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4th September 2009

From The Principal



Bullying – No Way!!!

It doesn't matter whether it's physical, psychological or even cyber. Bullying is a concern that Centenary SHS takes very seriously and is working to address. A key belief statement of Centenary SHS is that people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. This belief underpins how we interact with others in our school community.

The school is currently facilitating a number of proactive personal development programs to inform and skill our students. Bullying is a key target. The Year 8s attended The Hurting Game last week which will be followed up with various activities in HSG over the next few weeks.

A key strategy in combating Bullying is communication. The school has good processes in place but we need to be aware of concerns. Students should be encouraged to report all instances of bullying to the school. Together we need to send a clear message that Bullying in any form is simply not acceptable.

As parents/carers we can play a part. The following strategies from the Education Department's web site provide practical advice to parents/carers:

Some signs of bullying include:

- Loss of confidence
- Changes in eating or sleeping habits, possibly bedwetting
- Health problems such as headaches or stomach aches
- Unhappiness or mood swings with sudden temper tantrums
- Reluctance to go to school and changes in academic performance

What you can do:

- Talk with your child about school and keep the lines of communication open so children are more likely to confide in you
- Encourage your child to feel okay to ask others for help and to keep their own safety in mind
- Ensure your child knows how to report bullying and to ask you for help when needed
- Report the incident to a teacher. Don't try to sort out the situation yourself
- Make sure you are modelling healthy behaviours to your child, especially in relation to conflict resolution and anger management
- Help protect your child from harassment and cyber-bullying by closely monitoring internet use and installing free internet filters

Tech Fest

A quick plug for the CLASS (Centenary Learning Alliance of State Schools) Tech Fest to be held at the school on Thursday, October 22. The after school program will see students from our local schools showcasing their use of technology in learning. A number of industry and education personnel will also be exhibiting and speaking. The program provides a wonderful opportunity for all of us to be informed about the dynamic world our children will study and work in.

SET Planning

Thanks to all parents who took the time to attend the SET Planning Interviews for Year 10 students last week. The broadening of subject options and the diverse pathways on offer to students highlights the need for informed decision making. The advent of the Queensland Certificate of Education has also placed greater importance on appropriate subject selection. Although school reports are a guide to assessing a student's ability to

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succeed in the Senior Phase it is the rich conversations we have together as students, parents/carers and teachers that will lead to informed and appropriate and responsive course selection.

Queensland Core Skills Test

By the time this newsletter is published our Year 12s would have completed the 2009 QCS Test. I cannot over estimate the importance of this test in determining Year 12 Outcomes. The school has provided a strong program of preparation and the requisite skills being assessed are embedded across the school curriculum. Hopefully students performed to their potential on the day!!!

And the really good news!!!!

Centenary SHS's outstanding performances in the Brisbane Schools Band Festival underline its glowing reputation in the Arts.

- Symphonic Band - Gold
- Concert Band - Gold
- Stage Band - Silver
- Chamber String Orchestra - Silver
- String Orchestra - Bronze

There is certainly some sporting talent in Year 8 with two of our teams progressing to the next stage of Metro Finals in emphatic fashion:

Boys Football 11-1 vs Runcorn SHS
Girls Netball 38-14 vs Macgregor SHS

Congratulations to all of our instrumental and sporting champions!!!!

John Brew, Principal
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From the Deputy Principals

Year 10 SETP Evening

It was a great education experience to see the Year 10 students along with their parents/carers and teachers discussing their Senior Education and Training Plan last week. This is a very important stage in their preparation for their transition into Year 11. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your student's SETP, please contact the Year 10 Deputy Principal or the Guidance Counsellors.

Student Absences

A reminder that if a student is absent, parents/carers are asked to phone the school absentee line on 3373 4503 to inform of the reason for the absence. If you are unable to do this, please provide a written note to the HSG teacher on the day the student returns to school.

End of Term Standards

Although our term is coming to a close, it is important that all students are aware that the standard of behaviour and commitment to work continue. Every day is an important day in the education of our students.

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Years 8 & 9 Students and their 2010 Subject Preferences

We have recently begun the process through which Year 8 and Year 9 students indicate their subject preferences for 2010. Year Level Coordinators have organised talks by Heads of Department and Subject Description booklets will be distributed to both year levels.

A Parent Information Night will be held early in Term 4 on Tuesday, October 13 to allow parent/carers to see subject displays, talk with subject teachers and listen to general talks about selecting subjects over the two years.

