



IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 4/6	Field Events Periods 2-6	Tues 10/6	Year 10 Engineering Challenge (on campus)
Wed 4/6	Debating Round 4 – Years 9 & 12	Wed 11/6	Year 12 PE (Special Speaker Re UV Damage)
Wed 4/6	Yr 10 ITX Excursion to UQ	Wed 11/6	Winter Sport – St James, home
Wed 4/6	Winter Sport – COC, boys travel	Thurs 12/6	UNSW Writing Competition
Thurs 5/6	Athletics Carnival	Thurs 12/6	Debating Round 4 – Years 8 & 11
Fri 6/6	Griffith Uni – Engineering Experience Day	Fri 13/6	Open Morning Tour 9.15am
Mon 9/6	Queen's Birthday Holiday	Fri 13/6	Year 11 Art Excursion 12.30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This is a great time to be writing this newsletter - there's just so many good things to report!

Firstly, those of you who attended the **Talent Quest** will have been impressed by the talent on display. When I tell our school community that **we have more talent per student than other high schools**, you know it's true. It was a wonderful spotlight on our students' developing talents - congratulations and thank you to all participants for developing and performing your acts for us.

The winners were indeed outstanding, and deserve a special mention:

Band – Jack Goodall, Kate McKelliget, Jeremy Waters
Comedy – Esther Allen, Paula Hardie, Ayrlic Timmermans
Dance – Jillian Turner
Hip Hop – Matu Bordolo
Instrumental – Grace Mullins
Vocal – Phoebe Edwards

There were so many unusual and entertaining acts - the girl band, the belly dancer (loved that costume!), the scarecrow (I can see Paige on stage in Children's Theatre, can't you?), an interesting interpretation of John Lennon's *Imagine*....

It was a great night, and my sincere thanks to Drama Teacher Mr Kerry Mitchell who once again brought out the best in our performers, ably assisted by Ms Drillis (backstage) and Mr Rogan and his Sound & Lighting team. Everything ran very smoothly despite the frantic activity behind the scenes! A special thanks to the staff who got involved - our mystery guests (Mrs Hasson, Mrs James, Ms Walker, Mr Keane and Mr Reinke) have set a high standard for their encore performance in 2009!! I thought our staff/student comperes also a very entertaining addition to the program - I'm sure that Nick Frommolt and Naomi Delaney were pleasantly surprised by the witty humour and finesse from Mrs Hasson and Mr James - not to mention the segues!

The same afternoon of the Talent Quest, I attended the **Regional Awards for Showcase**, Education Queensland's Education Week Awards and was thrilled to hear we **won an Award** (\$1,000) in the Middle Schooling category for our Triple L - Literacy and Learning for Life program. It's great recognition for our leading school program and for our program leader **Ms Kath Walker**. The judges said our results were impressive! Now it's on to a more detailed submission (groan) and the announcement of the State Awards at a gala dinner later this year.

Also on Tuesday 27 May, Mrs Haggett accompanied seven of our Year **11 & 12 Science** students to a business luncheon at the Marriott (!) to hear about the latest in environmental sustainability. We were **guests of Energex**, and Mr Mark Paton, Group Manager Environment for Energex phoned me to say how impressed he was by our students, who were "**switched on..., mature..., professional**". He and the International Guest Speaker Scott McDougall thought the students asked great questions and were wonderful representatives of the youth of today. Well done - **Ryan Andersen, Lillian Bennett, Katherine Jordan, Jasmine Keir, Tuan Nguyen, Liz Osborne, Ainslee Stephens**.

Would you believe (I know you will!) that Mrs Menzler received similar accolades for our **Year 12 Biology** students on the **same day** during their visit to the Griffith Uni Eco Centre. Some of our students were filmed for an educational resource on the day.

All this on Tuesday – **Terrific Tuesday Talent** – could this be **Triple T??** Sorry, I just can't help getting excited about all the great things happening at Holland Park High.

We've also been wowing Year 5 and 6 students in local primary schools. This Friday is our final Morning in High School, and Year 6s have had a great time on a tour of the school and 2 lessons from offerings in medical science, volleyball, art, home economics and applied technology. Not to be left out, Ms Tremeer and some current Year 8s have been visiting their former school and the year 5s with a short film – A Kids Eye View of High School. Filmed and edited here at school by the students, (with a little help from Ms Tremeer!), it was quite a hit with Year 5s. We commence enrolments for 2009 after the holidays.

Wow what a week (Triple W?) and Triple T!!

