



Mount Gravatt High School

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Term 4 has begun in earnest with many activities occurring at Mt Gravatt High in a short period of time.

Friday 9 October marked one year since our Deputy Principal, Mr Kev Sorensen, tragically passed away. We remembered Mr Sorensen with a moving school assembly followed by a morning tea. Our special guests all commented on the tone of the assembly and the way our students approached the morning. Mr Sorensen's family asked me to pass on their appreciation to our school community for the support and friendship we have extended to them over the last 12 months.



Mr Steinhardt speaking at the Memorial service



Ingrid Sorensen and Mrs Noela Sorensen at the Memorial service

The Queensland University of Technology has identified students across Queensland who are performing very well academically. They have awarded QUT Student with Potential Awards to Year 10's Phoebe Morris, Mathew Witt and Sophie Mather. Congratulations!

Lucy Zhou Year 11 has won an Australian Mathematics Competition prize. The level of Lucy's results has not been seen at this school for 12 years and puts her in the top 0.3% of the country. Lucy's efforts are outstanding.



Lucy Zhou

Melissa Hele Year 11 has been accepted into the University of Queensland Young Scholars Program. This prestigious residential program is a highly recognised university introductory program. Well done Melissa.

Mt Gravatt High recently entered a girls' touch football side in the All Schools Touch competition. While we weren't finalists in the competition the girls' effort and commitment is to be commended. Thanks also to Mr Toomey for his commitment to coaching this team.

This week also sees several groups of students leave our school for camps. Our Year 11 leadership Camp travels to Boonah, our Instrumental Music students travel to the Sunshine Coast and our Special Education Program students are attending a City Sights Camp.

P&C MEETING

7:00PM - SORENSEN CENTRE

Wednesday 14 October

Scot Steinhardt
Principal

DEPARTMENT IN PROFILE: COMMUNICATIONS

English Competition

Mt Gravatt High students achieved extremely well in the 2009 ICAS English competition. In every area measured, our students achieved above the state average. Congratulations to the following students:

High Distinction: Erin Leadbetter, Scott McLachlan

Distinction: Hayden Adams, Joshua Sweeney, Luke Leadbetter, Sabrina Oishi, Taylor Young, Jack Hanson, Larissa Marchant, Katia Martin

Credit: Jackson Nash, Joshua Beale, Aston Byquar, Alexander Heck, Ronja Jansson, Emily Luke, Dylan McAlister, Adrian Ong, Lauren Rogers, Sunli Sabag, Kate Skeels, Christian Tseng, Kate Valiantis, Patricia Chen, Georgia Thomas, Anees Ahamed, Ali Mahmoud, Brittany Martin, Jy Moloney, Phoebe Morris, Ashleigh Nikolich, Claudia Rogers, Danny Saba, Melissa Hele, Emma Losee, Emily Milburn, Adrian Sanzogni, Toni Sefton, Braeden Vale, Brittany Cotton, Mitchell Freeman.



Scott McLachlan and Erin Leadbetter - Year 8 High Distinction Award winners

Year 10 Students Investigate Future Careers

Our Year 10 students recently undertook trial job interviews with business people from Mt Gravatt Rotary Club. Students received a 'real life' taste of the workplace as part of their Work Skills English unit. A special thank-you to Phillip Corbett and fellow members of Mt Gravatt Rotary for giving so generously of their time and expertise.



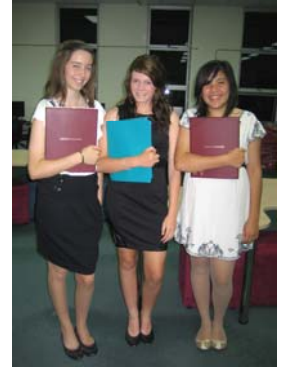
Julian Severin with Rotary Club members



Hillary Mhizha is successful at his job interview



Sarah Mitchell, Meechah Catheray, Kirsty Miers and Aylla Cassidy waiting for their interviews



SPORT NEWS

We have reached the halfway mark of our interhouse cup, and at this point we have three form classes who have won all their games. Congratulations to T10, W5 and W8. Overall, Wirraminna is in first place on 162 points with Tangari second on 153 and Banyula third on 129.

Students who are involved in electives such as ten pin bowling, dance, swimming, golf and indoor sports will continue with these activities until the 18 November.

Mrs P Leadbetter - Sport Co-ordinator



Hip Hop Dance with Raw Dance Company

Mrs J Hay - Head of Department

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Instrumental Music Camp 2009 – Congratulations to all the Instrumental Music students who are currently attending the Sunshine Coast camp from 14-16 October.



Year 10 Dance students with Expressions Dance Company

PAN – Friday, 6 November - Tickets are available from the office for the final Performing Arts Night of the year. Purchase your tickets before the evening to ensure you don't miss out on a wonderful evening of Music, Dance and Drama.

Presentation Evening – Concert Band, Wind Ensemble & String Ensemble will all be performing at Presentation Evening on Tuesday 20 October.

Year 10 Dance – Samantha from Expressions Dance Company leads the Year 10 Dance students through the technical demands of ballet.

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

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Our 2009 Readers' Cup team busied themselves during third term preparing for the State Final of this competition which was held at St Laurence's College on September 9. The six books chosen for study were *Revolution is Not a Dinner Party*, *Rose for the ANZAC Boys*, *Sprite Downberry*, *Firesong*, *I Heart New York*, and *Nobody Owns the Moon*. Thirteen teams (who were the winners of the Year 8/9 competition in their regions) were eligible to compete this year where Jackie French, popular author and television presenter from *Burke's Backyard*, was the Quizmaster. The Mount Gravatt team represented Brisbane South region and came a very creditable fourth place.



