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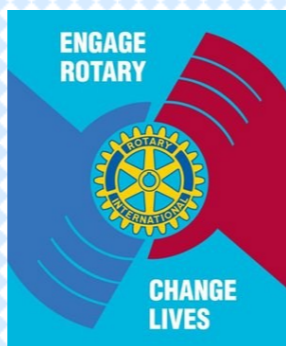
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SET Plan (Senior Education Training Plan)

SET Plan (Senior Education Training Plan) interviews will take place early next Term with HOD Jo Brennan. During this interview it will be determine the best pathway for each student to achieve their goals in the future. It is at this interview that subjects are determined for Year 11, 2015. It is vital for parents/carers and the student to be involved in this discussion as support from home is essential for a student to succeed in any chosen path. Students' choices are supported at Flexi to encourage them to achieve success, so they can develop a future pathway they are suited to.

Choosing subjects is very important and we thank all carers and parents for their continued support.

Please understand that the SET Plan interview is essential for an enrolment into Year 11 for 2015.



Flexi Flyer



End of Term 3 Flexi Flyer 2014

Flexi Graduation

This event is the highlight of the Flexi year, where we recognize the efforts of our Year 12 graduating students. All students are to attend as well as support fellow students.

We strongly encourage parents, friends and family to attend this celebratory function to share in the achievements of the students.

Flexi Formal

Yr. 12 students are preparing for the annual Formal this year. The theme Wish Upon A Star has enabled students to dream creative ideas which will make for a memorable evening.

Tickets available at the Flexi Office. \$30.00

RSVP 23rd October

A reminder that entry is by ticket only.

SHINE PROGRAM

'SHINE' is a program for teenage girls. Based upon the belief that each girl is created with purpose, being uniquely beautiful, precious and valuable. 'SHINE' provides keys for living a life of success and inner fulfillment.

A group of girls enjoyed participating in the SHINE program, throughout Term 3. This was a well received program. The girls viewed interesting videos on how the media can influence how we can feel about image. SHINE helps young women to develop a healthy self image and to value who they are. Each student was presented with their Certificates of Participation during a delightful high tea.

A big thank you to the SHINE Facilitators :)



Special Dates of Interest:



Carnival of Flowers

Saturday 20th September

Term 4 Start Date Tuesday 7th October

Graduation / Formal Wednesday 12th November Graduation 11am Formal 5.30pm

Last YR 12 Day 12th November

Movie World Trip Tuesday 19th November

Last YR 10 / 11 Day 28th November

Thank you to all community members and volunteers who have contributed to Flexi this Term. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.
All the best,
Jo Brennan
HOD

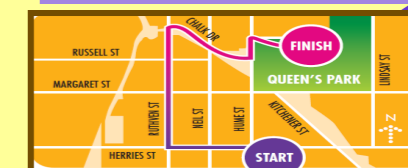
2014 CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS PARADE

Flexi Fund Raiser Sausage Sizzle

View the parade from Flexi School front lawn. Help serve at the Sausage Sizzle, funds raised go towards the Flexi Formal.

Date: Saturday 20th September 2014.

Parade has a new start time of 3pm.



Snap Shots at Flexi



On Thursday the 14th of August Sarah Thies-Bulman and Chloe Dallinger held a Cup Cake Day to raise funds for the RSPCA.

Their efforts are to be highly commended the skills the two girls displayed were dedication, presentation, advertising and marketing.

The cupcakes were decorated with care and attention to detail, not to mention very yummy as well. Their commitment to the cause was remarkable.

Chloe and Sarah raised \$189.00 on the day. WELL DONE !!!!



Even Cookie Monster made an appearance!



BIKES, BIKES WONDERFUL BIKES

Numerous bikes have been donated to Flexi School from the TOMNET Gentlemen. Five students have been the lucky recipients of these wonderful bikes. The students are definitely putting them to good use, riding them to school each day. The kindness and generosity of these gentleman is very much appreciated by the students and staff. The bikes have brought smiles, and gratitude from the students who have been overwhelmed by the gift. The ownership of the bikes has made many along trip to school much shorter.

Special mention to these kind community members who support the young people of Flexi School.



Thank you!



Winter Warmth

Throughout Term 3 Flexi School received numerous number of donated clothing items. One of these items was a beautiful warm wind cheater coat. This coat was kindly donated by **Dorrie Postle**. Mercedes our year twelve student gratefully accepted this lovely coat and wears it with pride. Many generous people donate items to Flexi which are put to good use by all who attend Flexi School.

We extend our sincere thank you and appreciation to the generous, kind people in our Flexi community.



Flexi School Scrapbook

Staff and students would like to thank Kelly Selby for the momentous scrapbook which now sits on the book shelf in the common room.

This scrap book has news clippings from the past few years featuring past and present students. A treasured addition to view and reflect.

Thank you Kelly!

ACEL Award for Glen Postle

Glen Postle received the Miller-Grassie Award for Outstanding Leadership in Education.

