

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

29 May 2009

What a fortnight! Teachers' strike, floods, the H1N1 Swine Flu virus – each of these has presented its own challenges and raised issues for us. The greatest current risk is swine flu, and parents will have received the letter issued regarding arrangements, particularly for families travelling overseas to the five nominated areas – US, Canada, Mexico, Japan, Panama. Any children returning from these areas must observe a 7 day timeout from school on their return to Australia. The overseas experience shows that schools can be hotbeds for the spread of this infection, so the timeout rule is certainly necessary.

As the swine flu outbreak coincides with our regular winter flu, we will be reminding students of the importance of good hygiene – regular handwashing, no sharing of drinks etc – as I'm sure you're doing as well. It will really take a concerted community effort to contain the spread of H1N1.

One issue that the past fortnight has raised, is how we would **contact all parents in an emergency**, such as an evacuation in a flood situation. It's clear we couldn't phone everyone, so **email** would be our preferred rapid communication mechanism, supplemented by the **publication of information and updates on our website**. While we have email addresses for many families, there are lots of gaps – please email info@hollparkshs.eq.edu and include in the subject line your full name, your student (s) full name (s) so that we can update our records. We may send a test email to a year level to test our strategy in a couple of weeks.

In the middle of all this drama it's been business as usual. Our Maths Teams Challenge students headed off to competition one day late, and our **Year 8** team came back with **First Prize** medals. Well done to the Year 8 students **Joo Kwon, Kurt Longland, Aden Messori, Alishia Morel, Richard Yu**, and to all the teams who competed. A special thank you to our HOD Julie Curtis, Maths teachers and Senior Maths students for an excellent practice event a couple of weeks earlier.

This week I met with the Architect assigned to our school for the Federal Government's National School Pride project. Our projects involve an extension to our Art section to provide an extra classroom, and an extension to the back of the Assembly Hall to accommodate Instrumental Music. It's very exciting to have these projects under way. I expect to receive the initial drawings shortly.

The next two weeks will give us an opportunity to see some of our fantastic student talent, at our **Talent Quest next Tuesday evening and the Instrumental Music concert the week after**. I hear our Music Camp was so successful that students are begging for another!

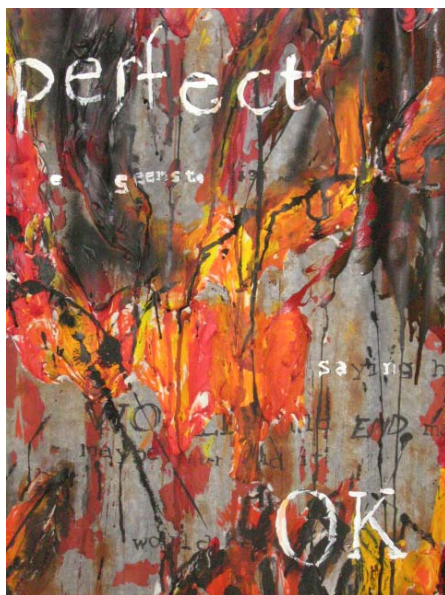
Best Wishes

Jocelyn Roberts
Principal

YEAR 12 ART

Congratulations to students of Year 12 ART on completing their first Body of Work. For the challenging 15-week unit "Place", students determined their own choice of media and focus of sites, personal and public space, maps or suburban/city life. Some impressive works of art were created utilizing an array of unusual materials and methods including light drawing (digital photography), fire drawing (using ground up sparklers), painting with coffee, bitumen, soap and mixed media sculpture. These works will be showcased later in the year during the Art @ the Park exhibition – definitely something to look forward to!

Mrs Vanessa Rousell – Art Teacher



IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 2/6	Yr 8 Varicella (chickenpox) and HPV Dose 2	Mon 8/6	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tues 2/6	Talent Quest – Hall 7.30pm	Tues 9/6	Semester One Music Concert
Wed 3/6	Winter Sport Round 3 – COC – Girls travel	Wed 10/6	Winter Sport Round 4 – St James – Girls travel
Thur 4/6	Met East Cross Country	Wed 10/6	Yrs 8 and 11 Debating Round 4
Thur 4/6	Yrs 9 and 12 Debating Round 4	Wed 10/6	ICAS Science Test 10/6/09
		Fri 12/6	Open Morning Tour 9.15am
		Fri 12/6	Newsletter

HIP HOP DANCERS
 INSTRUMENTAL
 VOCALISTS
 BANDS
Talent Quest
 Tuesday 2 June 2009 7.30pm
 DANCERS
 COMEDY
 DRAMA

Adults \$8
 Students \$5
 Family \$25
(family equals up to 2 Adults + 3 Children)
 School Assembly Hall

★ Tickets can be pre-purchased for reserved seating or purchased at the door

Holland Park State High School
 Music Program
Presents

AN EVENING OF FREE ENTERTAINMENT

On

TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2009 AT 7PM

Featuring
 Concert Band, Jazz Band, String Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble,
 Classroom Music, Choir, Small Ensembles

Fundraising BBQ starts 6pm

Join us for a great night of entertainment.