Students from both year levels will receive their formal 2010 Subject Preference forms on Tuesday, October 20 and will need to return them by Friday, October 23.

Additionally, during the week of August 31 to September 4, current Year 9 students have been asked to submit a Subject Expression of Interest form. This is not a binding set of preferences but should be as accurate as possible as it allow us to set up the Year 10 2010 timetable.

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Year 12 Block Exams

As you receive this newsletter, the Year 12s will be in the final stages of completing their final block exams. Year 12 Block Exams finish on Friday, September 11. Students and parents/carers are reminded that medical documentation is required should students be away on the day of their exam and need to participate in the makeup exam session. The date set aside for makeup exams is Monday, September 14.

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Centenary SHS Celebrates 10 Years

Centenary SHS's P&C invites you to attend Centenary SHS's 10 Year Anniversary Celebration to be held on Friday, October 9 in the Performing Arts Complex. An invitation is attached with a ticket order form. Tickets are available from the school office during the term (8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday). Tickets can be purchased by cash, cheque or credit card. However, there is no EFTPOS facilities available for purchasing tickets. For enquiries regarding purchasing tickets over the September School Holidays, please phone Lyn Zammit on 0400 814 214.

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Feedback on our Electronic Newsletter

This is the second edition of the electronic newsletter. From a school's perspective on the production of this newsletter, it is far

more time effective in terms of manpower required to produce and package the newsletter for distribution. If you have any feedback from a receiver's point of view, this is most welcome and can be forwarded to the school.

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An Evening with Dr Paula Barrett, October 14

Centenary SHS is holding An Evening with Dr Paula Barrett on Wednesday, October 14. This evening is on at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. Dr Barrett will be discussing *"risk and protective factors in children's emotional development - what parents and educators can do to maximise a positive outcome."*

RSVP: to admin@centenaryshs.eq.edu.au with **Dr Barrett** in subject line. Please ensure you include your name, a contact number and the number of people attending.

If you have any questions in regards to this session, please contact our Student Support Services (in particular Guidance or the School Based Youth Health Nurse) on 3373 4555.

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Year 8 Subject Selection for Year 9 2010

Students will receive information about Subject Selection for 2010. This will include talks during HSG on Monday September 7 and 14 by subject specific teachers. Students will also receive a 2010 Year 9 & 10 Subject Information Booklet this term. These booklets provide subject specific information which will help students to choose their elective subjects. Students will continue to study **core** subjects of English, Maths, Humanities and Science. They are required to choose **TWO elective** subjects for Year 9. When deciding on subjects, students should consider:

News from Guidance

The UQ-Link Special Entry Scheme provides access to University for students who have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of financial hardship. The scheme enables the University to consider eligible students for "special entry" if they do not reach the OP required for their chosen program. In addition, the University offers students admitted through the UQ-Link scheme a \$500 start-up bursary to help fund up-front education costs upon enrolment, as well as access to on-going student support. Students eligible for the UQ-Link scheme are also considered for a UQ-Link Scholarship, which is valued at \$3000 per year for up to four years. No separate application form is required.

In addition to the UQ-Link scholarships, we are delighted to announce that for 2010, a further 100 'Wotif' Scholarships valued at \$6000 per year for up to four years have been made possible through a very generous donation from the Brice family. These scholarships will be awarded to students who meet two or more of the following criteria:

- Indigenous Australian

- Financial hardship

- Regional isolation

- First in family status (i.e. students whose parents/carers have no post secondary qualifications)

All UQ-Link students will automatically be considered for a 'Wotif' Scholarship.

Other special entry schemes available to students include:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry

- Special Consideration of Educational Disadvantage (SCED) through QTAC.

Please note that all applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

For more information and an application form, see your School Guidance Counsellor, visit the website <http://www.uq.edu.au/study/uqlink-entry> or contact UQ Admissions (07) 3365 2203 (freecall 1800 788 728 for schools in rural and remote areas), email: uq.link@admin.up.edu.au Applications close on 30 October 2009.

QTAC Applications

QTAC applications close on September 30. Therefore, students are advised to lodge their application on or before September 30. Penalties will apply for late applications. Visit www.qtac.edu.au to gain access to a useful video that outlines the application process in detail. *Follow the steps listed below to gain access to this video.*

Steps:

1. Click on the "applying" tab at the top of the QTAC home page
2. Click on "current year 12 students" (left hand side of the screen)
3. Click on Twelve to Tertiary Application T-T-T (centre of page)
4. A grey box will appear - click on "click here" found within the grey box.
5. View the video.

