

**Staff Changes**

As of Tuesday 5 May, our Principal, Jocelyn Roberts, will return from leave. Craig Dawson will resume his Acting HOD – HPE position. His enthusiasm and competence whilst relieving as Deputy Principal was greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Kerri-Lyn Ross who most capably managed the HPE Department in Craig's absence.

After 25 years at Holland Park, our Science HOD Mrs Bev Haggett has announced her retirement effective Friday 1/5/09. Her professionalism and expertise will be sadly missed by the school and especially by her Chemistry students. We wish Bev and her family all the best and trust her retirement will be a long and happy one. A school community farewell is being arranged – details to come. Mrs Cathy Menzler will be acting HOD-Science.

Mr Weston will be teaching 11 and 12 Chemistry for the remainder of this term. Julian Bates who has been on contract for Craig Dawson will also be with us for the term teaching Science, Maths and PE.

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**

It's not too late to arrange an interview with teachers on **Wednesday 6 May 3.30-7.30pm**. This is an opportunity for all parents to meet their child's teachers to discuss their progress. As we signed last term's students report, it was pleasing to see good results from most students. There was a strong correlation between students with 100% attendance and excellent results. The message is "You can't learn if you're not here!" To achieve excellent results you need to be in full attendance.

Triple E classes are starting in Year 8 English, Maths and Science this term. Based on Term 1 results, some movement has also occurred in Year 9 and 10 Triple E classes.

**Naplan Testing**

All year 9 students will be participating in National Literacy and Numeracy testing on Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May. Students who are ill on any of the test days may sit a late test but only up to Friday 15 May. A practice test has already been conducted followed by suitable test preparation in English and Maths lessons which will continue up to test dates. All students are expected to have a calculator for the numeracy tests – please remind your child to bring theirs along.

**Shed Opening**

Our new Sports Shed is complete and already well used by our HPE Staff. The building was funded from the Federal Government's Investing in our Schools Scheme and the State Government's Smart Schools Subsidy Scheme with our P & C contributing to the bright blue polyurethane flooring and volleyball poles and nets. Landscaping is currently underway and will be completed for our **"True Blue" festival on Tuesday 19 May**. Official opening is at 7pm followed by an exhibition match between Holland Park Open Girls (2008 National Champions) versus Qld Academy of Sports Open Women.

**True Blue Festival**

I encourage all parents to bring their families along to enjoy the attractions and check out the new **SHED** on Tuesday 19. A flyer is enclosed in this mailout with some of the activities and attractions listed on the back.

### **Building the Education Revolution**

Our submission for funding under BER – Round 1 was successful. We have received \$100,000 towards an extension to our Art Department for a larger second teaching area to accommodate increased enrolments to Visual Arts programs. We will lose the breezeway under H Block but plans incorporate a covered paved area between H Block and the Science Block.

Our Instrumental Music Program will benefit from another \$100,000 which will be used to extend the backstage area of the Hall to provide practice rooms and storage for instruments. No longer will the Music students have to carry instruments all the way from upstairs in J Block to the Hall for performances reducing risk of damaging expensive equipment.

These projects under the National School Pride program should begin almost immediately.

Holland Park High has applied for a Dual Science and Language Centre under BER Round 2. If successful, the new building will be erected adjacent to current Science Block and could be completed within the 2009/10 financial year.

### **Kokoda Challenge Youth Program**

Congratulations to **Melanie Russell** who has been selected as a **2009 Kokoda Kid**. This is a 12 month commitment for Melanie who will train for 20 weeks then walk the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea in the September holidays and then do 6 months community service. After hearing of the program on school assembly, Melanie applied and committed to the program after she was interviewed and found out just how tough it's going to be.

