

## IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 27/10 Yr 10 Sex Education  
 Tues 28/10 Yr 12 Geography Excursion to Rocklea Markets  
 Tues 28/10 Leadership Interviews  
 Wed 29/10 Awards Evening 7.30pm  
 Thurs 30/10 Facilities Meeting 3.15pm

Mon 3/11 Holland Park High Gala Music Concert in Hall  
 Tues 4/11 Year 8 HEP Dose 2 & Varicella  
 Wed 5/11 Information Communication & Technology Mtg 3.15pm  
 Wed 5/11 Griffith Uni Polar Bears Conference

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week saw a very successful **Sports Awards afternoon** where we celebrated our many sporting strengths and the good sportsmanship of our students. Sport plays an important role in the life of a school, and much can be learned, like teamwork, commitment, resilience, respect, as well as the skills and strategies and the rules of particular games. This year our Sports Master Mr James introduced the **Keith Wiggins Medal**, modelled on AFL Brownlow Medal, to recognise the significant contribution that our recently retired Maths HOD made to sporting life. The display of three rounds of staff voting, culminating in the winner, created great interest through the afternoon. Congratulations to **Ben Tuckwell**, the inaugural medal winner. The medal is awarded for teamwork, co-operation and participation, not just sporting prowess.

I would like to **thank Sports Master Mr James and the sports teachers** for donning the hats and whistles each week for training and competition to enable our sports program to run smoothly. Mr James is supported by our **grounds staff and teacher aides** in the preparation and co-ordination of fields, sports rolls, money collection etc – it's a big job and we appreciate everybody's efforts.

As mentioned earlier, **Mr Wiggins** (former Maths HOD) retired earlier this year. A **retirement function** has been organised for **Friday 31 October 5.30-7.30pm** at the Comfort Inn Robertson Gardens. All are welcome – if you want to join us, please contact the school by Tuesday 28 October to organise payment.

The school is in the process of introducing a **Chaplaincy Service** to Holland Park High, following a successful application for funding by the P & C Association.

A chaplain complements other welfare services, but **is not** a counselling service. Chaplains are required to be inclusive of and show respect for all religious and non religious beliefs, and must not evangelise or proselytise at any time in the delivery of the school chaplaincy program. Chaplains engage in activities with students that do not have religious, spiritual or ethical content, such as coaching sport, organising lunchtime competitions, assisting with mentoring, outdoor education and personal development programs. They also conduct activities with religious, spiritual and ethical content such as prayer meetings, Christian bands etc. **Student participation** in both types of activities is **voluntary** and requires the **consent of parents, in writing**. An agreement will be forwarded to parents at the start of 2009.

Representatives from the LCC (Local Chaplaincy Committee) will be interviewing prospective applicants shortly. I will be on this panel and must approve the applicant chosen. Any parent who would like to know more or read the DETA policy or proposed role statement should contact me.

I have received some **further information** regarding the **Year 9 Literacy and Numeracy** test results, and **our school's performance gets better and better!**

The first table shows the percentage of Holland Park High students meeting and exceeding the minimum National Benchmarks, (Band 6 and above), while the second table shows the proportions of our students achieving at Bands 9 and 10, the top levels. As you can see, we have a very bright Year 9 cohort, with many very talented students, talents which have definitely been nurtured by our teachers!

### % At / Above National Benchmarks

	School	State
Reading	94%	87.9%
Writing	85.3%	81.1%
Spelling	91.2%	83.3%
Grammar, Punctuation	95.1%	81.2%
Numeracy	98%	90%

### % At Bands 9 / 10

	School	State
Reading	18%	11.9%
Writing	14.7%	13%
Spelling	30.4%	17%
Grammar, Punctuation	26.5%	12.3%
Numeracy	18%	11.8%

Education Queensland has recently clarified its position regarding **"staggered starts" for the commencement of the secondary school year**. Staggered starts, where all students return to school by Day 2, will be permitted with the consent of P & C Associations. I will be asking the P & C to approve such an arrangement for Holland Park High. This will enable us to continue what has been our practice, to conduct Year 12 SET Plan reviews, and orientation programs for Year 8 and 11 (2 day) and Year 9 and 10 (1 day).

Speaking of P & C, I must apologise for an error in last week's mailing and calendar, which incorrectly stated the P & C meeting was Wednesday 22 October (in fact the meeting was Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>!). The next one is definitely November 19<sup>th</sup>!

