

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

16 October 2009

Welcome to our final newsletter mailing for 2009. In my last column, on 4/9/09, I wrote about the importance of young people learning and practising peaceful ways of dealing with differences and conflict. The poor choices some young people make can have devastating consequences. The tragic deaths of young people following fights and car accidents (often where alcohol and speed are involved) have been widely reported in recent media.

With this newsletter I offer two opportunities for parents to learn more about two key issues – alcohol and responsible use of technology. Project Shield (from the University of Qld) offers free confidential advice to parents about minimising risks associated with alcohol – preferably **before** young people start consuming alcohol. Contact details are provided later in this newsletter. Secondly, we have included an excellent publication from the Qld Police Service alerting parents to the issues associated with technology use by young people. We can all learn from this publication, and I commend it to you.

Our students continue to demonstrate that we have more talent per student than other larger high schools. We recently commended students who achieved at a very high level in English and Maths competitions. Special mention must be made of **High Distinctions** in English earned by **Joshua Den Hertog, Karisia Strong, James Cuskelly and Thomas Kent. Joo Hyun Kwon** who won a special **Prudence Award** in the Maths competition and this will be presented at a special ceremony at QUT. Congratulations to Joo, who is in the 100th percentile!

All of Year 9 parents received a mailing with their son or daughter's Naplan report, which showed their performance on this test when compared with national benchmarks. I am pleased to report that our school's results are around national benchmarks in all categories.

Our Music program had a final concert and dress rehearsal for the Music Fest competition on Tuesday 14 October. As always they produced a great sound – congratulations to all students and teachers Halina Blurton, Karina and Tony Bryer, Meg Robson, and Music Captains Jessica Miller and Joy Kelly.

This weekend is another big weekend for our **High Performance Volleyball Program**, with 3 days of solid competition – good luck to all! Our Sports Hall, affectionately known as “the shed” will be officially opened on Friday 30 October by our MP and Member for Greenslopes Cameron Dick. After strikes, inclement weather and a host of other hurdles I have opted for the opening separate from the other festivities we had originally planned.

We have had some staff changes recently. Our Deputy Principal Ms Morton has taken Long Service Leave for Term 4; we welcome Mr Andrew Hurst as Acting Deputy Principal during this time. Several teachers have also had leave of various types in the first 2-3 weeks – Ms Drillis, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Van Velsen, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Mapp, Ms O’Donnell and Ms Corcoran. Welcome and thank you to their replacements Mr Mullins, Mr Wiggins, Mr Duval, Ms Winfield, Ms Dodd and Ms Howard. Thank you to Mrs Illott who has been Acting Deputy Principal during Ms Drillis’ absence.

Best Wishes

Jocelyn Roberts
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES			
Mon 19/10	Student Free Day	Fri 23/10	Music Fest – Jazz Band 6.08pm at Calamvale SHS
Tue 20/10	School Development Committee 3.15pm	Mon 26/10	Griffith Uni Experience Days 26-30 October
Wed 21/10	Music Fest–Concert Band 1.44pm at Iona College	Tue 27/10	Sports Awards Afternoon 1.40pm
Wed 21/10	P & C Meeting 7.30pm	Wed 28/10	Awards Evening 7.30pm
Thur 22/10	Yr 11 Multi-strand Science to Toohey Forest	Fri 30/10	Newsletter
Thur 22/10	Workplace Health & Safety Meeting 3.15pm		

STOP PRESS

Sports Awards afternoon has been moved from Wednesday 21 October to Tuesday 27 October.

This last minute change has been made to avoid a clash with the Music Fest competition.

INVITATION
SPORTS AWARDS AFTERNOON
& AWARDS EVENING

*An invitation is extended to all Families to
attend our Sports Award Afternoon
which will be held*

*Tuesday 27 October 2009 at 1.40pm
in the Assembly Hall.*

Students may wear complete Sports Uniform

*On the following evening
Wednesday 28 October 2009
our Annual Awards Ceremony
will be held at 7.30pm*

in the Assembly Hall

*where 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.*

JAPANESE NEWS

In early August this year, thirty 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 certificate 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:

- **James Cuskelly** and **Georgina Grenouille** (year 10) attained Distinctions in both reading and listening skills.
- **Maddison Adams**, **Alison Golik** and **Sharol Sharma** (year 10) attained a Distinction in the reading skill.
- **Laura Kelly** (year 12) attained a Distinction in the listening skill.

