

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

4 September 2009

Recent events at a school in Northern NSW have focussed our attention again on the issue of violence in our society, and the way some young people choose to deal with problems through verbal, and physical attacks on others. The fact that a relatively small dispute resulted in the tragic death of a student has shocked us all.

Schools have always been regarded as safe places for young people, and I would like to reassure all parents and students that student safety is always my priority at Holland Park High. Solving problems with your fists is no solution to any problem, and the school takes strong action against students who fight (in most cases, suspension). It is important that we all have a consistent message for young people, particularly about fighting – that it is **not** acceptable in any circumstance. It is a criminal offence to assault another person, so encouraging our children to “stand up for yourself” means they can be assertive about the way they’d like to be treated but does not and should not mean that it’s OK to verbally abuse another person or hit them. Young people must also realise that if they are concerned about the treatment of another student, they must use peaceful strategies to assist in defusing an incident or resolving a problem – and seek the assistance of a teacher wherever they have a problem that they are struggling to solve.

Our School’s Guidance Officer is very skilled in the area of mediation, and this strategy has proved very effective in resolving conflict.

Misuse of technology is another growing area of concern. Sometimes young people expose themselves to unwelcome attention through sending/posting explicit photos of themselves and others or through revealing personal details online. The anonymity of the computer seems to encourage some young people to use highly offensive, hurtful inappropriate language in chat rooms; inevitably there are problems when students have to face the “cyberbully” at school the next day.

I have reminded all students that aggressive behaviour and bullying behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at this school. Our Code of Behaviour is very clear - “Recognise the right of everyone to be free from any type of abuse”, “Be polite and courteous to everyone”. I ask that parents and carers take some time this week to speak with their children about the importance of treating others with fairness, dignity and respect. Our Responsible Behaviour Plan will be reviewed in Term 4, with P & C involvement as well as staff and students.

Several of our Art students have work selected as part of the Regional Visual Art and Technology Awards. I am very happy to announce that **Brighde Lewis** won an **Excellence Award**. Her work will be presented as part of an exhibition at the Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) next year. As a prize, Brighde has won a specialist art workshop in September, where she’ll be able to explore and develop her art. Congratulations to our Art teachers and especially Mrs Rousell for fostering this talent.

Our Year 12 students completed the QCS Test this week, and Years 11 and 12 will be on exam block from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 1pm – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. These final assessment tasks in Terms 3 and 4 are critical in establishing the final exit level of each student. Nothing less than a student's best effort is required, particularly for Year 12s.

I have had preliminary discussions with the **Qld Fencing Association** regarding a possible joint development which would see our Sports Shed extended to provide a home for the sport of fencing. This has obvious advantages for us, as an extension would provide a larger under cover space for sport and HPE, more volleyball training courts, and potential access to the sport of fencing for our students. School community support for this venture prior to any formal documentation, planning and grant applications is essential. Accordingly, I have P & C approval to invite representatives from Queensland Fencing to attend the next **P & C Meeting on 21 October 2009** at 7.30pm, so that the proposal can be discussed. Parent feedback on this is welcome at any time, so please let me know your thoughts and questions if you are unable to attend the P & C Meeting.

This week I signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Robin Copeland, Director of Hospital Support Services at Greenslopes Private Hospital. As part of our special relationship they are providing support for our proposed Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance, through field trips for students, access to training facilities at negotiated times, and work placement for teachers and students.

Finally, congratulations to all of our "stayers" – winners of Attendance and Punctuality Awards for Semester 1, 2009.

