From the Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

One of the highlights this year has been our school being awarded Independent Public School (IPS) status. I was delighted to receive this letter from the Minister for Education, Training and Employment

Dear Principal

I am writing to offer my congratulations on your successful application to become an Independent Public School in 2015.

The Independent Public Schools initiative is part of the Government’s commitment to improve outcomes for all Queensland state school students.

The initiative recognises that the best decision-making often happens at the local level.

By embracing independence, you will have greater autonomy in the decisions you make to deliver the best possible outcomes for your students and your community.

As one of 130 Independent Public Schools, your school will benefit from:

- enhanced local governance
- opportunities for innovation
- a locally tailored workforce
- increased financial flexibility and
- less red tape.

Your application was successful because it showed the panel that you are ready to take on the challenge and innovate to lift your school’s performance – and that you have the support of your school community to do this. Let me assure you that your school also has the full support of the Department as you plot your path forward.

Please convey my congratulations and best wishes to your school community. I look forward to working with you, your teachers, parents and wider school community to deliver the very best education for your students.

John-Paul Langbroek

Awards Evening

On 19 November, the school formally celebrated and acknowledged the academic, sporting and cultural achievements of our students at our Annual Awards Evening. I pay tribute to all winners who have been focussed on the business of learning and / or committed to school service and gone “above and beyond” throughout the year to earn their respective achievements.

Special recognition must go to the teachers and support staff for their efficient and professional organisation of the ceremony. I would also like to thank the many sponsors who provided a range of awards which were distributed on the night and acknowledge the award winners and families who attended the evening. Our Awards Evening is a fantastic opportunity to see our talented students receive the recognition they so richly deserve. Special congratulations go to joint School Duxes - Joan Calvillo and Maria Hrisafinas.

The exit results of many of our Year 12 students are outstanding and we are quietly confident that QSA data and Uni/TAFE/ Traineeship data will be as good as it was in previous years (which was the basis of our winning State Showcase Award last year).

Year 12 Graduation

On Thursday, 20 November we celebrated with the Year 12 class of 2014 with a special dinner function in our Professional Lounge hosted by the Year 11 leadership group. The evening finished in the Cultural Centre with the Graduation ceremony attended by over 700 people. We wish our Year 12 students all the best as they move into the next chapter of their lives.
2015 Information
On the last page of this newsletter is information regarding Uniform Shop opening hours in the new year. Stationery requirements for 2015 will be posted out with school report cards on the last day of school this term. Please ensure that students have the appropriate uniform and materials ready to start the new school year (see photos on page 15 for appropriate footwear). All students start back at school on Tuesday, 27 January 2015.

School Magazine
The school magazine, ASK, will be distributed to all students who have settled their school accounts, (ie paid their resource fees and returned laptops and textbooks). The 2014 school magazine is another wonderful year book full of stories, pictures and memories. I would like to acknowledge Maxine Conroy and the magazine committee for their commitment, long hours and effort in producing another high quality magazine.

Welcome 2015 Leaders
On Awards Evening, the school leaders for 2015 were announced to the school community. I am sure that the students who have been selected from a very strong field of leader nominees will make a positive contribution to the school next year. I congratulate them and look forward to working closely with them in 2015.

The leaders for 2015 are:

- **School Captains** - Leone Haenga and Eden Boyd
- **Student Council President** – Merry Araya
- **Vice Captains** – Denise Nyirangabo and Aliya Rahmanovic
- **Sports Captains** – Melinda Seipel and Amber Moko
- **Cultural Captains** – Feven Ghebray and Christian Oculo

Master Teacher
Yeronga SHS has been allocated a “Master Teacher” position from the 300 Master Teachers funded across the state. Yeronga SHS had a very competitive field of applicants and Lexie Buswell from Woree SHS was the selected applicant. Lexie visited the school on Friday and is very excited to be joining us next year.

2015 Intentions
Our school is expected to have an enrolment of approximately 670 students to start the 2015 school year. Please advise the office if you are not intending to continue your enrolment OR if you are coming back late. As our Day 8 enrolment figures determine our resourcing levels for the year, it is crucial that we have accurate figures on which to base our calculations.