**Maureen Morton, A/Principal**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Mon 4/5	Labour Day Holiday	Tues 12/5	Y9 NAPLAN test
Tues 5/5	Freeway Schools Coalition Maths Challenge	Wed 13/5	YR 9 NAPLAN test
Tues 5/5	Teaching & Learning Cttee 3.15pm	Wed 13/5	Summer Sport Metro Finals
Wed 6/5	Open Morning Tour 9.15am	Wed 13/5	ICT Cttee 3.15pm
Wed 6/5	Summer Sport Metro Finals	Wed 13/5	Yr 9 and Yr 12 Debating Round 3
Wed 6/5	Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.30-7.30pm - Hall	Thur 14/5	Yr 9 NAPLAN test
Wed 6/5	Yr 10 & Sen A Debating Round 2	Thur 14/5	Workplace Health & Safety Cttee 3.15pm
Fri 8/5	Yr 10 Careers & Employment Expo	Fri 15/5	Morning in High School–Wellers Hill SS
Fri 8/5	Morning in High School – Marshall Road SS	Fri 15/5	Newsletter

## HOLLAND PARK HIGH & GRIFFCHEM SIGNING CEREMONY

On the 1<sup>st</sup> April Peter Reddy Acting HOD of Science and Ms Morton Acting Principal attended the *GriffChem* signing ceremony.

The aim of the Agreement is to establish and develop links with Holland Park State High School in respect to the delivery of a Griffith University *GriffChem* program to selected Year 11 and 12 students. The following is core to this Agreement-

### 1. CREDIT

Students who, over the two years of engagement, achieve a Pass or better in *GriffChem* whilst studying at Holland Park State High School will receive, upon application, specified credit for the course 1001ENV Chemistry, 1013ENV Chemistry in Biological Systems 1 or 1101BPS Chemistry A upon entry to any Griffith University program in which this course is a core requirement.

### 2. GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE

Students who achieve a pass for laboratory sessions and a percentage of 65% or higher for the end of program examination in *GriffChem*, and who meet the entry admission pre-requisites into a nominated Science program, will be eligible for guaranteed acceptance into their selected program on the proviso that the selected program is listed as the student's first QTAC preference. Students will be granted specified credit for 1001ENV Chemistry or 1101BPS Chemistry A.



**Professor Ned Pankhurst Pro Vice-Chancellor,  
Science, Environment, Engineering and Technology Group and  
Ms Morton signing the GriffChem Agreement**

If you have any books and magazines that you would like to donate to our stall please send them to the Science Dep.

**Cathy Menzler, Maths/Science Teacher**

## GERMAN NEWS

Congratulations to **Ché Janosevic-Grainger (Yr 10 German)** who has been awarded a highly prestigious **Goethe Scholarship** – one of only two offered to Year 10 and 11 students of German in Queensland.

Ché will fly to Germany in July and study German at the *Goethe-Institut* for two weeks. He will then travel around Germany with other international scholarship recipients for two more weeks – and live the dream to the full!

We are very proud of Ché's achievement and know that he will be a good ambassador for both our school and Australia. *Gut gemacht!* (Well done!)

A scholarship is, however, not the only way to get to Germany. All **Year 10, 11 & 12 students of German** can either host a German student in August or go to Germany themselves in November. The closing dates for applications are **Friday, 8 May 2009** (to billet a student) and **Friday, 19 June 2009** (to go to Germany as an Exchange Student.)

Of course, some students prefer cyber travel and many of them are currently awaiting email replies from the students of the **Friedrich-Schiller-Gymnasium** in Marbach, Germany. We have renewed contact with this renowned grammar school on the banks of the Neckar and hope our students will enjoy communicating with their German counterparts.

Furthermore, **all students of German** have the opportunity to sit for the **Australian Language Competence Certificate (ALC)** in August. The German Department has a history of high participation and excellent results. We strive to uphold that tradition and wish to thank those students who met the deadline and registered on time.

**Dabeisein ist Alles!** (Participation is everything!)

**Frau Wucsits, German Dept**

## PRE LOVED BOOK AND MAGAZINE STALL

Feel like a good read? Love magazines but tired of the high prices?

Come along to our pre loved book and magazine stall at our True Blue Shed night and stock up.

The money raised will go toward seeds and plants for the Living Lab.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Despite the grim economic position we are facing, there are still some excellent opportunities available for students in a range of areas.

