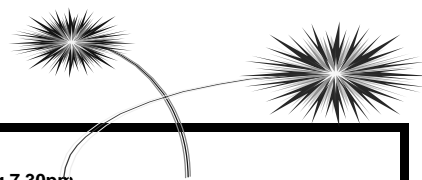


# 12 September 2008



## IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 15/9	Year 11/12 Exam Block	Wed 17/9	P & C Meeting 7.30pm
Mon 15/9	Interviews Year 8 2009 at Marshall Road SS 8.00-11.00am	Thurs 18/9	Interviews Year 8 2009 at Moorooka SS 8.00-11.00am
Tues 16/9	Year 11/12 Exam Block	Fri 19/9	End Term 3
Wed 17/9	Interviews Year 8 2009 at Wellers Hill SS 8.00-11.00am	Mon 6/10	Term 4 Start day
		Fri 10/10	School Photos (Formal Uniform to be worn)
		Fri 10/10	Newsletter

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our last two weeks of term and it's a busy time for staff and students alike. Students are completing end of term tests and teachers are doing all of the resulting assessment and reporting. At the same time, a new MOE (Managed Operating Environment) is being installed across our computer network. While we will have the advantage of being part of Education Queensland's statewide network and centralised support service, it is painful to be without computers even for a day! We still hope to **issue reports** as scheduled on **Monday 13 October**, but this is dependent on the network changes running smoothly.

This year we will issue a report for **Year 12 students** that will provide **provisional exit information** so that students and parents can check QCE eligibility. Students will receive a report for their current subjects, a Student Assessment Record which lists all of the semester units of subjects they have studied (including results for subjects they have dropped) and a QCE Credit Table. Students should have a careful look at whether they are on track to get the 20 credits necessary for a QCE; if they do not have 20 credits they will receive a Senior Statement. Students should also use their LUI number to check their learning account with the QSA especially if they expect TAFE subjects and traineeship credits. Students can check issues to do with school subjects with school personnel (Principal, Deputy Principal or Guidance Officer) and TAFE, traineeship concerns with that learning provider. **The important thing is for all Year 12 students to maintain good attendance and complete all final assessment** - if their final result slips to a Limited Achievement (D) they will get NO CREDIT for any semester units in that subject, even if they have passed earlier semesters!

Also on Year 12s, our Formal invitations have gone out to Year 12 students and their parents. Parents are very welcome to attend; they sit separately from students and don't cramp a student's style at all!!

Last Friday we completed our **Triennial School Review** with a verification meeting. Chris Bromwich, P & C President, and Dr Ian Williams, Community Representative (and foundation student of Holland Park High School) attended together with A/Executive Director Schools Brian Streatfeild and staff representatives. I will report in detail at the P & C next week. In a nut shell, our school has a strong academic profile as well as a reputation for catering to vocational pathways – "each person is special, every one is good at something", as we say!

Next term, **school starts for all students on Monday 6 October** – it is not a Student Free Day. The Student Free Day is scheduled for Week 3, Monday 20 October.

I have been advised that two of our HOD positions will be filled by relocation of HODs from the country – **Frances Ilott (HOD-English)** from Clermont, and **Julie Curtis (HOD Maths, IT)** from Baralaba. Both are experienced HODs who are excited about coming to Holland Park High, and come well recommended. Our additional **HOD-Senior Schooling** has been **advertised** with applications closing on 18 September. I have also been advised that our **HOD SOSE/HPE Luke Martin**, who has been relieving in another school, has been **relocated** to Albany Creek State High School. We will have three new faces in our Middle Management team in 2009.

I have recently provided details to our local councillor, Ian McKenzie – Holland Park Ward – for a submission for funding to enhance community facilities. I have requested the purchase and installation of a stove in the Assembly Hall canteen. This has been a need for some years, so here's hoping for approval of our project. Water tanks for our Green Voucher are currently being installed and should be operational after the holidays.