**Terry Heath**
**Principal**

From the Deputy Principals...

**Showing what you know and can do!**
The end of the year is approaching quickly! We are all working hard to complete any required assessment or tasks on time. Students who do not hand in drafts do not get the feedback that they need to improve. If a student misses a due date without a good reason (usually a medical certificate is required for illness), then the draft is graded as the final version. Often, this is not the best that a student can do.

It is a really important time for parents to check the assessment planner and also your child's diary. Ask the question, "How is your assessment at school going?" or be specific, "What are you working on in English?" If your child is doing an assignment, look at what they are working on - if you do not understand the content, ask them to explain it to you. These are simple questions that parents can ask to assist their children succeed at school.

**2015 Preparations - new Year 7s and 8s are coming!**
If you have younger children who are due to start high school next year, make sure they have contacted the school to arrange an enrolment interview. We don’t want them to miss out!

We will be welcoming our new Year 7 and 8 students into the Yeronga family when they attend our Orientation Program on Friday, 5 December 2014. Students will spend a ‘typical’ day at high school where they will experience a formal assembly, class time and jostling for position in the tuckshop line. We hope this opportunity will ease some of the apprehension they may be experiencing about starting high school.

*Di Goodison*
**Deputy Principal**
**Junior Secondary School**
Part-time Work over the Holidays
As we approach the end of the year, many students will be wondering what they will be doing over the holiday break. For Years 10 and 11, this break will be eight weeks long. What better way to spend it than with a part-time job? It is not too late to apply as employers are still taking on more staff. The first step is to ensure that students have a solid resume that they can give to a prospective employer.

If students haven’t already written a resume, I recommend page 120 of the school diary as a guide. It is entitled “My Resume”. It states that the resume should give an employer a clear picture of the applicant’s skills, experience and achievements, suitability and what personal qualities they can bring to the job.

Having drafted the resume, students are more than welcome to ask members of the school staff to proof read. Editing is essential to produce a good resume so be sure not to leave this to the last moment.

Bob Logan
Deputy Principal - Years 10 - 11

 Head of Special Education Services:
 English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD) Unit

Time has passed very quickly and it’s hard to believe the end of the school year is just around the corner! I warmly extend my best wishes to our graduating Year 12 students – you should be very proud of all your achievements and I look forward to hearing about the bright futures you are destined to have. My heart swelled with emotion as I watched these wonderful young adults walking down the official graduation red carpet.

WELL DONE The Social Network Leaders for all your fantastic work this year!
The Social Network is a group of committed and passionate students brought together by Meredith Hands (Youth Settlement Services - Multicultural Development Association).

The group aims to facilitate successful transitions of new students who have recently arrived in Australia as they begin their studies at our school. The leaders have been very successful in their aim this year, developing their leadership skills and welcoming new students into our Yeronga State High School community.

Any Year 9 students interested in becoming an official Social Network Leader for 2015? We need you!
The activities The Social Network are involved in include:
• orientation tours for visiting and new students
• planning and facilitating social activities during lunch times for new students
• attending Milpera State High School to explain to students what high school is like
• organising Harmony Day festivities.

If you are in Year 9 and interested in joining The Social Network for 2015, please see Ms Walker in I01 for an application form. You also need to attend a training day at school in the last week of term – Thursday, 11 December.

Jessica Walker
Head of Special Education Services
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From the Guidance Officer...

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) Key Dates For Year 12 Students

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Further information about all aspects of the tertiary application process through QTAC is available at [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au)

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Trade Careers
The ADF is presenting three trade careers information sessions in and around the Brisbane area during December. Details are below.

ADF TRADE CAREERS INFORMATION SESSIONS
The Navy, Army and Air Force are now recruiting for a wide range of trade, apprenticeship positions such as Marine Technician, Electrician and Avionics Technician. In these jobs you will be able to work on some of the country’s most advanced hardware – from F/A-18 Hornet fighter jets to M1A1 Abrams tanks to Seahawk helicopters. You will also receive many great benefits, such as free healthcare and subsidised accommodation.

