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What's On

Monday, 18 August

National Science Week (17-24 August)
Distribution of Subject Description Booklets
Year 10 Media - News Room Excursion
Children's Book Week 2008: Theme Fuel the Mind
Year 11 Early Childhood Practices Field Placement

Tuesday, 19 August

Year 8-10 Subjects Information Night
Year 11 Early Childhood Practices Field Placement

Wednesday, 20 August

Physics Olympiad National Qualifying Exam
Production Rehearsal
English Communication Excursion to Movie World
Met Finals Round 1 - Winter
P&C Meeting & INESS Internet Security Talks

Thursday, 21 August

Year 12 Early Childhood Practices Field Placement
Year 10 Geography Field Study Excursion
Year 11 Multi-strand Camp

Friday, 22 August

Year 12 Early Childhood Practices Field Placement
Year 11 Multi-strand Camp
Brisbane School Bands Festival (Secondary)

Saturday, 23 August

Brisbane School Bands Festival (Secondary)

Sunday, 24 August

Brisbane School Bands Festival (Secondary)

Monday, 25 August

Regional Athletics - Day 1 (~ 20 participants)

Tuesday, 26 August

Year 9 and 12 Regional Cricket Trials 19 & 14 Years
Year 10 SETP Plan Presentations (Resource Centre)

Wednesday, 27 August

Regional Athletics - Day 2
UNSW Computer Skills Competition (Years 8-12)
Production Rehearsal
Met Finals Round 2 - Winter
Biology Olympiad National Qualifying Exam
Year 12 MAP Camp

Thursday, 28 August

EAU Excursion to Dental Van
Year 12 MAP Camp

Friday, 29 August

Year 12 MAP Camp

Monday, 1 September

Excursion Free Period Starts Year 12
House Assembly
Golf Development Program Competition

Tuesday, 2 September

Year 12 QCS Exams

Wednesday, 3 September

Year 12 QCS Exams
Production Rehearsal
Chemistry Olympiad National Qualifying Exam Year 11

Thursday, 4 September

Year 8 and 19 "Girls Solving It for Themselves"
Met Semi-Finals - Winter

Monday, 8 September

Excursion Free Period Starts Year 8-12
Met Grand Finals Week - Winter
SCRAM Year 10 Student Year Level Sign On

Tuesday, 9 September

SCRAM Year 8 Student Year Level Sign On
Met Grand Finals Week - Winter

Reminder!

Is your student
not attending school today?
Please phone through to the

Student Absentee Line



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August
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7:30 - 8:30 PM
P&C Internet Safety
Information Evening
for Parents
(Performing Arts
Complex)

SCHOOL EXECUTIVE REPORT

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Trade Expo

A recent research project conducted in the United States indicated that where schools and their community had ongoing interactions, the community reported strong feelings of connection and well being. If this research is true, then our Centenary community is well on the way to being a dynamic and connected community. Our community connectedness was demonstrated on Wednesday, 30 July when our school with the support of the Centenary Chamber of Commerce hosted the first "Trade Expo" for students. The aim of the event was to give our students exposure to possible career options. Our sincere thanks to the Centenary Chamber of Commerce, in particular to Peter Smith who in conjunction with Nicole Heuir, the HOD for Senior Schooling organised this event. Also on behalf of our school, thank you to the businesses who attended and gave of their time to share their industry knowledge with our students. We are looking forward to hosting such an important event again next year.

Parent Information Evenings

Over the next few weeks will be a number of important information sessions for the parents/carers regarding curriculum information for 2009. Attending these events gives parents the opportunity to hear first hand the proposed curriculum for 2009 and to have the opportunity to discuss with Heads of Department and School support staff any concerns they may have in helping their student to make important decisions regarding their studies in 2009.

IT Infrastructure

It is pleasing to be able to inform the community that Centenary SHS has completed the rollout of the technology infrastructure that is necessary for the introduction of One School. This rollout was completed ahead of schedule and all computer systems within the school are operational again. A sincere thank you to our HOD IT – Mr Daniel Mabb and our systems technician Mr Michael McKenzie-Ross for their efforts in this procedure.

Staffing Update

On Friday, 8 August Mrs Vicki Clarke, one of the Acting Deputy Principals retired from a long and distinguished teaching career. Mrs Clarke, whose substantive position is the Head of Department English was a foundation teaching member of Centenary SHS. She played an integral part in the development of the school curriculum and development of operational structures. In addition, she was a very strong supporter of the extra curricular activities within the school. She will be greatly missed and we wish her well in her new phase of life's adventures.

As of Monday, 11 August Mr John Brew assumed the position of Acting Principal. Mr Brew's substantive position is Principal of the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre. He will be at Centenary SHS until 12 December. On behalf of Centenary SHS, we welcome him to our school. I will be taking long service leave within the next few weeks and Dale Partridge will take on my role as Deputy Principal.

Student Commitment to Studies

As we approach the end of August I encourage all our Year 12 students to continue giving of their best in the

final semester of their school studies. Continue to focus on your studies and remember that time management and continual commitment to your studies will lead to success.

As a school we continue to strive to provide the best possible educational outcomes for all our students.

Ann-Marie Kelly
on behalf of the Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Semester 1 Academic Achievement Awards

Students who have achieved Academic Excellence for Semester 1 were presented with their certificates on Monday 18 August during a special Assembly. These academic awards were decided through the use of a new computer program which calculates the students Grade Point Average(GPA) based on their results.