ENGLISH NEWS

- ICAS competitions in Writing will be held on **Tuesday 23 June**. ICAS English will be held later on **August 4**. All students are invited to participate, however EEE English students are expected to participate in the English Competition. Cost (English Competition) is \$6.00 and should be paid to the Resource Room by 5 June.
- **Attention all students who are interested in developing their writing skills!!!!** The Queensland Writers Centre will present their 2009 Young Writers Boot Camp during both June/July and September/October school holidays. Bookings can be made at www.qwc.asn.au or 38391243.
- The MS Readathon celebrates 30 years in 2009! Students interested in participating in this great activity can register at www.msreadathon.org.au
- Many Year 11 students will attend the Nash Theatre's production of HAMLET on Friday 29 May at 7.30pm.

Fran Ilott (HOD English, SOSE)

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

Three of our year 12 leaders, Morgan Howie, Brady Sonetali, and Grace Mullins attended the World Vision, Global Leadership Convention held at the Sleeman Centre.

This year the focus of the convention was on the Global Food Crisis which is a pressing issue affecting Africa and Asia. The focus countries were Kenya and Cambodia.

The students were challenged by the World Vision Team via a number of activities which provoked thought as to our lives compared with those less fortunate. A guest speaker, Alex, brought a face to the growing problem of food availability and affordability in countries such as Kenya.

As an example to illustrate this all the students participated in a mock third world country where they experienced the type of labour and pay rates these people must endure day in and day out. They then had to use their meagre earnings to keep their mock families fed and healthy as drought and the cost of food sent prices soaring. As a result many of the mock family members became ill or died due to malnourishment.

This activity really brought home to the students the realities that face people in these countries as we sit here comfortable in our own.

The day marks the beginning of this year's fundraising event for the forty hour famine which is due to begin in August.

David Thompson, Yr 12 Co-ordinator

Preparing for, and Understanding the Adolescent in your house

Anyone who has a child will one day have an adolescent and for some parents with good memories this might be a little scary. The best advice for parents of adolescents, you will be surprised to know, is the same for parents of newborns:

Enjoy your child! Love your child!

This time in a child (and parent's) life is about change and discovery. The reality is that despite the challenges, most adolescents thrive and survive the teen years while managing to maintain a healthy relationship with their families. As kids grow they gradually demand more independence, and parents must **gradually** grant it. Even as adolescents pursue independence and want to spend more time with their peers they still want to know they have mum and/or dad there for them, as well as a safe home base to retreat to. When kids feel connected to their parent/s, they are less likely to partake in risky behaviours, and more likely to emerge healthier and more secure.

Here are 5 keys to raising teens:

- Love and connect with them – these 2 factors needs to be practised from birth, but while they change don't let your love for them change.
- Monitor and Observe – know where they are, what they are doing, who they are with (early practice of this makes it easier to perform)
- Guide but limit – loosen up when you know they are ready for it but don't let go
- Model and Consult – talk to them, ask their advice, include them, help them through tough times by showing them how to problem solve
- Provide assistance and Advocate – although they want to be independent in many respects they also need you to help them to reach their goals.

Remember: Parents are the most important adult in adolescents' lives. Adolescents crave their parent's love, respect, dependability and guidance. By being there for your child he/she will have a greater chance of becoming a physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy adult AND your good example will live on when they have their children.

Adapted from 'Healthy Teens, Body and Soul, A Parent's Complete Guide' by Marks, A & Rothbart, B. 2003

Delwyn Cameron, Guidance Officer

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. Books are available from the Resource Room.



Dianne Baker, Mathematics Teacher

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Well 'Chappy Week' has been and gone. The week commencing Monday 18th of May is known right through Queensland as 'Chappy Week' and all across the state chaplains in primary and secondary schools have been running activities both to promote chaplaincy services in their schools and to give back to the school communities which support them.

