

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 16/2	SD Swimming Carnival, Chandler	Fri 20/2	Yrs 11/12 Visual Art to GoMA
Tues 17/2	HIP Meeting B Block 7.30pm	Tues 24/2	School Development Committee 3.15pm
Wed 18/2	Yr 12 Music to Great Symphonies Concert	Wed 25/2	Summer Sport – Boys Travel – Rochedale SH
Wed 18/2	Summer Sport - Girls Travel – Cavendish Rd SH	Wed 25/2	ICT Committee 3.15pm
Wed 18/2	Yr 8 Welcome BBQ 5.30-7.30pm	Thurs 26/2	Student Welfare Cttee 3.15pm
Wed 18/2	P & C Meeting 7.30pm	Fri 27/2	Leadership Induction
Thurs 19/2	Workplace Health & Safety Cttee 3.15pm	Fri 27/2	Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the past two weeks there has been more to be **optimistic** about here at Holland Park High. In addition to our three OP 1s and two national volleyball titles, more good news has arrived about our **Year 12 graduates**. Around **82%** of them have already qualified for a **Qld Certificate of Education**, the new standards based certificate the old Senior Certificate. This is an excellent outcome for our students and our school and I believe it is at the **higher end of school results**. I'm also optimistic of bigger and better Twilight Swimming Carnivals. This year was a lot of fun – we hope to have a P & C BBQ next time.

Yesterday I attended a Regional Principals' meeting which focussed on curriculum and literacy and numeracy. Again our school is well placed. Year 9 NAPLAN (national test) results showed our students were well above state and national benchmarks on most measures. This is due to the quality teaching that is going on in our classrooms every day, as well as our AAA program – Academic Acceleration for All students in years 8 and 9 (formerly Triple L). We are continuing to refine and improve our teaching strategies to give our students the Holland Park High educational advantage!

Twenty two of our students had a wonderful **opportunity** to sing backing vocals for two songs in the stage show **Abbamania** at Jupiters on the Gold Coast. I saw their matinee performance last Wednesday afternoon and was mightily impressed (and proud!) of their singing, personal presentation and commitment to rehearsal. My thanks to Mrs Blurton for her leadership of this activity, and to Alison Rogers, of Vocal Manoeuvres, for making this opportunity available to us to launch our new vocal programme. Alison will be continuing to provide a specialist workshop for **all** students interested in singing and performance on Mondays at lunchtime.

Opportunities abound too for our year 11-12 students, with many enrolled in TAFE courses, completing traineeships, and even starting university studies! Our science department is working with Met South Institute of TAFE to provide eligible Chemistry and Biology students with access to a Certificate III in Laboratory Technology – an additional qualification with the potential for part-time work while students are studying at university.

Students have a chance to practise the **power of nine** next Tuesday, when Senior Leadership group conduct a fundraiser for both the Qld Flood and Victorian Bushfire appeals. Students may **add** to their uniform an element of red (representing bushfires) or green (representing floods) for a gold coin fine/donation. Here's nine suggestions: coloured shoelaces, coloured wristband, coloured tie, coloured undershirt, coloured scarf, coloured socks, coloured hair band/clips, coloured belt/sash, coloured hat/sunglasses. This is for Tuesday only – no other colours or garments are permitted and definitely no bandanas (reserved for Canteen children's cancer fundraiser) and no coloured hair. Students might also consider adding a nine to their gold coin donation - \$1.90, \$2.90...

Next week we have our Year 8 welcome BBQ, prior to the P&C meeting – I'm hoping for 90% attendance!

Best Wishes

Jocelyn Roberts, Principal

Dear Parents

I would like to invite you to be present at our Induction Ceremony for student leaders.

*The ceremony will be held on **Friday 27 February 2009** in the school Assembly Hall and will commence at 8.45am.*

We will be inducting School Captains and Vice Captains, Senior Leaders, House Captains and Vice Captains, Student Council Executive, Music Captains. Eligible students will receive their Senior badge.

Morning tea for Year 12 students, parents and staff will follow.

