Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome to the 2011 school year and a very warm welcome to our new families, staff and students. The new school year has begun with many challenges, and we have made every effort to establish routines and organised learning environments as a priority for our students.

My heart goes out to all our families and staff who have been adversely affected by the devastating floods we have encountered. I cannot begin to imagine what affect it has had on everyone, especially the home environment. In saying this though, I must congratulate families on the way in which they have made the students’ return to school one of their top priorities. I am amazed at how well our students have presented given the complex challenges being experienced.

We have several staff who have not yet returned due to the flood crisis and the Department has been compassionate in granting special leave to allow them some time to sort through issues before returning to the demands of school life.

**Support**

The Education Department has acquired a large quantity of donations which we have accessed for flood affected families. Some students have already been approached but have indicated that they do not wish to take up the offer of support. I encourage parents to contact Birgitta Sigston in the Administration if you wish to come and take up the offer of these donations. All goods are brand new and we really want to help.

The school also has a range of second hand uniforms which have been kindly donated by local families. This is in addition to the 2 free uniforms available through Government assistance. All uniforms have been washed.

**Shoes**

Vicki Nicholls has worked really hard to secure a donation of black leather shoes from Williams the Shoeman. If you would like to take up this wonderful offer please contact Birgitta and we will make the arrangements for you to access this offer. Mathers have also offered to provide a 25% discount on sports shoes for flood affected families. The school is able to provide funds to cover the remainder of the cost of the sports shoes up to $50.

A register will be set up for Parents to provide information that can be conveyed to the shoe stores. We need to provide them with family names, and approximate shoe sizes. Please contact Birgitta Sigston in the Administration to register for this offer.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you are encountering problems setting your students up for the school year. We want to ensure that student learning and success at school is not impacted on by any of these factors.

**Year 12 Outcomes**

We must not forget the wonderful achievements of our 2010 seniors who made us all very proud. On 17 December our year 12 students’

### Important Dates:

**FEBRUARY**

9  Year 10 Parent /Teacher Meet and Greet Evening - 5.00 pm—6.00 pm
10  Years 11 & 12 Parent /Teacher Meet and Greet - 7.00 am—8.00 am
16  Year 9 Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet Evening - 6.00 pm—6.30 pm
17  Year 8 Parent /Teacher Meet and Greet Evening - 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm
22  Leadership Investiture Ceremony - 10.00 am - Hall

**MARCH**

2  P & C Meeting - 7.00 pm - Paradox Room

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**NOT ONLY FOR TODAY BUT FOR TOMORROW ALSO**

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**CORINDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL**
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Congratulations to our Seniors and congratulations also to the Parents who have supported these students and contributed to their success. On 9 February we will be hosting a celebration morning tea, where our students who were in the top 15% of the 2010 cohort. They are invited back into the school to celebrate with us, so that we can personally congratulate them.

Welcome to our new staff:

New to our school:
- Tanya McLiveen – Spanish / SOSE
- Emma Tait – HPE
- Kirsten Binnie – Japanese
- Katie Fairbanks – HOD Senior Schooling / HPE
- Chris Bedford – Industrial Technology
- Helen Griffiths – SOSE / English
- Anet Beilby – SOSE / English
- Dianne Szymanski – English (our Exchange Teacher from Canada)
- Jean Muller – SOSE
- Lana Evans – English
- Tracey Hall – SOSE / English
- Janet Cleary – Ag Science
- Joerg Putzmann – German
- Elise Richardson – Business
- Laura Wood – Applied Studies
- Lacey Ross - ISS

Returning from Leave / Other Duties:
- Wayne Dunbrack – HOD Science
- Sarah Hensley – Science
- Helen Little – Learning Support
- Michel Shearer – Applied Studies

Returning on Contract:
- Shane Wilson – Learning Support
- Kristina Hicks – Ag / Science
- Judith Chen – LOTE / Maths / Science

- Tracey Griffith – Art
- Peter Hale - Science
- Sonja Hribershek - LOTE
- Natasha Johnson - ISS

Acting Positions:
- Angela Maguire - Acting English HOD
- Ursula Sorensen - Acting LOTE HOD
- Nathan Rye - Acting Arts HOD
- Kylie Marchant - Acting Senior Schooling HOD
- Darren McGregor - Acting Deputy Principal

Science Refurbishment
I am pleased to report that our staff and students are back in the refurbished Science Building, with still some minor defects to be addressed. We are still awaiting the arrival of some furniture items for the student foyer to complete our vision where our students will be able to work on assignments, study or have small group meetings. This is a wonderful learning space for our students now and we are very fortunate to have now a complete array of state of the art science facilities available for our students.

