

Shailer Park State High School

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Gold for Gladiators



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Administration News

Principal's Outlook **Ray McConnell**

A warm welcome to all parents, family and community members of Shailer Park State High School for 2009. We have experienced healthy student enrolments and are settled well into this eleven week term. I don't believe I can ever remember a series of more extraordinary and devastating events leading in to the start of a school year. The global financial crisis rests heavily on our nation, two thirds of Queensland has been ravaged by floods, and now the unprecedented and tragic loss of lives through the Victorian bushfires. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the many families and communities affected. Thank you to all families who have generously donated money to our Bushfire Appeal coordinated by Mrs King and the Student Council.

Congratulations to Gladiators house for their victory at this years swimming carnival. Staff and students are to be commended for an excellent carnival. The staff of the aquatic centre praised our efficient organisation and the exemplary conduct of our students. Well done and a special thank you to Ms Donaldson, Mrs Stone and all staff involved for their efforts.

Special congratulations also to our School Captain, Natalie Dudkowski, who has achieved an awesome result at the recent Australian Youth Olympics held in Sydney. Natalie came first in the 2000 metre women's steeplechase final and fourth in the women's 3000 metre final. This is an extraordinary achievement for Natalie and we look forward to following her athletics career as she reaps the rewards of her hard work and commitment.

Shailer Park State High has been successful in an application for funding under round two of the Australian Government's National Secondary Computer Fund. This fund is focussed on a target of a student to computer ratio of 1:2 for students in years 9-12. Our school will receive \$172000 in funding which will equate to 172 computers. This will have an enormous impact on access to technology for our students. The federal government will also be providing funds by the end of the financial year to assist in providing the infrastructure for these new computers.

In the week 11-14 May, year nine students will be sitting the National Assessment Programme in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests over three days. This is the second year this Australia wide test has been conducted to determine student skills in reading, writing, grammar and punctuation, spelling and numeracy. These tests are now an important part of our school calendar and focus on core skills which will provide the foundation for student success in the senior school.

At our first school assembly for 2009, Mr John Milne was invited to say farewell to the students and was presented with a lovely gift from the student body. John was appreciative of the opportunity to say goodbye and to provide some closure after the announcement of his retirement last year. On behalf of the staff and students at Shailer Park High, I wish John health and happiness in this new chapter of his life.

Head of Middle School **Jacqui Lewis**

The Year 8's have made a great start to the next phase of their learning. Year 8 teachers have commented on the enthusiasm, good manners and behaviour of the students. I look forward to spending time with them on Friday as they have fun getting to know each other and the Year 12 mentors at the Daisy Hill Forest Day.

Year 9's are already starting to develop skills for the NAPLAN test with focus lessons on Numeracy during LAN three mornings a week. One important skill to develop with these students is the ability to infer information. Parents can help develop these skills by asking their children questions that require them to think about the information/facts and make inferences or judgements. This can be as simple as asking your child 'why they think something was taught/learnt' rather than 'what did you learn today'.

If you would like more information on the NAPLAN test please go to:

http://www.naplan.edu.au/verve/resources/NAPLAN09_WebsiteBrochure_v3.pdf

I look forward to working with you and your child.

Head of Senior School Lynne Smith

Welcome to 2009

A warm welcome is extended to our returning and new families. At the end of 2008, our principal, John Milne, announced his retirement. We are saddened to see John leave our school community and extend to him our warmest wishes as he embarks on a new direction in his life journey. John was farewelled by the students at a school assembly and his contributions to education over the years will be officially recognised by staff and others at a function at Arundel Country Club on Friday 27 February. We were delighted to be advised that Mr Ray McConnell has been appointed to replace John in the interim. Ray comes to us with a wealth of experience in education and a clear vision for the future of Shailer Park High and we wish him huge success in his endeavours.

Congratulations

Students in year 12 2008 and their teachers are to be congratulated on the wonderful results from last year. Every student exited year 12 with a minimum of a Certificate I and a number of students achieved at least one Certificate II. Every OP eligible student and some non-OP eligible students received a QTAC offer for tertiary study. These fine results could not have been received without the commitment and effort of the students, their teachers, the Heads of Department and a number of support personnel. Well done, everyone!

Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and Subject Selection

Students in years 11 and 12 selected their subjects at the end of year 10 and completed a Senior Education and Training Plan (SETP). In order to achieve a QCE at the end of year 12, a number of criteria must be met:

- Students must achieve a pass in Literacy and Numeracy for a minimum of 1 semester
- Students must study at least 3 subjects for 4 semesters
- For point(s) to be banked for a subject, the student must exit that subject on a minimum of a satisfactory achievement or higher.

- To be awarded a QCE, the student must have banked a minimum of 20 points with the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA)

To ensure that students meet these requirements, they must follow the school process to change from one subject to another:

- The student must complete a subject selection form and a change of subject form.
- The student must obtain the signatures of the Head of Department of the subject the student wishes to leave and the Head of Department of the subject the student wishes to join.
- The student must consult Mrs McDonald, the Guidance Officer, to ensure that they are still on task for an OP (if appropriate) and that the change will not disadvantage the student's options for the future.
- The student must see Mr Bubbers to ensure that they are still on task for the awarding of a QCE
- The parents/carers must give their approval for the change by signing the forms.

Subject Changes for Students in Years 9 & 10

Students in years 9 and 10 are no longer able to request subject changes for this semester. There will be a period of 2 weeks at the end of the semester for students to request changes for second semester. Unfortunately we cannot always comply with student and parent requests as classes may be full.

School Uniform

Congratulations to all the students who are wearing the school uniform appropriately and with pride. The local community judges our school superficially, based on the way the students dress and behave. It is such a pleasure to see our students looking so good. We realise that, without the support of our parents and carers, this would not be the case. Thank you everyone for your efforts.

Goodbye and best wishes...



It was great to be able to say a fond farewell to students and staff at Assembly on Tuesday 3 February. I was for one last time, able to challenge them to achieve their personal best, echoing President Obama's theme "Yes You Can!"

My four and a half years at Shailer Park have been a challenging yet rewarding experiences. The school's enthusiastic and energetic staff have encouraged students to outstanding achievements in academic, sporting and cultural pursuits.

This years' student badges will again be an active and successful team of achievers. Thank you to the wonderful P&C for your strong support to improve our facilities. Thank you to everyone who shared the vision of making Shailer Park the good school it is.

May your future be bright even in these trying times. I will be kept busy in my retirement, writing a book, doing a little public speaking and travelling as the dollar allows.

Power On!
John Milne

P&C wins another grant!



The Shailer Park State High School P&C Association has been successful in the latest round of the Queensland Government's Gaming Community Benefit Fund.

The P&C received funding for the supply and installation of lighting bars, a projector and a projector screen. This is part of the third stage of the upgrade of the MultiPurpose Shelter which is currently underway. It is anticipated that the project should be completed by the end of this month.

New hours for Uniform Shop

Due to the lack of volunteers, the Uniform Shop has had to reduce their hours of business. As of this week, the Uniform Shop will be open Monday and Friday 8:30am to 9:30am and Wednesday 8:30am to 10:00pm.

If you can volunteer your time in any way, please contact Jane Chataway on 3451 2772.

Know your Care Team members

Guidance Officer	Narelle McDonald 3451 2705
Behaviour Management	Lyn Proberts 3451 2777
Youth Health Nurse	Cheryl Hewlett 3451 2768
Youth Support Coordinator	Bev Maurer 3451 2768
Career Keys	Stephanie Dehnert 3451 2777
Chaplain	Dale Lennon 3451 2743
Special Needs	Helen Lloyd- Jones 3451 2761
Voc Ed & Job Centre	Trish Hutchinson 3451 2706

Year Level Coordinators:

Level	Name	Phone
Year 8	Josh Fuller	3451 2764
Year 9	Sarah Morris	3451 2781
Year 10	Anna Elliott	3451 2712
Year 11	Kim Herholdt	3451 2712
Year 12	Anne-Maree King	3451 2745

Swimming Carnival Success

On Wednesday 4 February, Shailer Park High held their annual Swimming Carnival at Logan Aquatic Zest Centre. Over 650 students demonstrated excellent school spirit by attending the carnival. With the weather prevailing, it made for a perfect swimming carnival.