Yours sincerely

*Jocelyn Roberts
Principal*

WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter comes with our **first mailing for the year** (usually the first or second newsletter each term). Other important documents include:

- Student Personal Details - **Please check these details and if any changes are necessary please return to the office as soon as possible.**
- School calendar of events
- A school fridge calendar
- Assessment Planners for each year level
- Fridge Pocket for Assessment Planners for Year 8 and new students
- How to use your Assessment Planner
- School Uniform Information Sheets
- Winter Uniform Order Form

YEAR 12 GUEST SPEAKER

Year 12s kicked off the year with a motivational session delivered by Mr Graham Hyman. In order to get students thinking about their current and upcoming choices in life Mr Hyman captured the attention of these young adults and delivered a strong message about choices, opportunities and life in general to the students. Students' reaction to Mr Hyman was also positive with many students commenting he was "great", "really interesting" or "do I have to go to maths!". (Don't know if I should say that bit!)

Mr Hyman has become a feature of the year 12 program over past years and we would welcome him back to address year 12s in 2010.

David Thompson, Year 12 Co-ordinator

TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 4 February Holland Park SHS held their inaugural Twilight Swimming Carnival at the Marshall Road SS pool. 83 students competed on the night in a fabulous, competitive and fun atmosphere. Congratulations to all competitors, you've made a valuable contribution to your house points, especially those who swam in additional races to make up relay numbers. We thank you. A special congratulations to **Shannen Golik** in Year 11 who broke the longstanding 16 years Girls Butterfly Record with a swim of 34.4 secs. A big thanks to all parents and staff who attended and helped out on the night, it's truly appreciated.

The overall House points are as follows:

PLACE	HOUSE	POINTS
1 st	Marshall	720
2 nd	Gordon	555
3 rd	Weller	282
	Toohy	282

The age champions for 2009 are:

AGE GROUP	NAME	HOUSE
13 Years Girls	1. Hannah Bishop 2. Jessi Kajewski	Gordon Marshall
13 Years Boys	1. Dougie Faragher 2. Kurt Longland	Marshall Toohy
14 Years Girls	1. Zoe Brown	Gordon
15 Years Girls	1. Nicole Gamble 2. Jessie Spence	Gordon Weller
15 Years Boys	1. Jake Forster 2. James Cuskelly	Marshall Marshall
16 Years Girls	1. Shannen Golik 2. Esther Allen	Marshall Gordon
16 Years Boys	1. Sam Whatley 2. Ben Tuckwell	Weller Weller
17 Years Girls	1. Taliqna Clancy 2. Michelle Hadaway	Gordon Marshall
17 Years Boys	1. Josh Fick 2. Anthony Motyka	Marshall Toohy

Kerri-Lyn Ross, Swimming Carnival Convenor

Message from Kerry Rea, Federal Member for Bonner
Important Information – Victorian Bush Fires

All Australians have reacted with shock and horror to the tragedy of the bushfires which have raged through Victoria over the past week.

As I write, our dedicated fire fighters and army personnel are still out fighting bushfires.

While the Australian Government has made assistance available through the army and through Centrelink for people to get emergency payments, my office has been contacted by many local residents who are wanting to assist people who may have escaped the fire with only the clothes they were wearing.

The Our Community Team has provided a 'one-stop-shop' providing information to people who want to contribute by donating money, time, blood, clothes, furniture, blankets and more.

The page is at www.ourcommunity.com.au/bushfirehelp. My thanks to the Our Community Team and all residents who will contribute personally to help those affected to rebuild their lives, their properties and their communities.

Yours sincerely
Kerry Rea MP
Federal Member for Bonner

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Welcome back to everyone for 2009 and a great big "Hello" to all of our new year eight students (currently 22 in the Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Program!). Ensemble rehearsals and lessons are now all underway, and if you haven't yet enrolled and would like to, you should see one of the music staff as soon as possible.

This year we have Mr Bryer here taking Jazz Band and woodwind students all day Tuesday, Ms Robson with the strings on Thursday, and Mrs Bryer taking the Concert Band and remaining students on Friday.

The first performance for the year will be Concert Band on the Leader's Presentation Assembly on Friday 27 February. We will be performing "Advance Australia Fair" and "Lean on Me", and is important that we have all students at rehearsals leading up to the performance.