For more information on Trade Careers and Priority Roles available in the ADF attend an information session in your area:

- **Tuesday 2nd December, 6.00pm**
  Wynnum Manly Leagues Club
  92 Wondall Road, Manly West

- **Thursday 4th December, 6.00pm**
  Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane
  Level 11, 410 Ann Street, Brisbane CBD

- **Tuesday 9th December, 6.00pm**
  Caboolture Hub
  4 Hacking Street, Caboolture

- **Wednesday 10th December, 6.00pm**
  Sunnybank Community & Sports Club
  470 McCullough Street, Sunnybank

- **Thursday 11th December, 6.00pm**
  Ipswich Metro Hotel
  43 South Street, Ipswich

TO RSVP TO AN INFORMATION SESSION PLEASE CONTACT ALAYNA BULLOCK ON 07 3016 2425 OR EMAIL abullock@dfr.com.au – SPECIFYING YOUR CHOSEN LOCATION
The end of 2014 has been very busy for the senior students. This year there have been 77 students involved in school based traineeships/apprenticeships and more than 50 students completing university studies or entrance requirements, diploma courses and numerous TAFE courses. Many Year 12s have completed QTAC applications for entry to university and TAFE studies in 2015, while other students have applied for apprenticeships and full time jobs. Students’ QCS results have been released and are available in their Student Learning Account https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/ Students will be able to access OP results from Student Connect on 20 December 2014. If students have forgotten their LUI number or password they will need to contact me on kfort7@eq.edu.au

Now that the Year 12 students have finished, I will be conducting a review of Year 11 results for Semester 2 2014. As a result of this review, I will be interviewing a number of students in the new year in order to adjust their course of study.

It has been an exciting year for me in the role of Senior Schooling Head of Department. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the students successfully complete a range of studies. The Year 12s have my very best wishes for a bright and wonderful future.

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It was an absolute honour to be involved in the Awards Evening last week. In my P and C address, I spoke about how fantastic it has been to have the senior leaders attend our meetings during the year. I am always so impressed by the confident and articulate way these young people speak to us. Their incredible enthusiasm always leaves me feeling very inspired and excited for the future.

Well, the Awards Evening was no exception. What a great night we had celebrating the truly fantastic achievements of our students. Again, congratulations to all of you and to the committed teaching staff who take you on your educational journey. I wish the Year 12 cohort the very best as you finish this chapter of your life.

We have one P & C meeting left for 2014 on Monday, 8 December beginning at 6.30pm. It will be a low key meeting. Please feel free to join us. As I type this article, I am looking at the 5 Ps I have stuck to my monitor (being Productive, being Proud, being Punctual, being Positive and being Prepared). I think we can incorporate them into our life no matter what stage we are at - a challenge for us all.

Jennifer Wrigley
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From the Year Level Co-ordinators

Year 8

With two weeks remaining in the year, school is about to become very busy again with assessment season looming once more. In addition to curriculum assessment, the Year 8 and 9 groups have completed Progressive Achievement Tests in Maths and Reading Comprehension to assess their improvement since the start of the year. This process gives teachers valuable information which they can use to direct their planning and goal setting for 2015.

I was delighted to announce the academic, subject and cultural award winners at last week’s Awards Evening. Congratulations to all recipients. I hope you enjoy the public recognition of your hard work over the course of the year. It is a good time of year for all to think back and reflect on what you will do again next year and what you might work towards changing. Reflecting on performance and goal setting is a crucial part of improving performance in all settings and I would encourage parents and carers to assist their students in this process.

Over the past couple of weeks, Mr Milford, Mrs Chand and I have been visiting our local affiliate primary schools engaging with Year 6 and 7 teachers to get to know our new students for 2015. It is an exciting time as we draw nearer to the beginning of Year 7 in secondary schools. Our 2015, Year 7 and 8 students will be trying out high school at Yeronga on Friday, 5 December. We are looking forward to welcoming our new students on that day.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the end of year trip to Dreamworld on Wednesday, 10 December. Payment and permission forms are due by Wednesday, 3 December. To go on this trip, students must have paid their 2014 fees and returned their textbooks and laptop for servicing.

