



IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 22/7	Curriculum Teaching & Learning 3.15pm	Tues 29/7	Uniform Free Day (Gold Coin) House Colours
Wed 23/7	Information & Communication Technology 3.15pm	Wed 30/7	Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm – 7.30pm
Wed 23/7	Science Fair - Hall	Wed 30/7	Winter Sport – Mt Gravatt – boys travel
Wed 23/7	Winter Sport – Cavendish Road – girls travel	Thurs 31/7	Australian Mathematics Competition
Thurs 24/7	RACI Quiz	Thurs 31/7	Student Welfare Meeting 3.15pm
Thurs 24/7	Southern Districts Athletics Carnival UQ	Fri 1/8	Newsletter (mailing)
Fri 25/7	Southern Districts Track Carnival QE2	Fri 1/8	Volleyball Schools Cup (Seniors) Toowoomba

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This term we **welcome back our Deputy Principal Maureen Morton**, who was on leave during Semester 1. Also joining our staff are Mr Anthony Ingold English/SOSE, (replacing Mrs Syngé), Mr Mullins (replacing Mr Mitchell for the first 2 weeks) and Mrs Mullins (replacing Mrs Polson for the first 4 weeks). Mrs Baker and Mrs O'Reilly are filling in for Mrs Blurton while she is on leave for the first 3 weeks.

At the end of Term 2, **we farewelled our English HOD and A/Deputy Principal Sonya Tremeer**. Sonya received advice of her promotion to a Deputy Principal position at Upper Coomera State College. Sonya made a significant contribution to Holland Park State High School during her 8 years with us, through her involvement in Talent Quests, Art at the Park and school promotional activities in addition to her work as English teacher, HOD and Deputy Principal. Our new school brochure, Information folder, Newsletter format and Student Planner can all be attributed to Sonya's flair for design and presentation. I know Sonya will approach her new position with enthusiasm and on behalf of the school community I wish her every success.

Our **reports for Term 2** are being finalised and will be **issued today**. A second (and our final) round of **Parent/Teacher** interviews will be held on **Wednesday 30 July from 3.30 – 7.30pm**. Booking sheets were issued with reports today. Please contact the school by email/fax (in preference to telephone if possible) to request interviews with teachers. **Our Mid Year Awards ceremony** to acknowledge our high achieving students will be held **8 August 2008**. This has been rescheduled (from 25/7/08) to avoid a clash with the District Field Carnival and the Volleyball Schools Cup in Toowoomba the next week.

This week we received some great news that will provide extra resources for our school.

Firstly, our Instrumental Music Teacher Karina Bryer was **successful** in her application for **\$30,000 for musical instruments** under the Qld Government Community Benefit Fund. Thank you Karina for putting the effort into the submission process - happy spending!

Secondly, I have just been advised that we will be a trial school for the Solar & Energy Program (SEEP) for Qld State Schools. As one of 10 schools in the State, we will receive solar panels, smart meters and energy efficient lighting to reduce energy consumption. We will also develop understanding and foster sustainable practices through the curriculum.

Thirdly, we are awaiting the return of contracts for the supply of water tanks under the previous Federal Government's Green Vouchers for Schools, and finally, I am hopeful that a further submission under the SSS subsidy scheme to enable us to install sports flooring and complete landscaping for our Sports Shed will be successful.

See you at the **Freeway Schools Coalition Science Fair** next **Wednesday**.

Best wishes,

Jocelyn Roberts, Principal

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



Telephone: 3397 0566 (Greenslopes)



Telephone: 3349 1554



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

HOME STAY FAMILIES NEEDED!

Holland Park High will be hosting a visiting Japanese study tour group from Ainan Town Junior High School. Our guests will be here from Wednesday the 20th of August to Tuesday the 26th of August.

We need home stay families to accommodate the 16 female and 4 male students while they are participating in an educational program in our school. To assist the host families of our Japanese visitors the study tour group will provide a financial contribution to cover the costs incurred during their visit. An allocation of \$27 per night has been set aside to off set the costs of the home stay such as petrol, food and other incidentals.

If your family is able to provide a home stay experience for a student please contact Mrs Morton at school.

DEBATING SCOREBOARD

Well, the first round of the QDU Debating season has come to an end and the results are very pleasing: of the four teams we entered, each one managed at least one win and three have now advanced to the second round.

Our Year 8s - coached by Mrs Taleshi - are the first team to debate and will argue against that there should be compulsory exercise at work. Our Year 9 team - coached by Mr Wallace and who are as yet undefeated - have a bye in the first round but then will be arguing in favour of government subsidised liposuction. Finally, our Year 12 team, who are also undefeated, advance to the third round where they will engage in a secret subject debate which, if they win, will secure them a place in the Quarter Finals.

I wish all of our debaters the best of luck and encourage everyone to join with me in supporting them through the second round.