Congratulations to all the house captains, house masters and staff for running the carnival so efficiently. It was a huge success!

Congratulations to the Gladiators swimmers who won marginally against a fighting Spartans team.

RESULTS

1 st	Gladiators	604
2 nd	Spartans	557
3 rd	Trojans	440
4 th	Vikings	384



Congratulation to the Age Champions



Year Level Highlights

Year 8 – Josh Fuller

Congratulations to all Year 8 students on a wonderful start to Term 1.

The Swimming Carnival was a big success with huge participation adding to the house totals on the day.

Daisy Hill Day permission slips must be handed in the LAN teachers as soon as possible to collate medical slips and confirm numbers. It should be a great opportunity for Year 8 and Year 12 students to interact in a fun environment.

Keep up the good work!

Year 9 – Sarah Morris

I just wanted to take this opportunity to welcome the Year 9 students back to school in 2009. I trust that you all had an enjoyable break and are settling in with your new classes and subjects.

We will be electing our Year 9 Student Council Representatives before the month of February is finished. I have received a number of worthy nominations from a variety of candidates. I have no doubt that whoever is awarded this prestigious title will do their very best to represent our cohort and will contribute as much as possible to the projects and ideas of the 2009 Student Council.

Thank you again to all those students who have offered a nomination. I would like to encourage you all to continue to take an interest in the running of your school. It is wonderful to have so many hard working students willing to put up their hands and volunteer for such a title as Student Council Representative. Stay tuned for the results.

Year 10 – Anna Elliott

It has been a great start to the year, with many Year 10 students working hard in all areas of school life. I have had many students nominating for Student Council, very eager to be the voice of our cohort. Year Level representatives will be announced next week.

I would also like to acknowledge the Year 10 girls Futsal team who I was lucky enough to watch on Monday night at Insports. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and skill amongst the girls who were victorious over the Senior girls' team.

Congratulations also to the many students that participated at the swimming carnival. It was pleasing to see such a high level of participation and enthusiasm on the day.

Year 11 – Kim Herholdt

Welcome back Year 11. What a positive start to the year with enthusiastic participation in the Swimming Carnival and students settling into school routine well. We have an exciting year ahead with our leadership camp booked for Wednesday 7 October to Friday 9 October at Tallebudgera.

Congratulations to Kayt Mossman and Katie Currell who will lead our Year 11 Student Council Representative team. These students are keen to work with their peers to improve their school and to assist with fundraising efforts.

I would like to thank parents/guardians of Year 11 students who have worked hard to support the Shailer Park High Uniform policy, wearing their uniforms with pride, enhancing the community's perception of our school.

Best wishes students for a positive and fruitful year.

Year 12 – Anne Maree King

The year has certainly got off to a great start with the Year 12 cohort busily planning, organizing and running a great variety of events – and it's only week three! These events have included a BBQ at the swimming carnival as well as the novelty event of paying to 'water bomb the teachers'.

Valentines Day saw the delivery of candy hearts throughout the school to those fond of one another. While many senior students participated in organizing a school collection in support of the Victorian Bushfire Tragedy, it was Blake Allen who took the initiative in motivating everyone. He organized posters and flyers to be sent home to families to inform them of our intentions. The collection was a resounding success with the whole school digging deep to support the many unfortunate families who have suffered throughout this ordeal. It is wonderful to see this type of initiative from our leaders.

It is wonderful to see so many willing to work for the benefit of not only their school, but also for the wider community.

This group of seniors are setting an example with regard to school uniform and are leading the school in a most positive manner. Their long awaited 'Senior Jackets' arrived and each has been wearing it with pride – yes, even in the 30 degree heat!! I must admit they do look very smart and are a great addition to Shailer Park's smart uniform.