Best wishes,

Jocelyn Roberts, Principal

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Recently our Concert and Jazz Bands have performed at the Marshall Road State School Fete and the Fanfare Competition. On both occasions our students were well received and performed at a high standard. Our performance and good behaviour also prompted a staff member from Marshall Road to write a letter of thanks and congratulation to the school, to recognize our efforts both in performing and assisting with the packing up of chairs and music standards afterwards. Well done for furthering our good reputation amongst the community.

Here are some of the adjudicators comments from the Fanfare Competition.

Concert Band

"Well done everyone, a confident and bright opening with some solid drum kit work. Nice Trumpet work during Dock of the Bay."

"Some excellent tenor sax lines during Sea Song."

"A lovely change of style & pace with the displaying of soloists a great concept."

"Well done, Band"

Jazz Band

"Well done, a nice groove set early in Chameleon, excellent Bass Work. The Rhythm Section has a mature approach."

"The horn section is competent & with projection and further knowledge of jazz/rock articulation, the overall concept will improve."

"This ensemble is full of energy & maintains this throughout varied titles - Well done."

Our next performance will be **at 7pm on 10 June** at our end of semester **Music Concert**. Keep working on your ensemble pieces, and remember we will be having a Chicken Kebab Sizzle at 6pm so that you can have something to eat before the concert.

Thanks to all of the families who contributed to the Scratchie Tree raffle for Talent Quest. Our next HIP Meeting is on Tuesday 3 June at 7pm in the Staff Common Room to prepare for the concert on 10 June. If you are not receiving Instrumental Notes by email and would like to, please send an email to kbrye4@eq.edu.au for inclusion on the list.

If you have any queries regarding the instrumental music program, please see one of the music teachers in the J Block Staffroom.

Yours in music

Karina Bryer, Instrumental Music Instructor



HIP (Holland Park Instrumental Parents)

**Our Next meeting will be held next
Tuesday 3 June at 7.00pm in the
Staff Common Room
in Admin Block**

OPPORTUNITY FOR HOLLAND PARK STUDENTS TO TRAVEL TO CANADA



Polar Bears International (PBI) is a non profit organisation based in the US and Canada. For the past 4 years they have sponsored an international leadership camp in Churchill, Canada for Year 11 students from around the World. All expenses, except return airfares to Winnipeg, Canada (approx. \$20,000 US per student), are covered by PBI. This year 2 students will again be selected from South East Queensland to represent Australia at this camp and 3 Year 11 students from Holland Park are being given the opportunity to be involved.

From Friday 30 May to Sunday 1 June, **Vispasha Gandhi, Amy Sutton and Laura Kelly** will attend PBI's Australian Environmental Education Camp with Mrs Anderson. Mrs Anderson teaches at Holland Park but also works in a voluntary capacity for PBI as their Australian Schools' Coordinator. This camp aims to expand the students' knowledge and understanding of environmental issues and to develop, within the students, a willingness to make a difference by educating and leading others in environmental projects in their school communities. They will participate in field studies and will be addressed by guest lecturers while on camp.

The Australian camp which is held at Jacob's Well Environmental Education Centre serves as the selection platform for the students that will travel to Canada in October, 2008. Together with the students from Holland Park State High School, 3 students from Nerang SHS, A.B. Paterson College (Arundal, GC), Saint Stephen's College (Coomera) and 2 students from All Saints Anglican School (Merrimac, GC) will give a presentation to a selection panel including Kerrie Haynes-Lovell (PBI SE Asia/Pacific Advisory Board Member), Karen Birkman (ABC Journalist/News Presenter & Documentary Producer), and Senior Biology Teachers, Barb Dalgleish and Matt Moloney. Other selection criteria will be the ability to work within a team and communication skills in a variety of situations. We wish our students well in this process.

DATE CLAIMERS

Saturday 14 June

Think globally and act locally. Here is your chance to do just that with the inaugural HP working bee. The work will commence at 8 AM and finish at 10 AM and allow our school community to begin the process of greening the school grounds. Our job on this day will be to move mulch to allow the water tanks to be installed. The mulch will be placed on our gardens to prepare them for planting a selection of native bush food plants that we are ordering as part of our Living Lab project. If you can help then join us with your hat, shovel, water bottle and wheelbarrow...of course if you have a trailer or bobcat that would certainly make the job easier! For more information please email Cathy Menzler at cmenz1@eq.edu.au

Wednesday 18 June

The P & C have invited a representative from Scripture Union and a couple of local High School Chaplains to come and talk to our school community about what our chaplains role will be. If you have ideas or questions then please join us at 7.30 pm in the Holland Park State High School Admin block for the next P & C meeting. In the weeks following this meeting we will call for volunteers to form the Local Chaplaincy Committee.

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 me at school.

The Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel

Recently I've received some reports about silly student behaviours on school buses. From a safety perspective the misbehaviour of a few has the potential to distract the driver and consequently put the safety of all on the bus at risk. This is why I would ask parents to talk to their students about appropriate bus conduct.

The safe movement of students between home and school is vitally important and Queensland Transport and the school can implement a range of consequences for unacceptable and dangerous behaviours on buses.

After an initial warning students who persist with unacceptable behaviours and offensive language may be refused student travel for up to five school days.

Dangerous behaviours such as throwing objects in the bus or damaging bus property may result in refusal of student travel for up to 10 school weeks.

The behaviour and safety of our students on buses is important. With this in mind I would ask students to make me aware of any problems that occur on buses so that I can follow up their concerns. A copy of the Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel is available at www.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/pubtrans.nsf/index/cochome

An Artistic Triumph!

Special thanks to **Vanessa Lamb** for the wonderful new piece of artwork in the Office Foyer. The original painting on 3 panels depicts a young student's journey through high school from year 8 to entering the 'real world'. Vanessa is a talented young artist whose work is highly respected by her teachers and her peers. Thankyou for this fantastic addition to the Admin environment.

Sonya Tremeer, A/Deputy Principal

GUIDANCE NEWS

Years 8 and 9 students have recently completed the **School Bully Survey**. This is a confidential survey that students in the younger grades are asked to complete each year to assist us in making Holland Park SHS a safe and supportive learning environment. In part, the survey assists students in realising the importance of all of us being responsible for saying **NO TO BULLYING** and secondly, helping us to identify which students are engaging in bullying behaviour and which students are often on the receiving end of this. On the whole both Year 8 and 9 students are behaving in a very respectful and considerate manner with their fellow students. There are a few however where we are following up with intervention that also involves parents working in partnership with the school to address the issues. As I tell the students "silence is a bully's friend" so please contact the school if you have any concerns about your child in regard to this, as we can not do anything if we don't know about it.

Last Friday, the Year 10 students benefited from a very informative and interactive visit to the Convention Centre for the **National Careers & Employment Expo** which is held at this time each year. Students enjoyed the opportunity to gain career pathway advice and meet representatives from leading education, industry, government and corporate organisations. Throughout the year the Year 10s will be exposed to a number of workshop sessions, resources and speakers that will assist them in making some very important decisions about the subjects they will choose for their Senior Schooling years and the career pathway that best suits them.

Recently some of our year 11 students have participated in a one day program at Griffith University called **Griffith Experience Day**. These are designed to give students an opportunity to be university students for a day involved in lectures, tutorials and workshops. Lillian Bennett from 11G wrote:

On the 6th May I got to experience University for a day. We visited seminars run by students finishing their Honours and Master in Environmental Science, Engineering and Planning. We got to hold freshwater turtles and other reptiles. We also discussed the effectiveness of the land bridges, animal tunnels and possum lines for preventing native animals being killed by cars. We then visited an environmentally sustainable house and educational centre. We finished the day with information on scholarships and careers available through Environmental Sciences. It was a great day.

There is always new and exciting **School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships** available for students in Year 10, 11 and 12 to apply for. Reece plumbing, in partnership with Murray Mallee Group Training is offering students an opportunity to gain a nationally accredited Certificate II in Transport and Logistics-Warehousing. Contact Mrs. Cameron for more details.

Queensland Rail is currently recruiting young men and women for apprenticeships for 2009. There are 16 different trades at various locations across Queensland. Apply on line at www.qr.com.au/careers. The Closing date is 16th June. In addition, an Information Session about Apprenticeships in QR for women and Girls (and their families) will be held 5.30 to 7.30 on Wednesday 11th June at the Kedron-Wavell Services Club 375 Hamilton Rd, Chermside and Thursday 12th June at Swifts Sports & Bowls Club Green St, Booval. Please Contact Caitlin on 32342837 or Rachel on 0419176309 for more information.

Year 12 students interested in applying for any medical degrees or an associated medical degrees must register by 6 June to sit for UMAT. Information is on the QTAC website: www.qtac.edu.au contact Mrs. Cameron.

Delwyn Cameron, Guidance Officer

THE MATHEMATICS TEAM CHALLENGE 2008

On Tuesday May 20th 2008 seventeen intrepid mathematicians set out from Holland Park SHS for Hilliard State School (Alexandra Hills) accompanied by Mesdames O'Reilly, Jones and Cutmore. Competing in the annual Mathematics Team Challenge is no mean feat, particularly when the pre-ordered maxi-taxis arrive 45 – 50 minutes late for the second year in a row ! Never will we travel by maxi-taxi! The Mathematics Team Challenge is definitely not for the faint-hearted. It requires enormous mathematical brain power, stamina and perseverance, not to mention personal panache coupled with a keen sense of good-humour and sportsmanship. One has to be indeed truly special to be selected to participate in this mathematical marathon.