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

Mrs Annette Goodman, Japanese Coordinator

GUIDANCE NEWS

UQ ENHANCED STUDIES PROGRAM (ESP)

How to Apply

Interested students should contact the Guidance Officer to discuss eligibility and to determine what school support is available. Applications for the 2010 program must be received by UQ Student Recruitment by Friday 23 October 2009, but interested students are welcome to submit their applications anytime after receiving their mid-year reports. Forms will be available from school or online at www.uq.edu.au/guidance/esp.

What is the Enhanced Studies Program?

The University of Queensland's Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) provides high achieving secondary school students with an opportunity to extend their studies in an area of interest and to "test drive" University life. Students accepted into the program can study one University course (subject) during Semester One of Year 12.

What courses are available?

ESP students are able to choose from a wide range of courses at the St Lucia, Ipswich and Gatton campuses. A small number of courses are also available externally or in a web based delivery mode, allowing students from regional areas to participate in the program. Students can choose from a variety of study areas, including mathematics, history, philosophy, economics, accounting, psychology, physics, human movement studies, law, languages and political science. A complete list of available courses for the 2010 program is available on the web.

Maggie Sardie, Guidance Officer

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 9 November. 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

SENIOR SCHOOLING NEWS

Student Recognition

The opportunity to attend a local TAFE college to train in a specialist area provides an excellent start for students wishing to gain a greater insight into a possible career path and allowing them to complete nationally recognised training and accreditation to be built on in the future.

Mat Maui, Year 11M, focused his attention on the Construction industry and enrolled in Construction Skills Training Centre (CTSC) to successfully complete a Certificate I – Resources and Infrastructure Operations. Mat demonstrated such an outstanding commitment to his course that he was presented with the **CSTC Award of Excellence for the Prevocational Student of the Year 2009** at the recent awards night at the Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre. Mat has also gained an Australian School-Based Apprenticeship which he will commence in November. Congratulations Mat on an exceptional outcome.

Congratulations also go to **Nicholas Caudery** 12M who has just completed his Australian School-Based Apprenticeship in Certificate III in Community Recreation with Rackley Family Swim Schools. Nick will continue in employment with Rackley's next year after leaving school.

TAFE 2010

Applications have been sent to TAFE for selection into next year's courses. It is anticipated that we will receive notification of the successful students within the next two weeks. Once offered a place, it is important that the required fees are paid to secure the offering. All TAFE fees must be paid directly to the TAFE College as outlined in the enrolment pack. All TAFE fees are heavily subsidised and students are only required to pay for administrative and resource costs (a saving of hundreds of dollars). It is also important that students are aware of the requirements expected of them from both the school and TAFE College before they finally commit to this opportunity. If you need further information, do not hesitate to contact Ms Klee.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS (SATs)

In the coming weeks, several students will be formally 'signed up' into SATs with employers. These students have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the workplace through their part-time work or as a result of the recent Year 11 Work Experience Programme. Congratulations to Reece Nolan 10T, Cassie Fien-Carr 11W, Frances Miller 11T and Mat Maui 11M. Students will begin their placements in November.

Chris Klee, HOD, Senior Schooling

GREAT RESULTS IN AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION!

The Australian Maths Competition was held on 6th August this year and again our students have performed well. Of the 77 students who participated almost 60% of them received an award.

Students who receive a Distinction Certificate achieved in the top15% of students in Queensland, while Credit Certificates are awarded to students who performed in the top 50% of the state.

One of our students was awarded a prize this year. **Joo Hyun Kwon** in year 8 achieved in the top 1% of Queensland. He also received a Prudence Award for achieving the most consecutive correct answers in our school. These awards will be presented to Joo Hyun during a special ceremony at QUT on 19th November.

Congratulations to everyone.

Distinction Awards:

Aden Messori (year 8), Cindy Nguyen (year 9), Joel Kielland (year 10), Thomas Menzler (year 8), Predrag Nikic (year 9), James Cuskelly (year 10), Kurt Longland (year 8), Andrew Miller (year 10)

Year 8 Credit Awards:

Georgia Dillon, James Greig-Garland, Kaleb Bartlett-Elliott, Richard Yu, Alishia Morel, Tasha McCoy, Bridgette Young, Meg Millar, Caleb Adams, Anthony McCabe, John Huynh, Karisia Strong, Sam Castan, Zike Ahmetovic, Tran Nguyen

Year 9 Credit Awards:

Samson Kwok, Andrew Pidgeon, Ashleigh Weston, Luke Boldery, Shannon Barry, Grace Milne

Year 10 Credit Awards:

Thomas Kent, Connor Monaghan, Alana Strong, Sarah Caisip, Tony Nguyen, Kimberley Rogl, Sharol Sharma, Madison Bridge, Michael Gratton

Julie Curtis, HOD Maths/ICT

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION

75 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 recently participated in the **International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) English Competition**. Approximately 60% of students received a High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. In all year levels, Holland Park students performed significantly higher overall than the state average. Well done to all students.