Matt Petersen
Head of Department - Junior Secondary
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Year 9

Wow, Term 4 is nearly coming to a close. Year 10 is finally in our sights. We still have a couple of weeks as Year 9 students so let’s make them the best yet.

Last week saw the recognition and acknowledgment of all the Year 9 students’ efforts this year in and out of the classroom. It filled me with such pride to announce the 30 names of our hard working students who all greatly deserved their awards. Well done on all the effort and hours that went towards receiving your awards.

Sports Awards Assembly has also taken place since my last newsletter. The Year 9 Brisbane champions, our Basketball boys, were again congratulated and acknowledged with medals for their record breaking domination on the basketball court this year. Excellent job boys; bring on 2015!! Well done also to all the MVPs from the Year 9 Summer and Winter sporting teams. The Most Valuable Player medals don’t always go to the best player but to the most reliable player who plays well on the court, leads their team with pride and is a positive sportsman/woman. Great job the MVPs of Year 9: Abu who received MVP for two sports, Franko, Genevieve, Nadia, Shaleisha, Gabriel, Anna and Tai. Also acknowledged on that day was Chloe who received the Yeronga National Representation trophy for being a medal winning member of the Queensland State Swimming Team. What an amazing feat and great 2014 for Chloe.

As this year draws to a close, I ask students to work hard in the last couple of weeks on their assessment items, assuring the quality of their work is the best they are capable of, spending time at home working on these tasks and seeing teachers if you need clarification or extra help with anything.

Once all your hard work and assessment is done and dusted for another year, we have the Dreamworld excursion to look forward to. Students will be receiving permission notes very soon regarding this. We just ask that students return all their resources, textbooks, laptops etc and pay their money to the office to ensure they are able to go on this excursion.
From the Year Level Co-ordinators

2014 has been a great year for the fabulous Year 10 cohort. It has been very pleasing to see the development of the students over the course of the year. It seems a long time ago that we attended the Careers Expo!

Earlier this month students attended the QUT Explore Uni day. Students have undergone the SET planning process and selected their pathways for Years 11 and 12. Their pathways are many and varied. We have a large cohort of students set to commence TAFE studies in 2015. This will see them attend TAFE once a week throughout the year. Other students will commence school based traineeships or apprenticeships which will see them working one day a week whilst they complete vocational certificate qualifications.

I have been encouraging students to secure part time work over the holidays and many have utilised the new and improved ‘jobs board’ outside the senior schooling office. It is great to see so many students wanting to take a step onto the workplace ladder and develop a strong work ethic that will see them into the future.

I look forward to working with the students over the next two years as they continue their senior schooling journey and wish them all the very best for a safe and happy Christmas break.

Kathy Fortescue
Year 10 Co-ordinator
Head of Department - Senior Schooling

I bet you can remember your first day at Yeronga SHS when you thought that your graduation seemed like forever away. This was the day our students have been waiting 12 long years for. The final day of school for our Year 12s came and went. It was a sad but happy day - a day filled with mixed emotions. There was laughter and tears, not just among the students but teachers too.

The graduates of 2014 wrote down their hopes and dreams which I made into a cardboard chain and hung above the stage at the Graduation Ceremony. Each dream was linked together with a string of pearls running through them. These links represented each and every one of the 141 Year 12 students. No matter where life takes you or where you end up, you will always be linked together by the times you shared here at Yeronga SHS. Our school will forever be a part of who you are, part of your DNA.

These past two years as your Coordinator have been truly amazing. It has been an honour and a privilege to be a part of your life. I can still remember the first day I stood in front of you as your Year 11 Co-ordinator. You have all grown and developed so much in that time, they will forever be a part of me and hold a special place in my heart and I will remember you fondly, always. Go out into the big bad scary world and make all your hopes and dreams come true. You are amazing, never let anyone tell you any different.