This ACEL Award recognises Glen as an outstanding Queensland educator whose achievements have shown exceptional merit in ways that are reflective of the ideas and work of two pioneering educators, Dr Laurier Miller and Assoc Professor MacCrae Grassie. Glen spoke about his work with Toowoomba Flexi School and TOMNET as part of his Miller-Grassie address.



Congratulations

USQ Computer Program

As part of the Higher Education Participation, Partnership Project (HEPPP) the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) was given funding to support students identified as facing multiple disadvantages who may benefit from financial assistance to meet the costs of study, with particular focus on books and/or educational supplies.

Through consultation with Flexi School, one identified area of disadvantage is the lack of access to technology to meet educational expectations. Our goal to raise aspirations and encourage continued participation in education, therefore we are able to provide eligible students with a \$700.00 voucher to be used towards purchasing a laptop.

Students are enjoying their laptops, thank you to the USQ team especially Phillip Eastment and Sarah Hawes.



Thank You USQ

The Spirit of Patyegarang

Bangarra Bus Trip

On Saturday the 23rd of August 22 students and 3 staff set off to Brisbane QPAC Lyric Theatre, situated at South Bank Brisbane.

The students, staff and some TOMNET guests were treated to a visual feast by the performers of The Bangarra Dance Theatre Troupe.

The Bangarra Dance Theatre Group performed a stage production of contemporary dance providing the audience with a Historic Journey of the story of a young Lieutenant who travelled to New South Wales with the First Fleet on board the HMS Sirius. He befriended a 15 year old Eora girl, Patyegarang and faithfully recorded their interactions and exchanges.

This was a deeply moving production with costumes and music adding to the wonderful experience.

This performance also was a component to the Music Students studies.

This trip was made possible due to an entry to the Courier Mail by a staff member. Flexi School were the lucky recipients of 35 tickets which were valued at \$2,200.



Community Spirit

Ice Bucket Challenge at The Village Green

Friday the 29th of August The Ice Water Challenge was held. Our dear supporter of Flexi Judy Antonio spoke of the need to bring awareness to the debilitating disease MND (Motor Neuron Disease) .

Jahrad Amps was nominated for a soaking and donated money to the cause. Judy Antonio gave a good soaking to Paul Antonio. The ice water represents the tinkling sensation which a MND suffer experiences. A great public event, also attended by Shane Webcke past NRL player. Congratulations to all who took part in the challenge to raise much needed awareness to MND.

Thank you HumeRidge for your kind thoughts and words of encouragement.

A very kind and much appreciated gift arrived at Flexi on Tuesday the 16th of September. This wonderful gesture was given to the Flexi Staff by the HumeRidge Youth Group. The staff were presented with care packages which consisted of chocolate, coffee, tea and a beautiful message. HumeRidge expressed gratitude to the Flexi staff for the work provided. Their effort create a positive learning space for the students, always building rewarding relationships aiming for bright futures for everyone.



From the Staff



Certificate II Sport & Recreation

The Sport and Recreation students have been assisting in the running of the Social Sports Network Boccia Competition held at the Toowoomba PCYC every Tuesday morning. The Social Sports Network is a network set up to provide opportunities for people with disabilities to attend structured sport and activities at local clubs. The students do all the set up and pack up as well as officiating and running the games. The competition has become the best attended sport within the network with over 30 clients attending on a weekly basis. This has been a direct result of the great job the students are doing and they should be proud of their efforts. **Brett**

11 English Communication, Term three has been a real mixed bag; incredibly hectic, yet quite exhilarating too! The Year 11 English class went on a crime spree – delving first into the on-screen world of police dramas, then learning about the reality of the job from some of our local Boys-in-Blue.

In Social and Community Studies, these same 11s came up with delightfully novel business ideas and made products to sell during Toowoomba's Carnival of Flowers.

Year 10s explored and wrote theme-based poetry, before embarking on an exploration of their own and previous generations. In SOSE, the Year 10s unit on World War II started with a visit to the Cobb & Co. Museum's War Memorial display, and culminated in a whole-class debate around the topic: *World War III will break out in the next 20 years*. This was a new experience for most of the 10s, but they handled it brilliantly – working collaboratively in their respective teams to produce well-researched and incredibly well-presented arguments. Students should be incredibly proud of everything all the students have accomplished. Have a happy holiday. **Sam**

Certificate II Music

Six students worked at the Languages and Cultures Festival in Queens's Park on the weekend of the 9th and 10th of August. We setup the sound system on the Goodwill stage and spent the day cueing sound and microphones. The stall holders provided us with free lunch from the diverse range of food available. It was a great day out and all students successfully completed the units of competency attempted. Thank you to the Regional Council and Multicultural Society for providing this opportunity to get to know our local community.

Jason



Certificate I in IT Information and Technology: Students have used their ICT skills to record the views of youth at Flexi "Flexi Out Loud" film will be aired at the end of year Graduation Celebration.