Best Wishes

**Jocelyn Roberts**  
**Principal**

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>			
Wed 9/9	Year 10 SET Plan interviews hall	Mon 12/10	Reports issued
Wed 9/9	Years 11 & 12 Exam Block Commences 1pm Until Wednesday 16/9/09	Tues 13/10	Teaching & Learning Committee 3.15pm
Fri 18/9	Final day Term 2	Tues 13/10	Semester 2 Music Gala Concert – Assembly Hall
		Fri 16/10	Music Fest (String Ensemble)
Mon 5/10	Term 4 commences	Fri 16/10	Years 9 & 10 Octoberfest RNA all day
Tues 6/10	Yr 8 Hep B Dose 2, Girls HPV Dose 3	Fri 16/10	Qld Junior Schools Volleyball Cup 16-19 October
Fri 9/10	School ID Photos 9am	Fri 16/10	Newsletter (posted)

# Attendance and Punctuality Awards Semester 1, 2009

## **Year 8**

Dana Bailey  
Kaleb Bartlett-Elliott  
Sunni Bridgstock  
Taylor Cunningham  
Oleg Djokic  
James Greig-Garland  
Amanda Hadaway  
Bliss Hodgson  
John Huynh  
Joneel Lal  
Brejetta Lingard  
Tasha McCoy  
Mia McKinnon  
Thomas Menzler  
Ngoc Nguyen  
Tran Nguyen  
Sarah O'Brien  
Teliah Randall  
Josh Roudon  
Matthew Seabrook  
Karisia Strong  
Grace Wilson  
Richard Yu

## **Year 9**

Shannon Barry  
Rachel Irving  
Nicholas Jordan  
Cindy Nguyen  
Cameron Petersen  
Rebecca Reseigh  
Nicholas Smith  
Samuel Unicomb  
Jake Walker

## **Year 10**

Sarah Caisip  
Stephen Corcoran  
Christie Cosgrove-Moore  
Christian Filipovic  
Katie Hogg,  
Shaun Kelly  
EmilyMenzler  
Lani Robertson  
Sharol Sharma  
Alana Strong

## **Year 11**

Tim Barry  
Hayley Finlayson  
Danielle Gibson  
Daniel Irving  
Jason Lamb  
Colin Mackay  
Ash Martin  
Bridget McCoy  
Leonie Mills  
Sophie Summers  
Jeremy Taylor  
Toni Tran

## **Year 12**

Peter Beale  
Casey Boyd  
Zak Dillon  
Josh Fick  
Vipasha Gandhi  
Laura Kelly  
Amy Parsons  
Ainslee Stephens  
Kevin Tran  
James Winchester

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## **NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK**

Dark matter, paper planes, space food, moon madness, navigation by the stars, visiting NASA virtually and space movies have had us all entertained, challenged and educated recently as we celebrated National Science Week.

Thank you to the Science staff and students who enthusiastically supported Science Week.

We also took the opportunity to congratulate our National Science competition winners on assembly. With 17 Distinctions and 23 Credits, our Junior Science students certainly showed their ability to think scientifically. Congratulations to both **Aden Messori** and **Esmi Zajackowski** who achieved in the top 2% for their year levels in Queensland.

## **SOLAR SCHOOLS**

As part of the Solar Schools trial, Holland Park SHS has been monitoring our energy generation through the website [www.solarschools.net](http://www.solarschools.net)

By accessing this site we can monitor the energy we produce from our 12 panels and on a clear day we generate between 7 and 10 kWh. With all the other trial schools this has amounted to a saving of 86.4 tonnes of carbon dioxide which is the equivalent of 34.6 cars driving for one year.

## **PLANTS**

We have received our 50 free plants from the Brisbane City Council and are currently planting these around the gardens, using a variation of the Bradley method of bush regeneration to enhance the biodiversity of the school grounds. Ask your student about this method, as we have posted signs explaining what we are doing around the gardens to educate students to respect the work being done. Thank you also to the students who have helped out and also to the staff and students who have donated plants. The gardens are looking much better and with the help of our rainwater tanks we are hoping to get these plants well established so that they will thrive in the hot weather to come.