Congratulations and good luck, seniors of 2014.

Karina Bray
Year 12 Co-ordinator

Thanks MnB!

We have had the privilege of having the very talented MnB Dance Crew teach our Year 9 and 10 Dance classes for one lesson a week this term. The program was sponsored by Medicare Local and enabled the students to develop their strength, resilience and focus in performance work. They were individually pushed to overcome mediocrity by making personal choices: to stand out from the crowd, to be excellent, to be a leader and to deal with friends and peers who might be holding them back.

The program highlights the nature of dance as an effective tool in personal development, whilst learning the skills and technique related to hip hop dance. This has been a valuable activity for our students.

Thanks MnB!
The Lord Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council

This year I had the honour of being a member of The Lord Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council, a group of students from both private and public schools. It began with an introductory meeting where all the students were brought together and introduced to the program. We then proceeded to have one council meeting per term. During these meetings we discussed many different topics and issues and made plans as well as proposals to help better Brisbane. One of our main focuses was on improving the lives of Brisbane’s youth. With the combined force of over 50 students we fashioned many different ways for the youth to be more involved with the community and participated in constructive activities rather than on the streets and up to mischief.

Every meeting was chaired by the Lord Mayor and at these times we had our minds set on business. Once they brought out the morning tea, we were a lively bunch with the Lord Mayor leading the fun. I walked in thinking that all politicians were very serious and intimidating people but as the year progressed I discovered that our Lord Mayor, Graham Quirk, is actually pretty cool and a real pleasure to be around. We even had a few laughs.

Another fantastic aspect of the council was the variety of extra events we were able to take part in. I personally was involved in the National Youth Week launch and the National Flag Day ceremony. Unfortunately due to other commitments I could not make it to the other happenings that included Homeless Connect, World Refugee Day and the 100+ High Tea. At these times we were all able to get involved with the wider Brisbane communities and have many new experiences. LMYAC (Lord Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council) also has a strong connection with the organisation Visible Ink. After each meeting, we were invited to visit their building in the Valley. It is here where they support the homeless and disadvantaged citizens with free work shops and activities. Being able to see such an organisation was a real eye opener about what only a small number of people with a passion can do.

Over all, the Lord Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council was a fantastic experience which provided me with many incredible opportunities, increased my confidence and opened my eyes to what really goes on in the mind of the man who runs our city. I really enjoyed the five short days I spent with the other representatives and I believe that this has sparked a desire to do more and be more involved in the city of Brisbane.

Kathryn
Year 10 student

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“Some poems have been writing themselves in us all our lives”

Both Year 12 English for ESL Learners classes were lucky enough to take part in a poetry workshop and performance with Australian Poetry Slam Champion, Luka Lesson. Luka is a full time poet who has performed internationally, published books and recorded albums.

The workshop began with a performance of two of Luka’s poems, “The Confluence” and the comical, “Yiayia” (the Greek for ‘Grandmother’). Then the spotlight was turned on our students. Our students had to write a poem for themselves and then perform it in front of their peers. The students responded extremely well to the workshop and all of them produced intriguing and insightful poems.

It was a fantastic way to end an action packed year for our Year 12s. We look forward to having Luka back next year for another engaging poetry workshop.

For more information on Luka and his work visit www.lukalesson.com.au

Sam Dilly
English Teacher
Study Mates

Throughout this year, our Study Mates volunteers have been impressed continually by one indisputable phenomenon – the sheer dedication of the teachers at Yeronga High. It has been a joy for us to work with such well prepared and focused students who attend the homework and study group on a Monday afternoon.

Study Mates has now finished for the year. We would like to thank Mr Heath and the library staff for their continued support of Study Mates.

Jasley Schwarten
Study Mates volunteer

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Griffith Business Ambassador Day

Last month, Business students from Yeronga State High School took part in the Griffith Ambassador Program. Held at Nathan Campus, students had the opportunity to meet Business students from other schools and experience real-life lectures in Business and Accounting.