The awards were decided as follows:

- ◆ Excellence – GPA 13 -15
- ◆ Credit – GPA 12
- ◆ Merit – GPA 11

Certificates for Credit and Merit award winners will be mailed home to parents and students.

Recipients of the Excellence Awards and their parents were invited to attend the Assembly which demonstrated the continuing high achievements of students of Centenary State High.

Congratulations to all!

Year 12 QCS Test

Term 3 is a very busy term for our Year 12 students as they prepare for the QCS test, actually sit the test as well as complete Block exams in preparation for the verification meetings of the QSA which take place early in October. Ms Ferguson, Year 12 Coordinator and our Year 12 Teachers have run a detailed preparation program to support our students.

The Queensland Core Skills Test will be administered on Tuesday, 2 September and Wednesday, 3 September. We wish all students well as they participate in these statewide exams.

Year 12 Block exams commence on Thursday, 11 September and students will receive a schedule for these closer to that date.

SET Plan Mentoring Evening

All Year 10 students and their families are invited to attend the SET Plan mentoring evening on Tuesday, 26 August. This evening is being coordinated by Mr Adrian Homer who is the Year Level Coordinator for Year 10 students. Each student has been assigned a mentor to help with their SET Plan preparation. Each student will need to negotiate a 20 minute interview with their mentor. Students are encouraged to book their 20 minute interview as soon as possible. The first interview will begin at 3.30pm and the last interview will begin at 7.10pm.

If families wish to discuss last minute issues about their student's subject selection, a team of Guidance Officers and Heads of Department will be on hand during the evening. Families concerned about this decision-making can contact the Guidance Officers for support and help prior to this evening where finalisation of subject preferences needs to occur.

Students have been given a handout entitled "2009 Year 11 Centenary State High School Subjects". This document is a summary of the proposed subjects to be offered in 2009 and contains valuable information for families helping students with subject choice.

The Subject Selection Parent Evening on Tuesday, 19 August offers students and families an opportunity to discuss their subject choices with the Heads of Department and teachers. All curriculum areas will host displays from 5.30 – 6.30pm. There will also be information booths from local universities and TAFE. These displays will be augmented by an information session that will run from 6.30 – 7.30pm for Year 10 families. Students have already participated in a similar presentation.

2009 Subject Preference Process

We are approaching the time of the year where students make decisions about the subjects they would like to study in 2009, and planning is underway to implement these preferences.

Year 10s are well advanced in this process having done much work towards their Student Education and Training (SET) Plan through class exercises, group talks and mentoring by HSG teachers. Guidance Officers have worked with many individuals and are available for appointments with both students and parents.

Tuesday, 19 August will provide opportunities for Year 10, 9 and 8 students and parents to:

- ◆ View subject displays
- ◆ Talk with subjects teachers and Heads of Departments
- ◆ Listen to talks about Junior and Senior curriculum and subject selection

This evening begins at 5.30pm.

A week later, on Tuesday 26 August, Year 10 students will present their individual SET Plan to their mentor and parents, proposing the six subjects they plan to study, to meet their own educational goals. Once these six subject preferences are processed, a potential Year 11 timetable will be constructed and some students will need to be re-interviewed to address subject clashes.

Year 9s are currently working in their Monday HSG classes to consider:

- ◆ Their results/ successes in previous subjects
- ◆ The range of subjects available to them in Year 10
- ◆ Their potential pathways into senior school subjects

They will receive subject information booklets during the week of this newsletter. By the end of Term 3, they will be required to submit an Expression of Interest form, nominating four elective subjects of interest to them, to allow us to set up blocks of subjects that most closely match their needs.

In Week 2 of Term 4 they will be given Subject Preference forms, to formally indicate their preferred elective choices.

Year 8 students will receive their Subject Information Booklets in the week beginning 18 August. Through HSG lessons and talks with Heads of Departments, they will consider their choices of two elective subjects for Year 9. Students will, of course, continue to study English, Maths, Humanities and Science as core subjects. As with Year 9s, Year 8 students will be given Subject Preference forms in Week 2 of Term 4.

Both Year 8 and Year 9 students will be required to submit their Subject Preference forms by Tuesday, 21 October.

INESS Presentations

We hope that all members of our school community will find the presentations on Internet Education and Safety Services being held on 19 & 20 August both helpful and enlightening. This is an area of technology we all need to learn how to deal with for our students and families safety and well being.

Mobile Phones, iPods and Other Valuables

In an ideal world expensive items such as mobile phones and iPods would not be brought to school, however if these items are required, it is each student's responsibility to ensure their safety. Money and other valuables should never be left in school bags but rather safely stored in their owner's pockets. When in class all mobile phones should be turned off and iPods should not be seen or used.

