



IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 2/3	Students working periods 1,2,7,8,5,6,3,4	Fri 6/3	Open Morning Tour 9.15am
Mon 2/3	Yr9 Naplan practice – Language & Numeracy	Mon 9/3	Tennoji Students visit 8/3-22/3
Tues 3/3	Yr 9 Naplan practice - Reading	Mon 9/3	Yr 11 Legal Studies to Courts – All day
Tues 3/3	Met East Swimming	Wed 11/3	Summer Sport – Boys Travel – Mansfield SH
Tues 3/3	Teaching & Learning Committee 3.15pm	Wed 11/3	Yrs 9 and 12 Debating
Tues 3/3	HIP Supper in Admin Bldg 7.30pm	Fri 13/3	Yr 8 SOSE Excursion to The Spit – all day
Wed 4/3	Yr 9 Naplan practice – Writing & Numeracy	Fri 13/3	Newsletter
Wed 4/3	Summer Sport – Girls Travel - COC		

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today we held our Leadership Induction Ceremony, to present badges of office to the following students who have been selected or nominated for leadership positions in 2009. My congratulations go to the students below - I am confident you will discharge your duties with enthusiasm and dignity:

School Captains & Vice Captains

School Captains *Morgan Howie, Kane Estall*
Vice Captains *Grace Mullins, Brady Sionetali*

House Captains

Gordon *Ella Hunter, Justin Holden*
Marshall *Michelle Hadaway, Josh Fick*
Toohy *Nicole Reseigh, Anthony Motyka*
Weller *Ainslee Stephens, Ghilay Woldemariam*

Senior Leaders

Mirnes Ahmetovic *Jessica Miller*
Zak Dillon *Tuan Nguyen*
Ali Kavanagh *Amy Sutton*
Jasmine Keir *Jillian Turner*
Laura Kelly *Alexander Woolf*
Nisveta Kospic

Our Year 12 students were also presented with their "Senior" Badge, in recognition of their important role in setting a good example for younger students.

Student Council Executive

President *Kayley Norris*
Secretary *Paula Hardie*
Treasurer *Phoebe Edwards*

Music Captains

Percussion *Joy Kelly*
Woodwind *Jessica Miller*

At our P & C AGM, the following Executive members were elected: Graham Cuskelly President, Ted Robertson Vice President, Kerry Kielland Minutes Secretary, Craig Allen Treasurer, Judi Summers Correspondence Secretary. My sincere thanks to you all for the commitment you have made on behalf of all parents to Holland Park State High School. Thank you also to Chris Bromwich, our 2008 President, for the time and energy you have devoted to the task over the past 12 months. Chris will continue to oversee the P & C's Stationery Committee. **As all major positions have been filled for 2009, it is safe for parents to come to P & C meetings on the 3rd Wednesday.** You will be secure in the knowledge you can contribute as much as you like and be heading home around 9pm. Otherwise the **Uniform and Stationery Shops as well as the Canteen are always actively seeking volunteers.** Another way parents may like to be involved is in **school committees.** We welcome parent input into the following committees Teaching & Learning (Tues pm), Information Communication & Technology (Wed pm), Student Welfare (Thurs pm), Workplace Health & Safety (Thurs pm), School Development (Tues pm). Most committees meet once per term after school – 3.15–4.30pm. Please phone the school or email info@hollparkshs.eq.edu.au to express your interest in one of these committees.

I would like to remind all parents that **full school attendance** is vital if students are to take advantage of the **opportunities** we provide them to learn and be successful. I know that most parents share my beliefs about the importance of full attendance and its link to school success. I am **optimistic** that all students could meet a standard of not more than **nine** days absence through illness this year. **Did you know that under the Education Act the only acceptable reasons for absence are illness and attending medical appointments that cannot be scheduled in out of school hours.** These reasons should be provided in writing by parents. Please be aware that "personal reasons" "family reasons" "childcare", "helping mum/dad at home" are **not** legitimate reasons for absence from school under the Qld Education Act.

Finally, I draw your attention to an article in Wednesday's Courier Mail about the potential danger of social network sites – "Sites put brains of teens at risk" The article quotes **Baroness Susan Greenfield**, one of the world's most prominent **neuroscientists**. She stated that "Social network systems tapped into basic brain systems for their ability to deliver a pleasurable experience" and. "As a consequence, the mid-21st century mind might almost be infantilised, characterised by short attention spans, sensationalism, inability to empathise and a shaky sense of identity."