For the initial section of the day, Dr Robin Roberts talked to undergraduates about what accounting is and the different pathways that lead up to a successful career in accounting. After morning tea the students were distributed into 13 different groups for a team activity – we were told this is networking! Each group had to analyse various aspects of different businesses. After lunch, provided by Griffith University, students presented their findings to the cohort. This activity gave students the chance to work with eager business undergraduates and to improve their presentation skills. Presentation feedback was given to each group from Dr Debbie Delaney.

Thank you to the lecturers and supervising teachers for your hard work and enthusiasm. Finally, having experienced what lectures were really like, the students made their way back home.

Fatemeh
Year 11 student
Thank you and Goodbye Yeronga SHS

I would like to thank Yeronga SHS for offering Vietnamese classes at the school, enabling our students to have the opportunity to learn about the Vietnamese language and culture. They can be proud of their parents, understanding and sympathising with the previous generation who came to Australia as Vietnamese refugees. They will be proud to integrate into Australian society and will actively build their new life.

Thanks to Yeronga SHS, I have had the opportunity to carry on my teaching career until I retire. Thank you to the administration team and teaching staff, present and past, and to everyone who has been supporting Vietnamese classes over the past two decades. Thank you very much. All the best to you all!

An Le
Vietnamese Teacher

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From the School Chaplain…

School Leavers
Congratulations to Year 12 students on finishing last week. It is such an exciting time of your life to transition from compulsory education to being independent and choosing the next step for your future. As part of those plans, I encourage all school leavers to consider a holistic approach to thinking about their future, beyond just further study or work. You might need to think about:

- What sort of person do I want to be?
- What life qualities do I want to aim for?
- What other talents and gifts do I have that I can develop and use?
- How can I improve my health and lifestyle?
- What faith and family traditions do I want to explore?
- What other life skills could I learn?

I wish the best for all school leavers and those moving and transferring to other schools. If you are changing schools and would like me to be in touch with a new Chappy, please let me know.

Motivating your Teen
As a parent, I understand how difficult it can be at this time of year to keep the momentum of study going. Actually, motivating a teenager any time of the year can be difficult and it is easy to become overinvolved in managing their schedule and making sure they are on track, or completely giving up and leaving them alone because it is all too hard.

Jane Nelsen and Lynn Lott, in “Positive Discipline for Teenagers” suggest that encouragement is the biggest key to motivating teenagers. This is mostly done through:

- compliments
- humour
- making a deal using collateral
- motivation through involvement
- joint problem solving

Volunteers Needed
Please let me know if you are interested in helping out the Chaplaincy program at our school. There are a number of opportunities available and I would love to chat with you about your skills, talents and how you would like to help.

Jennifer Bennett
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Chung Tian Temple Excursion

On Thursday, 23 October Years 8, 9 and 10 German students and Year 8 Chinese students enjoyed an excursion to the Chung Tian Temple at Priestdale. We discovered that the temple provided many activities which allowed us to explore Chinese culture in a real way.

Our first introduction to the Buddhist way of living was explained to us by a Buddhist nun. All temple religious shave their heads, even the women. This releases them from worldly attachments. Students were encouraged to ask questions.

The temple complex was surrounded by beautiful gardens and interesting statues. The impressive Pagoda contained memorials and ashes. Together with the meditation hall, there was a peaceful link between the past and the present. Students practised meditation and also returned for more in their free time.

Calligraphy is a Chinese art form. Students participated in a silent lesson tracing characters and forming sayings. Outside we had a turn ringing the huge Blessing Bell, which signifies peace and harmony. A delicious vegetarian lunch was served at the teahouse and visitors could eat as much as they wanted. The only rule was: don’t waste food. Each person cleaned the table and stacked their dishes.

We felt that we genuinely participated in the cultural and spiritual life of the Chinese community. Thank you to Mr Huang for organizing the excursion.

Elizabeth Stewart
Senior LOTE Teacher

Chinese Writing Competition

Our Year 12 student, Anni, along with other Year 8/Year 11 students (both non-native and native speaking Chinese students) participated in the 2014 Chinese Writing Competition organised by the University of Queensland in late October.