Sharie Hasson - Debating Co-ordinator

FREEWAY SCHOOLS COALITION SCIENCE FAIR

This **Wednesday 23 July**, Holland Park State High School will be hosting the Freeway Schools Coalition Science Fair. Hundreds of students from Marshall Road SS, Wellers Hill SS, Junction Park SS and our Grade 8 students will be displaying their Science Fair projects and these will be judged by our guest judges. These wonderful examples of scientific thinking and investigating will be on display on Wednesday afternoon from **3pm until 5:00 pm** with the presentation of prizes at 4:15 pm.

Parents and students are invited to come and find the answers to such questions as which ice cream melts faster, do boys or girls have better memories, do hair colours change the health of your hair and which is the best cleaner for graffiti?

If your Science Fair project is one to be proud of then why not enter it into the Qld Science Teachers Association science Competition? Details can be found at www.staq.qld.edu.au but hurry as entries close July 25th.

Cathy Menzler, Science Teacher

P & C CHRONICLES

Hands up! Who wants to be our new auditor? Is this you?

Main qualification. *Can you tick at least one of these boxes?*

I've been wanting to do my bit to help but..

Can't get up to the school and prefer to help out while wearing my PJ's

No amount of food seems to satisfy my teenager/s so the thought of feeding a multitude of them scares me therefore tuckshop is out.

I'm not sure what a protractor is but could give a protracted argument for not doing stationery shop mainly because I get stressed when I have to spell it (a or e?)

Lesser qualification

Do you have the necessary formal qualification to do the P&C's auditing? No? Don't worry. If you know something about numbers, we would really like yours.

Don't feel left out if you didn't qualify. If you do know how to spell stationery, there is a position for you. It is mainly sending the stationery orders to a supplier who packs up and delivers the students' orders. Chris Bromwich has been doing the job for years and will be happy to explain everything. Phone us for an obligation free chat!

Qualify? Please phone the school on 3347 0111 or Kerry Kielland on 3397 2497.

A reminder: The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm Wednesday 27 August (not the 20th)

Kerry Kielland, Minutes Secretary

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to ***Emily Menzler*** who gained second place in the Brisbane City Council Green Heart City Smart public speaking competition.

The finals of the competition were held as part of the BCC Neighbourhood Fair at Stafford on Sunday 15 June where Emily competed against students from schools across Brisbane.

Inspiring sustainability was the theme for the competition and Emily explained how the water wise practices at Holland Park SHS are a model for the ways water consumption can be reduced.

Brian Wallace, HOD English

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

WE GOT OUR GRANT!

Very exciting news for the Instrumental Music Department.



We were successful in gaining a grant from the Community Benefit Gambling Fund for \$30000 of new equipment. The plans are to purchase expensive instruments which we would find it hard to fundraise for ourselves. These include 2 timpani, a concert bass drum, a marimba, a vibraphone, orchestral chimes and a bassoon. This will add greatly to our percussion section in the band, as well as beginning to expand the instrumentation of our ensembles. Thank you to all of those people who helped to put the grant together. At our end of year concert on Thursday 9 October we will publicly thank the Fund and those who wrote letters of support.

Term 3 is the start of the busy season for instrumental music. This term we have two Fetes at which both the Concert and Jazz Bands will play: ***Moorooka SS on Saturday 26 July*** and ***Harmonies on the Hill at Weller's Hill SS on 24 August***. Competitions also start this term, with the Brisbane Schools Festival kicking off on the weekend of ***23/24 August for Jazz Band and Concert Band***. In addition there is ***Art in the Park on 20 August*** for small ensembles and the Workshop of Excellence for selected participants on 14-15 Aug.

The next ***HIP meeting*** for music parents is in the Staff Common Room on ***6 August***. This is a particularly important meeting as for financial reasons we need to elect some office bearers, as well as plan for further fundraising and concerts this year. It would be appreciated if all parents could attend.

This term we have welcomed a few new faces to the instrumental music program and we always welcome more. If you would like to learn an instrument, or have one at home collecting dust that you'd like to give a try, please see Mrs Bryer in the J Block Staffroom on Fridays.

Happy Music Making

Mrs Bryer, Instrumental Music Teacher



HIP
(Holland Park Instrumental Parents)

Our Next meeting will be held
Wednesday 6 August at 7.00pm in
the Staff Common Room
in Admin Block

LEARNING SUPPORT

We are committed to optimising every student's opportunity to achieve his or her potential. We provide a range of quality activities, programs and support to improve student engagement.

Gifted and Talented students:

- Triple E classes in English, Maths, Science (Years 8-10)
- Acceleration in academic subjects
- Early enrolment in University courses
- Tournament of Minds competition (Years 8-10)
- Academic Competitions

Indigenous students: We employ an Indigenous tutor to assist within the classroom and connect culturally with them.

Refugee students: Teacher-aide time is provided to registered students.

All Year 8 & 9 students: Our Triple L Program operates 2/3 lessons per week. Content includes Reading for Meaning, Tools of the Trade and Critical Understanding.