I hope to see you at Awards Night. Best wishes,

**Jocelyn Roberts, Principal**

## GERMAN NEWS

This year, **fifty-five students of German** sat for the **German Assessment of Language Competence Test**. Three different certificates with **Listening and Reading** components were on offer and the participants did very well indeed: **two High Distinctions, seven Distinctions and forty-three Credits!**

### HIGH DISTINCTION

**Kate Chipperfield (Cert. 3): High Distinctions** in Listening and Reading; **perfect score** in Listening.

### DISTINCTION

Lejla Pehlivanovic (L); Esmi Zajackowski (L); Colin Mackay (LR); Jake Lovejoy (R); Lillian Bennett (LR)

### CREDITS

#### Certificate 1

Simone Jones; Diana Lewer; Nerida Lindsay; Alex Morgan; Cindy Nguyen; Ashleigh Robertson; Jamie Ruse; Brindslie Schodde; Jake Walker.

#### Certificate 2

Stephen Corcoran (R); Lauren De Luca (R); Mia Ellis (LR); Jodie Frommolt (LR); Lachlan Giddings (LR); Matthew Hurley (LR); Ché Janosevic-Grainger (LR); Shaun Kelly (LR); Thomas Kent (LR); Jake Lovejoy (L); Bridget McCoy (LR); Scott Meakin (LR); Emily Menzler (R); Belinda Pascoe (R); Greg Reid (LR); Alana Strong (LR)

#### Certificate 3

Eloise Bailey (R); Alyssa Biddle (L); Catherine Crowther (L); Asmir Kospic (LR); Lejla Osmanovic (LR)

All other students who had reached a specific standard in Listening and Reading Comprehension were issued with **Participation Certificates**.

*Gut gemacht!* (Well done!)

*Frau Wucsits, German Dept*

## ROMEO AND JULIET PERFORMANCE

Grin and Tonic Theatre Company presented a lively and engaging performance of Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet* to Years 8, 9 and 10 students in the school assembly hall on Tuesday 14 October.

Using just a few actors and minimal sets, Grin and Tonic always manage to bring Shakespeare's plays to life in a way that reading the text can never achieve.

Year 10 students have studied the play this semester and found plenty of material for class discussion in English of the interpretation of characters and the way particular scenes were presented.

In concluding the morning, the actors gave a performance of *The Play* by CJ Dennis which proved particularly popular and amusing.

*Brian Wallace, HOD English*

## JAPANESE NEWS

In early August this year, **thirty-four students** from Years 8 – 12 sat for the Japanese Assessment of Language Competence (ALC) Certificate nationwide test. Recently the results have been returned to us, and it is with great pleasure that I can report that students at Holland Park State High School have performed with great success, measured against their counterparts across the country.

There were three levels of certificates available: Year 8 students sat for Certificate 1 (listening skill only), Years 9 and 10 students sat for Certificate 2 (listening and reading skills), and Years 11 and 12 sat for Certificate 3 (also listening and reading skills). All students performed creditably, the great majority receiving at least a Credit in each of the tests they did.

Special mention must go to a few outstanding achievements:

- Naomi Delaney (year 12) attained a High Distinction in both reading (100%) and listening skills.
- Karin Delaney (year 10) attained a High Distinction (100%) in the listening skill, and a Distinction in the reading skill.
- Frances Miller (year 10) attained a High Distinction (100%) in the reading skill, and a Distinction in the listening skill.
- Andrew Miller (year 9) attained a High Distinction in the listening skill, and a Credit in the reading skill.
- Allison McClelland, Kaley Norris and Shelley Tearle, who attained Distinctions in both skills.
- Other students receiving Distinctions in at least one skill test were:
  - Charlotte Bouchereau (year 10)
  - Jason Lamb (year 10)
  - Ashlee Rigby (year 10)

Congratulations to all students who participated and represented Holland Park High creditably in this national competition.

*Mrs Annette Goodman, Japanese Coordinator*

## VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Last weekend the annual Qld Junior Schools Volleyball Cup was played at a variety of venues around Brisbane. In previous years we have been highly successful at this tournament and 2008 was no different. This year **four of our six teams made the top 5 in Qld**. Leading the Holland Park charge were the **Year 10 girls A team** who are our latest team to become Queensland champions. These girls dominated the competition and did not drop set throughout the tournament Well done ladies and congratulations to **Taulaga Malaitai MVP** for the final!!!

Well done to all players involved in the weekend and a big thank-you must go to the efforts of the staff involved within the Volleyball Program at Holland Park.

Finally, Good luck to those teams travelling to **Melbourne** to compete in the **Australian Schools Cup** in Early December. This year we are sending down a **record five teams, U/15 Boys, U/15 Girls, U/16 Boys, Open Girls and of course our current Australian Champions our U/16 Girls.**

Yours in sport.

**Craig Dawson, Volleyball Coordinator**

## **INVITATION**

### **ANNUAL AWARDS EVENING**

**An invitation is extended to all Families to attend our Annual Awards Evening**

**on Wednesday 29 October 2008**

**at 7.30pm  
in the Assembly Hall**

**Students will be recognised for their Academic & Citizenship Achievements.**

**All students receiving awards are required to attend in full Formal Dress Uniform.**

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

## **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. **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**

## **GUIDANCE NEWS**

There are many **full time apprenticeships and traineeships** available for school leavers for 2009. Areas include Construction Industry, Retail and Hospitality and Hairdressing. Please see Mrs. Cameron for more details.