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**Cathy Menzler, A/HOD Science**

## **SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE**

My name is Sarah Mitchell and I am the new School Based Youth Health Nurse for Holland Park State High School. I have come to live in Australia from the UK and prior to arriving last year spent the previous 9 years as a School Nurse there. The roles are very similar with the Mission Statement for my current role being: *"Assisting young people and the whole school community to achieve and maintain the best possible state of health and wellbeing."* So it's not just the students I work with and support but also school staff, parents and other community members.

Please feel free to contact me via the main school office if there is something you feel I can help or support you with. I look forward to meeting many of you.

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***Sarah Mitchell, School Based Youth Health Nurse***

## **JAPANESE LUNCHES GO DOWN A TREAT!**

おべんとう は おいしい!!

Last Friday lunchtime, a horde of hungry students (and a few hungry staff) lined up outside the Japanese classroom to collect their pre-ordered Obentoo (Japanese boxed lunches). Students had selected from a range of Obentoo that included sushi, teriyaki chicken, prawn katsu, karaage, and other delectable Japanese tidbits, and were very prompt in arriving to collect their lunches, mouths watering and chopsticks at the ready.

Special thanks to ***Georgina Grenouille, Jessie Spence and Ashleigh Boyd*** who were a great help to me in distributing the food quickly to the masses, thus avoiding a riot on the B block verandah. Thanks, too, to all students and staff who participated in this event – you made it a great success! Hope you enjoyed having a little something with a Japanese flavour to finish off your week.

Did you know that Japanese people say *いただきます(itadakimasu)* before eating, and *ごちそうさまでした(gochisoosamadeshita)* after a meal? It's their way of showing their appreciation for their food, in much the same way as many Australian families say Grace before a meal. Different cultures around the world all have their own rituals and particular style of manners surrounding eating and mealtimes. With so many people hungry in the world, I guess we should all remember to be grateful whenever we eat.

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***Mrs Annette Goodman, Japanese Teacher***

## YEAR 8 SOSE GREEK ADVENTURES

This term, Year 8 students have travelled back in time to the world of Ancient Greece. Their studies have focussed on investigating a range of aspects about this magnificent civilisation including how the Greeks organised their daily life. Students have been both enthralled and dismayed by the way in which society was organised, especially in regards to the very different ways in which women and men and boys and girls in Athens and Sparta were treated.

*It was the Athenian Woman's job to fetch water every morning from a public fountain. It was also a place to meet friends and chat. She wore a chiton with a peplos. The himation was worn around her shoulders*

*Athenian men invited other men to their house for a dinner party – dining and drinking (the symposium). They reclined on couches and were served food by the slaves – bean and barley soup, almonds, olives, bread, honey, sesame seeds and wine after their feet were washed with water and oil. The Athenian woman of the house could not attend this dinner*

*Pictures taken from Mrs Polson's 8A SOSE class*

***Fran Ilott HOD (English / SOSE)***



Please advise the Office of any change of address, phone numbers etc. This can be done either by

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or send details with student to the office. Many thanks.

## ICAS WRITING COMPETITION – HPSHS STUDENTS PERFORM EXCEPTIONALLY.

A small but very eager group of thirteen students recently elected to participate in this year's ***International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) Writing Competition***. Students who received outstanding results were rewarded with Certificates of Credit, Distinction and High Distinction. All students are to be commended for their involvement in this international competition and all should be proud of their achievement. Congratulations to all who participated.

Year Level	Student	Certificate
8	Jakson Brown Teliah Randall Karisia Strong	Participation Distinction Distinction
9	Amy Richardson Grace Milne Jake Walker Esmi Zajaczkowski	Participation Distinction Distinction High Distinction
10	Sharol Sharma Emily Menzler Alana Strong James Cuskelly Che Janosevic-Grainger	Participation Credit Credit Distinction Distinction
12	Katherine Jordan	Credit

***Fran Ilott, HOD (English / SOSE)***

## TAFE COURSES and TRAINEESHIP INFORMATION FOR 2010.

Year 10 and Year 11 students have received information regarding the application process for consideration for these activities. Students are required to complete an 'Expression of Interest' form firstly, before completing a formal application form, nominating for the options on offer. Only one option can be included in their education plan.