Certificates of High Distinction and Distinction were presented to the following students

Yr level	Student	Certificate
8	Joshua Den Hertog Karisia Strong Thomas Menzler Chloe Martinelli Aden Messori Georgina Sebar	High Distinction High Distinction Distinction Distinction Distinction Distinction
9	Nicholas Jordan Grace Milne Emily Ware Jake Walker	Distinction Distinction Distinction Distinction
10	James Cuskelly Thomas Kent Rebecca Bromwich Che Janosevic-Grainger Shaun Kelly Alana Strong	High Distinction High Distinction Distinction Distinction Distinction Distinction

Fran Illott, HOD (English / SOSE)

URGENT MESSAGE FOR ALL YEAR 12s WHO ARE GOING TO UNI NEXT YEAR

By now you've put in your QTAC form (if not, you can still apply – you'll just need to pay a late fee. Visit www.qtac.edu.au for details).

BUT, if you think financial hardship may affect you getting the OP you need or make it difficult for you at uni, you should also fill out the **QUT Equity Scholarships Scheme and Q-Step Program application**. On-time applications are due **6 November 2009**.

It's quick and easy AND you will be considered for an **OP bonus of up to 3 points** along with a **guaranteed bursary of \$1000** (if you have QUT as a preference).

The Federal Government is also making improvements to Youth Allowance. This means more students will be eligible and have access to Commonwealth Scholarships. Talk to Centrelink on 132490.

For more information and a copy of the form call the QUT Equity Scholarships Team on 07 3138 5582 or visit www.equity.qut.edu.au/scholarships/

VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Hi all,
Junior School's Cup took place on the weekend of 16-18th October. We will publish results in our next newsletter.

Beach Volleyball – On 11th and 12th September a number of our players competed in the Volleyball Qld Beach Volleyball Competition at QEII Stadium. Everyone had a great time and competed extremely well- so well in fact, that the Open Girls Final was an all HP affair. **Esther Allen and Kate Deegan** teamed up to win through to the final against **Jess Ryder and Karlie Willmot**. Amidst great cheering from our very vocal HP parents and supporters, Jess and Karlie were victorious. Well done to the girls and all players, not only for supporting this competition, but for putting your best foot forward once again!

- **Brisbane Metropolitan Finals** – On Wednesday 26th August two teams from HP competed in the Metro Finals out at Boondall. It was a clean sweep for both the **Open Girls team** and the **Year 10 Girls team** who were undefeated all season (and the finals were no exception). Most notable in their performances was an amazing serving feat by Nicole Gamble who served an entire set of volleyball 25-0. In many years of coaching I have never seen a feat like this. It is extremely rare. Well done to Nicole and all of the girls for another fine season of Brisbane Volleyball!
- **Year 8 Playing Uniforms**- Unfortunately we have some bad news regarding the Year 8 Uniforms. Our new supplier has had huge influx of orders due to another major supplier going into Receivership and, as a result, will not be able to supply playing shirts and shorts to our Year 8 teams until after the Brisbane School's Cup. Thus, the two Year 8 teams will borrow playing shirts from HPE Department supplies. We are sorry for any inconvenience in relation to this matter. It is not an ideal situation, as we like to have all of our teams looking their best for tournaments. Rest assured students will get their playing gear as soon as it arrives.

That's all for now everyone. Our best wishes go to all 6 of our Junior School's Cup Teams. Go HP!!

Craig Dawson, Volleyball Co-ordinator

Your Teenager and Alcohol

End of year celebrations among high school students are coming up quickly. While many teenagers do not consume alcohol, a substantial proportion drink heavily, and the risks associated with teenage drinking are well known.

Whether your son or daughter is abstinent or not, Project SHIELD is designed to minimise any future alcohol-related risks he or she may encounter.

Project SHIELD involves a single consultation with parents that is supportive and practical. Participation is free and confidential. You are eligible to participate if your teenager is between 14 and 16 years old and if he or she does not have existing alcohol, drug or legal problems.