Vicki Clarke, Sallyann Griffith, Julie Hammer
Deputy Principals

SUBJECT SELECTION PARENT EVENING

Tuesday 19 August

Years 8 to 9 (Session 1)

Year 9 to 10 (Session 1)

Year 10 to 11/12 (Session 2)

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| 5:30-6:30pm | Subject displays plus University and TAFE booths |
| 5:50-6:05pm | Session 1: Parent Update (Years 8 and 9) 2008 School Curriculum and Subject Preference Process |
| 6:30-7:30pm | Session 2: Parent Update (Year 10) SET Plan process, QCE, Tertiary Entrance, VET and Subject Preference Process |

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FROM GUIDANCE

This is a very busy time and much has to be achieved. In particular, Year 12 students need to be considering their career and study options. There are Open Days at tertiary institutions happening most weekends. Students need to be aware of important dates and ways of getting help. We encourage students to make an appointment to discuss their concerns or seek information. Parents are welcome also.

Year 11 students also have a lot of decisions to make, particularly after last semester reports were issued. Students may need to make appointments related to their QCE and possible subject changes.

Year 8, 9 and 10 students are currently considering options for 2009 and may need to make appointments related to careers and subject choice. Parents are especially reminded of the SET PLAN evening on 19 August when information on QCE, OP and VET will be provided.

To make appointments with Vani Naiker, Angela Back and Lou Harris please phone the main office on 3373 4555.

The Guidance Team

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The Year 11 camp was a few weeks ago and I think all of us who went had a great time. As teachers and staff, you hope that the students enjoy their time and stretch themselves through experiences like high ropes or the leap of faith. Well this group certainly did that!

As a few of us reflected on the camp, we agreed that the school is going in a great direction. The talent and potential that each of our students hold is an awesome thing.

For myself, I jumped at the opportunity to go on camp, not because of my job as the school chaplain, but because interacting and engaging in an environment like camp is part of what I love.

I am really excited about what is happening in the school and in chaplaincy this term. A couple of these things include:

- ◆ Centenary Swing band visiting Sinnamon Retirement Village
- ◆ The World Vision 40 Hour Famine (Please note that all money raised for the famine must be returned by 18 September)
- ◆ The Year 8 Chill-Out Lounge

As well as this, programs such as brekky club are continuing and the Year 12s can expect some special treatment around QCS time.

For anyone who would like to contact me, I am available at the school on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and can be contacted through the main office or on email at nemer5@eq.edu.au. Chaplaincy at Centenary is for the school and school community and we are happy to work with you however we can.

I hope everyone stays safe and well on our run towards fourth term.

Nick Emery

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND IPSWICH CAMPUS

Ipswich Open Day – Wednesday, 20 August

Don't miss the UQ Ipswich Open Day at the new time on Wednesday, 20 August to learn more about studying at the Ipswich Campus.

At The University of Queensland, we encourage you to do all that you can to investigate your options and choose a university and degree that suits you best. You'll spend at least 3-4 years at uni, so arm yourself with information that will allow you to make the choice that's best for you.

Open Day is a great opportunity to meet university staff, attend presentations on study areas and careers, tour the campus, library and take part in a range of fun and informative activities. Enjoy a free barbecue, interactive games and giveaways while you learn more about studying at the Campus.

So come along to the Ipswich Open Day on Wednesday, 20 August from 3:30-7:30pm.

For more information, visit <http://www.uq.edu.au/opendays> telephone 3381 1011 or email ipswich@uq.edu.au



Winery Tour to Mount Tamborine



Saturday, 6 September 2008

Leaving at 9am from Centenary High School
(with an extra pick up at Logan Hyperdome)

\$50 per person

Includes morning tea, lunch, tastings,
cheese factory, gallery walk and much more

Hurry ... Seats are limited.

To book your seat or for further details contact
Trisha on 0412 077 216

This is a fundraising venture and
all proceeds are going to
Centenary High Rowing Club



FROM THE E.A.C.

Term 3 is well and truly under way and I must say that overall we are very pleased with the great effort our students are putting into their studies, in addition to their involvement and enthusiasm in the programs we are currently running in the EAC. Our Junior Expanded Core Curriculum group are keenly involved in the "Olympic Games" theme at the moment with everything from the torch relay to making masks/flags, etc.

Some of our students are looking forward to the Exhibition week, not only because they have two days off during the week (Exhibition Wednesday and the pupil free day on Thursday), but also because they have the opportunity to attend the Ekka during school on Friday, 15 August. From a student's point of view, a school-week doesn't get much better than that!! Some of our students attending the Ekka have opted to return to school by 3.00pm, whilst others are in for the long haul until after the fireworks, which will see them

back at Darra around 9.30pm. What a great way to end the week – hopefully tired but happy after a great day.

Some more exciting news is that I am taking five weeks long service leave this term, so I too am looking forward to Friday, 15 August. I will be back on deck from the start of term 4. During my absence, Nicole Donaldson will be taking over the reins as Acting HOSES and I know I am leaving the Unit in very capable hands. While Nicole takes on these higher duties, we have been fortunate to engage the services of two former Centenary High School teachers to share Nicole's job – Barb Hayden for the first three weeks and Alex Dalmau for the remaining two week stint. If any EAC parents have questions or concerns during my absence, please do not hesitate to contact EAC staff as it is business as usual while I am away.

Until next term, all the very best.

Diane Porrill
HOSES

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APPLIED TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Civil Construction

Approximately 15 students from Years 10 and 11 recently began the Certificate I in Resources and Infrastructure Operations course at the Construction Skills Training Centre, Salisbury. Every Wednesday they have a break from the rigours of school life to focus on vocational skills in the civil construction/building industry.