Information from all TAFE colleges has now arrived and students who are thinking of applying must make sure that they have received the necessary paperwork from Ms Klee to ensure their application proceeds. Applications will close in October and as the process is very competitive, students are encouraged to act now to avoid disappointment. Details of courses for Metropolitan Institute of TAFE and SkillsTech Australia have been given directly to students.

Information regarding Southbank Institute of Technology can be found at <http://www.southbank.edu.au/site/schools/STEP/StudentsAndParents/diplomas.asp>

It is essential that the course being considered is related directly to the career pathway that will be developed through Years 11 and 12. Students must also have an outstanding work ethic and an excellent attendance record to be considered for these placements. Since all Brisbane schools have access to these TAFE courses, there is no guarantee that all students will be successful.

Please contact Ms Klee for further information.

***Ms Chris Klee, HOD Senior Schooling***

# Art News

## Year 11 Art

### Beach Installation Excursion

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, twelve Year 11 Visual Art students headed down to Burleigh Heads beach to create individual Installation Art pieces for their current unit *Form*. An Installation art describes an artistic genre of site-specific, three-dimensional works designed to transform the perception of a space. Exterior interventions are often called Land Art, and the students certainly produced some interesting, temporary pieces. We used public transport starting from our very convenient Holland Park West Busway, and then travelled by train and another bus to our destination. The students are to be commended for their wonderful enthusiasm, behaviour and brave 7:40am winter start to the journey!



*Bridget McCoy's "Archway to the Ocean"*



*Jason Lamb's work exploring the principle of repetition and the element of shape*

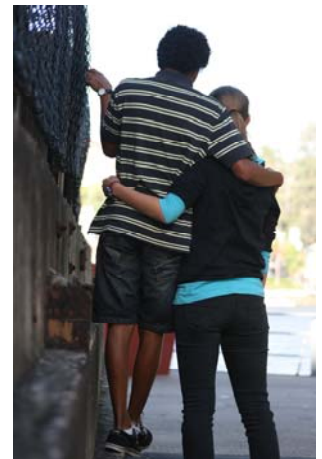


*Vanessa McCabe preparing her installation*

### Pixel Prize

The Pixel Prize photography competition is run by the Australian Catholic University nationally. This year a poster advertising the competition was placed in the Art room window and caught the eye of year 11 student Esther Allen. After some discussion of the theme "Unity", Esther arranged a photo shoot with some friends and submitted two photographs to the competition. One photo was selected as a finalist for the Pixel Prize and Esther was invited to the opening event for the exhibition, which was held at The Australian Catholic University's Brisbane campus on Nudgee road, Banyo on 6<sup>th</sup> August. She attended with her parents and myself to see her work on display. While not the overall winner this year, it was a great achievement to be selected as a finalist. Congratulations Esther!

**Trish Corcoran, Art Teacher**



**Enrolment Interviews for  
Year 8 2010  
are now being conducted.**

**Please contact the school on  
3347 0111 to arrange a  
convenient time for an interview.**

Once again, many thanks go to our major sponsors: **physioFix, M-T-B Constructions and Cartridge World** we appreciate the assistance you have given us and hope your support continues well into the future. On that note...



**Further Volleyball Programme Sponsorship**

This year we are hoping to secure some more sponsorship for our Volleyball Programme by way of player uniform sponsorship. Unfortunately our current supplier of clothing ceased trading (a victim of these harsh economic times). Thus, we are seeking a new supplier, and this provides new sponsorship opportunities.

Whilst our team wear will still display our current sponsor's logos we have room for more.

Just **\$500** can secure a company logo on our playing jerseys and training shirts. Keep in mind that any donation you make is tax deductible. Please ask around if you know of anyone that may be able to help support our students.

Any interested parties please contact Craig Dawson on 33470111 during school business hours.

