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## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year's National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) has recently been released. Year 9 students will receive an individual report about their performance on each of the 2009 Literacy and Numeracy tests. The reports will be mailed to each year 9 parent or caregiver.

Staffing changes – Mrs Lesley Andrews will be continuing leave for the remainder of the year. Thank you to Jordan Livingstone and Laura White for acting in the role as Deputy Principal during this term. Mrs Jackie Sinclair will be the Acting Deputy Principal for the remainder of the year.

Enjoy the vacation break. **Term 4 resumes on Monday 5th October.**

**Ian Boon**  
Principal

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## **DP MESSAGE - ATTENDANCE**

### **IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!**

Many students have their educational progress severely interrupted by absences which are more often than not, unnecessary, and for reasons fairly low on the '**important to my future**' scale.

To reach their potential at school, **students need to attend regularly**. This means a few days off per year due to genuine illness – not an 8 day fortnight which accumulates to 50 days absent, 300 periods absent, the equivalent of 8 school weeks absent in a year. How could any student be expected to keep up with work in such circumstances? **Parents - you have a critical role to play in protecting your own child's future. During 2008, YSHS's attendance rate was 82% which is near ly equivalent to an 8 day fortnight.**

Absences can be minimised by arranging dental and doctor's appointments after school or during the holidays – you need to book ahead. Why not book now for school holidays later in the year. Shopping, helping at home, and visiting relatives may all seem important at the time – but are not as important as a **person's FUTURE**.

**We (parents and the school) need to work together to help students to understand the importance of being at school whenever possible, and that trivial reasons for absence are not sufficient to discharge parents' legal responsibilities.**

**Schools and parents have a legal responsibility to account for the whereabouts of young people daily (and in the evenings as well).**

Studies show there is a far greater chance of students becoming **early school leavers and/or long-term unemployed adults**, if they don't attend school regularly.

Should you require support in saying NO to your son/daughter on their attendance or any other issue please contact us immediately.

We all can work together to make a difference to your student's future.

**Be on time, Be at school, that's the rule!**

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## QSA NEWS

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) There was good news in the mail last week for nearly 600 recent school leavers who received a QCE in the first mid-year awarding of the new qualification. Although these students graduated from Yr 12 in 2008 they kept working towards achieving a QCE by completing a range of vocational education and training subjects. Mid-year certification again highlights the flexibility of the QCE in terms of what students learn, as well as where and when that learning occurs.

### SmartOP 2009

The QSA's popular SmartOP service opens again for registrations from 1st September. SmartOP enables Year 12 students to access their OP and Field Positions online or by SMS up to two days before results arrive in the mail. Log onto <http://smartop.qsa.qld.edu.au> to register.

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## CANTEEN NEWS

**Please note that the canteen will only be open for 1st break on Friday 18th September**

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. Enjoy your break and we look forward to seeing you next term.



**School Holidays 21st Sept (2 weeks)**

**School Resumes 5th Oct**

**First 2 weeks roster for Term 4**

**05<sup>th</sup> – 09<sup>th</sup> October**

- Mon 05<sup>th</sup> Sept Carol Wall
- Tues 06<sup>th</sup> Sept Wendy Binder
- Wed 09<sup>th</sup> Sept Michele Stroud
- Thurs 08<sup>th</sup> Sept Paula Haigh
- Fri 09<sup>th</sup> Sept Paul Bambrick & Coral Robinson

**12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September**

- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Sept Carol Wall
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Sept **Help Needed!**
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Sept Michele Stroud
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Sept Tancie Kay
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Sept Alisa Gordon

**Uniform Shop**

Mon – Thurs 8.30am - 9.00am

Fri 8.00am - 12 noon

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## SOSE – MELBOURNE TRIP

**Senior SOSE Students**

Final planning and arrangements for the Senior SOSE student trip to Melbourne are on track for the 5 night excursion. Mr Thompson will be travelling with twelve year 11 & 12 students on Thursday 15 October to Melbourne. The group will flying with Tiger Airways and will be staying at the North Melbourne YHA for 5 nights. One highlight of the trip will be visiting the Melbourne Museum to view 'A Day in Pompeii' exhibition.

