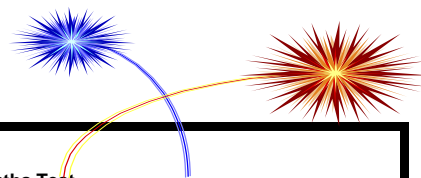


# 10 October 2008



## IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 13/10	Reports issued	Fri 17/10	Yr 9 QCAT Maths Test
Mon 13/10	Yr 10 Motivational Speaker Mr Eric Bailey	Mon 20/10	Student Free Day
Tues 14/10	Yr 11 MSS Toohey Forest 8.30am	Tues 21/10	Curriculum Teaching & Learning 3.15pm
Tues 14/10	Yrs 8 & 10 "Grin & Tonic" performance 9am	Wed 22/10	Sports Awards Afternoon 1.40pm
Tues 14/10	Yr 9 QCAT Maths Test	Wed 22/10	P & C Meeting 7.30pm
Thur 16/10	Michael Smith Visiting students doing Traineeships 1pm	Thur 23/10	Student Welfare 3.15pm
Fri 17/10	Schools Cup Volleyball Juniors	Fri 24/10	Yr 10 Sex Education

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 4, a very important term for all Year levels, and especially for Year 12's, as their culminating work in Terms 3 & 4 are critical for their exit level of achievement. **Term 3 Reports will be issued for Years 8-11 next week.** Included with the **Year 9 report is their NAPLAN student report** from the national testing conducted earlier this year. The report is quite visual and easy to understand, and shows the individual student's performance as a dot relative to the performance of the national group, with a triangle marking the average. Student performance in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy was assessed. I am very pleased with the school's results, as we are above the state mean in every category.

	<b>School Mean</b>	<b>State Mean</b>
Grammar & Punctuation	592	566
Spelling	582	568
Reading	582	569
Writing	556	553
Numeracy	582	569

It is evident that our Triple L program in Years 8 & 9, which focuses on Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling & Reading has contributed, together with quality teaching across the curriculum, to these positive results. We will look carefully at the area of writing, to see what improvements can be made and whether there are any particular deficiencies to be addressed. Our high performing students, functioning at Bands 9 & 10 also exceed the state proportions in all areas except writing; in the case of grammar, punctuation & spelling we have approximately twice the number of top students compared with the state.

For the first time, we are issuing a **report for Year 12 students** that show their **Provisional Level of Achievement** in the subjects they are currently studying. Students can use this, together with the QSA assessment record, to **establish whether they have sufficient units of credit to be eligible for a QCE.** They need 20 units, with exit levels of achievement of C or better for the units to count, at the simplest level. A more detailed credit table is also provided, and students earlier in the year were given a talk and powerpoint notes covering the main ideas and examples. Students should study their documentation carefully, and request clarification of any issues by the end of Week 2 – 17<sup>th</sup>

October. **Of course, students' final achievement ratings will be based on the Provisional rating and Term 4 work, and it is important that all students continue to work hard – ratings can go up, and down!**

We have had a lot of work done around the school in the holidays with more planned. **Our Sports Shed is almost finished** – just waiting now on replacement doors (damaged in transit) and some final plumbing. Our **water tanks** have been **installed** – now we just need some rain to fill them! An **underground sprinkler system** has been installed on the oval, which will enable us to automate watering to maximise water efficiency – **my thanks to the Tarragindi Tigers** for their initiative in seeking the grant for this work.

**What's next?** Well, I'm very hopeful we'll be successful in getting subsidy to complete **landscaping around the Sports Shed**, and we will be proceeding with **lining of the lower walls and sports flooring.** I'm hopeful some of our final training before the Melbourne National Volleyball titles will happen in the Shed! As well, I'm pleased to report that with the support of Councillor Ian McKenzie, the submission I wrote on behalf of the P & C for **a stove, including installation costs for the Hall**, has been approved. This has been needed for a long time, so it's great to finally get something in the Hall for heating and reheating of food.

We farewelled one of our cleaners, **Linda James** (2<sup>nd</sup> left, below) at the end of term. Linda has worked at the school for many years, and has come to the rescue on a number of occasions when we had out of hours issues. Linda was always cheerful and helpful and will be missed.

The P & C has a new Stationery supplier and an order form is included with this mailing. Please support the P & C by ordering stationery supplies – prices are competitive. Mrs Morton, Deputy Principal in charge of timetabling, has included confirmation of enrolments in subjects for Year 8, 9 and 10 students (for 2009 Year 9,10, 11) in this package. (Year 11 into Year 12 students usually have minimal changes).

