



NEWSLETTER

Mount Gravatt High School

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

We are now in week 5 of Term 2 and we currently are a very busy school indeed.

Congratulations to our students who were members of our interschool sports teams for the summer sports season. Mt Gravatt had 5 teams in the finals with one finishing as District Champion. Congratulations to the following teams – Open Boys Touch football, Futsal, Yr 10 girls Softball and Squash on representing us at District level.

My congratulations as well go to Daniel Beale who has been chosen as the Captain of the Queensland U16 Hockey team. Daniel is a very talented sportsman and richly deserves this accolade.



Daniel Beale - Captain of U16 Queensland Hockey team

A very important event on the Australian calendar is ANZAC Day and it was a moving service that took place at Mt Gravatt High on Friday, April 24. I would like to thank our School Captains, Senior Leaders, Form Captains and Mr John Martin for their contribution.



Najimah Bahir, Issa Negussie (School Captains) with Nathan Wood

Parent/teacher evening is a very important event on the school calendar and was very well supported.

It is a great opportunity for parents to monitor the progress of students. Several parents discussed with me the difficulty they had in booking interview times. This will be addressed at a school level with staff with a view to exploring options in the future.

We have been successful in being awarded \$200 000 from the Federal Government as a part of their Building the Education Revolution. This grant will be spent on classrooms and integrating technology by purchasing 13 virtual whiteboards and renovating 5 classrooms.

Grandparents' Day was an outstanding success with almost 250 grandparents sharing our school for the morning. Thank you to those who attended and to Mrs Christy and her willing volunteers who coordinated the morning and provided morning tea.



With the beginning of Winter Sport Fixtures we began what I hope will become an annual event last week. Our Open Rugby League team played Macgregor State High in a Rugby League trial in front of a large crowd at Mt Gravatt High. The game was closely fought with Mt Gravatt eventually triumphing 14 points to 12 with 1 minute left in the game.

NEXT P & C MEETING

Wednesday 27 May - 7:00pm

Administration Building

Scot Steinhardt
Principal

DEPARTMENT IN PROFILE: ART

2009 is another year of exciting change for the art department as the finishing touches are being made to Art Room D13 as the refurbishment and cabling of the room near completion. Also this year we welcome the appointment of Ms Sue Christie to the art teaching staff and also welcome Ms Girle as a relief staff member. Their skills, passion for their subject and wide range of professional experience is already benefiting the increased number of art students this year. The photographs that follow illustrate the current activities being undertaken in classes of Mr Rudolph, Ms Christie, Ms Girle and Mr Michel.



Students clockwise from above LHS: Brendan Phayre, Elmer Avilez, Rhena Eleison, Karra Siviour, Patricia Chen, Matthew Griffin, Vicky He and Xu Ming, Sarah Primrose, Vidhi Shah and Hayden Adams



PERFORMING ARTS NEWS - Quality arts experiences everyday

Music Extension 2009

Music Extension is a new subject offered to Year 12 students who excel in music performance or composition. In this subject, students further develop skills in their chosen area and gain insight into the life of a professional musician. Music Extension students are looking forward to sharing their music at their first public performance night in Week 7 of Term 2.

DATE CLAIMERS:

- 10, 11 & 12 Drama Excursion – QTC Billie Brown Studios – 22 May
- PAN (Performing Arts Night) – School Hall – Friday, 29 May
- Music Extension Showcase - 5 June
- Vocal Night – Pit Theatre – 6:30pm 11 June



2009 Performing Arts Staff - Anthony Pirovich, Ethan Arnow, Gloria DeSouza, Brock Germain, Sarah Mijatovic, Nick Robke, Natalie Richards, Juliet Sterling, Nicole Stock and Michael Wray.

SPORT NEWS

A team of students represented our school at the district cross country on Thursday 30 May. Congratulations to the following five students who were selected in the district team to compete at the Met East Cross Country in June - Navada Haidle, Melissa Hele, Zakaria Ahmed, Jack Collins and Chris Barredo.

Age Champions:

13yrs Girls - Dana Coles	B	16yrs Girls - Melissa Hele	B
Boys - Zakaria Ahmed	B	Boys - Daniel Beale	B
14yrs Girls - Rita Oppermann	W	Boys - Andrew Bisset	T
Boys - Jack Collins	T		
15yrs Girls - Navada Haidle	B	17yrs Girls - Brittany Cotton	T
Boys - Paul Joseph	T	Boys - Jesse Phillips	W

Ms M Kelly - Sports Co-ordinator



Pictured L to R back row: Jack Collins, Jesse Phillips, Andrew Bisset, Daniel Beale. Middle row: Paul Joseph, Rita Oppermann, Brittany Cotton, Melissa Hele. Front row: Zakaria Ahmed and Dana Coles

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Friday 8 May saw many visitors coming to Mt Gravatt High as guests at our annual Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day. This year we were blessed with beautiful autumnal weather, and so the Year 8 students had ideal conditions in which to escort their guests on a tour of the school. A buffet lunch was served in the hall, after which some Year 8 musical ensembles entertained a most appreciative audience.