Special thanks must go to Gavin Grant in his capacity as Acting Head of Department Science for all his efforts in overseeing and managing this project.

In Memory of Geoff Bartholomew – Principal 1988 – 1991
It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of past Principal – Geoff Bartholomew. On Thursday 23 December Geoff lost his battle with cancer and passed away. He was a very loyal supporter of our school and remained in close contact with us until late last year. Geoff was very supportive of the Oxley Station Masters House project and only just recently gave a very generous donation to assist with the restoration of the house. Our sympathy is extended to Geoff’s family and we will fondly remember him as a loyal supporter of our school community.

Introducing Dianne Szymanski
Corinda State High School warmly welcomes our exchange teacher Dianne Szymanski from Canada. Kev McMahon – one of our staff members has taken up an exchange posting in Canada, while Dianne and her family join us here at Corinda for the year. Dianne is joined by her husband and two children who are also attending Corinda State High School.

We extend a very warm Aussie welcome to Dianne and her family and trust she will enjoy her time with us and the Australian experience!

Coming to Corinda State High School from Canada has been an interesting experience. We are fortunate that our entire family has been welcomed here; myself as the exchange teacher replacing Kev McMahon, my husband
Jerry, as a teacher’s aide and our two daughters, Kody and Willow, in Year 12 and 10. All the staff and students have been very helpful, as the four of us are all learning new procedures, course curriculums, uniform standards (nearly non-existent in Canada), and basic survival skills - such as driving on the opposite side of the road! So far we are finding that there are more similarities than differences and Australians are upholding their reputation as being a friendly and welcoming nation. We look forward to meeting more the CSHS community and continuing our adventure here.

Dianne Szymanski

Sunscreens & Hats
All students have been issued with 30+ sunscreen on a toggle. This is an initiative of the P & C Association. These bottles are refillable and students can access the sunscreen at first aid.

Parents are reminded that if their student requires specialised sunscreen due to specific skin conditions they are advised not to use the sunscreen provided by the school unless endorsed by their medical practitioner.

Hats are now a compulsory part of the school uniform and all students are required to wear a hat when engaged in outdoor activities. There are two styles of hats approved as part of the uniform - the bucket hat and the sports cap. It’s great to see the students wearing the hats and I encourage all parents to ensure students have their hats with them each day.

Academies
This year we are introducing a new concept to our Sports Model. Each Friday morning our students will have the opportunity to enrol in a specialised Academy where they will undertake coaching, training, drillwork to refine their skills, excel in an area of interest and have an opportunity to represent the school where relevant. Our staff have worked extremely hard in developing meaningful and challenging programs and connecting with other agencies.

We are open to suggestions if there is sufficient interest to run any other additional ones which may benefit the students. Some examples of our Academies on offer include:
- AFL Academy
- Aquatics Academy
- Baseball/Softball Academy
- Basketball Academy

A more detailed outline of the Academies will be made available on the school website in the coming weeks. More on this as we grow the program. We are very excited about the opportunities this initiative will provide to our students.

Snake Alert!
There have been reports of Red Belly Black snakes in the Oxley Creek area. Students have been informed not to walk through heavily grassed areas e.g. gully, creeks to avoid any danger.

HELEN JAMIESON
PRINCIPAL

Parents & Citizens Association AGM
NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Corinda State High School P & C Association is being held on WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH at 7.00 pm in the Paradox Room - D Block
Corinda State High School
All welcome!
School Immunization Program

This year free vaccinations will be provided for all Year 8 and Year 10 students, on the dates listed below, as part of Queensland Health’s annual School Based Vaccination Program.

