

Mount Gravatt High School

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NEWSLETTER

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

We have reached the halfway mark of the term and Mt Gravatt High is certainly a busy school.

Congratulations to students chosen to participate in Metropolitan East Athletics. This carnival will be held at Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre on 3 and 4 September. The athletes representing Mt Gravatt High are Paul Joseph, Sam Joseph and Atem Bior.

Our annual surf camp has returned from two days of surfing lessons on the Gold Coast. Again the organisers have commented on the way our students represent the school and their families during these events. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mr Tucker and Mr Walsh for looking after the students.



Brittany Cotton

Year 11 student Daniel Beale has been chosen in the Australian U16 Schoolboys hockey side. This fantastic achievement capped off a recent carnival in Rockhampton where Daniel captained Queensland. Amongst other tournaments, Daniel travels to Beijing in 2010 for the world championships.



Daniel Beale

Year 10 students recently submitted artwork to the Mt Gravatt Show. Congratulations to Nevada Haidle and Bennet Nichol who won first prize for their inspiring and talented work.



Nevada Haidle and Bennet Nichol



Pictured left to right - Nevada and Bennet's art work

There is also an excellent display of Year 11 Art work in our newly refurbished Resource Centre pictured at bottom of page.

The Australian School Science Competition has been conducted and Mt Gravatt High achieved some outstanding results. Of note was Damon Jones, Year 9, who scored in the top 1% of students in Queensland.

This week sees the beginning of the Year 10 subject selection process for Year 11 subjects in 2010. I urge all Year 10 students in consultation with parents/caregivers to make informed decisions based on the most appropriate information. Good decisions are based on accurate information.



Year 12s working in the Resource Centre

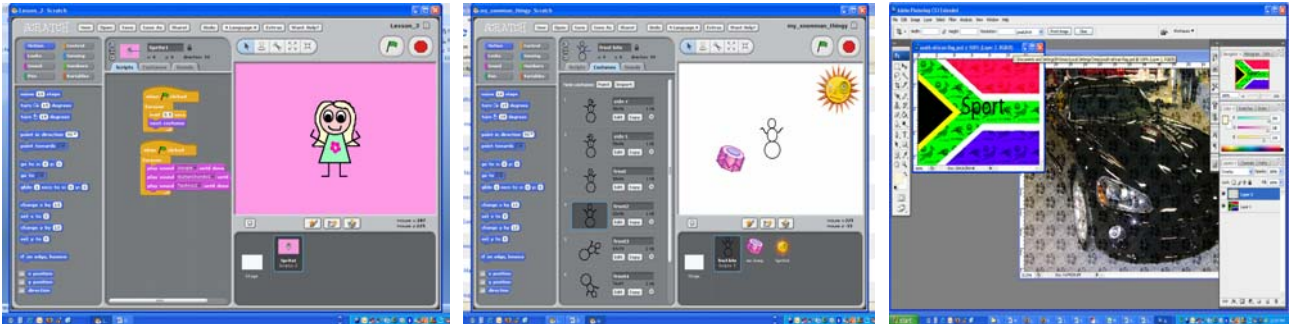
Scot Steinhardt
Principal

DEPARTMENT IN PROFILE: INDE

In 2009, INDE still continues to amaze and delight with students displaying work that reaches new echelons of excellence and heights of creativity. A snapshot of some tasks undertaken are:

Year 10

- **Scratch** where students use a programming language to create interactive stories, animations, games etc. Skills learnt in this unit include mathematical and computational ideas, while also learning to think creatively, reason systematically and work collaboratively.



- A yearbook, or annual, is frequently used to record, commemorate, and highlight a school year. In this project, students form teams to develop and create a yearbook. The students create templates of several double-page layouts and create reusable graphics and illustrations to implement thematic and design consistency throughout the yearbook.

Year 9

Flash Effects eg. how to create a really modern and advanced teleportation effect

- Desktop Publishing – students will design and produce a publication of their own eg a children's storybook or an online magazine ('E-zine')
- Photoshop – where a wide range of tasks are set and completed eg blending articles together



Mr J Talbot - HOD Design & Technology

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Instrumental Music Camp 2009 – All students have received their Camp letters and are to return payment and permission forms to the office by 18 September.



Vocal students Wagina Kennell, Tameika Gambell and Srishti Sheshrdinath meet their New Vocal teacher, Ms Shuker.



Percussion Students Kai Fitzpatrick, Cody Weaver, Kamilla Saba and Minal Bhoola with Mr Arnow

DATE CLAIMERS:

- * Music Extension Performance Night – Pit Theatre – 28 August
- * PAN (Performing Arts Night) – School Hall – Friday 6 November

- * Year 12 Drama Night – Pit Theatre – 7 September
- * Instrumental Music Camp – 14-16 October

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

SPORT NEWS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Banyula once again proved their sporting dominance by winning this year's Athletics Carnival. Tangari, with a late charge, came second and Wirraminna was third. It was a most enjoyable day with students showing a lot of enthusiasm and team spirit.