At the conclusion of the course, successful students will be awarded a Certificate I in Resources and Infrastructure Operations, a General Safety Induction Card (Blue Card) and a Senior First Aid Certificate. All qualifications are transferable into further Civil Construction qualifications and will attract credit in apprenticeships/traineeships.

Class Changes

Parents of Year 8 students will be aware that some of their subjects have changed from Term 2. I am pleased to report that the students who have changed into ITD and Home Economics have settled in quickly and are subsequently producing good quality work. It is particularly encouraging when you witness the enthusiasm and excitement they bring to their new classes.

Parent Teacher Consultations

On behalf of the Applied Technology faculty, I extend genuine gratitude to those parents who met with their child's respective teachers at the recently convened parent teacher consultation evening. It is wonderful to be able to engage in direct conversations with the parents. I invite you to continue the dialogue by contacting your child's teacher to discuss any future issues.

Chris Bedford
Applied Technology A/HOD

HUMANITIES NEWS

It is great to see how well students have settled into the new semester's work. Excellent effort is evident in senior and junior classes.

Senior Legal Studies Teacher, Ms Jody Leonard, was farewelled last week. We were sad to lose such an excellent teacher but we all wish her well in her new career in the Police Force. Welcome to Ms Amanda Doyle, Jody's replacement. Welcome, also to Mr David Goodworth, replacing Mr George Garavelis who is on leave this term.

Thanks to Ms Leanne Nicholson for her hard work with the National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition and thorough organisation of the student visit to UQ Careers Day. Leanne's reports on these events appear below as does her update on the new Year 8 Humanities course.

National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition

This year has once again resulted in some great achievements by our students. The Year 8s, in particular, had excellent results. Congratulations to the following students - in the Junior Category, Tran Dang received a Credit and Matthew Russell and Dan Tang both received a High Distinction. This is a truly superb achievement. Kate Cornwall in the Senior Category received a Distinction. Well done! Finally, congratulations to all students who participated in the competition and shortly they will be receiving a certificate and a copy of their results.

UQ Careers In Geography Day

Recently, a number of students studying geography in Years 10, 11 and 12 had the opportunity to attend The University of Queensland Careers in Geography Day. Students participated in a variety of workshops which ranged from 'How to value real estate assets' to 'Asia in the Driver's Seat'. Attending lectures gave students a taste of what university life is about. It was a great day and hopefully just as many students will participate in it again next year.

Year 8 Humanities

The Year 8 Humanities classes have recently completed a unit of work called 'Generation Action'. Students were placed in various interest groups and they had to comment on a proposed tourist development that was to be built in a rainforest area. This required a lot of team work and compromise!!! On

reflection, students made many positive comments and a few have been included below:

'I mostly enjoyed how 'hands-on' this assessment was, as well as role playing an entirely different person. I don't think that there could be a better assessment that ended this term with such enthusiastic performances and I hope there will be other assessment pieces like this next semester.'

'As a developer I enjoyed thinking and refining the plan for the resort. It was extremely rewarding listening to different groups' thoughts and redeveloping the resort. I enjoyed this task immensely and hope to do one like it again.'

'Generation Action has taught me that there is always hope to stop something you are against because that's what our group (the Environmentalists) did. We stood up for what we believed in and fought for the rainforest's survival with a strong, positive argument.'

Beryl McLachlan
Humanities HOD

MIDDLE SCHOOLING NEWS

Transition to High School Underway

A number of important activities have already taken place in the past few weeks assisting our Primary feeder Year 7 students in their transition to high school in 2009.

These have included the Centenary Cup challenge in May: with all four CLASS schools sending their high-achieving Year 6 and 7 students to battle it out academically in a number of challenging subject area competitions. The standard of these students was once again amazing, with Jindalee SS winning the (enormous!) Cup, and getting to keep it in perpetuity.

Centenary teachers and Year 8 students then also enjoyed their enrolment talk visits to the four schools, with all Year 7 students receiving their Enrolment packages. Applications to attend Centenary SHS have since been flooding in after the earlier deadline on June 27. Our 'Open Hour' school tour was also very well-attended by prospective parents, with much encouraging feedback about the peaceful and productive learning environment in our school.

I have also just completed my Year 7 teacher interviews, gathering important information about each and every student planning to attend Centenary next year. This information is used to form pastoral (HSG)

and subject groups for 2009, so that we can be proactive in our planning to support and guide our new 2009 intake. From these interviews it is obvious that the standard of students attending next year is extremely promising.

Next term, parents of Year 8 2009 students are invited to attend our Enrolment Information Evening with a presentation and forum session designed to answer all questions parents may have about this very important transition in your son or daughter's life. Details of the date and time will be included in our next newsletter, as well as in all four Primary newsletters.

Orientation Day in the second last week of Term 4 will complete our transition program for 2008.

If you have any questions about Transition or Enrolment at Centenary SHS, please do not hesitate to contact me on 33734524 or at rgrea6@eq.edu.au

Russ Greaves
Middle School Coordinator

SCIENCE NEWS

ICASE Science Competition 2008

The competition is conducted annually throughout Australia and in 12 other countries. It is designed to assess ability in science including thinking skills such as predicting, interpreting, reasoning and problem solving.

This year approximately 35 000 students throughout Qld took part. Thirty-two Centenary Students took part with 75 % students who participated receiving an award. In every year level Centenary students performed well above state averages.

