



IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 24//11-Wed 26/11	Year 10 Exams	Mon 1/12-Fri 5/12	Years 8 & 9 Exams
Wed 26/11	Year 8 2009 Briefing Evening 6-7pm Assembly Hall	Fri 5/12	Year 10 & 11 Reports Posted
Fri 28/11	Years 10 & 11 Finish School	Mon 8/12	Volleyball Australian Schools Cup (All week)
		Fri 12/12	Year 8 & 9 Finish School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today we farewelled our Year 12 students. It was another day of mixed emotions for students, parents and teachers - excitement, sadness, relief - to see another great group of young people emerge to make their way in the next phase of their lives. **My thanks go to parents** who have supported their children, and **to our dedicated teachers** who have extended and challenged them to achieve. As our 2008 theme suggests, we hope that our Bright Minds will have Bright Futures - and find their passion through openness to opportunities. Farewell to our graduating students and those parents who are "leaving" Holland Park High as their youngest child finishes - we'll miss you too.

As the year draws to a close, staffing is being finalised for 2009. Our new **Senior Schooling, Head of Department**, has been appointed - **Ms Christine Klee**. Chris brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position. Our part-time **School Chaplain** will be **Mr Jonathan Bleakley**. A permission form for voluntary student participation in non religious, as well as religious activities will be forwarded to parents with the 2009 mailing of Resource Scheme Agreements, Opening Hours for Uniform Shop, etc. Chaplains in schools usually perform a range of non religious support activities, of benefit to all students, including coaching sport, organising lunch time activities, assisting students in classrooms and on field work.

Brian Wallace, A/Head of Department, English will be moving to a part-time position in another school, with the appointment of **Mrs Fran Ilott** to the permanent Head of Department position. **Lois Cutmore**, A/Head of Department Maths will be relocating to Qld Academy of Creative Industries with the appointment of **Mrs Julie Curtis** to this permanent Head of Department position. My sincere thanks to Brian and Lois for their leadership of their departments. Brian and Lois have been enthusiastic participants in many school activities beyond their English and Maths responsibilities and my best wishes go to them in their next postings. Our Resource Scheme Convenor, **Mrs Carole Meakin**, will be leaving us at the end of the year. Carole has done a great job managing an important and complex area of the school and with her commitment to providing high quality education she leaves big shoes to fill - so big that we need two people to replace her! Thank you Carole for your contribution to Holland Park High. Mrs Cheryl Thomas and Mrs Christine Cameron will be working part-time and sharing the role in 2009. We also say farewell to the P & C Uniform Shop Convenor, **Linda Fielder**. Linda has been a committed and knowledgeable manager of another important school function - thank you Linda for your tireless efforts. The

Uniform Shop Convenor position was recently advertised and closes shortly. If you are interested or know someone with expertise please collect an information package from the office.

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to remind all parents that the final day for **Year 10-11 students is Friday 28 November** and for **Year 8-9 students is Friday 12 December**. All students are expected to be in attendance and all classes are expected to complete meaningful work following their final test and assignments. Graduation ceremonies will be held at these final Friday assemblies and students will be dismissed at 3pm. Students will need a note from parents to leave following the assemblies. Reports for Years 10 - 11 will be mailed to parents as they will not be finalised until after their finishing date. Year 8 - 9 reports will be issued on 12 December 2008. Please note the canteen will be closed on Friday 12 December.

The P & C recently approved the **2009 stating dates**:

Tue 27 January Years 8 & 11 (2 day Orientation)
Wed 28 January Years 9 & 10 (1 day Orientation)
Year 12 (SET Plan Interviews and Text issue)

All students are expected to be in attendance from their first scheduled day, as required by the Education Act.

Our **Sports Shed** is virtually complete, with just a couple of minor rectification issues. The lining of the lower interior walls has been completed and the flooring is being prepared. It's looking great!! Stay tuned for our Shed Party and True Blue celebration in term 1, 2009. Our water tanks are full, thanks to recent rain and the recent P&C Working Bee, led by Cathy Menzler, which planted and mulched despite a hot and steamy morning before the rain. My thanks to our energetic parents, teachers and students for their efforts - it's appreciated.

I recently received a letter of congratulations from the Premier, the Honourable Anna Bligh MP, for the strong results achieved in the Year 9 national tests. Holland Park High was in the top 3 in our District on most measures and was well above both state and national averages

I will be taking a small amount of sick leave from 3/12/08 to 12/12/08. In my absence, Ms Morton will be Acting Principal.