Parents will be able to order stationery based on these confirmed enrolments – if in doubt, don't order specialised resources. I would like to remind parents that **calculators are required for all Maths subjects.**

Best wishes,

**Jocelyn Roberts, Principal**

### **INVITATION**

#### **SPORTS AWARDS AFTERNOON & AWARDS EVENING**

**An invitation is extended to all Families to attend our Sports Award Afternoon which will be held Wednesday 22 October 2008 at 1.40pm in the Assembly Hall.**

**Students may wear complete Sports Uniform**

**The following Wednesday Evening 29 October 2008**

**our Annual Awards Evening will be held at 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall**

**where students will be recognised for their Academic & Citizenship Achievements.**

**All students receiving awards at the Awards Evening are required to attend in full Formal Dress Uniform.**

**Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.**

### **QuoCKa READING PROGRAM**

During third term, students in Year 8 *Triple E* English participated in the QuoCKa reading program with Year 2 students at Marshall Road Primary School. This program sponsored by Brisbane City Quota Club aims to develop a love of books and of reading.

Each Monday afternoon, three Year 8 students were rostered to visit Marshall Road State School and they all found the experience of encouraging the younger readers to be very rewarding.

On Friday 19 September these students, along with Mr Wallace and Ms Heard, attended the school assembly at Marshall Road Primary School where they were presented with certificates of participation before enjoying a delicious morning tea.

**Brian Wallace, HOD English**

### **GUIDANCE NEWS**

Welcome back after the holidays. For the **Year 12s** I would like to wish them the best of luck in this, their final term of school life. All Year 12 students have now participated in a one on one interview to assess where they are at and what goals and pathways they plan to pursue next year. If it is University or TAFE they should have registered and entered course preferences online to **QTAC**. (Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre). Students have been reminded that they have time right up until early January to make any changes to their preference list and are best advised to once they have received their OPs or Ranks and know better where they stand.

Students in **Year 11** now have the opportunity to stretch their academic boundaries and sample university life by studying a single course (subject) whilst simultaneously undertaking their normal Senior Studies at school. Each of the main universities offers this program which gives the students credit for the subject/s studies, an additional rank toward their senior results and in most cases, guarantee entry into the course if successfully completed. Students must be OP eligible and be achieving mainly A's in their subjects in Year 11. Please see Mrs. Cameron for more information.

All **Year 10** students will have by now chosen their Senior Subjects and tentatively decided on Career Pathways they are interested in pursuing post school. As part of their Senior Studies students can also embark upon **TAFE studies** and **School Based Traineeships** one day a week. I have spoken to all the Year 10s about a range of courses at TAFE and Skills Tech as well as an exciting array of School Based Traineeships that are currently on offer. However students must act quickly as there are deadlines fast approaching for the TAFE Courses and Skills Tech Courses and one off offers of the more exciting School Based Traineeships. Please feel free to ring me at school if you would like any more information.

### **P&C MANGO FUNDRAISER**

Summer is on the way and that means MANGOES! Once again the P&C will be selling delicious trays of North Queensland mangoes at a cost of \$25.00 per tray. The Mango order form is included in this newsletter mailing. Please ensure all orders and money are delivered to the school office by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Delivery date will be during the first week of December (date to be confirmed via the school newsletter in November) So tell all your mango loving relatives, neighbours, friends and work colleagues of this fabulous opportunity to buy the freshest mangoes of the season from Holland Park SHS.



**Kate Cuskelly, Manger Fundraiser Co-ordinator**

**Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE (MSIT)** will be holding an **Information Evening** on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October in ILC Auditorium Windermere Road Alexandra Hills Campus from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. Information will be available about 2009 Year 11 & 12 studies, including the integrated vocational program with Skills Tech Australia and available MSIT VET courses.

**Training for Aircraft Maintenance Engineers OPEN DAY** will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October at Hangar 1, Beatty Road, Archerfield Aerodrome starting at 9.00am. Interviews and aptitude testing will be conducted on this day for those candidates interested in applying for those courses next year. Students are advised to bring along a resume. For further information phone: 3277 7227.

**Camp America** provides an opportunity for young people to get out and explore their world and gain life experience with the support of a reputable, experience organisation. An Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 6.30 – 8.00pm at Anglican Church Grammar, School Fisher Building,, 79 Oaklands Pde., East Brisbane.