We can arrange a home visit or telephone consultation

To participate or find out more please contact:
Telephone 3346 4833
[Email projectsield@uq.edu.au](mailto:Email.projectsield@uq.edu.au)

A WEEK IN THE ARCTIC WITH THE POLAR BEARS

During the second week of the school holidays I attended a leadership camp in Churchill, Canada, for Polar Bears International. I travelled with another student, Stephanie from the Gold Coast and Mrs Anderson, one of our Science teachers. On the camp, I experienced so many new and extremely rewarding experiences. We spent 5 days out on the tundra, and stayed on the tundra buggy lodge, which looked kind of like multiple train carriages linked together and set on wheels as tall as me.

Everyday we would go for a drive around the tundra in search of a polar bear; we ended up seeing 5 bears and most of them came right up to the buggy. We saw many animals including an arctic hare, an arctic fox, an eagle, tarragon (a type of bird), Canadian geese, and some swans.

An extremely special moment is when a polar bear looks you right in the eyes; it reaches deep down into your heart and touches you. This was one of my highlights throughout the trip. Another highlight for me was the serenity in the air, the incredible sunrise and sunset, the beautiful terrain and being around other students who have the same passion as me.

I got to listen to some of the most inspiring and interesting people I will ever meet in my life; they taught me so much about conservation, climate change and gave us the motivation to go back to our communities and encourage them to help us turn around climate change.

All week we had been waiting to see the northern lights, and it wasn't until the last night on the lodge that we saw them; they were green and purple. It put the cherry on top of a life-changing experience.

During the week, I learnt that we only have 5 years to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide we are putting into the atmosphere before the effects will be irreversible, and it tears me up inside to think that it's because of our carelessness that communities in the arctic such as Churchill and the Inuit people, will suffer. I strongly encourage everyone to make a change in order to reduce their carbon footprint, and I believe that if we all work together we can and will make a difference.

There are 4 key actions that Polar Bears International believes we must take. These are:

- power down (reduce energy use and use energy efficient appliances)
- green up (plant more trees)
- reuse and recycle (and make sure to buy recycled goods)
- don't do it or do it better (if you have to do something that is bad for the environment try to find a better way to do it)

Kaley Norris, Year 11

Polar Bears International 2009 Australian Arctic Ambassador

OPEN BOYS TOUCH FOOTBALL TEAM AT QLD ALL SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT



I would like to congratulate the open boys touch team on their outstanding efforts at the Qld All schools Touch Tournament over the weekend. The students had a fantastic time, giving their all in every game. There were plenty of aches and pains on Monday when they all arrived at school, but every student was glad that they had played in the Tournament.

I'm proud of the team for the way they kept competing in every game, they never gave up. The conditions weren't ideal, the weather was hot, and the fields were very dry. We also had minimal preparation, as we were a reserve team we were called into the competition a week and a half before the holidays. This meant that we had 3 training sessions as a build-up, not an ideal preparation.

Many of the schools that we played against had been preparing for this event for months, even years. A number of the teams have also been playing together in senior competitions at Whites Hill and other venues over the state

Some of the highlights of the carnival were a 5-3 win over Caboolture, a narrow loss to Wynnum North 5-2, a 7-3 loss to Xavier which was 3 all with about 10 minutes to go, and some good team tries where a number of the players were involved.

I would like to finish by thanking the players once again for the way they handled themselves. Their behaviour and sportsmanship were impeccable, they were willing to learn, and gave their all. The amount of improvement that the team showed from their first game to the last was outstanding. I am excited for next year and look forward to taking teams to this tournament in the future.

Matt Flaherty, Open Boys Coach

QUEENSLAND ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the Open Girls and Open Boys Touch Teams on an excellent performance in the Queensland All Schools Touch competition held at Whites Hill Reserve from Thursday 8th October – Sunday 11th October 2009. Over 3000 students competed throughout the tournament this year and over 800 games were played.

The girls put in an enormous effort throughout the whole four days playing against some tough opponents. Their results in the round games were as follows: Noosa 3 – 2 win; Wynnum 4 – 1 win; Rochedale 2 -3 loss; St. Andrews 4 – 2 win; Fairholme 9 -2 win; Xavier 6 – 5 win. An outstanding gutsy performance by all the girls with a "never say die" attitude put them in the top 16 schools in the state, something they should be very proud of. Overall they placed 9th out of 63 teams, finally being knocked out of the finals by Browns Plains State High School.

