



IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 1/9	Year 10 SET Plan interviews 3.15pm – Assembly Hall	Fri 5/9	MOE Installation – computer shutdown
Mon 1/9	Year 11 Work Experience All Week	Wed 10/9	SCIPS School Leaver Program night - Coorparoo College
Tues 2/9	Yr 12 QCS Test	Wed 10/9	Year 11/12 Exam Block Commences at 1.30pm
Tues 2/9	Years 8/9 Girls Problem Solving Competition	Thurs 11/9	Year 11/12 Exam Block
Wed 3/9	Year 12 QCS Test	Friday 12/9	Year 11/12 Exam Block

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well we've had a busy couple of weeks, starting with **Art at the Park**. A record number of student artworks on display proved once again that we have more talent per student than other larger schools! Congratulations to **Danielle Wheelhouse who won the People's Choice Award, Becky Martin 2nd and Morgan Howie 3rd**. My thanks to Art Teachers Ms Corcoran and Mrs Rousell, who with their army of helpers produced a great event of art, music and drama, complemented by the hospitality students' Starry Night Café.

Our **Music** students brought home more awards from the Brisbane Schools Festival – a **Silver medal** for the Concert Band and a Bronze for the Jazz Band. Well done to the students and their taxiing parents! Mrs Bryer, Mrs Blurton and I have been discussing **an expansion of our Instrumental Music program** to incorporate a **vocal stream**, for our budding singers. One possibility could see us offer small group singing coaching and of course **choir or ensemble work** as well. Stay tuned for further developments!

In another surprise for our music section, a recording of our band was played on ABC Radio on Friday 22nd during the breakfast program. I have received a delightful letter from Mr & Mrs Sheehan from Ashmore, who said *"we were impressed with the sound and quality of the music by your students. We were filled with admiration for your Music Teacher who clearly has great talent to teach music to children. We felt that the unity and enthusiasm for their love of music was inspiring."*

There were lots of tears last Tuesday morning as we farewelled our Japanese tour group from **Ainan Junior High School**. While their time with us was short, they clearly bonded with their host families and their buddies, enjoying their short taste of family life here. The Aussie roast provided on the eve of their departure was a memorable experience for all. Thank you to Mrs Morton, Mrs Kasurinen and the families for hosting the visit, which does provide a modest additional income for the school.

Next week our **Year 11** students are on Work Placement. **All students must be at Work Placement or at school**, as the week is officially "school" time under the Education Act – "days off" are not permitted. I would appreciate it if parents would assist their children to arrive on time, smartly dressed etc. Please talk about how to introduce yourself, what to do if you're sick, running late, have no work to do we want our Year

11 students to learn from the experience. Sometimes, they learn that a particular area/industry is not for them! Year 12 students complete the **QCS Test next Tuesday and Wednesday**. Once again, parents can help by ensuring students are well rested, have had breakfast, and have followed the strict rules regarding equipment to be taken into the exam room. **All Year 11 and 12 students commence exam block on Wednesday 10 September at 1.30pm. (Wednesday has regular classes up to 1.30pm). Exam Block runs until 3.00pm Tuesday 16 September** – students attend for their exams only, wearing full school uniform of course!

Our Shed is nearing completion – doesn't it look good! (except for the doors which are the wrong colour!) I'm currently finalising an application for subsidy to complete flooring, interior finishes and landscaping, thanks to the P & C committing \$52,000 (\$26,000 Treasury Loan) and the Building Fund (\$5,000-6,000). We hope to get subsidy of approximately \$60,000-\$65,000.



The completed shed

Today we completed our Triennial School Review, where we presented findings to the Executive Director Schools Brian Streatfeild on our review areas of Literacy, Preparation for Post School Pathways, ICT, Professional Development and Marketing. Naturally we passed! In the case of Marketing, we're doing really well, with strong interest in places in Year 8 for 2009. Don't delay if you or your friends are planning to enrol – phone for an interview now.

Best wishes,

Jocelyn Roberts, Principal

ONESCHOOL RELEASE ONE

In Term 4, we will be implementing a new school information management system: OneSchool. OneSchool is the flagship of the Department's Smart Classrooms strategy. The first release, OneSchool Release One, is being implemented in all Queensland state schools in 2008.

You are able to view the OneSchool website to find out more information about the program at <http://education.qld.gov.au/oneschool/>

What is OneSchool?

OneSchool is a fully integrated, automated, information management system that will be used in all Queensland state schools. It is web-based and can be accessed anywhere, at anytime from any computer with internet capabilities.

What does OneSchool mean for you as a parent/guardian?