High distinctions were awarded to the top 1% students who participated, Distinctions to the top 7% and Credits to the next 15%. Centenary students achieved:

1 High Distinction
11 Distinctions
12 Credits
8 Participation Certificates

High Distinction

Year 12 Aidan Zecevic

Distinction

Year 12 Eliza Liebich, Ben Stevens, Year 10 Rory Hills, Dhayan Nadarajah, Year 9 Tu Man Chan, Daniel Hunter, Year 8 Kell Andersen, Kevin Azua, Zan Kelly, Jennifer Yu

CSHS ATTENDS THE WORLD HYDROGEN ENERGY CONVENTION



Five CSHS students, Ellen Cliff, Rory Hills, Joshua Shields, Sam Hoang and Bo Wei attended the 17th World Hydrogen Energy Convention which was held from the 16th to the 18th of June.

We prepared for the event by learning the basics about solar panels, hydrogen and fuel cells. We created hydrogen gas, built and raced model hydrogen-powered cars, measured the amount of hydrogen and oxygen made by water being run through fuel cells and measuring the current generated. We then went to the conference and were staggered by the amount of information we were given!

We attended lectures telling us about many of the uses of hydrogen-powered fuel cells (cars, bikes, boats, etc) and problems in hydrogen storage and transportation. We participated in workshops, used advanced fuel cells and electrolyzers and experimented with different configurations of technical equipment.

During the conference we exhibited a trade stand (together with other world leaders), explaining how hydrogen passing through electrolyzers and fuel cells can be used to charge batteries like those in our PSP's, mobiles and other hand-held appliances.

We met students from other schools and some of them were even from overseas! Together we sat down and discussed what our energy solutions would be in the year 2050. We thought that not one particular source would dominate others in a carbon-free power-generation world, but hydrogen was definitely one of the better options.

We would like to thank Mr Rossouw and Ms Smith and the scientific assistants who gave up their valuable time to teach us hydrogen's uses. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and have made the most of this invaluable experience.

Written by Josh Shields





Credit

Year 12 Kirsten Adlard, Year 11 Elise Davison, Damian Lloyd, Year 10 Sushant Chawla, Leanne Nguyen, Ofa Pene, Joshua Shields, Year 9 Tram Dang, Samuel Gay, Jacob Stevens, Year 8 Alex Chen, Sherwin Saran

Participation

Year 11 Kevin Duong, Yashoda Raniga, Year 9 Vishruthi Sivasubramanam, Michelle Tran, Alex White, Year 8 Kevin Le, Thomson Phan

Big Science Competition 2008

The Big Science Competition is conducted annually and involves students from the Asia Pacific region. The questions are organised in units based on cutting-edge scientific themes and issues in the modern world.

This year 33 Centenary Students took part with 79% of students who participated receiving an award. As in the ICASE competition Centenary students performed well above state averages in every year level. This year students were awarded:

- 2 High Distinctions
- 7 Distinctions
- 15 Credits
- 7 Participation

High Distinction

Year 12 Ben Stevens, Year 10 Rory Hills

Distinction

Year 12 Aidan Zecevik, Year 11 Hanh Le, Year 10 Ellen Cliff, Dhayan Nadarajah, Year 9 Tu Man Chan, Samuel Gay, Daniel Hunter, Year 8 Kell Andersen, Kevin Azua

Credit

Year 12 Niall Davidson, Year 11 Dillon Gately, Daniel Keirnan, Melanie Watt, Year 10 Sushant Chawla, John Keohane, Joshua Shields, Year 9 Tram Dang, Vishruthi Sivasubramanam, Jacob Stevens, Michelle Tran, Alex White, Year 8 Alex Chen, Sherwin Saran, Liam Zanchetta

Participation

Year 11 Nicole Naude, Year 10 Leanne Nguyen, Ofa Pene, Year 9 Shrey Pensil, Year 8 Kevin Le, Thomson Phan

Girls Solving It for Themselves Competition

This year on Tuesday, 2 September two teams of Year 9 girls and two teams of Year 8 girls will represent Centenary at the Girls Solving It competition. Good luck to the teams and I'll report their results in the next newsletter.

Excursions

There are a number of science excursions for the coming weeks. Students and parents need to be aware that these excursions are conducted to allow the students to gather data in field settings. This data is then used as the basis of assessment tasks which are conducted at school. Students who are unable to participate on the day will be required to perform an equivalent data gathering task so they can complete the assessment component.

The following excursions are currently scheduled:

- ◆ Year 11 Multi-Strand Science Camp, Thursday 21 and Friday 22 August
- ◆ Year 12 Marine and Aquatic Practices Camp, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 August
- ◆ Year 10 BSE to Alma Park Zoo either Thursday 4 or Friday 5 September.

If you have any questions about any of the excursions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Debra Smith
HOD Science

QIMR EXCURSION

On 30 July, a small group of Centenary's finest were invited to an exclusive event held by the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. Along with students from schools all over Brisbane, our Centenary students were given the chance to attend seminars presented by a select few of the brightest scientific minds from across Australia. Students were encouraged to probe the minds of these scientists; a very valuable opportunity for those aspiring to follow the same career in the future. These lectures covered a range of scientific fields that have a massive impact on the world we live in; including cancer research, environmental issues, and the dreaded extinction of redheads. The information and knowledge shared by the speakers was much appreciated by the attending Centenary students, who left feeling motivated to one day become scientists.