Yr. 12 Social and Community Students.

This Term students have learnt how the law impacts their lives. They are now well informed on Work Laws, Cars and Driving Laws, Drinking Laws just to name a few. Thank you to Tony Rehn for giving up his time to enlighten students on these topics. **Jo**

Suesette Celebrates! Friday work experience program is full steam ahead. Thank you to all students who are actively engaged in either work experience, part time work or a School Based Traineeship. All students are to be commended for their efforts of respecting the Flexi School requirement to be engaged in our Friday Work Program. To date 86% are participating in a work placement.

Congratulations to **Kobe , Chloe H and Sharni** who have obtained a School Based Traineeship this Term. Congratulations to **Kyle, Jordan, Ben C, Sarah, Abbey, Demi-Lee, Milly, Shimeka and Brittany** for securing part time employment. These achievements have been obtained through participating in work experience and self initiative. Each student enhance their personnel development, strengthening self confidence and self esteem. Have a safe and restful September break!
Suesette

Hannah's Admin

Students, parents, staff and community members—it has been an absolute pleasure working with you all this year. As we get ready to enter Term 4, I would like to encourage students and parents to reflect on the role you play with Flexi Administration.

It is vital that all student absences or late sign ins are explained and that all school fees are up to date. Please do not hesitate to contact Flexi if you are experiencing any difficulties.

Hannah

All the Buzz at Flexi



Our Front Deck WOW WOW WOW!!!

Flexi School's front deck has been given a major face lift. This project was instigated by Harry Spence our wonderful and very kind Flexi supporter. Toowoomba East Rotary have installed patio blinds and indoor carpet. The East Rotary men worked over three consecutive weekends to bring this project to completion. The front deck is now comfortable and warm on cold windy days. Flexi School expresses sincere appreciation for this beautiful addition to enhance our Flexi School environment. Special thanks to Judy for identifying this need.



TOMNET Toowoomba Older Men's Network

- Lunches are provided each day to the Flexi Students.
- This is made possible by the consistent volunteering from the TOMNET men.
- Great lunches every day lovingly made by **Raymond, Shane and George.**



Thursday morning is Mentor Day

Thursday morning at Flexi is a buzz of activity with 15 mentors arriving to take part in our year ten mentoring program. The group is lead by Mel, Flexi's amazing Outreach Officer. Many topics are discussed both equally by the Mentors and the students. The Mentors enjoy their visit and the positive relationships nurtured and developed with the students.



Mentors in Action



WHAT IS MENTORING?

'Mentoring' is defined as "a mutually beneficial relationship that involves a more experienced person helping a less experienced person to identify and achieve their goals".

Effective mentoring:

- Is a relationship that focuses on the needs of the mentee
- Fosters caring and supportive relationships
- Encourages all mentees to develop to their fullest potential
- Is a strategy to develop active community partnerships

Flexi students and staff appreciate the time and dedication the Mentors give.

Thank you!!!!

Flexi News



v8 Super Cars Outing

A group of five students had the opportunity to travel to Ipswich to attend the V8 Supercars day on Friday the 25th August. This outing was provided by the Toowoomba Regional Council YOUTH CONNECT. A great day had by all.



Rewarding talk!

Term 3 came to a close with students completing assessment pieces to a high standard. Many students were rewarded with great results. It is such a pleasure to hear the pride and excitement as students share their success. Well done students! Effort brings results. Keep up the good work.



Need For Feed Chef Program

On the 23rd, 24th and 25th of July five students attended Need for Feed Chef program. The students were taught the importance of healthy living. Topics covered; Food Safety, Comply with Hygiene Standards and Disposing of Food to food safety standard. The program ended with a very elaborate luncheon and Certificates were presented to Caleb, Mercedes, Kodey, Maddison and Dillion.

Many thanks to Ms Jenny Nothdurft and The Chefs Peter Astbury and Jake Stewart for making this program available.



Flexi Students Become Involved

The 2014 commitment to be active volunteers at The Base Soup Kitchen continues with great success. Each Thursday students help serve lunch to the homeless. The care, dedication and compassion the Flexi Students demonstrate is amazing. We are very proud of the students who participate. This program has highlighted individuals abilities. The students should be very proud of their efforts, some of these students have shown that they are very hard workers, with a very compassionate and caring attitude.



Working hard



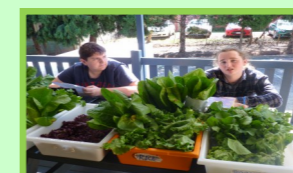
USQ Food Drive



Thanks again to our wonderful friends at USQ for what's become a very generous regular donation towards the Flexi Lunch Programme!

Vegetable Garden Update

A dedicated team of students, water, weed and care for the vegetable garden. This responsible team of students have harvest lettuce, spinach, kale, broccoli and much more. The vegetable gardens are a very attractive addition to Flexi back yard area. Flexi School first harvest took place resulting in all vegetables sold. This raised enough funds to re plant.



How good is that!