The exhibition shows life in an ancient roman town before it was destroyed and forgotten for hundreds of years. The catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius on 24 August 79 AD produced a vast storm of pumice and volcanic ash that buried the town of Pompeii. Like a time capsule, the town – its businesses and homes, gardens and shops – was encased for almost 2,000 years. With more than 250 objects – many never shown before in Australia – A Day in Pompeii will immerse the students in all aspects of life in the ancient town. Priceless objects of luxury and exquisite beauty sit beside everyday items like cooking pots and wine jars.

Parents are asked to make sure payments for the excursion are completed by the first week of Term 4 which commences on Monday 5 October, 2009. **On Tuesday, 6 October at 6 pm – 7 pm there will be an information evening held at YSHS for parents and students** who are involved in the trip. Information will be shared about the travel arrangements, accommodation, emergency contacts details and the final itinerary. All parents and students are encouraged to attend. For further information contact Mark Thompson on email [mthom284@eq.edu.au](mailto:mthom284@eq.edu.au). Mark is currently on sick leave for the remainder of Term 3 but will be able to respond to your emails. No new students will be able to participate in this excursion as all travel and accommodation arrangements are now complete.

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## YEAR 10 ENGLISH

### Parents are asked to help students in Year 10 English class Novel Study

Just a quick note to remind parents that year 10 students in Mr Thompson's English class are reading novels over the holidays. Students can choose their own novel to read. The only requirement is that it must have teenagers as the main characters. This allows students to indulge their own favourite genres and enjoy reading.



Parents are asked to assist students by reminding them of their commitment and to support their reading anyway they can. Students will be comparing their own choice of novel with a choice of two Australian novels by authors John Marsden and Scott Monk which will be read in Term 4. Thank you to parents for your assistance and support of your child's literacy education. Mr Thompson [mthom284@eq.edu.au](mailto:mthom284@eq.edu.au)

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## SPORTS REPORT

Term 3 has been an extremely busy 10 weeks with many sports in full swing. It has been a very successful term in regards to sports participation and the amount of effort that has been shown by all of the students competing.

### Girls Basketball



The girls have been training and playing hard over the past couple of weeks and all of their hard work is paying off. There has been a vast improvement in skill levels and the effort the girls have been showing has been outstanding. Standout players for the Senior team have been Brooke Edwards, Simone Stewart and Lacey Boyd. The standout players for the Junior team include Tayla Boys and Vanessa Stewart. Hopefully the girls will continue to train hard next term and we will begin to win some more games. Well done, girls!

### District Athletics

Congratulations go to the 7 students who represented our school at the Capricornia Athletics trials a fortnight ago. Alex O'Dea, Luke Lambert, Alan Rutherford, Melanie Kitching, Tanner Ward, Tim Minnecon and Rohahne Bembridge all did our school extremely proud as they put in a great effort on the day. Special congratulations go to Alex O'Dea and Luke Lambert who made the Capricornia team who will attend the State Championships next month.



### Surf League

The annual Surf League Competition will be held in Tannum Sands on the 23rd of October. Students wanting to compete on the day must nominate by seeing Mr Holloway. We are hoping to get enough students to hopefully take a bus so if you are interested please get involved.

With the Year 10, 11 and 12 students out this week, teachers have been very busy marking and finalising results, particularly those involved with senior classes. All Year 12 students are reminded that your Lawn Bowls reports are due by the end of this week. Year 8 students will this week be given their latest assessment piece (due week 4 next term) for those who are keen to get started over the holidays!



We would like to thank Mrs Kendell and Mr Obradovick who have both been covering Mr Livingstone's classes over the past weeks whilst he has been on paternity leave. Their contributions have helped out everyone in the HPE staffroom and provided the students with the

opportunity to continue their practical lessons which I'm sure were greatly appreciated. Have an active and safe break!

