniform@hotmail.com.

Meetings

Our last meeting for the 2015 year will be held on Wednesday 18 November, 7pm at the Mount Gravatt Hotel. Please RSVP by email to: PandC@mtgravattshs.eq.edu.au

On behalf of the P and C Executive, Thank you to all the parents for their support during 2015. We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and all the best for the coming year.

Lost Property

The amount of lost property that we have on hand continues to grow and it is overwhelming how many hats, clothing and other items we have mounting up. We are confident parents do not want to continue to pay for the same items over and over again. Please NAME your student’s items. If named, we are able to return the items to students through student notices and emails to parents. If you do receive an email from the school advising of lost property being held, please ask your student to come and collect the item as soon as possible. The school will hold the items for two weeks after the email is sent. If it is still uncollected, the item will be used for general distribution to all students. We do not have the space to keep items indefinitely.

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The 2016 Mount Gravatt High School Book Packs will be ordered through SEQUEL. There is no obligation to order through SEQUEL, however funds raised via commission will support our school P&C. If you wish to make alternate arrangements, please ensure that you purchase all the specified items on the list. Please find attached the instructions for ordering and a copy of the booklist for your child/children’s year level.

Please address any queries to Gayle Brown Uniform Shop on 3291 5209 or email mghsuniform@hotmail.com.

**Meetings**

Our last meeting for the 2015 year will be held on Wednesday 18 November, 7pm at the Mount Gravatt Hotel. Please RSVP by email to: PandC@mtgravattshs.eq.edu.au

On behalf of the P and C Executive, Thank you to all the parents for their support during 2015. We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and all the best for the coming year.
Could YOU host an international student?

Bringing a new perspective to your life.

MT GRAVATT STATE HIGH SCHOOL
International Students Homestay Program

An allowance for hosting a student is provided if you are able to offer:
- A separate bedroom with a bed and a desk
- Three meals a day plus morning and afternoon tea
- Internet access to meet study requirements
- A friendly, supportive environment
- English is the primary language spoken at home

Involvement in the Mt Gravatt International Student Homestay Program can offer a range of benefits to your family including:
- Learning about another culture’s customs and traditions
- Encouraging your family to do things together
- Helping your children to learn and grow
- Encouraging your family to explore your own state and country
- Developing lasting friendships with the student and their overseas family
- Providing your children a unique advantage and experience to refer to on applications for employment, college and universities

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Have you ever thought about employing a school-based trainee or apprentice? We are looking for employers in the trade industries – plumbers, carpenters, electricians and mechanics.

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SATs) allow students on a vocational path to work for a business as paid employees and undertake training to gain a qualification, all whilst studying towards their Queensland Certificate of Education.

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