Ashan Dahanayake

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FROM THE YEAR 9 COORDINATOR

This term our Year 9 students are exploring their future options in terms of subject choices, further education and careers. By the end of this term students will have been provided with information regarding the types of careers that are available for them to pursue as well as the types of further education they can continue with.

The Year 9 students have also been provided with informative talks on the processes involved in gaining entry to tertiary institutions like Universities and TAFE, how to apply for school-based apprenticeships and traineeships and the types of VET (Vocational Education and Training) certificates available at the school. In the next few weeks students will learn about the Queensland Certificate of Education and what they need to complete in order to receive this certificate.

The purpose of these informative presentations is to provide our students with the information they will need to make decisions on their subject selections for Year 10. On 18 August the Year 9s will receive their Subject Information Booklets that will provide them with subject specific information and will help them choose their subjects.

It is important for both students and parents to understand that Year 10 subjects provide essential preparation for senior subjects. They are designed to give students the basic foundations that will make the transition to Year 11 and 12 easier. When deciding upon subjects for Year 10 students should follow some simple rules;

1. Choose subjects you will need to continue further education at University, TAFE or your chosen career
2. Choose subjects you have achieved well in
3. Choose subjects you enjoy

Parents and students should also be aware that in Year 10 Mathematics and English are Core subjects and students will be assigned a class by the school. Students will however need to choose four elective subjects that include Science and Humanities. Science and Humanities were Core subjects in Year 9

however, students will now need to choose the field of Humanities or Science they want to study, if at all!

This subject selection process requires some careful thought to enable our Year 9 students a smooth transition into their Senior Education. Please ask your students for the information that the school provides them to help them make informed decisions. If you have any queries, please contact me at the school on 33734556.

Brad Lambert
Year 9 Coordinator

FROM THE YEAR 11 COORDINATOR

I'd like to welcome you all back to semester 2 for our Year 11 group. Personally, after spending the holidays painting my house, teaching never looked better! I'd like to spend some time talking about two main things; absence and achievement. It will surprise no-one to see research has found a massive correlation between the two. The more you are at school, the better your chances of achieving success. While most of our students are attending well above 85% of the time, there are some students who tend to miss a day a week (often Monday or Friday!). This is something I would seek your support with. It is crucial that we have our students in class as often as possible. One day a week ends up being close to 70 days over their senior schooling – and that is far too much of a burden for many young people to overcome.

I have just returned from the Year 11 camp where the other teachers and I saw our students challenge themselves on a variety of strenuous and daunting activities over two days. I'd like to congratulate the students who attended; we were so impressed with your attitude, enthusiasm, diligence to duties and behaviour. Despite the relatively short time frame, so much was achieved with many students (and teachers!) challenging themselves and their fears. I hope that this 'Have a Go' attitude can be brought back to school and into your "normal" lives. Well done, guys!

Strach Kosanovic
Year 11 Coordinator

QUEENSLAND FUTSAL SIGN ONS

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Time 6pm - 8pm

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RESULTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

AFL

Congratulations to our Year 8 boys AFL team for their excellent performance in making the Grand Final of the Year 8 Jonathon Brown Cup that was played last term. The team played on the first Saturday of the holidays, at Cararra stadium on the Gold Coast, before the Essendon v St Kilda game. This was a great experience for the team and even though they did not win the Grand Final, to finish as Runners Up in this competition is a great effort. Well done to all members of the team and their coach Mr Webber.

School Athletics Carnival

On the last day of last term we held the school athletics carnival. Well done to all students who came and participated on the day. At the end of the day the winning house was Yallambee – Congratulations to all competitors from Yallambee house.

The age champions from the day were;

- ◆ 13 Years – Tran Dang and Jo Heremia
- ◆ 14 Years – Tram Dang and Luke Nerdall
- ◆ 15 Years – Amy Tayt and Chris Fagan
- ◆ 16 Years – Bethany Sands and Tori Joyce
- ◆ Opens – Sally Prowd and Guy Moffatt

Congratulations to our age champions from the day.

District Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all competitors who competed at the district athletics Track and Field days. Some of the best results from the day included:

- ◆ Tram Dang – 1st in 14 Years and Open Long Jump
- ◆ Tabitha Von Sanden – 1st in 13 Years High Jump
- ◆ Tuyen Tran – 1st in 15 Years Long Jump
- ◆ Edward Pearce – 1st in 13 Years boys Discus and Shot
- ◆ Tori Joyce – 1st in 16 Years Long Jump
- ◆ John Keohane – 1st in 15 Years Triple Jump
- ◆ Chris Fagan – 1st in 15 Years Long Jump
- ◆ Luke Nerdal – 1st 14 Years Shot
- ◆ Paige Mu – 1st – 14 Years 1500m
- ◆ Ashlee Smith – 1st in 15 Years 200m
- ◆ Krystle Muller – 1st in Open 200m and 400m
- ◆ Joseph Guenzler – 1st in 13 Years 1500m
- ◆ Talmage Lawrence – 1st in 13 Years 100m
- ◆ Lui Amato – 1st in 15 Years 100m

I would also like to make special mention of all the students who came to the carnival as student helpers. We had over 100 students assist us over the two days and their work, commitment, dedication and professionalism was excellent. Congratulations and thank you to all of the helpers – you really were superb and helped the days run smoothly!