**VOLLEYBALL NEWS**

So far this year our Open Girls Team have had outstanding success in our first big tournament- Qld Volleyball Senior School's Cup in Toowoomba, which took place in mid August. The **Open Girls won gold** at this tournament, never dropping a set the entire time.

They were an awesome sight, dominating every team they came up against. The girls work extremely hard to achieve this kind of success and deserve their results. All of our other teams try hard to emulate these fine athletes and we see them as a vital in developing a strong competitive team ethos within the programme.

Unfortunately, we had mixed success with our remaining teams at this tournament, but we hope to use what we learned from Toowoomba to prepare well for our next challenge, the Junior School's Cup here in Brisbane.

The following is an overview of our results from the Toowoomba Competition:

Team	Player Grade*	Division	Placing	Number of Teams in the Division
Open Girls	12-11	Honours	1 <sup>st</sup>	9
Senior Girls	11-10	Honours	5 <sup>th</sup>	9
Senior Girls	10-9	Division 2	13 <sup>th</sup>	15
Open Boys	12-11	Honours	7 <sup>th</sup>	9
Open Boys	12-11	Division 2	8 <sup>th</sup>	9
Senior Boys	10	Division 2	6 <sup>th</sup>	10

\* Note: This column shows the average grade the players were in at the time they participated in Toowoomba. We emphasise this point to show that some of the players were participating above their age group by playing in this Senior Competition.

On the face of it, these results may not appear to be outstanding, however, overall Holland Park High placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 38 Schools, which is a great effort in any sport. Observers should also keep in mind that, compared to other schools with a population of well over 1000 students, Holland Park High consistently performs well with a population of only 540 students.

***Craig Dawson, Volleyball Co-ordinator***

## JAPAN WEEK 2009

Many students and families who have an interest in Japanese culture may be interested in some special events to be held in Brisbane in "Japan Week 2009", **19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September**. A range of activities are offered at various venues around Brisbane during this week of celebration of the Japanese culture. These include:

- 2009 Animania Festival – Japanese Anime Event
- Japan Trivia Night
- Japanese Cultural Day – including Calligraphy, Tea Ceremony, Ikebana and Japanese Music
- Mochi (rice cakes) Making
- Japanese Cultural Performances (Music, Dance, Sumo & Martial Arts)
- Ikebana Demonstrations
- Sumo Live Broadcast
- Sake Tasting Evening
- Cultural Children's Workshops – origami, colouring in, traditional games
- Japanese Cooking Class
- Manga Workshop
- Martial Arts School Open House



Of particular interest to students who are studying the language itself is the event "**Pathways to a Japan Related Career**" to be held at the University of Queensland on the evening of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Interested students can collect an information brochure from Mrs Goodman in B block staffroom.

***Mrs Annette Goodman, Japanese Teacher***

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

The last two weeks have been busy in the Instrumental Music Department. We started with performances at Art @ the Park from five of our ensembles – the String Ensemble, Big Band, Brass Quartet, Sax Quartet and Woodwind Ensemble all gave confident performances. With the exception of the Big Band, all of these ensembles rehearse during lesson times, in addition to learning their usual technical skills, so well done to these students for the extra preparation which they put in to presenting a program for the evening.

Last weekend, the Big Band and Concert Band competed at the Brisbane Schools Band Festival. The **Big Band received a "Silver"** rating in their section, and the **Concert Band a "Bronze"** in their higher level section. Mr Bryer was very happy with the performances and felt that the Concert Band in particular had risen to the occasion, giving a great performance of this more

difficult music, despite missing a number of ensemble members and working with a new conductor. He looks forward to the band growing in confidence as this group of mostly year 8 – 10 students gain more performance experience. Thanks to the students who performed, as well as the parents who transported students out to Centenary. Here are some of the comments from the adjudicator:

### Big Band:

- Well done trumpet solo (Allex Ryan yr 10) and sax solo (Karisia Strong yr 8)
- Good strong riff, the band sound comfortable, held together quite well
- Drummer held together quite nicely in the little solo (Nick Sebar yr 10)
- Great choice of program – a touch of brilliance including the vocalist
- Singer doing an excellent job, with great support from the rest of the band

### Concert Band:

- nice French horn playing (Esther Allen yr 11), great sound
- good work Bongos (Nick Sebar yr 10) and solid kit playing (Joy Kelly yr 12)

Yesterday the **Big Band performed at Parliament House** for the opening of Child Protection Week. This was a high profile gig, with the Director General of Education, Kay McGrath from Channel 7, representatives of the police force and other dignitaries in attendance. Congratulations on your work, you represented the school with professionalism and pride.

Good luck to those students who are attending the State Honours Program at the Conservatorium on the holidays. We hope you learn lots from your experiences. Anyone wishing to apply for the Young Conservatorium program in 2010, Mr Bryer has application forms for you to collect.

Next term we have a number of performances. Please check your instrumental music newsletter for the dates of these upcoming events.

If you have any queries about the Instrumental Music Program, please don't hesitate to contact one of the music staff in J Block.

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

## 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.

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	
Mon 8/9	Christina Strong
Tues 15/9	Jodie Lingard
Fri 18/9	Alayne Reid
Tues 6/10	Jacinta Mitchell
Tues 13/10	Jodie Lingard
Fri 16/10	Alayne Reid

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

### CONFIDENT KIDS & TEENS PROGRAM \*\*\*

**Help your child achieve their personal best!**

Confident Kids and Teens is a fun, evidence-based program packed with interactive activities to boost your child's emotional & social skills, confidence and resilience. Max of 6 children per group. Run by experienced, qualified Psychologists. Book now for Term 4. For more information call the office on 3368 1307, email [larne@positivefamilies.com.au](mailto:larne@positivefamilies.com.au) or visit [www.confidentkidsandteens.com.au](http://www.confidentkidsandteens.com.au) Individual counselling appointments also available. MEDICARE/HEALTH FUND REBATES APPLY.

**Student Exchange Australia**, a not-for-profit organisation which is registered with all state and territory departments of education, is please to extend an invitation for Holland Park High School students to attend an information evening in Brisbane on Wednesday 9 September at the Watermark Hotel, 551 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill. The session starts at 7.30pm. Further details are available on [www.stuentexchange.org.au](http://www.stuentexchange.org.au).

**Does your child experience fear and worries?** Researchers from UQ School of Psychology have developed a new Triple P parenting program aimed at treating anxiety in youth between the ages of 7-14. The program is offered free of charge to families and is part of the highly successful Triple P, Positive Parenting Program. For more information please contact the researchers on 3365 7307 or 0401 518 299 or email [j.valvoi@psy.uq.edu.au](mailto:j.valvoi@psy.uq.edu.au).

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



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## **YEAR 9 / 10 FOOD AND DESIGN**

Last Thursday students enjoyed an Italian Lunch. Working in teams, students had prepared Chicken Cacciatore served with Spirelli and Pesto Sauce; Fettucine Carbonara, and a leafy salad with bocconcini and balsamic vinegar.

The sweets or dolce was a Ricotta Citrus Cheese Cake with Caramelised Mandarin Sauce. The students have learnt about and prepared Italian pastas, risottos, breads, cheeses, vegetables and legumes. This was their final prac. They will now apply their knowledge and understanding as well as integrate computer skills to design a menu card suitable for an Italian Restaurant. Students have paid a Resource Fee for ingredients for the term. We hope that they have made some of these dishes for you to enjoy at home

To clarify a concern expressed regarding subject selection for 2010:-Year 9 students this year, 2009, combined with year 10 in a composite class and completed the Year 10 topics. As year 10 continuing students in 2010 they will study the advertised year 9 units. They will NOT repeat the same advertised year 10 topics. Therefore Term 1 2010 topic would be Farmers Market.