**Greencross Vets** are offering a School Based Traineeship to Year 10 & 11 students in Cert. 11 Animal Studies. This is the first certificate towards a Vet Nurse qualification. Information Evening will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 -8.30 at Yeronga State High School. Students must obtain and complete a registration form from Mrs. Cameron if they wish to apply.

***Delwyn Cameron – Guidance Officer***

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## HEALTH NEWS

The School Youth Health Nurse will be conducting talks on sex education and sexual health on 24 & 27 October 2008. For further information, contact Helen, our part time Youth Health Nurse or Ms Drillis, Deputy Principal. All students will attend in single sex groups. If you do not want your son/daughter to participate, please contact the school.

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## P & C CHRONICLES

We really need your help. We are looking for someone in the school community who would be willing to do our annual audit. Everything is up to date so you would not be inheriting a headache from previous years. If you would like to help but don't wish to contribute the whole audit, we'd be happy to talk about a discounted rate. You qualify if you are any of the following.

- a member of CPA Australia who is entitled to use the letters 'CPA' or 'FCPA';
- a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia who is entitled to use the letters 'CA' or 'FCA';
- a member of the National Institute of Accountants who is entitled to use the letters 'MNIA', 'FNIA', 'PNA' or 'FPNA';
- an employee of a public sector entity who has the maturity, commercial skills and experience to

examine the books and accounts of the Association; or

- an employee of an insurance company, financial institution or other financial or commercial organization, who has the maturity, commercial skills and experience to examine the books and accounts of the Association

If you can help, please phone the school on 3347 0111 or Kerry on 33972497.

***Kerry Kielland, Minutes Secretary***

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## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Over the holidays, 3 of our students participated in the Queensland Conservatorium of Music's State Honours Program. These students (**Grace Mullins Year 11, Esther Allen Year 10 and James Cuskelly Year 9**) participated in ensemble rehearsals and tutorials under the directorship of prominent members of the music community. All of the students have reported that they had a fantastic time, were musically challenged and came away with new skills and deeper understanding of music. Well done!



Creative Generation Nomination forms are now available from Mrs Blurton and Mrs Bryer. Entries close on the 24th October, so if you are considering being a participant in 2009, please make contact as soon as possible so that we can get you organized. The event in 2009 will be held at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre to celebrate Queensland's 150th Birthday and will involve more than 3500 performers in the choir, orchestra and dance troupes.

We have lots of performances this term, so please check the dates below and be sure that you are available on the appropriate days. If you have any queries regarding the Instrumental Music Program, please contact any of the music staff in J Block.

## DATES

Tues 14 October - Concert Band competes in Music Fest. Bus transport provided.  
Sun 19 October - Percussion Ensemble competes in Music Fest. Own Transport. Iona College.  
Fri 24 October - Jazz Band competes in Music Fest. Own Transport. Calamvale College.  
Wed 29 October - AWARDS NIGHT - ALL ENSEMBLES  
Mon 3 November - GALA CONCERT - BBQ 6pm, Concert 7pm. ALL ENSEMBLES.  
Tues 11 November - Remembrance Day Service (Concert Band yrs 8 - 11 + 12's not doing exams) TBC  
Fri 21 November - Yr 12 Graduation  
Wed 3 Dec - South East Freeway Coalition Band Workshop - yr 8 & 9 Brass, Woodwind, Percussion Students + any year 10 - 12 students who would like to visit for the day.

***Karina Bryer, Brass, Woodwind, Percussion Teacher***

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## ENGLISH COMPETITION 2008

Holland Park students achieved excellent results in the University of New South Wales ICAS English Competition, with 3 High Distinctions, 17 Distinctions and 30 Credits being awarded.

### HIGH DISTINCTION

*Year 9 - Che Janosevic-Grainger, Thomas Kent, Alana Strong*

### DISTINCTION

*Year 8 - Mathew Griffin, Nick Jordan, Emma Maidens, Grace Milne, Petro Mizis, Jake Walker, Esmi Zajackowski*  
*Year 9 - James Cuskelly, Shaun Kelly, Emily Menzler*  
*Year 10 - Karin Delaney, Lachlan Giddings, Colin Mackay, Bridget McCoy, Scott Meakin, Vladica Nikic, Ben Tuckwell*

*Brian Wallace, HOD English*

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## FROM THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Our students performed well in the Westpac Maths Competition on July 30<sup>th</sup>. See results below.