Scholarships

There are various types of scholarships that are available to current Year 12 students.

- *Equity Scholarships*: Eligibility for equity scholarships differs for each of the institutions' equity scholarships. Factors may include:

- Financial need

- Residency or citizen status

- Mode of study (e.g. full-time)

- Academic history or academic merit.

Information on equity scholarships can be found on page 43 of the QTAC Guide or students can contact the relevant institutions for more information, including application forms.

Some Special Admissions schemes include

- Queensland University of Technology's Q-Step Program

Website: <http://www.studentservice.qut.edu.au/apply/special/qstep>

- The University of Queensland's UQ-Link

Website: www.uq.edu.au/study/uqlinkentry

There are many special entry schemes available for students from low socio-economic as well as Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander backgrounds. Students could gain more information as well as their eligibility status by referring to the QTAC guide (pages 43 – 45).

Commonwealth Scholarships (CS) Program financially assists students on low incomes with high education costs. These may include:

- Start-up scholarships to help with up-front costs associated with higher education
- Relocation scholarships
- Indigenous Access scholarships

Students can also contact Centrelink to gain information about income while you study, including: Youth Allowance, Austudy, Abstudy, etc. The above payments are subject to income and assets. To find out more, call Centrelink on 132 317 or visit www.centrelink.gov.au

It is important to note that thresholds for eligibility have now increased. Students, who did not qualify in the past, may now be eligible. Students are advised to check their eligibility status by visiting the Centrelink website!

- Visit each institution's website for the various scholarships that may be on offer. Institutions may differ in their selection criteria and/or due dates for applications. Eligibility for these scholarships may be based on equity, merit, sporting excellence etc.

Visit <http://www.goingtouni.gov.au>

Special Consideration

QTAC takes into account an applicant's educational disadvantage when assessing an application for tertiary entrance. Educational disadvantage is described as circumstances beyond your control that have affected your level of academic achievement. These may include:

- Circumstances relating to equality of opportunity, for example: ethnic, cultural, gender, or language demands and expectations
- Disability and health, for example: visual impairment, reading and writing difficulties, psychological or affective disorders including anxiety and depression, surgery, ill health, etc.
- Compassionate reasons, for example; effects of surgery, trauma, bereavement, neglect, abuse, violence, relocation, divorce, and other unanticipated circumstances.

Refer to page 26 of the QTAC Guide. Or click on this link below <http://www.qtac.edu.au/InfoSheets/specialConsideration.html>

Students who wish to apply for special consideration through QTAC must **make an appointment to see a Guidance Officer**. Students are advised to print a *Special Consideration of Educational Disadvantage Application Form* that needs to be completed with a Guidance Counsellor. Supporting documents, accompanying the application, must be posted to QTAC via the school.

Students are encouraged to make an appointment to see a Guidance Counsellor to discuss:

- the application process preferences
- special considerations
- alternative pathways
- personal problems
- special entry schemes
- stress and time management
- any other problem not listed

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News from the EAU

Bribie Island "House of Happiness" Camp

What a great camp! The students had a fabulous time and the weather was perfect. Can't ask for more than that! And "yes",

the students were brave enough to go swimming, so well done for not allowing the cooler weather to stop you from having a good time.

During camp there were games, walks along the beach, and the traditional "Survivor" competition. Four teams took on the challenges:

1. The MJJ Sharks (Michael, Jarrod and Jason)
2. The Gangsters for Life (Brendon, Robert, Christopher and Nick)
3. The Camp Goddesses (Virginia, Emma and Tegan)
4. The Legends of Rock (Alex, Clara and Lizzie)

All teams put in their best effort and congratulations must go to you all for the spirit in which the games were played (especially "fluffy bunnies" which was also an individual effort – I'm sure they will never look at marshmallows in the same way again!). However, at the end of the day, our champions were:

- a. Sandcastle competition: The MJJ Sharks & The Gangsters for Life
- b. T-shirt painting competition: The Legends of Rock
- c. Survivor: The Gangsters for Life
- d. Scavenger Hunt: The MJJ Sharks
- d. Overall camp champions: The MJJ Sharks

Even though the Camp Goddesses are not listed above, we must say that they excelled in the toilet paper rolling competition, the water relay games and they came up with the most "original and challenging" dares.