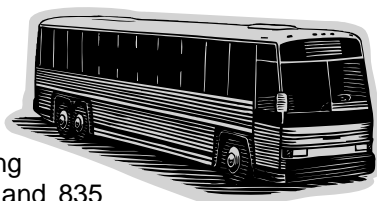
I attended a lecture Baroness Greenfield gave in Brisbane a few years ago. It was at 5.30pm on a Friday evening and two hours later we were still enthralled and impressed by her research and its relevance to education. When Susan Greenfield speaks I always listen carefully. While social networking sites are part of the world of young people today, are our young people spending enough time simply relating to others of different ages and developing the empathy and understanding necessary for a civil society? Food for thought!

Best Wishes

Jocelyn Roberts, Principal

BUSES

I have been in contact with BCC Brisbane Transport Bus Operations regarding problems with the 849 and 835 services.



849 This service was regularly running late and its route was changed on 25/2 so that it runs to time. In fact the bus wasn't 20 minutes early - it was on time! Students need to be at the Mayfield Road stop by 7.45am, as the bus will arrive usually in the next 5 -10 minutes.

835 On 9/2 and 19/2 students were told to wait for the next bus or the bus went past without stopping. BCC has apologised for this – we all appreciate the potential danger and disruption to schooling this causes. They are looking into this. I anticipate no further problems.

UNIFORM SHOP

Prepaid winter jacket orders are closing Thursday 5 March 2009. We cannot accept any orders after this date. Uniform Shop will be open Tuesday 3 March 3.00-3.30pm for jacket orders.

Linda Fielder, Uniform Shop Convenor

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FUN RUN

This year the Charity "Chicks in Pink" will be a beneficiary of the International Women's Day Fun Run. Holland Park High has always participated in the fun run with students, teachers, former students, mums and grandmas turning out at 7am at Southbank for the 5 km walk. Actually Holland Park High won the School Participation Trophy for the first three years! Why not join us on **8 March 2009 at 7am**. Entries close today but late entries may be made on Saturday 7 March in the Cultural Forecourt at Southbank between 2-4pm. Cost approximately \$35.

STUDENT TIMETABLES

A study at home programme has been introduced for Year 11 and 12 students involved in TAFE, School Based Traineeship, University and the Elite Sport Programmes. Eligible students have been given a negotiated timetable which needs to be signed and returned to school before the students are able to leave school early at 1pm on their designated day. Full details are on the information sheet only given to eligible students.

ELECTIVE CHANGES

No further changes to subjects can be made until the beginning Semester 2 (July).

YEAR 9 RE-ORGANISATION

Due to the increased numbers of year 9 students a composite form class has been created taking five students from each form class. These students will remain in the same House for sporting activities. The classes have been named as 9G3, 9M3, 9T3, 9W3. Students have been re-allocated to six core classes for English, Maths and Science instead of the original five.

Maureen Morton, Deputy Principal

SENIOR SCHOOLING OPPORTUNITIES

Over fifty students from Years 11 and 12 are attending local TAFE institutes to gain nationally recognised qualifications in a range of certificate and diploma courses to enhance their future options and career pathways. Courses selected include Fitness, Children's Services, Justice Administration, Nursing, Visual Arts, Design and Technology, Tourism, Music, Business Administration, Engineering, Construction and Automotive.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to begin studies and activities in areas which could provide viable and significant options for all on leaving school. Each course leads into higher level qualifications and can be continued at these institutions post Year 12.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS

Despite the economic situation, many employers are still looking for students to take up positions as school based apprentices and these opportunities are advertised weekly for students to consider. Again a wide range of areas are available and students are encouraged to check the J Block notice board for updates.

Congratulations to Jodie Frommolt and Aria Kotzambogioukis who have commenced Business traineeships with the Department of Natural Resources and Water and Henry Starr who starts his Retail traineeship with Mamma Mia.

All students undertaking Australian School Based Apprenticeships are required to continue their school commitments as well as meet the expectations of both their employers and trainers – excellent training for the future!