The Team challenge consists of a Team event (differing numbers of questions per level and 50 - 100 points for depending on the level) followed by a relay (20

questions and 50 - 100 points) and is a formidable test of mathematical ability, accuracy and speed. Each team is supervised by a teacher (not from the same school) and the questions assume an in-depth knowledge of many tough mathematical concepts from a wide range of topics. The difficulty level of the questions is indicated clearly in the results of the winning senior team who scored a total of 145 points from a possible 200. Although our three teams were not amongst the winners, our students "did us proud" both in their mathematical endeavours, behaviour and deportment. They truly were a credit to Holland Park SHS in every way. Congratulations everyone !

Year 8 Team

Luke Boldery, Samson Kwok, Zai Pieper, Predrag Nikic, Esmi Zajackowski

Junior Secondary

Rebecca Bromwich, Stephen Corcoran, James Cuskelly, Christian Filipovic, Che Janosevic, Thomas Kent

Senior Team

Daniel Deegan, Naomi Delaney, Frances Miller, Vladica Nikic, Craig Regan, Emma Schummy

Mrs Lois Cutmore, Acting HOD Mathematics

TRAGEDY AT TALENT QUEST

Due to a technical difficulty some of the Talent Quest footage has been damaged. We would appreciate it if you could drop into the office a copy of any video footage that we could copy. Many thanks for your help.

Kerry Mitchell, Talent Quest Co-ordinator

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Well, all of the cross country results have finally come in. We certainly got lucky with the weather, no missed cross countries in 7 years and this trend continued. We had some excellent times run, but unfortunately, no records.

Age Champions

Year 8	Adrian Shepherd, Esmi Zajackowski
Year 9	Bobby Faragher, Jessica Spence
Year 10	Tim Burke, Esther Allen
Year 11	Matthew Lechmere, Grace Mullins
Open	Daniel Lechmere, Naomi Delaney

We sent our strongest team ever to the District competition. For the first time our overall score was higher than some of the other larger high schools in our district. Congratulations must go to **Daniel and Matthew Lechmere and Esther Allen** for making the District Team. No small feat when you consider the competition comes from John Paul College, Redeemer Lutheran, Mansfield and Cavendish Road, all schools with populations 3 times the size of ours.

The biggest news is that **Daniel Lechmere** competed very well at the next level and has been **selected** in the **Metropolitan East team**. Congratulations Daniel

VOLLEYBALL

Mr James and 8 students from Holland Park State High School recently went away to Gladstone for the Queensland Secondary under 15 Championships. We also took up a referee from our school, Esther Allen. Esther did such a good job that she was given one of the finals to referee and has been upgraded in her refereeing.

Both boys and girls Metropolitan East teams made the finals, but obviously it was not always plain sailing. The good news is that both teams won gold. Congratulations to **Kate Deegan, Taulaga Malaitai, Danielle Gibson, Ayrlie Timmermans, Ashley Martin, Colin Mackay, Ben Tuckwell and Daniel Fick** on their success. Their success does not end there. Kate, Colin and Taulaga were selected in the Queensland team and Daniel, Ben, Ashley were selected as Queensland Shadows. For some more great news Colin Mackay was selected as the player of the tournament.

It was so great to be part of coaching these teams and watching our home grown talent shine. Each of these students have been in the program since they were in Year 8. Well done to Mr Dawson, Mr Reddy and our school coaches who have prepared these players so well.

Richard James, Sports Co-ordinator

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Athletics Carnival is being held next ***Thursday 5 June*** and we ***would really appreciate some extra help in the Canteen.*** So if you could spare some time we would love to see you.

Donna Phillips, Tuckshop Convenor

TUCKSHOP ROSTER 2/6/08-13/6/08	
Mon 2/6	HELP NEEDED
Tues 3/6	Vera Waye
Wed 4/6	HELP NEEDED
Thur 5/6	ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – EXTRA HELP NEEDED
Fri 6/6	HELP NEEDED
Mon 9/6	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
Tues 10/6	HELP NEEDED
Wed 11/6	HELP NEEDED
Thur 12/6	HELP NEEDED
Fri 13/6	Annette Anderson

COMMUNITY NOTICES

“**Strategies for Success**” seminar series to be held in Brisbane during the July 2008 school holidays. A four day seminar for students in years 10, 11 and 12 and a two day seminar for students in Years 8 and 9. Brochure with full details Phone 07 3281 1400.