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## DATE CLAIMERS

- **Sept 18th** Last day of term
- **Oct 5th** School Resumes
- **Oct 13th** P & C Meeting—Admin Building
- **Oct 15→20th** Ancient History Trip
- **Oct 19th** Student Free Day
- **Oct 23rd** Fashion Parade
- **Oct 27th** Presentation Night
- **Oct 30th** World Teachers Day
- **Nov 4th** Combined School's Concert
- **Nov 6th** Sports Presentation Evening
- **Nov 18th** Yr 12 Graduation
- **Nov 20→25th** Yr 11 Exam Block
- **Nov 20th** Yr 12 Senior Formal
- **Nov 27th** Last Day Yr 10 & 11
- **Dec 11th** Last Day of School for 2009

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## CONTACT DETAILS

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| <b>Web Site:</b>              | www.yeppoonshs.eq.edu.au                 |

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



**LEARNING NETWORK QUEENSLAND**

*Creating opportunities for you*

### **Free Back to Work Program**

This fully-funded program is designed to provide you with improved job-seeking skills and accredited computing skills via three units from Certificate I in Information Technology.

- No cost to eligible participants who are looking for work.
- People over 40 and not on Centrelink income support are eligible. Job Search is OK.

Phone: Debra Hogan at  
Learning Network Queensland  
Capricorn Coast  
4925 0067 to enrol  
Next class is due to start September 8th



This project has been funded by the  
Department of Employment and Industrial Relations' Skilling Queenslanders for Work Initiative

## Ignition09

Planning on spending your holiday break on the couch? How's a week of fast paced, awesome activities sound? Register now for ignition 2009 and enjoy a great week jammed full of fun, fantastic food, great mates and time to ask questions of life, Jesus & our world.

**Sept 28th-Oct 2nd**  
**Camp Lammermoor, Yeppoon**  
**Grades 8 – 12**  
**\$200 p/p**

Register online [www.suald.org.au/camps/ignition](http://www.suald.org.au/camps/ignition)

## Do You Own a Digital Camera?

Central Queensland Institute of TAFE Capricorn Coast is holding a short course starting 5th October 2009. For more information call 1300 27 8233 or log onto [www.cq.tafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.cq.tafe.qld.gov.au)

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au>  
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a Queensland Health *fact sheet*

## Hendra Virus Infection

### Description:

*Hendra virus infection is a disease caused by the Hendra virus. The virus was first called equine morbillivirus when it was isolated in 1994 from specimens obtained during an outbreak of respiratory and nervous system disease in horses and humans in Hendra in Brisbane.*

*There have been only six confirmed human infections, all in Queensland, and three of these died. All six cases had been in close contact with sick or dead horses.*

### Symptoms:

Symptoms in humans have included:

- an influenza-like illness, which can progress to pneumonia; or
- encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) type symptoms i.e. headache, high fever, and drowsiness, which can progress to convulsions or coma.

Horses develop an acute respiratory or neurological syndrome quickly leading to death in most cases.

### Transmission:

While Hendra virus does not appear to be very contagious, humans and horses are susceptible to the disease. All human infections have occurred following direct exposure to tissues and secretions from infected or dead horses. There is no evidence of human to human transmission.

The incubation period in humans has been estimated at 5-14 days.

The natural host for Hendra virus in Australia is the flying fox. It is not clear how horses become infected, but this may occur by them eating food contaminated by bat urine or birthing products.

### Treatment:

A person suspected to be infected with Hendra virus may need to be admitted to hospital for supportive care such as intravenous therapy and mechanical ventilation. It is not known whether antiviral treatments are effective against Hendra virus infection.

### Prevention:

There is no vaccine against Hendra virus. The most important means of preventing Hendra virus infection is to avoid animals that are known to be infected. When contact with potentially infected animals is necessary, take precautions that include using appropriate personal protective equipment and following recommended hygiene and environmental cleaning measures.

Horse feed and water troughs should not be placed under trees where bats may feed or roost.

Any suspected cases in horses or humans should be reported, investigated and treated as soon as possible.

### Help and Assistance

For further information please contact your local doctor, community health centre or nearest Population Health Unit.

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