**Sizzlers** at Annerley is currently doing a promotion drive to recruit students for part time jobs and School Based Traineeships. Mrs. Cameron has more details.

**Green Corps** is an Australian Government youth development and environment training program for people aged between 17 to 20. It gives young volunteers the chance to work on exciting environmental and cultural heritage projects that also provide training and an allowance. It is suitable for students who are wanting a Gap year and not sure what they want to do with it. Again see Mrs Cameron for more details.

A free 3 hour workshop for separated parents on "**Communicating Effectively with your Ex**" is being offered by the Family Relationship Centre at Upper Mt. Gravatt on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 10am – 1pm. The workshop will be facilitated by two Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners who have qualifications in law and psychology. Bookings are essential. Please phone 3423 6967.

**Delwyn Cameron – Guidance Officer**

## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**

Well done to **Concert Band** and **Percussion Ensemble** who **both received Silver Awards** at the Music Fest. Jazz Band will compete tonight – good luck!

The **next performance** for **String Ensemble, Concert Band and Jazz Band will be at the school Awards Night on Wednesday 29 October.** The String Ensemble will perform at the start of the evening, Concert Band in the middle and Jazz Band at the end. All ensemble members are expected to perform at this important evening on the school calendar.

Following Awards Night, we have our **Gala Concert on Monday 3 November** at which all ensembles will be presenting the highlights of their musical programs this year. In addition, we will be joined by some classroom music performances. I look forward to a wonderful night of music making and hope that we have many family and friends joining us to see what talented musicians we have at Holland Park State High School. The evening will commence with a BBQ at 6pm, followed by the Concert at 7pm.

The **Concert Band** has been invited to perform at the **Holland Park Remembrance Day Memorial Service on November 11<sup>th</sup>.** Mini bus transport will be provided for this event, and we have some special music which we need to prepare, so it is important that all students continue to attend band rehearsals on Friday mornings. The Instrumental Music Program continues until the end of the year with lessons and ensemble rehearsals so

that we can give accurate assessments for end of term reports.

The final event of the year is the **South East Freeway Coalition Band Workshop**, which will now be held on **Thursday 4 December**. This takes place in school time and all Brass, Woodwind and Percussion students in Year 8 & 9 are expected to attend as we welcome local primary school students to our school. Year 10 – 12 students are welcome to join us as well if they would like to participate.

Our Year 8 enrolments for 2009 are looking very promising and I am looking forward to meeting all of the new faces. If you have any queries regarding the Instrumental Music Program, please contact any of the Music Staff in J Block.

***Karina Bryer, Instrumental Music Teacher***

### 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***

### 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.



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



Telephone: 3397 0566 (Greenslopes)



Telephone: 3349 1554



### 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 anyone can spare a couple of hours on a Friday we can really use the help from 11am to 1.00pm assembling hamburgers. Thank you.

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 27/10/08 – 7/11/08

Mon 27/10	HELP NEEDED
Tues 28/10	HELP NEEDED
Wed 29/10	HELP NEEDED
Thur 30/10	HELP NEEDED
Fri 31/10	Judi Summers
Mon 3/11	HELP NEEDED
Tues 4/11	HELP NEEDED
Wed 5/11	HELP NEEDED
Thur 6/11	HELP NEEDED
Fri 7/11	HELP NEEDED

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Seville Road State School** Oates Avenue, Holland Park Ph: 3347 6111 **Fiesta** Saturday November 15th, 2008 2:30pm – 8pm Enjoy a multicultural feast of food, music and laughter!

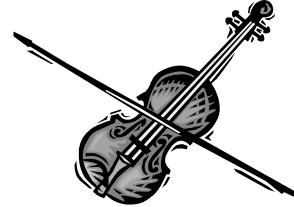
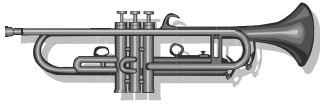
### Enrolment Interviews 2009 Holland Park High School

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:**

**Years 9/10 Music Class - Guitar Ensemble**

**Years 11/12 Music Class - Vocal Ensemble**

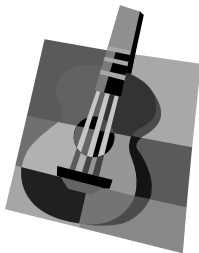
**Year 12 Folk Trio**

**String Orchestra**

**Concert Band**

**Jazz Band**

**Percussion Ensemble**



**Fundraising BBQ starts 6pm**

**Chicken kebabs \$2.00**

**Sausage in Bun \$1.50**

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

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