

High Flyer

GIRLS

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GALA TACKLE DAY

On Thursday the 21st August, 8 brave Wilsonton Campus Year 10 girls represented our school at the Girls Gala Tackle Day. The day started with a skills session, learning how to play the ball, tackle and score tries.

We played Harristown first, winning 20 -4 with try scorers being Phylicia, Marlina-Rae, Amy and Zoie. The second game was tougher, meeting Centenary Heights and just being outscored but not outplayed. The score was 28-16. Try scorers were Phylicia and Marlina. The girls were dynamic in defence and they were all rapt with their teamwork and performance. Well Done !

The special feature of the day was being coached and warmed up by a current Australian player Millie. Another amazing feature was Joanna Williams actually tackling a player! Wow! What a feat.



Players were Rikki Clemson, Amy McElroy, Shaye Campbell, Aimee Hearne, Joanna Williams, Marlina-Rae Pern, Phylicia Walong and Zoie Venter.



They had a great day and full credit goes to the girls for their teamwork and sportsmanship !!

Please note:

The first day of Term 4, Monday 6 October, is a Pupil Free day.

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It is already the end of term three and students have continued to do an amazing job since our last newsletter. I am very proud of the hundreds and hundreds of Gold Level certificates we have awarded this term. As well as this, we have had these activities to keep us all busy:

- Year 10 students at Mt Lofty, Wilsonton and Crows Nest SS have been involved in subject talks by Deputy Principals and have done subject selections
- Open Days at Wilsonton and Lofty were a big success with over 800 young people visiting the campuses.
- Year 8 review has progressed well with a structure now defined for each campus: ICT subject for Year 8 and choice in Arts, Language and Technology syllabuses with additional electives in Sciences. The work done will now spark some review of the pedagogical underpinnings of teaching and learning in our school. You can see the 2009 design of Year 8&9 on the school website.
- NAIDOC celebrations went very well with high student involvement.
- Eisteddfod went very well again for TSHS students who participated in a range of ensembles and individually
- Many students also celebrated their Academic Personal Bests.
- Music students played for assembly and staff briefing where they received their 2008 music merit badges.
- We farewelled our 2008 Takatsuki Senior High School sister school group (and Kenny Kangaroo) for this year.

Our finances and HR practices were audited this month and we received a good passing mark. The Lofty grandstand seating was installed and a new key system has been put in place.

Awards night is on at Hume Ridge Church of Christ this year on October 22. Invitations are being sent out shortly. This is always a wonderful night of celebration of student achievement. I look forward to seeing you at this annual school event.

A Lofty Celebration of The Arts



Congratulations to.....

- Araminta Pearce, Jessica Zoet, Megan Crook and Stephanie Towner, all of whom showed work in the regional 'Creative Generations' exhibition. Special congratulations to Araminta Pearce whose work was chosen as a winner in the 2008 Ministerial Art Award.
- the winners of the annual Senior Arts Evening Art Awards: Principal's Choice Award - Jessica Thomas; Art Teachers' Award - Gerard Addison; People's Choice Award - Brenton Donovan.



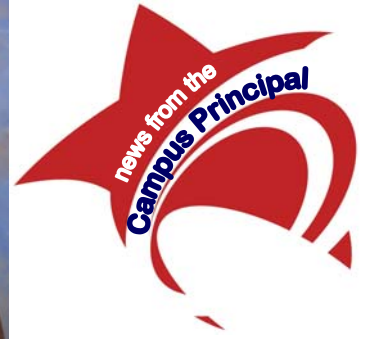
Congratulations to Year 12 students Amy Jelacic and Stobhan Lamerton who were the winners of the 2008 WIN TV Newsreader Competition. The girls won a camcorder for the school, a movie pass for 30 students and shopping vouchers.



The Year 11 team of Jackson Haigh and Doug Allen were awarded the second highest points. Well done!

At the Wilsonton Campus we value:

Teamwork	Meeting challenges
Seeking opportunities	Success and recognition



We have a full school assembly once a week and the focus of these occasions is to recognise the many and varied achievements of our young people – **'success and recognition'**. It is wonderful to see so many students getting involved in school life. It was pleasing to present certificates last assembly to a large number of students who have improved their GPA (Grade Point Average). We trust that our acknowledgement of an improvement will encourage them to continue to strive to improve.

Students recently have also been acknowledged for their outstanding work in a range of extra-curricular activities: Robocup; Science competition (we had several students with Distinctions) and an essay writing competition about Milne Bay. These activities are only possible because students are prepared to 'have a go' (**seeking opportunities** and **meeting challenges**) and teachers are prepared to coordinate these activities often outside of school hours (**teamwork**). I thank all staff and students involved. Well done.

Pastoral Care

You are probably aware that about twelve months ago we restructured our Access groups and implemented a pastoral care program. Access groups are organised in house groups and are restricted to about 18 students in Years 9 and 10. The access group also has a double lesson every Thursday and explore a range of social issues that affect young people. The small size of the group as well as the regular time together has resulted in Access teachers being able to build a strong rapport with their students. These teachers really have a mentoring role. In Year 8, one of the core teachers is the Access teacher. We have been working on the curriculum program for Pastoral Care quite extensively this year. Underpinning this program is our belief that we each show a commitment to the four key values of our campus when we demonstrate **respect, reflection, resilience and responsibility**.

These are the suggested topics for 2009 thus far:

Year Eight:

Being ready for high school:	exam skills, revision strategies, homework routines
Mental Health:	positive self-esteem, bullying
Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles	
Being safe 'online'	cyber bullying, staying safe on the internet
Career Education	discovering strengths, reflecting on report cards
Community project	giving to others

Year Nine:

Understanding your learning style
 Personal Identity
 Celebrating diversity
 Career education
 Choice theory
 Drug Education
 Healthy Risk Taking

Year Ten:

Being prepared for senior: research and study skills; emotional intelligence
 SET planning (this is a significant part of the year's program)
 Sexuality
 Safe partying

We welcome your feedback on these topics. Please do not hesitate to email the.principal@wilscampshs.eq.edu.au with your thoughts.

Thank you, Wagners

The Wilsonton Agricultural Field Study Centre is situated at 275 North Street Toowoomba and is the only agricultural facility for state schools in the Toowoomba area. This educational complex includes cattle yards, sheep and goat pens and poultry enclosures. The Centre caters for a large number of students from schools throughout the area, both primary and secondary. Students attending the Centre are able to participate in animal handling and animal husbandry activities.

While recent rain has been very welcome it has caused problems with access to the cattle yards for students and staff at the Centre. WAGNERS, a well-known local company in Toowoomba, were approached by the Centre and have generously donated 25 tonnes of crusher dust. The crusher dust will be used to weatherproof the cattle yard area allowing students and staff to access this area easily.