One of our 22,000L water tanks at the end of H Block

Over the July school holidays **Ash McConnel, Sam Buckley and Lachlan Creely** represented Queensland U17s in the Australian Lacrosse Tournament. They acquitted themselves very well against older more experienced teams from interstate and overseas. Well done boys!

Holland Park High has joined the Brisbane City Council's **Land for Wildlife strategy**. I met recently with Jenny Stables (Conservation Partnerships Program Officer), Science Staff Bev Haggett and Cathy Menzler, and local Bushcare members Sue Ackroyd and Michael Ryan.

The project involves restoration of bushland through weed eradication and planting of local species, to encourage flora and fauna to return. We expect to involve some science classes in this activity, to complement the great work already done by the Bushcare Group. The bushland area on school land over the hill (past the oval) is the site we will work on.



Enjoy the holiday break. Best wishes,

**Jocelyn Roberts, Principal**

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

On Thursday 9 October, the Instrumental Music Department will hold their final concert for the year, in preparation for upcoming competitions. The concert will commence with a BBQ at 6pm, followed by the concert, from 7 - 8pm. We will also be inviting members of the public who assisted in our gaining of the Community Benefit Gaming Grant. To ensure an effective competition practice, it is vital that we have all ensemble members in attendance. Those students who work Thursday nights should negotiate roster swaps well in advance. I look forward to seeing everyone there and having an enjoyable evening.

The following week is busy, with Concert Band competing in the Music Fest on Tuesday (14 October) and Percussion Ensemble & String Ensemble on Sunday (19 October). Jazz Band will compete on 24 October. Of course we have our school Awards Night on Wednesday 29 October 2008 at 7.30pm, at which String Ensemble, Jazz Band and Concert Band will perform. After this busy time, rehearsals will continue as normal until the end of the year, as we prepare for the School Open Day in term 1. Woodwind, Brass & Percussion Students in year 8 and 9 will be involved in the Freeway Schools Coalition Band Workshop

on Wednesday 3 December, which is an all day rehearsal with local primary school students, culminating in a concert at 2pm.

**Creative Generation 2009.** In 2009 Creative Generation will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Queensland on Queensland Day Saturday 6 June at Boondall. In 2009 there will be 350 students involved in Creative Generation. Due to the large number of students involved, the nomination and audition timeline starts this year. All nomination forms for Dance and Instrumental Students are due on **Friday 24 October 2008**. Audition tapes for Dance are due **Friday 28 November**. Audition tapes for Vocalists are due **Friday 12 December**. Symphony Orchestra and Stage Band audition tapes are due **Friday 27 February** and Stage Crew nominations are due **Friday 27 February**. With such a large number of students involved, it would be nice to see if we could have Holland Park State High School strongly represented. Please collect nomination forms from Mrs Bryer on Friday, or Mrs Blurton at other times.

The next **HIP Meeting** will be on next **Tuesday 16 September at 7.00pm in B Block** to discuss planning for the concert being held in October.

I look forward to a productive term four. As usual, if you have any queries regarding the Instrumental Music Program, please contact one of the Music Staff in J Block.

**Karina Bryer, Instrumental Music Teacher & Concert Band Conductor**

## Synopsis of Dates

Thursday 9 October - End of Year Concert 7pm  
Tuesday 14 October - Concert Band at Music Fest  
Sunday 19 October - Percussion Ensemble at Music Fest  
Friday 24 October - Jazz Band at Music Fest  
Wednesday 29 October - School Awards Night (Concert Band, String Ensemble, Jazz Band)  
Friday 21 November - Yr 12 Graduation (Concert Band)  
Wednesday 3 December - Freeway Coalition Band Workshop

## 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.

## GUIDANCE NEWS

Year 12 students need to remember that their "in time" **applications to QTAC close at the end of September**. They must make sure that they have their QSA number in order to lodge their application.

**Delwyn Cameron, Guidance Officer**

## HOLLAND PARK GIRLS' MATHS TEAM

Last week at the RNA show grounds the annual Girls Solving It for Themselves tournament hosted over 100 school teams from across the Greater Brisbane District. The day long event comprised of engineering construction tasks and a team relay. Having won the engineering task last year the girls from Holland Park approached the competition with a sense of confidence and ambition.