The MJJ Sharks, our overall camp champions, have won themselves a "pizza party" for their effort.

And, in spite of returning exhausted on the Thursday afternoon, we must say we were impressed that all the students attended school on Friday.

Thanks must go not only to the four teaching staff that attended camp, but also to Luke Everitt who volunteered his time to come along and help. Luke, you have no idea how much we appreciated all you did while on camp. You were absolutely fabulous. Thank you.

Snow Camp at Mt Baw Baw

Monday, August 22 saw us at the domestic airport at 5.00am, on the Virgin Blue plane by 6.00am, in the much cooler weather of Melbourne by 8.30am, on the bus to Mt Baw Baw by 9.00am, buying groceries and having lunch at Drouin by 11.00am and on the snow-covered slopes of Mt Baw Baw by 4.00 pm. When you've been up since before 3.00am, it was good to finally arrive at what we would be calling "home" until Friday.

There was slight snow cover on the ground and the toboggan slope when we arrived, but Monday night through to Thursday saw rain and increasingly warm weather each day. We managed to get two days out of the toboggan slope but, needless to say, there was not much snow there by Thursday. However, we did find snow on the bottom of one of the ski slopes that was closed due to poor visibility, so a good time was still had by all. Tobogganing, making some impressive snowmen, snowball fights and sliding down the slopes on our derrieres all made for a lot of fun.

The eight vision impaired students who attended camp are to be commended on their willingness to participate in it all, despite the challenges (and thrills) that ski and toboggan slopes can present.

Thanks to the four staff who attended (especially as they gave up two days off to do so!). After a week away, it is always good to be home. There was no doubt at all that students and staff alike were keen to collect their luggage and get back to their own homes and their own beds!

Rotary Club of Jindalee

How lucky are we to have received a very generous donation from the Rotary Club of Jindalee! On Monday, August 17, the Club presented us with a cheque for \$1000. We are not sure at this stage what we will purchase with these funds, but we'll keep you posted. Thank you Jindalee Rotarians for your generosity and support.

Work Experience

Our students have commenced their work experience with various different employers and we are truly grateful to them for allowing our students the opportunity to learn what work life is all about, and also for giving them the chance to trial a few career choices prior to leaving school. This experience is very valuable to our students so, on their behalf, we extend our thanks.

August Youth Group

For one reason or another, it has been a couple of months since we have been able to have Youth Group but we are back on track this month. Friday, August 28 saw us heading off to Sizzlers at Toowong. We caught a bus to Toowong at 4.00pm and parents collected students from Sizzlers at 7.00pm.

Enjoy the rest of this term and the up-coming school holidays. See you next term.

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News from the Chaplain

Some of you will already be aware that this is my last term as the chaplain at Centenary SHS. In June this year, I was asked by City Church Brisbane to come onto their full-time staff, with my wife and I to take responsibilities within the Young Adults ministry – pastoring the 18-24 age bracket. For me, this is a hugely exciting new opportunity, but one very much marked with a degree of sadness as I say farewell to Centenary SHS. I don't consider a move to the Church a step up, or a step down...sideways move maybe. I definitely hope that some connection with Centenary SHS can remain!!!

The new chaplain for Centenary SHS is Bernie McMullen. I will allow him to introduce himself in the next edition of the newsletter, but I will say that I am stoked that Bernie has already started working at the school this past week, and he is definitely a great fit for Centenary SHS. He has already been connecting with numerous students and staff, getting involved in SCRAM and some general classes and making himself known around the school.

At the time of writing, Bernie and I are pulling together the final elements of planning for the Year 12 QCS lunches, beginning the wrap-up of the 40 Hour Famine, planning for the Mental Health Week expo and Pink Ribbon day, and also brainstorming some exciting new SCRAM activities.

I would like to acknowledge Bernie as he steps fully into this role over the coming weeks and give him my best wishes for his position at Centenary SHS. I would also like to thank the Centenary SHS community, staff, students and families for making me feel very welcome and a part of the team. My time at Centenary SHS has been an absolute blast! I have met so many incredible people and had so much fun. I will genuinely miss you all!! I have every confidence that you will welcome Bernie the way you did me, and find him a valuable member of the Centenary SHS community.