Soccer – Red Lion Cup

Well done to our Open Boys Soccer team who have played three rounds of the Red Lion Cup. So far they have had a loss to Ipswich Grammar, a draw with Forest Lake and a win over the Youth Detention Centre. We are now awaiting results of other games to find out whether we have qualified for the quarter finals.

Futsal

Well done to our 13 Years and 15 Years boys Futsal teams who recently competed in the Qld Champion of

Champions competition. Both teams went through to the semi finals and were each defeated by the eventual winners of the competition. This is an excellent result and both teams can be proud of their efforts in finishing third in this competition. Thanks to the coaches Mr Greaves and Mrs Przybylo for their time and effort in preparing and organising the teams.

Rugby League

Congratulations to our Year 10 Rugby League teams on their performances in their Grand Final last week. The team played St Peter Claver in a very tight Grand Final that saw the other team score a try right on full time to win the game. Our boys did exceptionally well in the competition and I would like you to congratulate them on their success and the gracious way in which they accepted defeat in such a tight game.

Year 8 and 9 Sports Day – Winter

Congratulations to the Year 8 Boys Soccer team and the Year 8 and 9 Girls Netball teams who last week won their respective competitions in the Year 8 and 9 sports day. These three teams have now been crowned as district champions and will move on to contest Metropolitan Finals in the coming weeks. The teams will be given information re these finals when it becomes available to the school.

Schools Cup Volleyball

Congratulations to our two school volleyball teams who competed in Toowoomba in the Schools Cup Volleyball. Both teams finished fifth in their division.

Regional Athletics Carnival

Any students who finished in the top three places in their events at the District Carnival, are eligible to compete at the Regional carnival. This carnival will be held over two days – Monday, August 25 and Wednesday, August 27 at the State Athletics Centre - QEII. The students who are eligible have been given the information package and program. Can I please ask that parents read this information and then return it to the school by the due date? Please note that there is a \$10 nomination fee per student and that competitors will be required to make their own transport arrangements to the event.

August

20 and 27 Met Finals Rounds 1 and 2

25 and 27 Regional Athletics Carnival

Reporting Results

To enable me to report on student results and to keep accurate records for sports awards, I need to know how participants went in their school competitions. I encourage all students and parents to advise me of their results immediately after they have competed.

Students can see me in Staffroom 4 or results can be emailed to: smill103@eq.edu.au

Sports Calendar

Version 4 of the Centenary SHS Sport Calendar can now be downloaded from the download section of the school website. It contains all the latest sporting events and dates. Please take some time to have a look at this to keep up to date with all the latest happenings in sport.

Steve Mills

Sports Director

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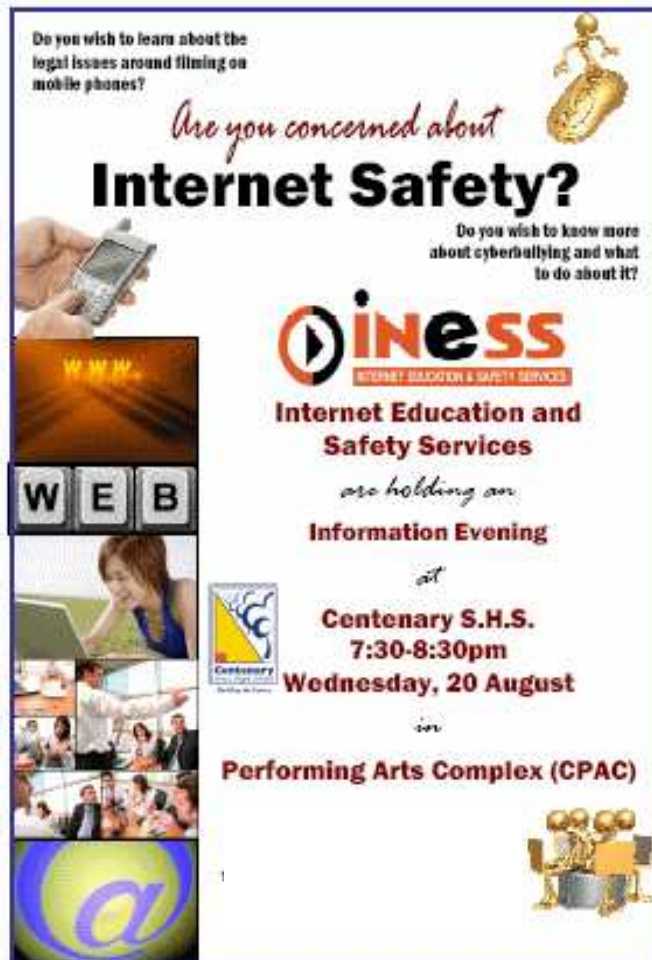
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Internet Education and Safety Services

are holding an

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at

Centenary S.H.S.
7:30-8:30pm
Wednesday, 20 August

in

Performing Arts Complex (CPAC)

The poster features a central logo for INESS (Internet Education & Safety Services) and text announcing an information evening at Centenary S.H.S. on Wednesday, 20 August, from 7:30-8:30pm at the Performing Arts Complex (CPAC). The poster includes several small images: a hand holding a mobile phone, a person at a computer, a person at a desk, and a person at a desk with a laptop. There are also decorative elements like a scale of justice and a globe.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Reminder - Internet Safety & Cyberbullying

The P&C in conjunction with the School have engaged an organisation (INESS) who specialise in this field to conduct information sessions. INESS run a hour presentation during which they share their expertise, experiences, latest trends and offer suggestions with regards to internet safety.