Best wishes,

Jocelyn Roberts, Principal

WORKING BEE AT HOLLAND PARK HIGH

Thank you volunteers

Thank you to the 26 volunteers who joined us for our final working bee for 2008. Between us we planted, mulched and watered about 70 plants, from native grasses, to butterfly attracting vines and tropical exotic and native fruit trees. Some of the plants were purchased with the proceeds from our Wii raffle and some were donated by Brisbane City Council.

For those volunteers who are ending their association with the school this year, we invite you back in years to come to enjoy the fruits of your much appreciated labour...literally. And while our thoughts go out to those who have suffered storm damage over the last week, Mrs Haggett and I have been secretly pleased that we have not had to water those 70 plants yet. We simply ask that all members of the school community be aware of the efforts being made to reduce our environmental footprint by staying out of the gardens, putting rubbish in the recycling and regular bins, turning off taps and recycling paper within our classes.

2009 is shaping up to be an exciting year on the environmental front and we will again be seeking your support, but for now we hope that your Christmas holidays are enriched by full compost bins, productive veggie gardens and healthy worm farms.

Cath Menzler

P & C CHRONICLES

Well that's it for the year. If you meant to get to a meeting, I'm afraid you've missed out this year. There are no more meetings until **Wednesday 18 February 2009**. But that's when you get the chance to attend the **Annual General Meeting**. It'll start at 7:30 pm and be followed immediately by the Monthly General Meeting. Go wild! Come and join us and help us decide how to best help your child's school, and consequently, their education.

Do you have a flair for promotions? We need someone to keep in touch with the local papers (get your child's picture in if you like) and promote all the great things about the school. Come and let us know at the meeting, or phone Kerry on 3397 2497, or the school on 3347 0111.

From the P&C, Happy Christmas and safe holiday to all!

Kerry Kielland, Minutes Secretary

RESOURCE HIRE ROOM NEWS

Under beds, inside cupboards, on pool tables or maybe you left it on the plane whilst travelling interstate. It's time to dust off, clean up and return all textbooks. Don't forget all books need to be cleaned before returning them to the Resource Room.



Help needed, if you can spare an hour or two, I would like to hear from you. Thank you.

Carol Meakin, Resource Officer

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

On Tuesday 11 November our Year 8 - 11 Concert Band Students provided the music for the Holland Park RSL Sub-Branch Memorial Dedication and Remembrance Day Service. The students did well to perform 4 Hymns and background music to two wreath laying ceremonies, in addition to providing music for entertainment both prior to and following the service. Their contribution (in some damp conditions) was greatly appreciated and we received many thanks and expressions of praise, not only for the quality of the music, but also the students' good behaviour and presentation. Thank you to all of those students who participated on a job well-done.

A letter of appreciation from Linda Broadbent:

"As my late father was a Life Member of the Holland Park-Mt Gravatt RSL Sub-branch, my mother and I attended the Remembrance Day Service and Memorial Wall Dedication at this RSL on 11 November.

I was most impressed by the performance (both musically and professionally) of the Holland Park State High School Band, under some difficult and trying circumstances, only one of which was the rain. I would be most pleased if you would pass on my congratulations and thanks to the staff and students involved. They were a credit to your school and their presence greatly enhanced the occasion."

Our next HIP Meeting – Tuesday 2 December 7.30 pm – in B Block. Hope to see you there.

Final Dates for 2008

Last Jazz Band Rehearsal - Tuesday 25 November

Last lessons for Mr Bryer's students - Tuesday 25 November

Last lessons for Ms Robson's students - Thursday 28 November

Last Concert Band Rehearsal - Friday 29 November

Last lessons for Mrs Bryer's students Friday 29 – November

South-East Freeway Coalition Band Workshop - Thursday 4 December (all Year 8 & 9 students + any older students who wish to come back from holidays) - **Concert for family and friends at 2pm in the hall.**

Formal Uniform **Friday 5 December** - all school instruments to be returned to school

Any students who have not completed their instrumental music exam this week need to ensure that they are at their lesson next week so that their reports can be written.

We have said a sad farewell today to our wonderful team of year 12 students. We have a record number of year 12s leaving us this year and their presence will certainly be missed. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and hope that they will remember their time in the music program with fondness in years to come.

