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Issue 16 **Principal's Outlook**

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I wish to congratulate year 9 students and their teachers on their results in the 2009 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) test which was held earlier this year. There has been a general improvement overall with significant improvement in writing and spelling. Teachers have been working incredibly hard to help put a sharper focus on the foundations of education and the results show their efforts are having an impact.

Individual 2009 Student Reports will be posted home to Parents and Carers this week.

We know we still have a way to go but this has been a positive start and we are committed to improving literacy and numeracy standards. The Heads of Department are continuing to implement their literacy and numeracy strategies across all Key Learning Areas. In particular Mrs Jill Cryan (HOD English) and Mr Andrew Steele (Acting/HOD Mathematics) are working with partners from Griffith University on specific programs that will enhance the teaching and learning in these areas.

Students in years 10, 11 and 12 attended a presentation by motivational speaker Sam Cawthorn yesterday. Sam lost his right arm and sustained other serious injuries from an horrific car accident three years ago. He was brought back to life and spent many months relearning to walk and adjust to his new circumstances. Students were touched by his sheer enthusiasm for life, his courage, sense of humour, his determination to be the best that he can be, and his "never say die attitude". Sam is a father of three young children and was awarded Young Australian of the Year, by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd at this year's Australia Day Awards.

Allison Crane



## ARTS EXPO

**Performances:** Dance, Drama, Film & TV, Media, and Music  
**Art Exhibition:** Wonderful artworks from art students in all year levels  
**When:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 09  
**Where:** Loganlea High Hall  
**Time:** Performances begin at 6.30pm  
 Art Exhibition opens from 5.30pm

Sausage Sizzle, cold drinks and lollies on sale from 5.30pm

### Entry is Free

All welcome to attend. The work of all Arts students is showcased during this annual event.

## HYPE

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August, students from 15 schools from the Logan district put on a Showcase to demonstrate to the community their talents in the Hip Hop field. For twelve weeks, 28 Loganlea State High School students worked with professional choreographer Lizzie Wicks in a gifted and talented program on a routine to enter into this Showcase. The students' performance was outstanding - the biggest and best HYPE team ever. Congratulations students on working hard throughout the term to produce a very professional show!  
 Katherine Bannon- Dance teacher

← Some of the HYPE team with Lizzie

## Windy Day at Munchkins Playgroup



The term at Playgroup has been very busy with a new theme every week. Last week, the thirty *Munchkin* children and their carers enjoyed making kites, flying kites, kicking balls and blowing bubbles.

A special thanks goes to Koby Morier for transforming our damaged shed into a very useful and safe place to store our gear. The parents, children, students and teachers

students are also doing an excellent job in the tasks they are assigned each week and these are being duly noted when observations are being completed.

Mrs Gooley

## Battle for Australia Commemoration Service 67th Anniversary

Mr Ted Hodby, Kristen Simmonds and Hayden Molloy attended the Battle for Australia Commemoration Service 67th Anniversary on Thursday 2 September. They laid a wreath at the Memorial on behalf of the students and staff of Loganlea State High School. The aims of the Battle for Australia Commemoration are:

- To commemorate and honour the courage, sacrifice and service of members of the Australian Armed Forces who resisted and ultimately repulsed the Japanese attack on Australia in 1942, and the civilians who risked their lives and died for Australia in that conflict.
- To educate young Australians to appreciate this courage, sacrifice and service, and to learn from it.
- To foster closer links between ex-service organisations and local schools with a view to encouraging young Australians to appreciate and support the work and legacy of those organisations.
- To build upon the existing goodwill between the people of Australia and the peoples of their allies in the Battle for Australia.



## Dental Health Day



Year Eight students were visited by the friendly dental nurses on Thursday, hopefully for a glowing report!

Students took part in a presentation on plaque control and saw some rather disgusting images of bad teeth. They then got to put food dye on their teeth and enter a UV tent which highlighted all of the plaque still on their teeth—wasn't this a telling exercise!

Most students did quite well, with only some needing to brush their back teeth more thoroughly and floss more often! The students were surprised though and quickly took their handout bags and went straight to the basin with their free Colgate and toothbrush!

Lachlan Thatcher

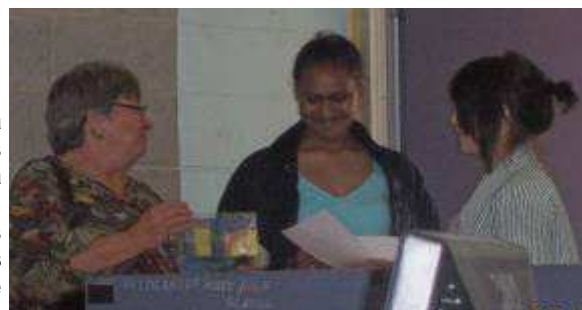
## SOSE ACTIVITIES & ENTERPRISE

Mrs Gooley's Year 9 SOSE class have had a busy term. They handed over a cheque for \$50 last week to the RSPCA. This money was raised by the class taking charge of their learning, developing a company and working through a variety of issues to come up with a product that would be suitable for their



clientele and fit into their budget. This budget was established by students buying shares in their company. The students worked successfully as a team to develop the product, market it and sell for profit. This profit was then handed over to their chosen charity. Students are very proud of their efforts and were very excited to hand over the cheque last week.