The presentation is on this Wednesday 20 August at 7:30pm in lieu of the normal monthly meeting.

Please feel free to learn more about INESS at their web address: <http://www.iness.com.au>.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Try Ons for Year 8 2009 Students

A reminder to parents with Grade 7 students attending Centenary High School in 2009 that uniform try ons are being held at the Uniform Shop next to the Canteen on the following dates:

- ◆ Monday, 6 October (3:30-5:30pm)
- ◆ Tuesday, 7 October (3:30-5:30pm)
- ◆ Wednesday, 8 October (3:30-5:30pm)
- ◆ Thursday, 9 October (3:30-5:30pm)

Try Ons for the Senior White Shirt

Orders for the senior white shirts for 2009 have been placed already. However, all Grade 10 students are still required to come in and try on the shirts so they know their correct size when collecting in January.

Thanks.

Cheryl Mulcahy

SCRAM REPORT

Scram Coordinator: Deanna Kertesz

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SCRAM TERM 4

Enclosed with this newsletter are letters to students in Years 8 to 10 with regard to SCRAM selections for Term 4.

Please note that activities requiring payment will need to be paid for upon your child registering in that activity.

No student can register for an activity requiring

payment without having first paid for that activity.

Please understand that enrolment in all activities is limited therefore your child may need to consider other activities.

On the SCRAM Enrolment Day, your child must register for a Term 4 activity. It will also be necessary for a second, or even third, preference to be given upon sign-up in case of cancellation of any given activity.

Registration for an activity will occur at the Resource Centre at the times below:

- ◆ 8:00am – 8:50am
- ◆ 10:20 – 11:05 (AM Break)
- ◆ 1:25 – 1:55 (PM Break)

Sign On Days are:

- ◆ Year 10 - Monday, 8 September
- ◆ Year 9 - Tuesday, 9 September
- ◆ Year 8 - Thursday, 11 September

Deanna Kertesz

SCRAM Coordinator



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WOLSTON PARK CENTENARY CRICKET CLUB SIGN ON

Wolston Park Centenary Cricket Club is seeking boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 16 to sign on for the season that is due to commence on 11 October 2008. There are also senior teams for older boys or parents. For children aged 5 to 8 years the In2Cricket skills training program is available. Although sign on has been held, if you would like further details, please contact Ellen Ferris 3376 9545. (Wolston Park Clubhouse, Orford Drive, Wacol.)



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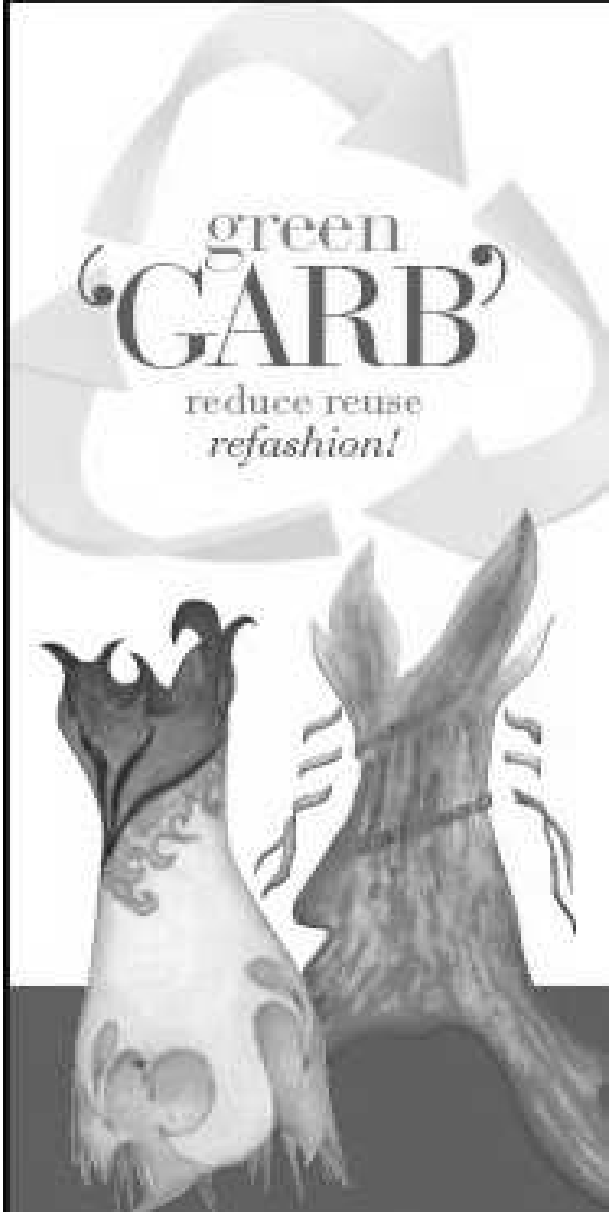
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