Students should soon receive information on the Instrumental Music Camp to be held in Term 2. This is a great event which I would encourage all students to attend. It is a great chance to meet new people, form new friendships and help to build our musical team. Students will undertake tutorials with guest tutors, full band rehearsals and social occasions!

A reminder on lesson attendance: If for any reason you are unable to attend an instrumental music lesson, you should inform your teacher prior to the lesson so that they can give a make-up lesson time and ensure that you are not placed on the absentee list. Valid reasons are school excursions and in-class assessments.

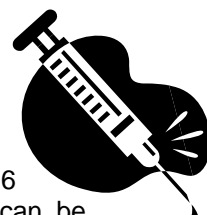
On the **17 February at 7.30pm** we will be having our first HIP meeting for the year **upstairs in B Block**. HIP stands for Holland Park Instrumental music Parents group. This is our major fundraising group for instrumental music and all parents are welcome to bring ideas and to lend a hand - remember, Many hands make light work. Our first order of business will be to get ready for our **Instrumental Music Welcome BBQ on Tuesday 3 March at 6pm** - a great chance to meet other music parents, the music teachers and to get out of cooking dinner. We hope to see you at both of these events.

If you would like to be included on the instrumental music email information list, please send an email to kbrye4@eq.edu.au to be informed of upcoming events. Please feel free to contact the music staff with any questions you may have.

Karina Bryer, Instrumental Music Teacher

IMMUNISATION

Vaccination forms for Years 8 and 10 were issued on Thursday 29 January and were to be returned by 5 February 2009. Forms have already been collected by the courier on the 6 February, however, a final collection can be arranged if late forms are handed in to the office by Friday 20 February. After that parents will need to liaise directly with Brisbane City Council for free immunisation clinics.



For more information about diseases, vaccines or the School Based Vaccination Program, visit www.health.qld.gov.au or call 13 HEALTH on 1343 2584.

Year 8 students:
Hep B Dose 1: Wed 8/4/09 9am
Hep B Dose 2: Tues 6/10/09 9am
Chickenpox: Tues 2/6/09 9am

Years 8 female students:
HPV Dose 1: Wednesday 8/4/09 9am
HPV Dose 2: Tuesday 2/6/09 9am
HPV Dose 3: Tuesday 6/10/09 9am

Year 10 students:
dTpa vaccination: Tues 28/7/09 1.40pm

POSITION VACANT

UNIFORM SHOP CONVENOR

For an Information Package please contact Holland Park High School office on 3347 0111.

POWER WALKING

This looks like a group of students very happily posing for a photo with a city view in the background. In reality, these are the members of the Power Walking Group and they were extremely pleased to make a stop after a brisk walk up the very steep Kneale Street. "Do we have to walk up hills?" Ms Corcoran set the pace while Mrs Polson "cracked the whip" from behind. It was all down hill from here to Glindemann Park on Logan Road and a flat terrain return trip to school via Sterculia Avenue. Well done everyone that was a great start to the year. If we walked 3.3 km in 50 minutes what was our rate per hour? Did we achieve our 10,000 steps? Next week hats, water bottles **and** pedometers.

Dianne Polson

PLEASE SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES WHO ARE PROUDLY SUPPORTING HOLLAND PARK HIGH VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM



Telephone: 3397 0566 (Greenslopes)



Telephone: 3349 1554



UNIFORM SHOP - VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are always looking for more helpers even if it's just for a couple of hours each month. If you are interested in helping, please contact the school office, they will put you in touch with the Convenor.



Thank you.

Message from Kerry Rea MP, Member for Bonner re the Education Tax Refund (ETR)

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to make sure that you keep your receipts if you wish to claim the Education Tax Refund on your next tax return.

If you don't need to lodge a tax return you can claim on a special form which will be available from the Tax Office in July.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A you can claim up to 50% back on the cost of things such as laptops and home computers, printers, software and internet connections; textbooks and other printed learning materials; and stationery and trade tools for school-based trade courses.