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully gained **Australian Apprenticeships** with local employers: **Taliqua Clancy** is completing a Certificate II in Community Recreation with Sandstorm and **Shelby Dinan-Ouston** is completing a Certificate III in Nutrition and Dietetic Assistance with the Princess Alexandra Hospital.



**Jake Onley** has been selected for the **ADAPT project** which involves over 70 students from 16 secondary schools all over South East Qld. Jake will attend work one day per week for 10 weeks to construct the feature display house at the HIA Housing & Renovation EXPO to be held July 24 - 26 at the Brisbane Convention Centre. This innovative, relocatable building, "ADAPT" is focused on Housing Affordability, Energy Efficiency and Green Smart Building Practices. Students will be involved in all aspects of the building and construction process from the design concept through to the manufacturing, engineering, construction and landscaping.

## SCHOOL LEAVER PROGRAMME

SCIPS will again host this event on 26<sup>th</sup> August from 4pm – 9pm at St Laurence's College, 82 Stephens Road, South Brisbane. Parents and students are invited to attend to speak to employers who are looking to recruit staff for 2010. Please contact Ms Klee for registration details 3347 0111.

There will also be opportunities for students to meet with employers at the Career Expo this weekend, 9th May at the Convention Centre.

We are also proactively working with two recruitment companies who are helping to match students to available positions for both Australian Apprenticeships and full-time employment. Through our weekly Job Club, students have been learning how to recognise their employability skills and personal qualities and then translate these into cover letters and resumes that target particular opportunities that are made available to us.

***Chris Klee, Head of Senior Schooling***

## LEST WE FORGET – POWER WALKING GROUP

Today the power walking group (Wednesday afternoon sport) made their way to Ekibin Memorial Park, Cracknell Road and spent a few minutes considering those who had lost their lives whilst serving their country. It seemed an apt time to remember that in proportion to the hardships and challenges that have faced our troops at any theatre of war, the slight inclines up Weller's Hill, Bapaume and Monash Roads and Kneale Street are really "small stuff" and barely worth grumbling about.

In completing the 10 Best Walks from Holland Park High, we have learnt, each week, something about the local community or surrounding area. This week we learnt that from Christmas 1941 until the end of World War II that area was used as a United States Army field hospital for the shell shocked.

***Dianne Polson***

## GUIDANCE NEWS

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May will see all the Year 10 students attending the **Careers EXPO**. This is a free event however costs for private bus to and from has been included in school levies. We will be leaving school shortly after 9am and returning in time for Periods 5 & 6. Students must return their *Signed Consent Forms* and be dressed in full FORMAL uniform to attend. We consider this an important part of the Year 10 curriculum and is of assistance in helping students gather information that leads to decisions about subject choices for Years 11 and 12 and future aspirations.

All Year 10 students will have been given their own personal copy of the **Job Guide 2009**. This is an excellent, federally produced resource, for students to keep and use. It is full of current information about 100s of jobs, study and personal requirements and career prospects. This also includes a special **Parent Lift-out Guide** that assists parents in helping their children. All the students will have also participated in a workshop designed to help them make the most out of the Job Guide.

**The Careers Expo** is an annual community event and is free to the general public and open on Saturday. It is held at the Brisbane Convention Centre and is an excellent opportunity for all students and their families to explore the many options and opportunities in the world of work.

Parents of Year 12 students should have received in this mail out a comprehensive list of all the dates for **OPEN DAYS** at the Universities and Colleges. I have recently spoken to the Year 12 students about the importance of attending Open Days to help them in their decision making if they are contemplating further study next year. As the year progresses I will be having further talks about the application process and will also have individual meetings with each year 12 students to assist them in planning for their future career and job aspirations.

All parents are invited to contact me at school anytime to discuss both career or personal issues in complete confidentiality.

**Delwyn Cameron – Guidance Officer**

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## CYBER BULLYING

It seems that on a daily basis we hear about bullying in the community in one form or another. Incidences of cyber bullying in particular have been raised in the media recently. Bullying of any kind has the potential to cause great damage to all concerned – including the perpetrator. As parents, there are steps we can take to protect our children. Following are some good websites which contain tips, strategies and real life stories of incidents that have occurred to children and teenagers. Please take an opportunity to visit these websites and discuss this import issue with your children.