The year 8 and 9 girls demonstrated the usual flair that has come to be expected from Holland Park in the engineering task. Both teams developed innovative models for dragster cars using limited and basic materials. The relay event was also hotly contested which set up both teams for medal contention. The year was not to be ours though, with Girls Grammar taking out both divisions.

Well done to the girls of Holland Park on their performance in such a competitive tournament.

**Year 8: Amaya King Koi, Grace Milne, Cindy Nguyen, Ashleigh Robertson, Esmi Zajackowski**

**Year 9: Bec Bromwich, Georgina Grenouille, Gemma Reseigh, Sharol Sharma, Alana Strong**

***Greg Reinke, Maths Coach***

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



**Telephone: 3397 0566 (Greenslopes)**



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## MORE NATIONAL SUCCESS!!

Congratulations to **Taulaga Malaitai, Kate Deegan and Colin Mackay**. These 3 volleyballers are our latest to be selected to represent Australia.

This takes our tally to 7 Australian representatives this year alone. A magnificent achievement and a testament to the hard work our volleyballers are doing week in week out at training.

If you are involved with the Volleyball Program I would hope you are aware of by now our annual pilgrimage to Melbourne for the National Schools Cup is rapidly approaching. This year we are looking to field up to 5 teams – Open Girls, U16 Girls and U15 Girls, Senior Boys and U15 Boys. If you are a member of these teams then you should have already received some information regarding the financial commitments of the tour. I know the deadline is tight but in order to secure rapidly rising flight costs we are trying to get in early.

Finally, good luck to all teams entered in the Queensland Junior Schools Cup. Our Year 8 and 9 teams have also been playing in a weekly development competition at Lourdes Hill on a Thursday night and have been showing some great signs for Junior Schools Cup.

Play hard, play fair.

***Craig Dawson, Volleyball Co-Ordinator***

#### **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***

<b>TUCKSHOP ROSTER 15/9/08 – 10/10/08</b>	
<b>Mon 15/9</b>	<b>Kath Parsons</b>
<b>Tues 16/9</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Wed 17/9</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Thur 18/9</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Fri 19/9</b>	<b>Judi Summers</b>
<b>Mon 6/10</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Tues 7/10</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Wed 8/10</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Thur 9/10</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>
<b>Fri 10/10</b>	<b>HELP PNEEDED</b>

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Mt Gravatt Blue Light** is holding its next dance on Friday October 3 at 7pm in the Sunnybank State High School Assembly Hall, Gager Street, Sunnybank. The Mt Gravatt Blue Light dance is always the first Friday of every month. The dance is for children strictly between the ages of 7 and 14 and is between 7pm and 9.30pm. There are lucky door prizes handed out during the night. This event is fully supervised by police officers and blue card holders. Cost of entry is \$5.

### **Enrolment Interviews 2009 Holland Park High School**

**Enrolment Interviews for Year 8 2009  
are now being conducted. Please  
contact the school on  
3347 0111 to arrange a convenient time  
for an interview**

School Photos

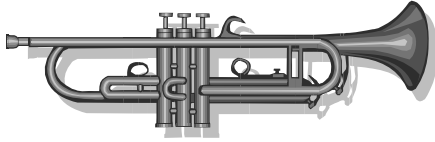
will be taking place on

***Friday 10 October 2008***

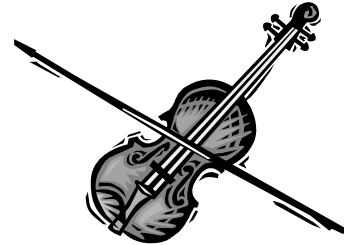
Please ensure that all students wear formal school uniform.

Information regarding payment will be forwarded shortly.

**Holland Park State High School**



***Music Program***



***Presents***

***An Evening of free Entertainment  
Thursday 9 October 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.**