On a different topic, I mentioned several newsletters ago that there would be a new initiative to provide financial support for chaplaincy services. You can find more details about a great initiative at www.partnerprogram.com.au

The Partner Program sees a percentage of your CTP (Compulsory Third Party) car insurance go toward supporting chaplaincy in your school or community; for the cost of your usual CTP!!! No strings attached. YES! It is that easy. Go to www.partnerprogram.com.au and just follow the simple links.

Have a safe Term 3 holidays.
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News from the HPE HOD

Great HPE Helpers

Last week, Centenary SHS was charged with the responsibility of organising the District Athletics Track Carnival at UQ running track, St Lucia. This was a huge task that was taken on by the HPE teachers and a large number of HPE students from across all year levels. It involved organising and running all of the events on the day, for the nine schools that make up the West Brisbane District.

To ensure the day ran smoothly, we required a large number of student helpers to assist with jobs such as timekeeping, marshalling, reporting, hurdles organization, catering and judging. We invited over 100 of our HPE students to take on these tasks. I was enormously impressed with the way our students responded to this challenge. They committed to an early start (7.30am), and then worked their jobs in a most proficient, disciplined and professional manner throughout the entire day. Such was their performance that I had a number of compliments from other schools about the excellent manner in which our students operated.

I would like to offer my thanks to all of the students who assisted with this day and inform both parents and students, that I was very proud of them for their efforts on the day. Parents of these students – you can feel very proud of your child. They worked hard, demonstrated true professionalism and really were a credit to themselves. Well done and thank you to all involved.

Assessment

As the end of the term approaches, can I ask parents/carers to please keep a check on, and encourage students to complete all their HPE assessment tasks as required. All HPE theory classes currently have assignments or exams that they should be working on and preparing for that will be completed before the end of the term. These assessment items do contribute to final results so students should be attempting to complete them to the highest possible standard. Parent/carer encouragement and support at this time would be most appreciated by both the students and the teachers.

Feel free to contact me at school if you would like to discuss any of the content of this article.

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Inappropriate Sports Shoes Will Not Be Allowed

Unfortunately we are experiencing an increased number of students who are arriving to participate in practical sports classes in inappropriate sports shoes. Many students are turning up to class wearing canvas deck type shoes to play sport in. I would like to remind students and parents/carers that these type of shoes are not acceptable for the playing of sport. They do not comply with our uniform code (see p18 of the student diary); they do not provide adequate support for sporting activities; they regularly fall/fly off during activities (presenting safety issues to the wearer

and other players) and they do not have 'non marking' soles (which causes problems on our indoor sports floor).

All students in HPE classes are being advised this week that these types of shoes will no longer be permitted to be worn in HPE practical lessons. As of Wednesday, September 2, we will no longer be permitting students to wear these shoes during practical HPE classes. I ask that all parents and students be aware of the need to wear supportive, lace up, sports shoes for PE lessons and that they make the appropriate arrangements for this to happen before Wednesday, September 2.

Feel free to contact me at school if you would like to discuss any of the content of this article.

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News from The Arts HOD

1 Bronze, 2 Silver and 3 Gold Awards

Congratulations to all ensembles involved in the Brisbane Schools Band Festival. As usual, CSHS received high praise from the adjudicators with a Bronze Award for the String Ensemble, a Silver Award for the Chamber Strings and Stage Band (both in the advanced section) and a Gold Award to the Concert Band and Symphonic Band. If we add the Gold Award for the Choir Fanfare, then all in all it has been another very successful Festival season.

Performance at Parliament House

The Stage Band will be performing at Parliament House as the entertainment for the Queensland Trade and Industry Awards on September 9.

Well Done Nicole

More congratulations are in order for Year 9 student, Nicole Fix, who received a \$100 gift voucher from Mount Ommaney Shopping Centre as a result of winning an Art Puzzle Competition.

GOMA Excursion

The Media Studies and Certificate of Arts classes had a very successful excursion to GOMA, QAG and QATUM, which saw the students engaging in exhibitions of photography and viewing an Arts documentary as part of the CINESPARKS Brisbane Film Festival.

Final Assessments

Senior students are busy finalising their assessment ready for panel verification so there has been a flurry of activity in the Art Block, editing suites, music rooms and in CPAC where the drama students are directing their Australian plays and dance students are applying their choreography to technology in the annual FUSION task.

We wish them well in the QCS and their upcoming exams. All that remains is their final unit which employs their artistic talents to create a showcase which will be open to the public in the form of a Film and Art Expo, Music and Extension Music Concert, as well as a Dance/Drama Showcase midway in Term 4.