<http://www.netalert.gov.au/advice.html>  
<http://www.wiseuptoit.com.au/>  
<http://www.netalert.gov.au/> (for free content filters)  
<http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au>

Please contact your child's teacher or school administration if you have concerns about bullying at school.

**Delwyn Cameron – Guidance Officer**

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## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER

Holland Park High School will once again be offering Entertainment Books for sale as part of this year's fundraiser. The cost is \$60 and \$12 from each sale will go towards the purchase of much needed equipment for the Mathematics Department. Your purchase price can be redeemed by you many times over. Please support our fundraiser.



Please refer to the flyer enclosed with this mailing.

**Dianne Baker, Mathematics Teacher**

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## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Over Thursday and Friday of this week, members of the Instrumental Music Program have been on music camp at the Queensland Conference and Camping Centre. Students participated in rehearsals, tutorials with specialist tutors, sporting activities and supervised private practice sessions. Having two days like this to focus solely on our playing helps not only to lift the standard of our performance, but builds team spirit and a sense of cohesiveness in the program. I am sure that all of the students, while being tired, appreciated the experience and had a great time making new friends. Just as well we have a long weekend to recover!

You will be able to hear some of the results of our work at the "True Blue" Festival on 19 May, when both Jazz Band and Concert Band will perform, along with some members of the string program. For an even greater feeling for the depth of musical talent we have at Holland Park SHS, why not come and join us for our end of semester concert on 9 July. On this evening, students will not only perform in the larger ensembles, but you will hear some small chamber ensembles and solo performances. We have some very talented students in the school who are worth hearing. So come along and show your support for their efforts.

Two of our students were recently accepted to be a part of this year's "Creative Generation" production, which will be held on Qld day – 6<sup>th</sup> June. Both Esther Allen (French horn) and Grace Mullins (flute) were excited to be chosen for the orchestra which accompanies singers, dancers and choirs for the extravaganza. It is a hard week of work for these students and unfortunately Grace has been unable to accept her offer due to her commitments with the Young Conservatorium who have performances on the same day, but congratulations to both of the girls on being selected for this prestigious event. If you would like to see the performance at Boondall Entertainment Centre, you can buy tickets through Ticketek.

The Concert Band recently performed for our Anzac Day ceremony at school. This is an important occasion in the year, and the band performed at a very high standard. Congratulations also go to our trumpeter, Jake Forster, who performed the Last Post and Reveille for the occasion. Not only did Jake have to perform this challenging work, but Alex Ryan also performed the same bugle call at Runcorn SS and at the Holland Park RSL service on Anzac Day. For a trumpet player, this is probably one of the most nerve racking performances you can give, so well done to both students on their efforts.

There are still some vacancies in instrumental music classes, so if you have an instrument at home which you would like to dust off and learn again – or you have a deep seated desire to play the tuba or the saxophone, please contact the music teachers in J Block. There are a limited number of school instruments available for loan, and lessons are free.

Happy music-making

**Karina Bryer, Instrumental Music Teacher**

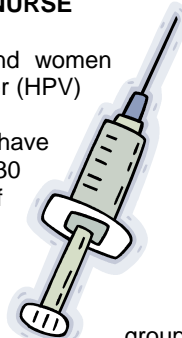
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## MESSAGE FROM HELEN, THE SCHOOL NURSE

Time is running out for young Queensland women aged 12-26 to get their FREE cervical cancer (HPV) vaccine.

This means all women between 12-26 who have not started the 3 vaccine programme by 30 June will need to pay \$450+ for all 3 doses if commenced after 30 June.

The HPV *catch-up program* finishes on 30 June 2009. So to be eligible for the free vaccine, all females in the above age groups must have started the course with their 1<sup>st</sup> dose of the vaccine on or before 30 June and complete all 3 doses by 31 December 2009.



The School Program is ongoing for 12-13 year old.

Please tell friends, family members or work mates who have not started the vaccination program to see their GP or local council immunisation clinic.