Chris Klee, Head of Dept., Senior Schooling

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

On **Tuesday 3 March**, the HIP Committee will host a **supper** for all parents of Instrumental Music Students at Holland Park SHS. This will be an informative evening, with some student performances and information regarding the Instrumental Music Program at Holland Park SHS and a chance to meet the Instrumental Music Staff. The evening will commence at **7.30pm in the Staff Common Room in the Admin Block**. Parents of students in years 9-12 are asked if they could help out with a supper donation - please contact Bernadette (Grace's Mum) on snowpower@optusnet.com.au if you can help out. I look forward to seeing everyone there, catching up with old faces and meeting some new ones.

Rehearsals and Lessons are well underway, with Concert Band giving their first performance at the Presentation Parade this morning. I would like to remind students and parents of the start times for Ensembles. If we are to have an effective rehearsal, we really need all members of the team there for the whole time. Thank you for your assistance in this area.

Jazz Band - Tuesday 7.45am
String Ensemble - Thursday 2nd break
Concert Band - Friday 7.30am

Music Camp forms have now been distributed to all students in the Instrumental Music Program. I would like to remind students that unless they are regularly attending lessons and ensemble rehearsals, they will not be permitted to participate in the camp. Being a member of the Instrumental Music Program requires regular attendance at lessons and rehearsals to improve playing skills and build confidence. If you need to miss a lesson for an in class assessment, you should bring a note from your class teacher to the instrumental teacher on the morning of your lesson so that a catch-up lesson can be organized if possible.

Dates for 2009. Following are performance dates for 2009. Please keep a check on this section as sometimes it is necessary to reschedule performances and add new ones.

27 February	Induction Ceremony (Concert Band on Assembly)
3 March	Welcome Supper 7.30pm Staff Common Room, Admin Building
30 April-1 May	Music Camp
26 May	Talent Quest
9 June	Semester 1 Concert – Hall (All Ensembles)
20 October	Gala Concert – Hall (All Ensembles)
1 December	Freeway Schools Coalition Band Workshop

HIP Meeting
(Holland Park Instrumental Parents)
Tuesday 24 March 7pm
Upstairs in B Block

Purpose: to explore fundraising opportunities for further development of the Instrumental Music Program at Holland Park State High School.

If you would like to be kept up to date with music happenings at Holland Park State High, please send an email to kbrye4@eq.edu.au to be added to our mailing list.

HIP
(HOLLAND PARK INSTRUMENTAL PARENTS)

SUPPER

TUESDAY 3 MARCH
AT 7.30PM IN THE STAFF COMMON ROOM IN
THE ADMIN BLOCK.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

Karina Bryer, Instrumental Music Teacher

NEXT STEP 2009

The Queensland Government will again be conducting its annual Statewide destination survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2008. The Next Step survey is a brief confidential survey that aims to gain a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers.

Any person who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive a telephone call or a paper-based survey by mail, between March and 2009. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate in the survey. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2009.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

FRONTIERS IN SCIENCE LECTURE SERIES

Have you ever wondered what research is being undertaken behind the sandstone walls of The University of Queensland?



Frontiers in Science presents relevant, topical and stimulating science for the broader community!

With the rapid advances in the new biologies in fields including genetic, medical, chemical and environmental areas, these lectures provide important professional development opportunities. Take the opportunity to network with internationally recognised scientists and school communities from south east Queensland over supper.

The Frontiers in Science program is an interactive seminar series presenting cutting edge research that is undertaken within The University of Queensland. All teachers, students and the general school community are welcome.

The program is intended to provide teachers with professional development and challenge students in the fields of modern science.

All sessions are hosted from 4.30-7.00pm with supper provided. **Entry is now free.**

18 March	Biomedical Sciences
6 May	Engineering
10 June	Environmental Sciences
22 July	Neurosciences
19 August	National Science Week
7 October	Medical
25 November	Bioinformatics

Check the website for more details or see Mrs Menzler. www.brightminds.uq.edu.au

PANCAKE DAY

Thank you to the staff and students who supported our Pancake Day. We raised \$115 for Uniting Care and their work in Queensland. Thank you especially to our lovely Tuckshop ladies who not only survived the intrusion but encouraged us in our venture.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Are you a champion chess player? Mad for Monopoly? A killer at Cluedo or the Picasso of Pictionary? Monday lunchtime is game on. Join us for board games in the Library every Monday lunchtime at 1:15pm. See Mrs Menzler or Jonno for more details. All welcome.