It was both a privilege and an honour to coach all the girls and I'd like to thank them for the opportunity, and their sportsmanship throughout the whole tournament. You are great ambassadors for our school. And it just does go to show that when you set yourselves a goal no matter how small, "from little things big things grow". Well done girls and look out next year!!

Kerri-Lyn Ross, Open Girls Coach

TUCKSHOP NEWS

A big thank you to those people who have come forward and volunteered their valuable time to help out in the tuckshop, it is very much appreciated and I can't tell you what a difference it makes.

I would like to also thank the P & C for the purchase and installation of the wonderful new oven – it makes life so much easier to feed the hungry hoards.

If you would like to help out any morning from 9am to 10.30am or on Fridays from 11.30 to 1pm, please feel free to ring me at the tuckshop on 3347 0108 or just drop in on the days you would like to help out.

Thank you,

Donna Phillips, Tuckshop Convenor

TUCKSHOP ROSTER	
Tues 20/10	Christina Strong
Fri 23/10	Judi Summers

HUMAN SWINE INFLUENZA (PANDEMIC (H1N1) 2009)

Dear Parent, Carer or Staff Member

As you may be aware, a national program to vaccinate Australians to protect against Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza Virus, (Human Swine Flu) commenced on 30 September 2009.

The initial phase of the vaccination program is aimed at protecting people who are most vulnerable to severe complications from infection with the pandemic influenza virus. The Commonwealth, in conjunction with States and Territories, are strongly recommending vaccination for people aged 10 years and over who are in one of the following groups:

- individuals with chronic disease (eg. heart, liver, renal, lung, kidney, neurological disease)
- individuals with respiratory disease (eg. asthma)
- individuals with immunosuppression
- obese individuals with a body mass index (BMI) of over 35
- children over the age of 10 attending special schools (including students with special needs in regular school settings)
- Indigenous Australians
- pregnant women
- parents and carers of children aged between 0 – 6 months
- healthcare workers.

At this stage vaccination is only available to people 10 years of age and over. It is anticipated that the data from the clinical trials for children will be available late October. Vaccination for children will commence some time after this.

Although the focus is on protecting those in the vulnerable groups, the vaccine is available to all those wanting to protect themselves in the community. Should you have any questions or concerns about your or your child's eligibility for the vaccination, please contact your General Practitioner (GP).

I urge you to visit your local GP to receive a free vaccination to help protect against this disease. The cost of the vaccine is free, although GP's may charge a consultation fee. General Practice Queensland (GPQ) has advised that most GPs will bulk bill for consultations solely for the purpose of pandemic vaccination.

If you require further information on how to obtain the vaccine, please contact your local GP or visit the Queensland Health vaccination website

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/html/vacc.asp>

Yours sincerely, Dr Christine Selvey, Chief Health Officer,
Queensland Health

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Triple P - Parents are invited to come hear Dr Matt Sanders, the author of Triple P-Positive Parenting Program, present a seminar on the Power of Positive Parenting on Tuesday 27 October at 6.30pm at The Ridge Hotel, 1386 Beaudesert Road, Acacia Ridge. Cost is free.

This seminar will provide an introduction to Triple P which is a parenting program developed in Brisbane that helps parents to understand why children tend to behave in certain ways, and what they best respond to. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions directly of the author.

Radiance Dental wish to advise that the Dental Surgery now has the facility to bulk bill students (aged between 12-17) as part of the Australian Government Teen Dental Plan. Any parents who wish to take advantage of this scheme should contact our surgery on 3892 6677 to make an appointment. The voucher and Medicare card will need to be presented to the dentist when the student has their annual check.

Share your thoughts and ideas about parenting and programs to support parents, as part of a project conducted by the Parenting and Family Support Clinic (PFSC) at the University of Queensland. We are looking for parents of a 2-10 year old child to complete a survey and view some short videos about parenting programs P. The study is available online at: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/engagement>. Alternatively if you reside in the Brisbane metropolitan area, you can complete the study at the PFSC by contacting Faye Nitschke (Email: faye.nitschke@uqconnect.edu.au or Ph: 07 3365 7307).

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in February 2010 for a stay of 5 months. SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE
Telephone 03 9775 4711, Facsimile 03 9775 4971
Toll Free: 1800 500 501 / Web: www.scce.com.au

Past Student News

Junior professional tennis player, **Tom Stevenson** (a former student at Holland Park High) has been asked at the end of the year to fly to Sydney and Melbourne to hit with World Champion tennis players.