Year 8 students are being offered vaccination to protect against hepatitis B and chickenpox while Year 10 students are being offered protection against diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough). Female students in Year 8 are also being offered Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to protect against cervical cancer. The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained registered nurses and/or a medical practitioner.

**CORINDA STATE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF IMMUNISATION**

The vaccination team will be visiting the school on the following dates:

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A letter as well as a consent form for each vaccination offered will be given to your child to bring home on Tuesday 1st February 2011. Please note that no child will be vaccinated without parental consent. Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form irrespective of whether you wish your child to be vaccinated or not and return the consent form to the school by 9th February.

Parents are encouraged to ensure their children have breakfast on the morning of vaccination.

For more information about diseases, vaccines or the School Based Vaccination Program, visit [www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation) or call 13 Health on 13 43 25 84.

From the Chaplain

The Opp Shop at Gateway Baptist Church have had many household goods donated for flood victims, which are completely free of charge. If you need sheets, kitchen goods, bedding etc, please contact me in the Chaplaincy Room as they want me to find as many families as possible who would benefit. They also have food hampers and clothes regularly for any families in need throughout the year. For the month of February, they are also having a "Fill a bag of clothes for $10" sale. The store is at 1052 Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Rd Mackenzie, or ask me for more information. Please let me know if you or another family have any other needs.

ANEELA PETERS

2011 Student Planners

All students have been issued a Corinda SHS Student Planner during their first form meeting last week. The purpose of the Student Planner is to ensure that every student starts the year positively with the goal to assist each student to organise themselves, to keep informed, to keep records and assist with communication between school and family.

**Purpose of Student Planners**

- Organise: The planner allows you to organize and manage your time for homework, assignments and extra curricular activities.
- Communicate: The planner is a key tool of communication between staff and your family members about all aspects of school life.
- Inform: The planner contains important information for you, such as a school map, student advice, key dates and school policies.
- Record: The planner allows you to record important information such as study deadlines, notices, individual achievements, passes out of the class room.

**Students are expected to:**

- Take their planner to every lesson, including form meetings
- Keep it neat, well organized and free from graffiti and pictures
- Use it to record all homework, assignments, important dates and notices
- Replace at their own expense if lost or damaged. A replacement planner is $15.
♦ Ask their teachers for assistance with your homework and/or assignments
♦ Complete their homework on the day set whenever possible
♦ Use the Study Skills and Tips on the left hand side of each weekly page to develop their skills.

The focuses are designed to initiate discussion, both at school and at home, on the topics each week. Working on the assumption that the students open their planners 40-50 times per week, there is adequate time and opportunity for the strategy or skill to “drip feed” into their study habits. This, together with direction from form teachers during form meeting and/or SLP lesson each week supports the development of these habits across the year.

If you have any concerns about your student’s study habits please do not hesitate to contact his/her Year Level Co-ordinator.

Guidance News

The Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS) was created to generate knowledge of technical trade careers available in the Navy, Army or Air Force across the school community and to encourage students to complete their secondary school studies before embarking upon a trade career. Every year, up to 1,500 students are awarded a Scholarship, with year 11 students receiving $2,000 and year 12 students receiving $3,000 over two semesters. Previous DTS recipients have used their money to pay for school fees, laptop computers and tools or hardware products to assist them not only to complete their school year but to prepare them for a trade career beyond year 12. Selected year 11 Scholarship recipients may also be given the opportunity to attend a week long Defence Experience Tour, allowing them to further enhance their knowledge of ADF trades.

If interested, students have to:
♦ Complete an application form in their own handwriting and say why they are interested in joining ADF trade careers.
♦ Have their application approved by their parent / guardian and the school DTS representative.
♦ Be enrolled in any level of mathematics for year 11/12
♦ Be enrolled in a VET technical subject for year 11/12 (e.g Construction, Engineering or Furnishing, Graphics or IT)
♦ Provide two written supporting statements (references) for the application; One from a teacher at the student’s school who is familiar with the student’s future career plans. The other must be from an external source eg. An employer or community / sporting organisation.

Application forms will be soon be available from the Guidance Office or at www.defencejobs.gov.au/DTS
Application forms must be brought to school for signing and submission ahead of the closing date 11 March.