Eligible families will be able to claim up to \$375 per child per year for each child undertaking primary school (ie a 50 per cent refundable tax offset every year for up to \$750 expenditure for each child), and up to \$750 per child per year for each child undertaking secondary school (ie a 50 per cent refundable tax offset every year for up to \$1500 expenditure per child).

To find out more visit the Tax Office website at www.ato.gov.au or phone 13 28 61.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Hello and welcome to all of the new people to the school and welcome back to 2009 to everyone else.

For the benefit of the new people to the school, I would like to start off by telling you a little bit about our tuckshop and how it operates.

We are a Smart Choices Tuckshop. This means that we meet the requirements of *Smart Choices – the Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland Schools* set out by the State Government. Smart Choices is all about offering healthy food and drink choices to the students.

Our staff consists of, myself, the convenor, our two paid assistants, Wendy Ware and Kerry Vains, who work on job share basis when there aren't enough volunteers to cover the work load, and of course, our valued volunteers.

We operate on a self serve basis (cafeteria style) and I have found this to be a very efficient way of serving the volume of hungry students in a short time.

Most of the food that we provide is made on the premises, from fresh ingredients and it can be quite challenging at times to get the appropriate quantity and variety of food ready in time for first break, which is when the students seem to be most hungry. So, I would like to invite the participation of anyone who might think they would like to help out in any way, not to hesitate as it would be greatly appreciated. Just an hour in the morning once a month to help prepare the daily menu, would be a great help. I have found that with every extra helper we get, it enables us to provide that little bit more variety for the students.

It can be a lot of fun and a great way to meet other parents and members of the school community as well as getting a little bit of an insight into what goes on in the school.

You might like to team up with a friend or another parent. This saves the wages of a paid assistant and allows the P&C more funds to spend on much needed equipment for the school.

We are always open to suggestions to vary the menu, so please feel free to contact us with any ideas that you think would be suitable. We would be happy to try it, provided it falls within the Smart Choices requirements.

If you would like to volunteer some of your valuable time, please feel free to pop in and see us at the tuckshop anytime and we can work out a day for you then. You can also phone me at the tuckshop on 3347 0108.

Thank you to those people who volunteered their time last year, it was very much appreciated. If you would like to continue to help out this year, could you please confirm with me the days you would like to come.

Thank you,

Donna Phillips, Tuckshop Convenor

TUCKSHOP ROSTER	
Mon 16/2	Janelle Robertson
Fri 20/2	Judi Summers
Fri 27/2	Alayne Reid

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The **Australian Air Force Cadets** is a youth development organisation which fosters discipline, initiative, leadership and loyalty, through a training program designed to stimulate an interest in the Royal Australian Air Force and aviation generally. Squadron 215 is looking to recruit energetic and enthusiastic young people between the ages of 13 and 18 for their squadron for 2009. They meet at Cavendish Road SHS on Monday nights from 6:00pm. For more information contact Leading Aircraftsman Damien Choy on 0402945381. Recruitment closes on 23rd March 2009.

Back to Work – As part of Skilling Queensland for Work, Civic Solutions has a job preparation program designed to help the long term unemployed return to the workforce. The course is based at Murarrie (handy to the train station) and participants can start anytime, as soon as the paperwork is completed. Contact 3347 9000 or email j.kyle-scott@civicsolutions.com.au to find out more.

Scorpions Soccer Club – 2009 Sign-On days
 Saturday 7th February – 10am to 3pm
 Sunday 8th February – 2pm to 4pm

At Russ Hall Park, cnr Massinger and Ainsworth Streets, **Salisbury** Under 7s through to Over 35s; Girls and Boys, Women and Men. All welcome. *Cost of Registration: \$60 to \$100 for Juniors; \$110 to \$200 for Seniors.* Affiliated with Queensland Christian Soccer Association. **Family Friendly club at a "friendly" cost.** Enquiries: Dennis – 0421 134137 or Chris – 0402 058919. **Even if you miss the sign on day, give us a call.**

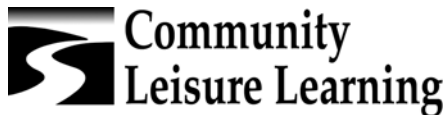
Eastern Suburbs Hockey Club is looking for new recruits. We are inviting children from our local area to "come and try" hockey. A great game for all ages. We are conducting a free "come and try" program at our home at O'Grady Park at Fairfield for boys and girls aged between 4 and 16 years over two Sunday mornings. Hockey stick and all necessary equipment supplied, expert coaching and supervision, safe, family friendly environment. **February 15 and 22, 2009 8.00-9.30am.** For further information contact Roz Salway on 3844 2261 or Todd Fuller on 3357 8613.