Scott McLachlan with visitors



Pru Austin with visitors

A grand affair such as this day does not happen by accident, and there are people who need to be thanked.

A big thank you goes to the many people who sent along the splendid food that enabled the buffet lunch to be so enjoyable.

Another thank you goes to Mr Robke and his musicians who entertained the guests during the luncheon. My final thanks go to the legion of kitchen hands, without whose help the day would not have happened. They each deserve to be

mentioned individually here. Year 12: Vikki Lumley, Emily Korodi, Wafia Al-Rikabi, Kathleen Condon and Larissa Marchant. Year 11: Ally Darrell, Shalini Gautam, Brittany Corry-Hutson, Emily Salmen, Sally Owen, Sarah Primrose, Toni Sefton and Kyara Catheray. Year 10: Phoebe Morris, Sarah Mitchell and Lauren Collins.

Mrs C Christy - Resource Teacher

GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND GRANT

Thanks to a Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant, our canteen staff and their volunteers have found themselves well and truly out in the cold and they are really happy about it too! With the grant funds, the P&C Association had a freezer room installed to replace the big chest freezers. The staff now find it much easier to walk into the freezer room for stock instead of bending over the large chest freezers to extract heavy boxes of stock.

Between the freezer room and the air-conditioning which was also installed with Gambling Community Benefit Fund money, everyone is able to keep their cool through the hottest and busiest of times in the canteen. Other improvements that also occurred with these funds were a complete repaint of the canteen, adjoining office and storeroom and the installation of a barcoding system to assist with the efficiency of services to the staff and students.

The work of the paid and volunteer staff in the canteen is very much appreciated by this school community and thanks to this Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant we were able to make their job that much more comfortable and easier. They are always looking for new faces to join the team in the canteen and many only volunteer once a month. It all adds up though, so if you can help out at all please give the canteen a call on 3291 5225.

Uniform Shop Convenor Position

Applications are invited for the position of Uniform Shop Convenor at Mount Gravatt State High School. This is a permanent position, 6 hours/week within term time. Some additional days required during January school holidays in lead up to new school year.

Application package is available from dianetenbrink@optusnet.com.au

Applications close Friday 29 May 2009.

Guidance News

• Year 12 students interested in studying Medicine or Dentistry need to sit UMAT. International students may need to sit ISAT. Registrations are open 2 April, visit either umat.acer.edu.au or www.acer.edu.au/isat. Registration for UMAT **close 5 June** with the test date on **29 July 2009**. ISAT test dates run from May to October. Information booklets can be ordered or downloaded from the ACER websites listed or collected from the Guidance Office or Resource Centre. For preparation courses, search the Internet or Universities. The following are a selection of UMAT preparation course providers:

○ www.medentry.edu.au

○ www.premed.edu.au

○ www.medical-entrance.edu.au

○ www.icarus.edu.au

• Griffith University is holding creative short courses - some of the introductory courses are listed below (for more courses and information including costs visit www.giffith.edu.au/qca):

○ Fine Art Practices (each Saturday over 14 weeks starting July)

○ Jewellery Fundamentals (each Wednesday evening starting July)

○ Documentary Film Making (two weekends in August)

○ 16 July, Explore your options in the Social and Behavioural Sciences, Arts and Humanities at UQ, St Lucia Campus, 8.45am – 2.30pm, form more information or to register contact Melinda Kopanakis at m.kopanakis@uq.edu.au or visit www.uq.edu.au/sbs

Ms M Huestis - Guidance Officer

A Message from the School Health Nurse

"Women are at risk of heart disease too – in fact, heart disease is the number one killer of Australian women. This years Heart Week is aimed at empowering women to understand their risk of heart disease and lead healthier lives.

Heart disease is largely preventable and your risk can be greatly reduced by leading a healthy lifestyle by improving or removing the risk factors over which you have some control.

Risk factors for heart disease are characteristics that increase your chance of developing heart disease. These include:

- smoking
- physical inactivity
- high blood pressure
- depression, social isolation and lack of social support."
- high blood cholesterol
- diabetes
- being over weight

For more information visit www.heartfoundation.org.au or call 1300 36 27 87. Or contact the Cardiac Rehabilitation Team at Eight Mile Plains Community Health on 3169 9958.

Take care from Elaine

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 27 May	P&C Meeting
Wed 03 June	Yr 8 Chicken Pox
Wed 03 June	Yr 8 HPV Dose 2 (9am)
Mon 08 June	Queens Birthday
Wed 10 June	Science Competition
Mon 15 June	Yr 11/12 Block Exams start

TERM DATES 2009

Term Two:

Tuesday 21 April to Friday 26 June

Queen's Birthday - Monday 08 June

Students resume Tuesday 14 July