For further information please go to [www.immunise.health.gov.au](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au).

***Helen Dunkley, School Based Youth Health Nurse***

## UNIFORM SHOP

### New Opening Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.15 to 10.30am.

### Pre-Paid Jackets

Prepaid jackets have arrived. Please present your student ID to collect your jacket.

### Volunteers

We are in need of assistance (especially on Tuesdays) and volunteering your time not only helps us but helps the P & C. Help is needed most during the first hour 8.15 – 9.15am.

### Donations

Second hand uniforms are an important part of the uniform shop. Whilst we accept items for resale, donations of clean second hand uniforms is another way of contributing to the P&C Funds.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any suggestions on how to improve the service.

***Mary and Trish, Uniform Convenors***

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

At the **True Blue Festival**, to be held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May. 5.00-7.30, the Tuckshop will be open and serving Traditional Australian Fare, such as pies, sausage rolls, hot dogs, lamingtons, scones with jam & cream, pavlova and tea & coffee. Any one who would like to help out on the night is very welcome.

There will also be a **Sweet Stall** held from the iceblock window of the tuckshop. So we are seeking the talents of anyone who would like to make and donate home made old fashioned sweets, such as, toffees, coconut ice, fudge, marshmallows, toffee apples etc. These can be left at the tuckshop on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May. Due to food safety regulations, these must be labelled, stating the ingredients.

Our winter menu is now in place with just a couple of changes and can be viewed on the school website.

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.

We still don't have any volunteers on Wednesdays which is our very busy Pizza day. We make our own pizzas on the premises, so come along and see how it is done.

If you would like to help out any morning from 9am to 10.30am or on Fridays from 11.30 to 1pm, please feel free to ring me at the tuckshop on 3347 0108 or just drop in on the days you would like to help out.

Thank you,

***Donna Phillips, Tuckshop Convenor***

## TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Mon 4/5	Jacinta Mitchell
Mon 11/5	Janelle Robertson
Tues 12/5	Jody Lingard
Fri 15/5	Alayne Reid
Tues 19/5	Christina Strong
Fri 22/5	Judi Summers

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

Wellers Hill and Yeronga Girl Guides seek more girls aged from five to adult to join them for adventurous and non-adventurous activities including camping, canoeing, abseiling, cooking, ice-skating, craft and community activities. Wellers Hill Guides meet SATURDAYS from 1.30pm to 4pm at the Hut adjacent to Wellers Hill State School. Yeronga Guides meet TUESDAYS NIGHT from 6pm to 8pm at the hut on Villa St Yeronga. Wellers Hill call Louise on 3345 9082 or 0404 878 424. Yeronga call Glenys on 0402 201 429 or Cherie 3373 8260 ah

STS – SOS for HOST FAMILIES – It is the dream of many teenagers to visit our vast and “exotic” country, Down Under. Their dream can only come true with your help. It is only through the hospitality of caring families, with an interest in better cultural understanding and world peace, that these dreams can become reality. STS High School Foundation urgently needs volunteer host families for students arriving in July 2009, from Europe and Canada. If you would like to join a unique and growing group of families in Queensland, we need to hear from you now. Please contact us at [suzanne.sts@optusnet.com.au](mailto:suzanne.sts@optusnet.com.au) or call 3300 0301. Website [www.sts-education.com.au](http://www.sts-education.com.au).

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



Telephone: 3397 0566 (Greenslopes)



Telephone: 3349 1554



# CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS - 2009

## Age Champions:

Girls					Boys				
Age	Name	House	Time	Distance	Age	Name	House	Time	Distance
U13	Abbey Bryan	G	16:56	3km	U13	Zike Ahmetovic	G	14:02	3km
U14	Katie Wurth	G	15:20	3km	U14	Adrian Shepherd	W	12:40	3km
U15	Jessie Spence	W	15:42	3km	U15	Jake Forster	M	26:23	6km
U16	Esther Allen	G	15:28	3km	U16	Tim Burke	G	28:22	6km
Open	Taliqua Clancy	G	15:11	3km	Open	Matt Lechmere	G	24:01	6km