In Sydney he will be hitting with Carly Gullickson who won the US Open Mixed Doubles this year. Then he is off to Melbourne for the Australian Open to hit with Roger Federer and Pat Rafter. We wish him all the best.

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



Telephone: 3397 0566 (Greenslopes)



Telephone: 3349 1554



RACQ LICENCE TALK / DEFECTIVE VEHICLE TEAM AND SAFE DRIVE COURSE

Late last term the RACQ Free2Go team addressed the year 12 students about driver's licensing issues. Students were informed about the new L and P licensing system and their obligations under this system. Students were invited to interact, ask questions as the talk progressed. The RACQ Team also gave away prizes to some lucky students who had to answer their questions regarding the talk correctly.

Following from this, some students took up the opportunity to take part in a safe Drive course out at Mt Cotton. Students learnt how to spot dangers on the road, correct tyre pressures, the dangers of drink driving and being over tired, correct seat belt position and many other things. The real fun began when the students were let behind the wheel. Students learned to manoeuvre cars at speed under heavy braking, how to brake most effectively, the difference between ABS and non-ABS equipped vehicles and correct vehicle handling techniques. The highlight of the day undoubtedly was Anthony Motika and Morgan Howie stalling their cars, up to nine times in the one session, to the howls of laughter of the other students. For the record Anthony stalled seven times in a row and then a further two and Morgan three times total.

On the topic of vehicles, this term the RACQ Defective Vehicle Team are coming to address the year 12's regarding buying their first car and what the students should look for to determine if the vehicle is safe. The Team are bringing into the school a real vehicle, with defects to demonstrate in real life what students should be aware of.

David Thompson, Year 12 Coordinator

Art News

ELOISE WINS ART COMPETITION

On Saturday the 10th of October, Year 12 art student Eloise Bailey exhibited her artwork *Bed of Roses* at St. Elizabeth's Primary School 'Wonder of Art' Art Exhibition and Competition which was opened by Angela Goddard, the curator of GoMA. Eloise won the "Emerging Artist/Free Spirit award" for her artwork "Bed of Roses" and received a \$500 prize! Eloise was also lucky enough to sell her work on the night. Eloise said, "It was a fun experience. On opening night, an art critic took the public around the exhibition pointing out interesting artworks. Many people approached me to talk about my artwork and I enjoyed taking my grandfather to see the three pieces I exhibited." The competition was open to artists aged 16 and over. Congratulations, Elly! A fantastic effort!

Artist Statement

Bed of Roses – Ode to my Nonno

In preparing my body of work on the theme 'Place', I was mindful of sustainable art; recycling by using found objects. On my maternal grandparents' side I have had my memories of 'place' enriched by European style generosity and practicality when I was babysat by my grandfather. I experienced easy contentment, whiling away the hours in the garden, during the time my 'Nonno' worked in the tool shed. Each early visit to my Italian grandfather was filled with silly jokes, good food and always a rose cut from his garden bed. While my grandfather does not have the same spring in his step and his hair is as silver as his eyes, they still sparkle when I visit and he still presents me with a rose. His tool shed was filled with DIY objects, from which I derived the inspiration necessary to develop this light-hearted piece.

ART WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE by Brighde Lewis

The Creative Generation five-day art workshop was an experience like no other. Over the first five days of the holidays, I met some of the most amazing inspiring artists Queensland has to offer. Each day, despite the cruel earliness of the wake-up call, was an enjoyable learning experience providing each of us with opportunities to evolve artistically.

The forty attending students had the choice of half-day workshops. I participated in Sculpture led by Cezary Stulgis and Figure Drawing led by Alan Tulloch at the Queensland College of Art and Digital New Media led by Luke Constable and Jewellery led by Madeleine Brown at the Queensland University of Technology.

We also visited the Queensland Art Gallery, GoMA and Metro Arts. For relaxation, there were optional evening activities – movies, tenpin bowling and a performance at the Powerhouse – or Foxtel and the pool at the City Star Motor Inn at the Gabba, our accommodation for the week.

On the Wednesday evening there was an Awards Presentation Ceremony at Parliament House, followed by a delicious meal at Wagamamas noodle restaurant.

Thanks to the organisers, supervising teachers and workshop artists, we all had a fantastic time. I would also like to acknowledge the support of my wonderful art teachers, Mrs. Rousell and Ms. Corcoran. Without them I would never have been given this opportunity and have realised my potential as an artist. Thank you.

Vanessa Rousell, Art Teacher