As your child progresses through the Queensland Education system, you have had to communicate the same information about your child to each school they are enrolled in and to each of your child's classroom teachers. OneSchool will end the need to repeatedly complete forms and have conversations to supply the same information.

The student record will include current and, in time, historical information about specific learning needs, academic records, behaviour records, attendance and extra-curricular participation.

Through this student record, teachers will be able to easily access student information when and where it is needed. It will be the most current and the most complete record of information available. The teacher will be able to use this information to make more informed decisions about curriculum planning and resourcing which will result in the enhancement of your child's learning.

When your child moves to a new school, the new school will gain access to their student record.

What is OneSchool, Release One

OneSchool is being developed in release stages with each release delivering increased functionality. OneSchool Release One is the first release which is being deployed in 2008.

Release One will enable teachers to record and have access to information about the students enrolled at their school around:

1. Information and contact details,
2. Behaviour (positive and negative),
3. Attendance Information and Reporting,
4. Academic Reporting,
5. Extra-Curricular participation,
6. Career Aspirations, and
7. Record of Communication Contact with Parents/Guardians.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Well - what a busy couple of weeks we have had in the Instrumental Music Department. Firstly, 15 Holland Park State High School students attended the Brisbane District Workshop of Excellence. After two days of rehearsals and sectionals with guest tutors, they gave a stunning performance as a Concert Band under the directorship of Mr Phil Davis, conductor of the Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra. Our students who participated were:

- Year 8: Alex Benfer, Ben Ford
Year 9: Jake Forster, Alex Ryan, Greg Reid, James Cuskelly, Jessie Spence
Year 11: Grace Mullins, Joy Kelly, Jess Miller, Morgan Howie
Year 12: Georgy Harris, Taylor Williams, Liz Osborne

Congratulations to all of these students, I'm sure that you all learnt a lot from your experience.

The next event in the calendar was Art in the Park - featuring performances from a number of the Instrumental Program Ensembles. Well done to all of the students who performed. It was a great night.

On Friday last week we had a very exciting time putting together our new Percussion Equipment, which has come through from our Gambling Benefit Fund Grant. After much unwrapping, we finally found where to put all of the bits and we have fabulous **new timpani, a marimba, a vibraphone, a concert bass drum and orchestral chimes**. We have invited a **guest percussionist, Jacinta Dunlop**, in to help us learn how to use and play our new equipment correctly and I'm sure that she will be able to give the percussion students some great playing tips.

The weekend was extremely busy, firstly with **Harmonies on the Hill at Weller's Hill** where our musical skills were greatly appreciated and secondly at the Brisbane Schools Band Festival. I am very happy to announce that on Saturday night the Jazz Band was awarded BRONZE, and on Sunday the Concert Band received a SILVER rating! It feels just like the Olympics! Well done to everyone who performed and thank you so much to all of the parents who ran around the countryside transporting their children to these events. We couldn't have done it without you. The adjudicator has given us some great comments which will help us work towards our next competition.

The HIP group had a meeting on 12 August, and have decided to hold another Kebab sizzle at our end of year concert on **Thursday 9 October** as the last one proved very successful. **Our next meeting** will be on **16 September**, so please come along if you think you can help in some way. We now have a treasurer, but we are still looking for a Chairperson to run the meetings and help to galvanize support. If this sounds like you, could you please join us at the next meeting.

Once again, if you have any enquiries regarding the Instrumental Music Program, could you please contact any of the music staff in J Block.

Karina Bryer, Instrumental Music Teacher

P & C CHRONICLES

As those of you who attend P & C meetings already know, all our meetings are 'special' (collective sigh), but there is a really special one coming up. It's a Special meeting of P & C to adopt the new constitution and it will be held at **7.30pm on Wed 17th September 2008**. All members of the school community are invited to attend. You will be able to view a copy of the new constitution at the School Office. We'd love to see you there

Kerry Kielland, Minutes Secretary

ART @ THE PARK 2008 AN EVENING OF ART, DRAMA, MUSIC AND HOSPITALITY

This year's event was another resounding success with thanks to the many people who contributed by hanging artworks, cleaning, serving, performing, setting up, providing sound and lighting, barbequing and cataloguing artworks. Of course, our student artists need to be congratulated on the fantastic standard of artwork they produced over this year. **Special** retrospectives of graduating artists **Allison McClelland, Lachlan du Preez, Vanessa Lamb and People's choice artist Danielle Wheelhouse** were most impressive, as were the collections of emerging artists Sophie Summers and Shannon Golik. Well done and thankyou to all who were involved and attended. A great night for the Arts!