During their studies on Government and Law they were humbled by a beautiful experience of having Aunty Anne an Aboriginal Elder come into their class to yarn about her life. All students were touched by the experience and as part of their assessment they wrote letters to thank Aunt for her time and effort. The students were very proud to present these to her this week. Thanks to **Ella Emery** who presented these to her on behalf of the class.



## Visual Artworks in Regional Art Exhibition



Recently the artwork of two outstanding year 12 Visual Art students from Loganlea High was showcased in the 2009 South Coast Regional Exhibition for the Creative Generation- Excellence Awards in Visual Art and Design.

Ashleigh Stanford and Jonathon Mahon's work was proudly on display at Bond University on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September along with that of 27 other students from the region's state and non-state high schools.

Ashleigh's work titled "Compressed" is made up of four digitally manipulated images printed onto canvas and stretched onto frames. In her artist's statement she says about the work, 'One thing comes after another, assignments, exams, essays... the list continues to grow. Everyone expects the best of you, you can't escape comments like "you need to be trying harder", "you haven't met the word limit" and "the

due date is a week from today". My artwork represents the frustration and pressure that comes with the last year of schooling. I have photographed myself pressing my face hard up against glass to symbolise how I feel mid-way through my last year of school. I feel trapped, assignments, exams and essays are building up around me and I have no escape.'

Jonathon Mahon's six digital drawings titled 'Night' were based on his impressions of the novel by the same name written by Elie Wiesel. Jonathon explains in his artist's statement how this book inspired the making of his series of artworks.

'Night is about Wiesel's experience as a young Orthodox Jew who was sent with his family to the German concentration camps at Auschwitz and Buchenwald during the Second World War. My drawings depict the pain and suffering Elie endured his time in the concentration camps. After reading the novel I couldn't help but think about all the innocent lives lost, and wondered how human beings could be so cruel to other human beings? Each drawing represents one of Elie's experiences or an event he witnessed during the war.'

Both students are to be congratulated on having their artworks selected for inclusion in this year's Creative Generation Regional Exhibition. The high quality of their work is a reflection of the hard work and dedication of year 12 Visual Art teacher, Ms Kirby Edwards. Congratulations students and Ms Edwards.

## ArtWaves Exhibition

Loganlea High student artwork is currently on show in ARTWAVES the *Logan and Adjacent Areas Secondary Schools Art Exhibition* at the Logan Art Gallery.

The work of seven of our talented art students from years 10, 11 and 12 was selected for inclusion in this annual exhibition which features a large selection of artworks from both state and non state schools in our region.

On display from Loganlea High are five ceramic sculptures, a mixed media installation, and a series of digitally manipulated images created by Zohra Azizy, Kimberley Grund, and Ashleigh Stanford from Year 12; Bianca Martinovich and Mikaela Upton from Year 11; and Year 10 students Meli Hampton and Angela King. This has been an outstanding effort and we are very proud of the high standard of artwork produced by these student artists.

Earlier in the term our art teachers found it a difficult task to choose artworks for the ARTWAVES Panel to select their exhibition from, when they visited the Loganlea High Arts Department, because there were so many fantastic pieces to choose between.

At the exhibition opening last Friday evening Loganlea High staff, students and parents were thrilled to hear the exhibition curator Lesley Nicholson in her opening address give a special mention to six outstanding artworks featured in the show. Ashley Stanford's series of digital images titled 'Compressed' was one of those mentioned. She praised Ashleigh's images for their innovative approach to the subject matter and creative use of digital technology.

The ARTWAVES Exhibition is open to the public and will continue until early October. The Logan Art Gallery is open from 10am to 5pm Tuesday to Saturday, and entry is free. A visit to the gallery to view this exhibition would be a worthwhile holiday activity for all aspiring student artists. Ros Stokes (Head of Department The Arts)

## Calendar of Events

Sept	18	Last Day of School before the Spring Holidays
Oct	5	School Resumes
Oct	9	Bangarra Dance Excursion (night)
Oct	13	Goals: Session 6—12.00-1.30pm
Oct	16	CAT/ILS Excursion
Oct	19-23	Canoe Camp
Oct	19	Student Free Day
Oct	22	Arts Expo—6.30pm
Oct	23	Indy/A1 V8 Cars (Work Education)
Oct	26	Senior Arts Excursion
Oct	28	Awards Ceremony