Yeronga Junior AFL - Sign On Wednesdays 5PM to 6 PM
 Yeronga Football Club Cansdale St Yeronga Boys & Girls 6 years to 16 years Contact Philip Fraser 0411843645

MacGregor Lions Club will host a trivia night and silent auction at Warrigal Road State School, Eight Mile Plains on Saturday February 28 at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Lots of great prizes. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child. Funds raised will be used for medical research. Phone Wendy 0414 483 009.

Australian Army Cadets has commenced recruiting for 161 ACU (Army Aviation). In addition to being taught Army Cadet skills, training will also be provided in Aviation industry skills. Cadets will have the opportunity to elect for the following courses which include theory and practical training. Powered flying, Non-powered flying (gliding), Aero Modeling, ATC (Air Traffic Control), Ground Crew – Aircraft handling, Engineering. For further information and expressions of interest please contact
 Captain (AAC) Richard Leahy 0417 758 492
 LT (AAC) Charles Martin 0411 247 544
 Email bushranger77@hotmail.com

Webpage [HTTP://sarahaac.hopto.org/16lavn](http://sarahaac.hopto.org/16lavn). To find your local Army Cadet Unit call toll free 1800 203 307.



**Been busy getting kids back to school and forgot to enrol?
 There are still places available in some courses!
 It's not too late to enrol in Term 1– take a look below!**

Places available in:

- ☐ **MS Word Beginner (level 1)** - Monday 9 February, 4 weeks, 7-9 pm, \$105
- ☐ **MS Word Intermediate (level 2)** - Monday 9th March, 4 weeks, 7-9pm, \$105
- ☐ **MYOB** – Tuesday 3rd March, 6 weeks, 7-9pm, \$110
- ☐ **MS Excel – Spreadsheet (level 1)** – Saturday 7th February, 1 week, 9am–1pm, \$60
- ☐ **MS Excel – Spreadsheet (level 2)** - Saturday 14th February, 1 week, 9am–1pm, \$75
- ☐ **Introduction to MS PowerPoint** – Saturday 21st February, 1 week, 9am–1pm, \$75
- ☐ **Introduction to MS Publisher** – Saturday 28th February, 1 week, 9am–1pm, \$75
- ☐ **Introduction to Internet & Outlook** - Saturday 7th March, 1 week, 9am–1pm, \$75
- ☉ **Hatha Yoga** – Beginners– Tuesday 3rd February, 7:30pm or Thursday 5th February, 6:15pm, 8 weeks, \$85
 Ongoing – Tuesday 3rd February, 6:15pm or Thursday 5th February, 7:30pm, 8 weeks, \$85
- ☉ **Tai-Chi – Combined** - Wednesday 4th February, 8 weeks, 6:30-7:30pm, \$85
- ☉ **Piano Lessons** – Call 38495954 or go to www.keyboardkidz.com.au for enquiries and enrolments. Starts Monday 2nd February, Monday–Friday, Between 3:10-6pm
- ☉ **Drama Classes with Bazil Grumble Children's Theatre** – Call 0411 246 487 or email us at bgct@optusnet.com.au for enquiries and enrolments. Monday 2nd February, 3:15–4:15pm, 8 weeks

Rescheduled classes – places still available:

- ✂ **Leadlighting Beginners/Intermediate** – Monday 23rd February, 6 weeks, 6:30-9:30pm, \$155
- ✂ **Jewellery Making - Beads & Crystals** – Saturday 7th March, 1 week, 9am – 12pm, \$40

**Enrolments are still being accepted for these courses.
 To enrol or find out more information about the courses, go to the school website www.hollparkss.eq.edu.au**