Trish Corcoran, Art Coordinator

WII CONSOLE RAFFLE

Holland Park State High School P & C in conjunction with the Science Department are raffling a Wii console to raise money for the Living Lab. Second prize is a photo printer and third prize an ink jet printer. Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$ 5.00 for 6. Raffle will be drawn on the 29th October at the Awards Night. Students can buy tickets from the Science staff room.



EDUCATION TAX REFUND

The Education Tax Refund (ETR) aims to help families, with children undertaking primary or secondary school studies to meet the costs of school education through assistance with certain education expenses.

Under the Government's ETR, eligible families will be able to claim:

- A 50 per cent refundable tax offset every year for up to \$1,500 for each child undertaking secondary school, (that is, a refund of up to \$750 per child, per year).

For further information please contact The Honourable Kevin Rudd's Office on 38994031.

GUIDANCE NEWS

All year 12 students are currently participating in individual interviews with the Guidance Officer to confirm whether they are on track to receive their Qld Certificate of Education, Q.C.E., their plans for Post Year 12 and their QTAC preferences if they are applying for further study. Students need to remember that their "in time" **applications to QTAC close at the end of September**. They must make sure that they have their QSA. number in order to lodge their application.

Griffith University offers partner schools a range of special admission schemes to a selected number of programs for students. For more details about schemes, programs and applications please go to the Griffith Connect website and look at scholarships.

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Griffith University, invites prospective students and their parents to their Career Information Evening on Wednesday 3 September at 7pm at the Andy Nimno Auditorium at the Mt. Gravatt Campus. Ph: 37355955

Applications for the **2009 GUESTS Program at Griffith University** are now being accepted. This is an opportunity for current Year 11 students who are academically very strong in at least one area of study and doing well generally to engage in a first year study whilst completing year 12. For further information you can go to the GUESTS website on www.griffith.edu.au or contact Gemma Huxley on 37357621 or contact Mrs. Cameron here at school.

A new website addressing youth safety issues has been established to tackle violence, bullying, and harassment among young people. The **Act Smart – Be Safe** website is designed to provide teachers, parent's, students and the community with information to help improve the safety of young people. The website covers topics including Schoolies, safe party tips, anti-bullying strategies and the influence of technology on safety issues. For more information visit: <http://education.qld.gov.au/actsmartbesafe/>

Mrs Cameron – Guidance Officer

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ARE PROUDLY SUPPORTING
HOLLAND PARK HIGH VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM



Telephone: 3397 0566 (Greenslopes)



Telephone: 3349 1554



TUCKSHOP ROSTER 1/9/08 – 12/9/08	
Mon 1/9	Kath Parsons
Tues 2/9	HELP NEEDED
Wed 3/9	HELP NEEDED
Thur 4/9	HELP NEEDED
Fri 5/9	HELP NEEDED
Mon 8/9	Kath Parsons
Tues 9/9	HELP NEEDED
Wed 10/9	HELP NEEDED
Thur 11/9	HELP NEEDED
Fri 12/9	HELP PNEEDED

**Enrolment Interviews 2009
Holland Park High School**

**Enrolment Interviews for Year 8 2009
are now being conducted. Please
contact the school on
3347 0111 to arrange a convenient time
for an interview.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Pulse Dances – due to insufficient numbers the remaining high school pulse dances have been cancelled for 2008. A review of sound and lighting systems, dance amusements and DJs will be made and the high school pulse dances will return in 2009.

MacGregor Lions 5 km fun run to raise funds for medical research will be held on SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH at 9 a.m. at Cresthaven Park bikeway (entry via Sandringham Street behind Mansfield Primary School). Registration from 8.30 a.m. Cost: \$5 single or \$15 per family (2 adults and 2 children) Prizes include bicycle and helmet and gym memberships. Phone 0414 483009

SCIPS SCHOOL LEAVER PROGRAMME

**10 September, Coorparoo Secondary College,
Cavendish Road, Coorparoo from 6pm**

School leavers are invited to attend one of the SCIPS School Leaver Programme nights to meet potential employers. Over 300 opportunities are available in a wide range of areas. Download the Catalogue of Employers and Opportunities from www.scips.org.au then prepare cover letters and resumes to leave with the employers who are

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Thank you to those people who have come forward and volunteered their time in the Tuckshop. It is amazing the difference, just one extra person makes. It enables us to have that little extra variety available for the students and to be much more organised when the bell goes.

If you would like to help out, just an hour in the morning, when you drop your children off, to help make some sandwiches and rolls would be a great help.

You can contact me in the Tuckshop on 3347 0108 or just drop in whenever you feel the urge, we can always use the help.

Donna Phillips, Tuckshop Convenor