*Year 8: 1 High Distinction, 4 Distinctions, 6 Credits.*

*Zai Pieper received the High Distinction.*

*Distinctions went to Samson Kwok, Esmi Zajackowski, Predrag Nikic and Amaya King Koi.*

*Year 9: 1 High Distinction, 4 Distinctions, 13 Credits.*

*Thomas Kent received the High Distinction.*

*Distinctions went to Connor Monaghan, James Cuskelly, Che Janosevic-Grainger and Sarah Caisip.*

*Year 10: 1 Distinction and 11 Credits.*

*Ben Tuckwell received the High Distinction.*

*Lois Cutmore, A/Head of Department*

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



Telephone: 3397 0566 (Greenslopes)



Telephone: 3349 1554



## WII CONSOLE RAFFLE

Holland Park State High School P & C in conjunction with the Science Department are raffling a Wii console to raise money for the Living Lab.



Second prize is a photo printer and third prize an ink jet printer. Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$ 5.00 for 6. Raffle will be drawn on the 29<sup>th</sup> October at the Awards Night. Students can buy tickets from the Science staff room.

If you would like more information or are interested in participating please call Kareen Adam on 07 3163 1823 or email: [kareen.adam@mater.org.au](mailto:kareen.adam@mater.org.au)

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Thank you to those people who have come forward and volunteered their time in the Tuckshop. It is amazing the difference, just one extra person makes. It enables us to have that little extra variety available for the students and to be much more organised when the bell goes.

If you would like to help out, just an hour in the morning, when you drop your children off, to help make some sandwiches and rolls would be a great help.

You can contact me in the Tuckshop on 3347 0108 or just drop in whenever you feel the urge, we can always use the help.

*Donna Phillips, Tuckshop Convenor*

TUCKSHOP ROSTER 13/10/08 – 24/10/08	
Mon 13/10	HELP NEEDED
Tues 14/10	HELP NEEDED
Wed 15/10	HELP NEEDED
Thur 16/10	HELP NEEDED
Fri 17/10	HELP NEEDED
Mon 20/10	HELP NEEDED
Tues 21/10	HELP NEEDED
Wed 22/10	HELP NEEDED
Thur 23/10	HELP NEEDED
Fri 24/10	Judi Summers

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Are you looking for a choir with a difference?** This is your opportunity to audition for a place in the Queensland Youth Choir who recently appeared in Channel 7's Battle of the Choirs! Come and join one of our ensembles in 2009 - auditions will be held on the evening of the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> October by appointment. The Queensland Youth Choir offers Queensland's finest and most comprehensive choral music programme for young singers age 5 to 25 to develop singing and performance technique, self-confidence, teamwork, personal friendships and a sense of community. Want to know why the Queensland Youth Choir is more than great singing? Next year the choir celebrates 25 years of shaping choristers, creating lasting memories and of course "Choralography". Registration form and audition information available from [www.qldyouthchoir.com.au](http://www.qldyouthchoir.com.au) or phone 3257 4905.

**Does your child have problems with anger?** Have you tried parenting courses but not found them useful?

Mater Child & Youth Mental Health Service is conducting a study examining whether fish oil treatment is helpful for management of anger and aggression. Evidence suggests that fish oil may be useful for some emotions and behaviours, but more research is needed to assess how useful fish oil may be for young people experiencing anger and aggression.

We are seeking young people aged 6 to 17 years experiencing anger and aggression to participate in this research.

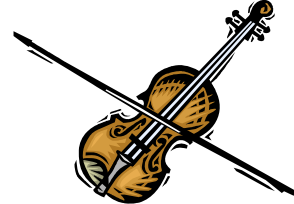
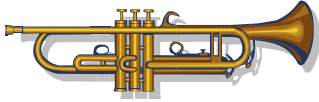
**Enrolment Interviews 2009  
Holland Park High School**

**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.**

**Holland Park State High School**

*Presents*



***A GALA MUSIC CONCERT***

***An Evening of free Entertainment  
Monday 3 November 2008 at 7.00pm***

**Featuring  
Concert Band, Jazz Band, String Ensemble and Percussion  
Ensemble**

**Fundraising BBQ starts 6pm**

**Chicken kebabs \$2.00**

**Sausage in Bun \$1.50**

**Tea/Coffee \$1.00**

**All purchases earn a lucky door prize ticket**

**Join us for a great night of entertainment.**