Students from more than 43 Queensland private and public schools (both primary and secondary) participated in the competition and the quality of the entries were exceptionally high.

Anni won the first prize during the competition. As a Yeronga State High School student, Anni has proven that the pathway to success definitely lies at our great school.

Song Huang
Chinese Teacher
This year has been busy for the International Student Program at Yeronga High. We have welcomed many new students from all parts of the world. Our program brings a richness of experiences to our school and the opportunity for all of us to learn and share different cultures and languages. We said ‘good bye and good luck’ to five students leaving us, with a lunch and parting gifts.

Nana and Shuta from Japan leave us next Friday. We have loved having them with us this year. Their personalities are both positive and fresh and we trust their experience of life in our school and Queensland will enrich their lives forever. Best wishes in your future studies.

Finally, happy Graduation to our Year 12 students - Annie, Dome and Iqbal who are leaving us to continue their education at University and Tafe.

We give you all our best wishes for future success and happiness. We hope you will always remember us and come to visit often. We are going to miss you.

Our very talented International student Lam Ho, competed in the recent Yeronga SHS Talent Quest. We are all very proud of you Lam. Well done!

As the International Student Coordinator I would like to extend my appreciation to all staff at our great school for their support with our Program. I look forward to the continued expansion of the ISP Program at Yeronga High. Happy holidays to all our International students. Have a safe and relaxing break with your families and look forward to seeing you next year.

Maria Pudlyk
Song Huang
ISP Department

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Women of Substance Breakfast

On 25 October, Girl Guides Queensland held a breakfast for young women who have been given the opportunity to be mentored by an industry champion. Five hundred young women and their mentors shared a breakfast and listened to speakers talk about their journeys. The morning was filled with messages about facing adversity and the resilience that women need to succeed in life.

Year 11 student, Megan, met her mentor Kate Bird, Senior Recruitment Coordinator from Arrow Energy.

Megan writes: "I walked away from the breakfast with so much more motivation and understanding. I am now motivated to do the things I need to do to get to where I want to be. The speakers were incredible. They knew what decisions we are having to make as they had gone through the same things when they were our age. It was surprising how many of them changed their decisions throughout their lives and are still happy with their decisions. They all do something they love and are passionate about. Although they went through rough patches they kept their heads held high and moved forward. It was inspirational!"

This inspirational breakfast will be followed up by a Woman and Financial Management Seminar in March 2015.

Karen Bate
Teacher
Home Economics News

The Year 9 Home Economics class is nearing completion of their pencil case design unit. For a few weeks at the beginning of the term, they learnt a number of fabric embellishment techniques including stencil print, applique, masking tape print and button and sequin attachment. They then used this knowledge to create a striking unique design of their own.

They have definitely become more confident on the sewing machines and are very proud of their handiwork.  

Suzy McGuire  
Home Economics Teacher

Uniform News

School FORMAL Shoes

School shoes for the FORMAL UNIFORM are black leather lace-up shoes with a supportive heel.

School SPORT Shoes

School sport shoes are runners with a supportive arch, laces, and sit under the ankle. No basketball shoes, flat ‘loafer’ type shoes, or casual sneakers.
Congratulations to our Award Winners!
**FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE...**

**Lost Property**

Please check the Lost Property box regularly. There is a large number of items, especially Winter jumpers. All unclaimed lost property will be donated to a charity at the end of the year.

**ASK Magazine**

The ASK magazine is currently being distributed to students once they have returned all school resources and have paid outstanding fees. They can collect their copy from the Library.

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**2015 Uniform Shop Opening Hours**

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The Uniform Shop will go back to normal opening hours. Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 7.30 am - 8.40 am.

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**Yoga Classes at Yeronga High School 5 - 7 PM**

Held each Wednesday during school terms in N14, Norm Lee Cultural Centre, 159 Villa St Yeronga

Payment of $100/$80* (concession for students and families) due in 5 week blocks which you can start any time

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