The first of these showcases will be the Music Extension Concert to be held in CPAC on September 11.

Also keep in mind the junior production "Song & Dance" which will be held at the end of November.

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News from the Year 9 Coordinator

Well done to all our Year 9 students who worked really hard this term! We had eight weeks of learning, a week of exams soon and after that we are looking forward to a well deserved holiday!

Term 2 Guest speaker day – 'Risky Business'

At the end of Term 2, Dyanne Moxham (the school nurse) spoke to the students and highlighted the importance of taking risks in a responsible way. She mentioned some of the consequences of making poor choices when influenced by 'friends' or circumstances. The effects on our bodies and family relationships can be very severe if poor judgment is used. In the absence of the invited police guest speaker, she also highlighted some of the legal consequences of making bad choices.

Looking back at Term 3

Term 3 was a 10-week term with an 'Ekka' holiday in the middle. We started looking at our future career paths with a view on choosing Year 10 subjects during Term 4.

The main focus for this term was to look at how our students see themselves in the future as career adults. We imagined who our friends might be, where we may live and what kind of jobs we may have.

The Centenary SHS Guidance Counsellors Ms Naiker, Ms Hammer and the Head of Senior Schooling Ms Raven addressed the students on the meaning of terms like 'OP', 'QCE', 'TAFE', and 'UNI'. They explained what lies ahead after Year 10 and different pathways to get there.

In the final weeks of Term 3, the students will be addressed by the Heads of Departments (Curriculum) to explain what the subject options are for Year 10. Students will receive their 2010 Year 9 & 10 Subject Description Booklets and begin to work through them. They will be given the opportunity to complete an 'expression of interest' form for their possible subject choices.

Looking ahead to Term 4

The most significant date on the Year 9 calendar is **Tuesday, October 13 (week 2)** when parents will be invited to attend information sessions about subjects, selections and processes for their year-9 students. Students will then be given the opportunity to make subject selections for 2010.

Part of the year-10 programme is working on a 'Certificate I – Work education'. This programme will commence during Term 4 in Year 9. More information will be handed to students as it becomes available.

We wish all our students best of luck for the remaining weeks of Term 3 and a safe and happy holiday after that!

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'The Hurting Game' and Personal Development for Year 8s

The Year 8s watched the performance "The Hurting Game" on Thursday, August 27. The show dealt with issues that are relevant to the personal development of Year 8 students. The HSG teachers will be following up the program with discussions in HSG groups.

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News from the Year 8 Coordinator

Centenary's Got Talent

We have a talented group of Year 8s this year. I was extremely impressed to see Year 8s participate in "Centenary's Idol" displaying their talent. Well done – it takes courage to stand up and compete against all year levels and perform in front of the school.

Student Attendance

Lastly could I please remind parents/carers to follow school procedures with regard to attendance. If your child is away, could you please inform the school (students absentee line 33734503). Thank you.

Wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

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Karate Champion

A fortnight ago, Amy Tayt in Year 11 competed at the Australian Karate Championships, held in Adelaide. Amy competed in the 16 & 17 Girl's *kata* and *kumite* where she finished fifth in both disciplines. This means that Amy is now ranked fifth in Australia for both *kata* & *kumite*. A fantastic effort Amy!

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Athletics Carnival

At the beginning of August, we held the athletics carnival here at school. 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 Athletics age champions from the day were:

- 13 Years – Ashleigh Condon & Pierce Wylie
- 14 Years – Belinda Hicks & Ryan Major
- 15 Years – Tram Dang & Luke Nerdal
- 16 Years – Amy Tayt & Ali Raslan
- Opens – Bethany Sands & Tori Joyce

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District Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all competitors who competed at the district athletics Track and Field days. Well done to the following students who have qualified for the District Team to compete at the Met West Regional Carnival:

Lui Amato	Alex Greaves	Dylan Matthews
Torrie Boyd	Ryan Greaves	Cassy Milne
Maddy Capel	Josh Green	Fletcher Morganti
Ashleigh Condon	Kate Grimmbacher	Luke Nerdal
Ethan Condon	Joseph Guenzier	Bethany Sands
Lena Cork	Bec Harris	Caleb Stone
Tram Dang	Karlie Jennings	Eterei Tupuse
Hayden Davie	Tori Joyce	Moses Veiqaravi
Charmaine De Wet	John Keohane	Nghia Vu
Iesha Eivers	Ryan Major	Pierce Wylie
	Zac McAlister-Yow	Ruby Wylie
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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!