Pictured left to right: Hayden Adams, Jackie French, Erin Leadbetter and Scott McLachlan. Team members are wearing the medallions awarded to them for their participation in the State Final.



Book Safari Zebra



Book Safari Giraffe

Readers' Cup involves students in competition at the regional and state level that is similar to those conducted in the sporting arena, and allows them to meet other students with an equal passion for books. All teams participated in an enthusiastic and cooperative manner in front of an audience of parents and teachers.

Ms J Russell - Teacher-librarian

PRESENTATION NIGHT - TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER

At our annual Presentation Night, we recognise the academic and sporting achievements of our students. Subject Prize certificates and engraved medallions are awarded to students who gain the highest rating in a subject for their year level, while Honour Certificates are presented to students gaining an "A" in a subject. Levels of Achievement are assessed as at the end of Term 3. Year 8 students require two As to receive an award.

Sports award recipients are presented with Honour and Award pennants and medals. Some students are nominated for special awards, for example the P & C Art Prize, Cultural Award and Team and Community Service Awards.

It is during this important evening that our Principal announces the Senior Dux, Junior Dux and the Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year and our school has the opportunity to showcase its talents and achievements through visual and student displays and short addresses.

Mr D Beebe - Deputy Principal

Guidance News

- Griffith University is holding experience days during term 4. You have an opportunity to experience Griffith University first-hand. The day will include lectures and tutorials. See Ms Huestis to register
- Business, Nathan, 29 October, 8.30 – 2.15
- Drama and Applied Theatre, Mt Gravatt, 27 October, 8.30 – 1.30
- Engineering, Nathan, 29 October, 8.30 – 2.30
- Environment and Planning, Nathan, 29 October, 8.30 – 2
- Human Services, Logan, 28 October, 8.30 – 2.30
- Information and Communication Technology, Nathan, 29 October, 8.30 – 2.30
- Law, Nathan, 29 October, 8.30 – 1
- Nursing, Nathan, 29 October, 8.30 – 2.30
- Pharmacy, Gold Coast, 26 October, 8.30 – 2.30
- Psychology, Mt Gravatt, 27 October, 8.30 – 2.30
- Science and Planning, Gold Coast, 26 October, 8.30 – 2.30
- Teaching, Mt Gravatt, 27 October, 8.30 – 2.30
- Visual and Digital Media, Gold Coast, 26 October, 8.30 - 3

YOU COULD LEARN A LOT FROM
AN INTERNATIONAL BROTHER OR
SISTER !

AND WHAT FUN TEACHING HIM/
HER ABOUT AUSTRALIAN
CULTURE.

Carefully selected students will arrive in
February 2010 for 5 months from
Europe, Japan and the U.S.A. They will
attend local secondary schools are fully
insured and have their own spending
money.

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Get started on a trade career

If your child is keen to get into the workforce but not ready for full time work, choosing a school based apprenticeship or a pre-apprenticeship might be the solution. School based apprentices work one to two days a week and attend school on the other days.

Regional School-based Apprentice of the Year Clinton Apelt, a student at Oakey High School who works part time as a diesel mechanic with Acland's New Hope coal mine in the Darling Downs, says its the best of both worlds. "A few of my mates are doing school based apprenticeships. It's a good way to keep people like us at school and motivated to study.

Completing a pre-apprenticeship is also a great way to increase your chances of getting an apprenticeship or just trying a trade to see if it suits. Pre-apprenticeships can be commenced at school or after graduation.

Sheryl O'Donnell of Windsor knew she wanted to be an electrician but could not get an apprenticeship when she left school. So she did a six month pre-apprenticeship program with SkillsTech Australia, and six months later Sheryl got a job as an apprentice electrician with AJC Electrical where she is working on electrical installation at the Brisbane airport.

Ms M Huestis - Guidance Officer

A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

October is Mental Health Awareness month. I would like to start with a quote from Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations: "To look into some aspects of the future, we do not need projections by super-computers. Much of the next millennium can be seen in how we care for our children today. Tomorrow's world may be influenced by science and technology, but more than anything, it is already taking shape in the bodies and minds of our children..." All children need stability, safety and an environment that nurtures them for the future. Trauma and violence whether within the home or outside can shatter trust, self-esteem and hope. Prolonged and repeated traumatic experiences often result in serious mental health problems. Please take care of you and yours. For more info – www.mentalhealth.org.au Regards from Elaine.

UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEERS

If there are any volunteers willing to help out with the back to school rush, please see Jennifer or Carole in the uniform shop (Wednesday and Friday mornings 7:45am - 9:30am).

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 13-16 Oct	Year 11 camp
Wednesday 14-16 Oct	Instrumental Music Camp
Wednesday 14 Oct	Year 8 HPV Dose 3 (F) and Year 8 HEP B Dose 2 (M&F)
Tuesday 20 October	Presentation Night
Thursday 22 October	Health Talks 3
Tuesday 27 October	Yr 8 → 9 Night

TERM DATES 2009

Term Four:

Student free day - Monday 19 Oct
Year 12's finish - Friday 20 Nov
Year 10/11's finish - Friday 27 Nov
Year 8/9's finish - Friday 11 Dec