Here at Holland Park SHS we ran a staff morning tea on Wednesday morning as a way of saying thank you to all staff for their support and for welcoming this new service to the school. Wishart Primary School Chaplain Jessie Bleakley (also known as my wife) came and helped me make some 'real' coffee and serve some cake and other home-made delights.

Friday was a bit more action packed as masses descended on the basketball courts at lunch time to watch an exhibition basketball showdown between the HP Student Super-Squad and the HP Staff Elite All-Stars. It was a tough, fast, hard-fought battle, and while some staff questioned the accuracy of the scoring, there was no doubt the students came out on top. Officially the score was 25-14, but those who were there know it was a very close affair. The staff seem pretty keen to get regain some dignity on the court at a later date. A big thanks to all those involved, both staff and students, it was great fun for all.

Jonathan Bleakley, Holland Park SHS Chaplain

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

Work Education

With the economic situation providing new challenges in a range of employment situations, the students in Year 11 Work Education have been preparing for their futures by investigating career paths, creating professional portfolios for possible opportunities that lie ahead, identifying their multi-skilled talents and applying these along with their employability skills to a range of workplace situations. To further inform the students of the reality of finding and keeping a job, we invited four

employers to present their own recruitment tactics and explain what they look for in a good employee.

Jodie Swan – Training Manager, Greencross Vets, Emina Demirovic - Human Resource Manager, Woolworths, Jimmy Southwood and Bruce Wall – Training Managers, JJ Richards Engineering and Tanya Draper– Schools Liaison Officer, TORGAS Apprentices and Trainees provided both students and staff with an invaluable insight into the modern workplace and employer expectations.

To complement these presentations, the employers will return to conduct mock interviews with the Year 11 cohort on June 25. Students have been provided with information regarding entry level positions that they will apply for. The cover letters and applications will then be forwarded to the employers to be used during the interview process. I would be grateful if you could support this initiative by ensuring that students are prepared for the day by coming with all necessary documentation and being well-groomed for their interview. If you would like more information or are in a position to assist with the interview process, please contact me on 3347 0111.

It is gratifying to have such supportive employers to mentor both our students and staff as we endeavour to provide a smooth transition into today's workplace.

Chris Klee, HOD Senior Schooling

Reminder

It will soon be Tax time – if you haven't already done so please consider supporting the Building Fund and/or Public Library Fund.

Cheques can be made payable to:-

- **Holland Park High P & C Association Building Fund and/or**
- **Holland Park High School Public Library Fund.**

EFTPOS facilities are also available.

P&C CHRONICLES

Who loves a bit of biff? Next meeting we'll be discussing the possibility of a more formal attire for students attending particular outside school activities such as debating and so on. A suggestion has been made for white shirts and ties for example. There's sure to be some disagreement so if you love a good debate yourself, or you have an opinion – bring it along and throw it in the ring! **7:30 pm Wednesday 17 June.**

Kerry Kielland, Minutes Secretary

The Art Department has new aprons!!!

Parents/Carers will be happy to hear the Art Department has new aprons, which are much more stylish than our previous set so there is no excuse now not to be seen in a HP ART Apron when painting or printmaking. This photo shows the first class (Year 11 and 12 Visual Art Studies) to use the aprons while they were working on their current project – Indigenous Art Murals. This project was organised in conjunction with Cath Walker (Learning Support) and Ian McLennan (Pre-service Teacher). Ian organized for Indigenous elder and artist Deanne Grant to work with the students in the development of contemporary Indigenous compositions and the students have been painting these compositions in class onto large mural boards to be installed in the school.

Trish Corcoran, Art Teacher

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Telephone: 3397 0566 (Greenslopes)



Telephone: 3349 1554

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.

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 1/6	Janelle Robertson
Tues 2/6	Jacinta Mitchell
Tues 9/6	Jodi Lingard

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Toughlove Basics Workshop "Helping you help your kids" – A one day workshop for parents in crisis with their kids. How a toughlove support Group operates – Date Saturday 20 June 2009 from 9.00 to 4.30pm at Scout Association Hall, 32 Dixon Street, Auchenflower. For further information please contact T.L.Q. on 3856 3211.

Mindfields – empowering young people to change their lives. The Mindfields Clinic provides the Mindfields program directly to young people (14-18 years old). Parents, teachers and doctors may be concerned that the young person needs assistance with a lack of motivation, poor goal-setting ability, frequent disruptive classroom behaviour, relationship problems, antisocial behaviour, anger management problems, poor social problem solving. For further information contact our clinic on mindfields@uq.edu.au or 3365 6744.