I am looking forward to a very busy but rewarding year working with the year 12's, we have certainly started off with a bang.



General News

Immunisation Day

Year 8 and 10 Students

By now, all parents of Year 8 and 10 students should have received information on Immunisation Day. All completed forms need to be **returned** to the school **by Wednesday 18 February**.

As per the Council requirements, no forms can be processed after this date and no verbal permission will be accepted.

Immunisation day will be held on Monday 16 March.

Year	Vaccination
8 Boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hepatitis B (1st dose)• Chickenpox
8 Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hepatitis B (1st dose)• Chickenpox• HPV (Cervical cancer)
10 Boys & Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• dTpa Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis)

The 2009 School Based Immunisation Program is undertaken based on the National Health and Medical Research Council's recommendations, and advice from the State and Federal Governments.

The Council undertakes this program as a proactive health initiative on behalf of the Logan community and receives no outside funding for this program. Immunisation remains the single most effective and efficient method of reducing the morbidity and mortality associated with vaccine preventable diseases. Should you have any further enquires, please contact the Council's Immunisation on 3412 4611.

Insurance coverage in school sport

Parents are advised that the Department does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students. Physical education, particularly contact sports, carries inherent risks of injury. It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

Round Robin Sports Day

Shailer Park High is proud to participate in the Interschool Sporting Competition within Pacific District. The first Round Robin sports day for 2009 will be on **Wednesday 18 February**. Students who have not paid or are not participating, will be kept at school to complete subject area activities.

It is recommended that students have water, hat and sun screen for any outdoor activities. Students are required to wear full sports uniform with correct footwear. Students not in correct uniform will not be permitted to participate.

Phil Carroll
Head of Physical Education

School Photo Day

School Photo Day in on Thursday 19 February.

All students will be having their photos taken regardless if they intend to purchase photos or not as the individual photos are used to produce the Student ID cards.

If students wish to purchase photos, they are asked to bring their completed payment envelope on the day and hand directly to the photographer. The school takes no responsibility for payment envelopes. Please note: no phone calls will be made for forgotten envelopes. **Students are required to wear the complete day uniform.**

Transport Strike

Queensland Transport has advised that the rail strikes planned for next week are expected to proceed. Outages are planned for Monday 16 February and Wednesday 18 February.

Queensland Transport has recommended that parents:

- Plan ahead by checking the [Translink website](#) or phoning 13 12 40 for updates.
- Use alternative public transport such as buses or ferries.
- Travel outside the morning and afternoon peak traffic times.
- Walk or cycle with their children to school.
- Car pool with other parents.

Youth Health Nurse

My name is Cheryl Hewlett. I am a registered nurse and midwife employed by Queensland Health. This is my second year at Shailer Park High, and I am here every Monday and Friday. My office is opposite the multipurpose building.

I assist Shailer Park High with their ethos of a supportive, healthy school environment by offering support and advice and connecting people to other support services inside and outside the school.

I see students either individually, or in small groups addressing various issues, eg, nutrition, sun safety, smoking, relationships, mental health and sexual health. Most of the issues covered are protected by confidentiality (except in cases of harm), which is often reassuring to those that visit with me.

I have lots of brochures, pamphlets and community services information to help with a range of health issues and to assist in school projects. I am also able to assist and offer support with classroom health related information and presentations in collaboration with teaching staff as needed.

Adolescence can be a difficult time for not just the young person but also for parents / caregivers and teachers, so please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

I look forward to meeting the staff, students and their families in 2009.

Cheryl Hewlett
School Based Youth Health Nurse

**Brisbane
Regional
Youth Orchestra**



do you play an instrument?

...BRYO WANTS YOU!

The Brisbane Regional Youth Orchestra (BRYO) is currently searching for musicians to join our Symphony Orchestra.

In 2009 we will be performing a varied program from Dvorak's "New World Symphony", to Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue"! We rehearse on Monday nights at Balmoral SHS hall from 6-8:30pm.