2009 is looking great, with Mr Bryer's time at Holland Park State High School being increased to a full day, and a possible 25 - 30 new year eight students joining us. It should be an exciting year, with Music Camp booked for an extra night and concerts already appearing on the calendar. We have students auditioning for Creative Generation's Q150 Celebration concert at Boondall, and others will try out for the MOST scholarship program and State Honours Program.

Have a wonderful Christmas Break!

Mrs Bryer & the rest of the Instrumental Music Staff

THE MANGO FUNDRAISER

This is to confirm the delivery date for the mangoes you have ordered through our fundraiser. If there are any problems with this time, contact me on 0417 702763 to make alternative arrangements.



DELIVERY DATE: Tuesday 2 December 2008
TIME: From 3 – 5.30pm
COLLECTION POINT: Assembly Hall

Kate Cuskelly, Mango Fundraiser Coordinator

AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS CUP – MELBOURNE FEES REMINDER

Please be reminded that payments are now overdue for Melbourne. If you are unsure of your balance please phone the office ASAP. Students who have not paid in total by Thursday 27 November will risk forfeiting their spot on the team and all monies paid.

Craig Dawson, Volleyball Co-ordinator

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



Telephone: 3397 0566 (Greenslopes)



Telephone: 3349 1554



TUCKSHOP NEWS

The Tuckshop WILL NOT be open on the last day of school due to stocktake and clean up.

Thank you to those people who have come forward and volunteered their time in the tuckshop this year, it is very much appreciated. If you would like to volunteer next year please don't hesitate to contact me.

It need only be for an hour in the morning to help prepare the sandwiches or alternatively from 11.00am to 1.00pm on Friday's to help assemble the hamburgers. You can contact me in the tuckshop on 3347 0108 or just pop in whenever you feel the urge. ***Year 8 and 9 parents - I would really appreciate some extra help during the last 2 weeks of school as I'll be on my own.***

Thank you.

Donna Phillips, Tuckshop Convenor

TUCKSHOP ROSTER 24/1108 – 12/12/08	
Mon 24/11	Kath Parsons
Tues 25/11	HELP NEEDED
Wed 26/11	HELP NEEDED
Thur 27/11	HELP NEEDED
Fri 28/11	HELP NEEDED
Mon 1/12	Kath Parsons
Tues 2/12	HELP NEEDED
Wed 3/12	HELP NEEDED
Thur 4/12	HELP NEEDED
Fri 5/12	HELP NEEDED
Mon 8/12	HELP NEEDED
Tues 9/12	HELP NEEDED
Wed 10/12	HELP NEEDED
Thur 11/12	HELP NEEDED
Fri 12/12	HELP NEEDED

Enrolment Interviews 2009

Holland Park High School

**Enrolment Interviews
for Year 8 2009 are now
being finalised.**

**Please contact the
school
on 3347 0111 to
arrange a convenient
time for an interview.**

UNIFORM SHOP & RESOURCE HIRE

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Following is a timetable of **Extended Trading Hours**. Sadly each year we find ourselves short of helpers over this very busy period, this year is no exception. If you can help out occasionally, please call me on 3849 6429 anytime, it's not difficult and we don't bite.

2008

Wednesday 26 November (briefing evening Year 8 2009)	3.30 – 5.30pm
Thursday 27 November	8.00 – 10.30am
Wednesday 3 December	3.00 – 5.30pm
Thursday 4 December	8.00 – 10.30am
Wednesday 10 December	8.00 – 10.30am
Thursday 11 December	8.00 – 10.30am



2009

Monday 19 January	8.00 – 12.00pm
Tuesday 20 January	8.00 – 12.00pm
Wednesday 21 January	8.00 – 12.00pm
Thursday 22 January	8.00 – 12.00pm
Friday 23 January	8.00 – 12.00pm
Tuesday 27 January	8.00 – 10.30am
Wednesday 28 January	8.00 – 10.30am
Thursday 29 January	8.00 – 10.30am
Friday 30 January	8.00 – 10.30am

Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Linda Fielder, Uniform Convenor



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SummerHolidays

This summer holidays do something special - save lives together, donate with a mate!

The need for blood is constant and holidays are an important time to give. Donate with your mates in town or close to home and help save 3 lives each. You can give blood from age 16 with parent consent forms (donateblood.com.au). Giving blood is safe and every donation helps save 3 Australian's in need.

Please call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au for more information and locations.

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