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Sports Results Since the Last Newsletter

Metro Finals – Round 1

A fortnight ago, four teams from Centenary SHS played in Round 1 of the Metro Finals. Unfortunately the Year 9 Girls Soccer team and the Open Boys Rugby League side bowed out of the competition. However, the Year 8 Soccer Boys defeated Redbank Plains SHS 7 goals to 1; and the Year 8 Netball team defeated St Peter Claver 29 to 24. Both teams have now progressed through to Round 2 of the competition. Results of these finals will be reported upon in the next newsletter.

Baseball

Also a fortnight ago, Scott Yearbury in Year 10 participated in the U15s Baseball Championships on the Gold Coast. Met West finished runners up to a strong South Coast team in the Grand Final. Scott had a very successful championships winning the Man of the Match in his game against the Met North team. Well done on your efforts on the Gold Coast, Scott.

Brisbane Lions Cup

Thursday a week ago, our Girls AFL team won through to the Brisbane Lions Cup Grand Final. They will play Mountain Creek SHS to see who is the best Girls AFL team in the state. Results of this match will be reported upon in the next newsletter.

Upcoming Events

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 –Tuesday September 8 and Thursday September 10 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/carers 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.

Sporting Events

September 9 and 16 - Met Finals Round 3 and Grand Final
September 8 and 10 - 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: swrig69@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.

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News from the SCRAM Coordinator

Well another term is almost over for SCRAM and another yet to begin to end the year. In Week 7 students should have received their information letters about Term 4 SCRAM. Week 8 will see the students sign up for SCRAM sports and Week 9 will be the official sign on week. Students should remember that sign on days are on at the following times:

- Year 10 - Monday, September 7
- Year 9 - Tuesday, September 8
- Year 8 - Wednesday, September 9

We have some new and exciting activities:

- cycling where students can discover the wonders around the Centenary suburbs,
- Centenary's Boot Camp - where students have a personal trainer come in and learn about fitness and fitness games (great value at \$65 for the term) and
- we also have opportunity for the students to walk to Fitness First and work out an 'off season' training plan for a small cost each week.

We will also have some of the old favourites back, such as Ping Pong, Art for Fun and tutorials(great if you need extra help with exams and assignments) just to name a few.

Students need to get in quick otherwise you might miss out on your activity so keep in mind a second or third preference. Remember it is designed to be fun and enjoyable for all, however once you have chosen an activity you are to remain in that activity for the rest of the term so choose wisely.

If you have any questions regarding SCRAM, please come and see me in staffroom 2.

Thanks
Deanne Kertesz
SCRAM Coordinator
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News from our Local Community

St Catherine's Anglican Church Ladies Fellowship Bazaar, September 5, 2009

St Catherine's is holding a Baby to Teen Bazaar this Saturday, September 5. Details in the attached flier. (Supporting the Christian Blind Mission Project in Papua New Guinea.)

Wolston Park Centenary Cricket Club Sign On

The [Wolston Park Centenary Cricket Sign On](#) has already been. However, if you are still interested, please phone Ellen Ferris on 3376 9545.

Sustainable Jamboree e-news - 'Centenary Goes Solar' free seminar

All your questions answered about going solar
1.30 - 2.45pm, Wednesday, September 2, 2009 and

2.30 - 3.45pm, Saturday, September 5, 2009

Venue: Mt Ommaney Library, Dandenong Road.

- Did you know Queenslanders will no longer be able to buy new electric hot water systems by Jan 2010?
- Hear about making your own solar power - getting photovoltaic panels
- Hear about the rebates and incentives available to get them
- Find out about the associated new terms

Chaired by one of Australia's foremost energy experts, Dr David Mills, Qld Dept of Environment and Resource Management.

Speakers include:

- Dane Muldoon from the Solar Guys
- Fraser Ross and Nick Shanahan from Solar Home
- Ed and Glenda Parker, local producer of electricity and solar hot water user

Please register by phoning Ngaire 3375 7268 or

Email: ngaire@sustainablejamboree.org

This project is funded with the support of a sustainability grant from the Brisbane City Council.

<http://sustainablejamboree.org> or join us on Facebook to get event invites, photos and media clips.

Hosted by Sustainable Jamboree - a volunteer based community organisation in the Jamboree Ward of Brisbane.