AIMS: (Adjustment Information Management System) Services for verified students with impairments (autistic spectrum, hearing, intellectual, physical, speech-language, vision).

National Tuition Program: Assists students who are not making satisfactory progress in literacy or numeracy. Official Federal Government notification has been distributed. Commences this semester.

All students:

- Homework club operates Thursdays 3- 4.30 pm
- General academic assistance by arrangement with class teachers

For further information on any of these areas contact Ms Kath Walker.

AUSTRALIAN GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the following gymnasts on an outstanding performance at the Australian Championships in Melbourne from 22 - 24 May 2008. Fantastic results girls.

Junior International

Karina Brooks - 3rd overall
Vault - 4th, Beam 3rd, Bars 2nd, Floor 2nd

Chantelle Turnbull - 4th overall
Vault - 2nd, Beam 5th, Bars 3rd, Floor 4th

International Level 10

Amaya King Koi - 2nd overall
Vault - 2nd, Beam - 1st, Bars -2nd

Special mention must also be made of **Naomi Russell** who was trialing for the Beijing Olympic Team and unfortunately fell during one of her apparatus and injuries prevented her from continuing on in the competition. Naomi has been a fierce competitor over the past few years overcoming adversity to achieve some outstanding performances. We acknowledge the sheer guts and determination that you have produced year after year Naomi to put you in the top echelon of your sport, we are very proud of you and wish you a speedy recovery.

VICTORIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

On 6th June – 9th June 2008, **Dominic Bedggood** and **Brody Hennessy** attended the Victorian State Gymnastics Championships. Both students performed well against some excellent competition. Well done boys.

International Level 8

Dominic Bedggood - 2nd overall
Floor 1st, Parallel Bars 3rd, Pommel 4th, High Bar 2nd,
Brody Hennessy - 6th overall
Floor 2nd, High Bar 2nd, Vault 2nd

Kerri-Lyn Ross, GSP Coordinator

TUCKSHOP NEWS

We celebrated Bastille Day in the Canteen on Tuesday 15 July (a day late!) with a French menu, music and staff decked out in berets. The students and staff enjoyed the International flavour for the day.

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.

Donna Phillips, Tuckshop Convenor

TUCKSHOP ROSTER 21/7/08 – 1/8/08	
Mon 21/7	Kath Parsons
Tues 22/7	HELP NEEDED
Wed 23/7	HELP NEEDED
Thur 24/7	HELP NEEDED
Fri 25/7	Judi Summers
Mon 28/7	Kath Parsons
Tues 29/7	HELP NEEDED
Wed 30/7	HELP NEEDED
Thur 31/7	HELP NEEDED
Fri 1/8	HELP NEEDED

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.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Choirs are cool, want to know why?.. The Queensland Youth Choir is holding an information evening on Wednesday 23rd July for young people with an interest in singing aged 5 to 25. For more information and to register your interest go to www.qldyouthchoir.com.au or phone 3257 4905. To see how much fun being in the Queensland Youth Choir can be, tune into Battle of the Choirs on Channel Seven Sunday night 20th July at 7:30 to watch our premier ensemble VOICE WORKS perform.

Basketball Queensland Presents 3 on 3_ Basketball Tournaments! Sunday 28 September 2008 - Vince Hickey Stadium – Auchenflower Under 16 and Under 18 Boys & Girls - Heaps of Fun, Loads of Prizes – Don't miss out! Visit www.bq33.com.au or call 3377 9100

Tips for Parents of Teens

Are you concerned about your teenager's behaviour? Then Teen Triple P might be the answer - a free individual parenting program for parents of teenagers aged 11-16 years run by the Parenting and Family Support Centre at The University of Queensland. For more information please visit <http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/teentriplep> or contact the Project Coordinator on 3365 6207 or teentriplep@psy.uq.edu.au.

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School is celebrating its 50th Anniversary Fete on **Saturday 27th July** commencing at 9:30. Come and smell the onions cooking on the BBQ, visit the cake stall and pick out one of the 50 types of fabulous cakes, experience a divine tasting home made gourmet pie. Let the kids ride the mechanical surf board or fly down the dragster slide, see the memory stall and reminisce about your school days, or grab a bargain or two from the Gift and Homewares Stall, Trash and Treasure, Book Stall, Coffee Shop. There is so much to see and do ... you can't miss this fabulous day out?

Greenslopes Family Practice (7 Plimsoll st, Greenslopes) have just had a new female GP start here We Bulk Bill anyone with a pension, DVA or health care card. **as well as kids 16 years and under.** Telephone 3397 1875.

Mercy Family Services recruits, trains and supports foster carers to provide safe and caring homes for children who are unable to live with their own families.

If you would like to have a positive influence on children's lives and have the time, energy and flexibility to be involved, then we would love to hear from you. Woolloongabba Foster Care Team 3391 1150.

Don't forget

ART @ THE PARK

Wednesday 20 August 2008

At

Holland Park High School

The Canyon

5.30-7.30pm

An Evening of Art, Drama, Music and great Food