Contact our Director of Music, Shaun Dorney on 0411 644 028 or dorney@powerup.com.au for more info or visit our website.

www.bryo.org.au

P&C News

We were indeed fortunate to have Mr John Milne as our dedicated and hard working Principal. We wish John a happy and fulfilling retirement and I hope you will join with me on behalf of the P & C as we extend a warm SPSHS welcome to Mr Ray McConnell who has been appointed to replace John as Principal. Mr. McConnell has worked most recently in High Schools on the Gold Coast and is an experienced and respected administrator.

Volunteering/helping at school is also a way of having input into your children's education. At the P & C we have found that it is a rewarding way to contribute to our children's education and life long learning by modelling best practice and good leadership behaviours.

As an association, any money the P & C raises through our business enterprises and endeavours is passed on to the school.

One way you can give to your association is through donations. These may be in the form of donations of time through helping to prepare school lunches at the Canteen or donations of resources for the classroom and through the purchase of uniforms and lunch items for your children at the tuckshop.

I extend a big thank you to two ladies who are the backbone of our fundraising efforts at school. You may have met Mrs Mel Hunter our Canteen Convenor earlier this week or Mrs Jayne Chattaway at the Uniform shop. These two extremely friendly and knowledgeable members of our P & C Association would be only too happy to help with your enquiries or welcome your help.

The AGM will be held on **Tuesday 3 March from 7pm in Sapphires Restaurant and Training Centre**. This is your chance to share ideas, create positive changes in our school and contribute to your child's future. Everyone is welcome to join this small group of enthusiasts.

Phillip Meadows
P & C President

New bell times as of 16 February'09

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PARADE / LAN	8.50 – 9.20	8.50 – 9.20	8.50 – 9.20	8.50 – 9.00	8.50 – 9.20
	LAN	LAN	FULL SCHOOL PARADE	LAN	LAN
PERIOD 1	9.20 – 10.12	9.20 – 10.12	9.20 – 10.12	9.00 – 9.52	9.20 – 10.12
PERIOD 2	10.12 – 11.04	10.12 – 11.04	10.12 – 11.04	9.52 – 10.44	10.12 – 11.04
LUNCH 1	11.04 – 11.54	11.04 – 11.54	11.04 – 11.54	10.44 – 11.34	11.04 – 11.54
PERIOD 3	11.54 – 12.46	11.54 – 12.46	11.54 – 12.46	11.34 – 12.26	11.54 – 12.46
PERIOD 4	12.46 – 1.38	12.46 – 1.38	12.46 – 1.38	12.26 – 1.18	12.46 – 1.38
PARADE (THU ONLY)				1.18 – 1.38 YEAR LEVEL PARADE	
LUNCH 2	1.38 – 2.08	1.38 – 2.08	1.38 – 2.08	1.38 – 2.08	1.38 – 2.08
PERIOD 5	2.08 – 3.00	2.08 – 3.00	2.08 – 3.00	2.08 – 3.00	2.08 – 3.00

EVENTS CALENDAR

Wed 18 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vaccination forms to be returned Round Robin 1 - whole school event
Thu 19 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photo Day - whole school event
Fri 20 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daisy Hill Day Yrs 8 & 12
Mon 23 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Swimming Carnival
Fri 27 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southbank Excursion Yr 11 Tourism
Mon 2 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Swimming Carnival
Tue 3 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C AGM 7:00pm Sapphires Restaurant
Wed 4 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Swimming Carnival
Fri 6 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excursion Yr 12 SOS
Tue 10 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brisbane Lions AFL Boys Cup
Thu 12 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jonathan Brown Girls AFL Cup
Mon 16 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vaccination Day Yrs 8 & 10
Tue 17 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excursion Yr 12 Drama
Tue 24 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round Robin 2 - whole school event
Fri 27 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QLD Futsal Finals Day



NETBALL COURTS UPGRADE

Cornubia Park InSports has been fortunate to win a Sport & Recreation grant which involves an upgrade of the Netball Courts from grass pave courts to "Synpave" hard courts.

For the health and