Cathy Menzler, Science/Maths Teacher

SCHOOL STATIONERY SHOP

Did you know that there is a **Stationery Shop** open daily (at the Resource Hire Room) for stationery supplies for **school and home use - for you and your family.**

Come and check out our competitive prices and range of exercise books, folders, paper, pens, pencils, calculators, graphics requirements. All stock held are compliant with the teachers requests for each subject.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK

It's been a great experience completing my first real month here at Holland Park High School as Chaplain. I thank everyone I have met or seen around the school for their friendly attitude and welcoming smiles. Already I have found myself busy at the school being involved with Pancake Day, Wednesday afternoon sports, soon to commence lunchtime groups, meetings and other day to day occurrences. Thanks to all those involved with Pancake Day, with your help we raised \$115 for local work with homeless youth, and all had a good feed in the process. It has been brought to my attention that many students have not yet returned the form regarding the chaplaincy service in the school, if your form has not yet been completed it would be greatly appreciated if it could be filled in and returned as soon as possible. Thanks!

Jono Bleakley, Chaplain

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.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

A big thank you to those people who have come forward and volunteered their valuable time to help out in the tuckshop, it is very much appreciated and I can't tell you what a difference it makes.

Our busiest time is in the **mornings from 9.00 to 10.00**, racing the clock to get a good variety of food prepared for the students when they come out at morning tea, which seems to be when they are the hungriest.

At the moment, the most popular item, every day, are our wraps. We make several varieties, including, Ham & Salad, Cheese & Salad, Chicken & Salad, Teriyaki Chicken & Salad, Mexican Chicken and Chicken Caesar. We also offer 2 varieties of hot food daily, along with sandwiches, salads & Rolls.

But by far the busiest time of the week is **Friday** lunch time, when we bring out the BBQ and put together up to 100 burgers, including Chicken, Beef and Vegetable.

As you can imagine, it is quite a task trying to assemble that many burgers, so this is when we really need extra help, **between 11.30am and 1pm**. If you think you would like to help out at that time, you only need to put your name down for one Friday a month or alternatively one morning a month from 9.00 to 10.00. Please feel free to ring me at the tuckshop on 3347 0108 or drop in at any time and we can work out a day that suits you.

Thank you,

Donna Phillips, Tuckshop Convenor

TUCKSHOP ROSTER	
Tues 3/3	Jacinta Mitchell
Fri 6/3	Gigie
Fri 10/3	Jody Lingard

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



Telephone: 3397 0566 (Greenslopes)



Telephone: 3349 1554



COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Tarragindi Tigers Football Club has some vacancies in the junior teams for the 2009 season. No previous soccer experience is necessary. The Club has teams in the U11, U12, U13, U14 and U15 competition and the Under 13 Girls competition. We also run U6 / U7 small sided games on a Friday evening, with U8 - U10 games on a Saturday morning at Holland Park State High School. This year, for the first time, we are offering a squirts program on a Friday evening for 3 - 5 year olds. More information can be found on our website: www.tarraginditigers.com.au. Next sign-on day is on Sunday March 8 at 3pm at Holland Park State High School.

YERONGA JUNIOR AFL, First training for 8 to 11years and Sign on for all ages, **TUESDAY 3rd March 5PM**
Yeronga AFL Cansdale St Yeronga
Contact Philip Fraser 0411843645

Rotary Youth Exchange – Year 12s – are you interested in travel and want to visit exciting places overseas? Do you want to meet new people and explore different cultures? Do you want to develop your personal skills and learn more about yourself. Do you want a gap year in 2010?

If you answer “yes” to any of these questions then a Rotary Youth Exchange may be for you. More information is available from our web at <http://yep.rotary9630.org>. Applications for 2010 close at the end of March. If you are interested and would like more information, don't delay. Please contact Chairman Joe Beath at joe.beath@aec.gov, or phone 0431 464 719 OR Secretary Geoff at geoflore@bigpond.net.au or phone 0419 648 581.

QCAT Open Day '09
Discover our world class science and technology
Queensland Centre for Advanced Technologies
Saturday 28th March 10am – 3pm
www.cat.csiro.au/penday.html | Phone: 3327 4477 | Technology Court, Pullenvale

www.bluelightqld.org

Mt Gravatt Blue Light Dance Party
Sunnybank State High School Hall
Ages Strictly 7 - 14
First Friday of Every Month
7pm – 9.30pm
Cost \$5