Melissa Hele and Michael Drew - House Captains for Banyula



Athletics Aged Champions - Pictured left to right: Back row - Saleem Williams, Chris Barredo, Jesse Phillips, Patrick Gallagher, Jack Collins, Deb Bunting, Sophie Mather. Front row - Reegan Stewart, Melissa Hele and Hala Saba

AGE CHAMPIONS

13 Years	Boys	Saleem Williams (W)
	Girls	Hala Saba (T)
14 Years	Boys	Jack Collins (T)
	Girls	Deb Bunting (T)
15 Years	Boys	Chris Barredo (B)
	Girls	Sophie Mather (W)
16 Years	Boys	Patrick Gallagher (B)
	Girls	Melissa Hele (B)
Open	Boys	Jesse Phillips (W)
	Girls	Reegan Stewart (T)

Interschool Sport for 2009 has come to a close. We have just competed in the District Finals for the Winter Season on Tuesday 4 August. Mt Gravatt High School had two teams in the Finals with both teams being victorious. Congratulations to the Year 10 Girls Basketball and the Year 10 Boys Soccer. These two teams will compete in the Metropolitan Finals - a Round Robin competition that extends from the Sunshine Coast down to the Gold Coast. Best of luck to these teams.

For the remainder of the school year, Years 8, 9 and 10 students will be competing in the Interhouse Sport Cup here at school. Students, in their form classes, will compete in a different sport each week against a different form class. Points are tallied each week and a trophy will be presented to the winning form class at the end of the year. Some students, however, have chosen an Elective Sport such as Golf, Bowling, Dance, Gym, Swimming and Indoor Sports. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all teachers and students who were involved with Interschool Sport this year.

Ms M Kelly - Sports Co-ordinator

ART NEWS

At the Mt Gravatt Show in July, Art Students in Year 10 exhibited to the rest of the community just exactly what their artistic talents consist of. Bennet Nichol and Nevada Haidle won First Prize. Sofia Avilez and Coco Lau won Second Prize, while Keely McDuff and Zac Brown won Third Prize. Yasmeen Abo Elwafa, Mathew Witt, Talitha Windolf, Anya De Bois, Karra Siviour and Taylor Young received Highly Commended. This was so inspiring and motivating for the Junior Section of the Art Department, as there are many gifted students in our Senior Art levels who have displayed their talented efforts in previous years.



Pictured left to right: Mathew Witt, Zac Brown, Keely McDuff, Talitha Windolf, Anya De Bois, Karra Siviour, Yasmeen Abo Elwafa, Coco Yau and Taylor Young

Ms S Christie - Art Teacher

Guidance News

- 19 August, University of Queensland Open Day at Ipswich Campus, 3:30 - 7:30pm, www.uq.edu.au/opendays/
- 23 August, University of Southern Queensland Open Day at Springfield Campus, www.usq.edu.au/openday
- 23 August, University of Queensland Open Day at Gatton Campus, 9:30am - 3:00pm, www.uq.edu.au/opendays/
- 29 August, Christian Heritage College Open Day at Mansfield, Brisbane, 10:00am - 2:00pm, www.chc.edu.au/eventsview
- 30 August, Endeavour College of Natural Health Open Day at Brisbane & Gold Coast Campuses, 10:00am - 2:00pm, <http://www.endeavour.edu.au>
- Some Griffith University scholarships close during term 3. The Griffith Connect Academic Excellence Scholarship Scheme closes 28 August (for students who believe they will be OP 1–6, www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-connect). The Griffith Connect Guaranteed Admission scheme closes 31 August (Arts Admission requires application and portfolio by 30 June, www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-connect).
- The Brisbane City Council is delivering free on-line home tutoring to families with children aged 9 – 17 years. Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries, click on *YourTutor*. Enter your library card number, select your level and subject and then click go.

Ms M Huestis - Guidance Officer

P&C MEETINGS — 7:00PM IN THE SORENSEN CENTRE

Wednesday 19 August

Wednesday 16 September

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thurs 20-21 August	Met East Athletics
Fri 21 August	SET Plans (Year 10) begin
Tues 01-02 September	QCS Test
Tues 08 September	Year 10 into Year 11 night
Fri 11 September	Year 12 Block Exams start

TERM DATES 2009

Term Three:

Tuesday 14 July to Friday 18 September
Wed 12 August - RNA Show Day
Thurs 13 August - Student Free day
Students resume - Monday 05 October

A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

Good health is not shared by everyone. More and more people are developing chronic diseases that will shorten their lives and reduce their years of living in good health. Chronic diseases are among the most common and costly health issues in Queensland. They include: heart disease, cancer, diabetes, depression, emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Chronic diseases require ongoing expensive and intensive medical care – yet they are largely preventable. Making healthy choices are generally simple...eat well, be active in as many ways as you can, drink alcohol in moderation, don't smoke, give kids a good start in life, including breast milk, get involved in your community, be sun smart – protect yourself from the sun. Queensland Health's **2020 Target** is to cut by one third – obesity, smoking, heavy drinking and unsafe sun exposure. Making healthy lifestyle choices will make a big difference to the future health of Queensland. For more info call **13HEALTH** (13432584) or www.health.qld.gov.au

A QTAC information session will be held for parents of Year 12 students on Wednesday 26 August from 5:00 – 6:00pm in the Sorensen Centre. This session will provide information on the QTAC application process for students wanting to attend university, TAFE or a private college. Please RSVP to the school office by 19 August.

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I will be attending the QTAC information session on Wednesday 26 August from 5:00 – 6:00pm.

Name:.....

Student in Year 12:.....