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**KEEP THE DATES**

- Comedy Nite at Hunters Hill High School
  - Saturday 9th August
Welcome back to the new school term. I trust that the holiday period allowed families time to recover as well as reflect and prepare for the new school term. From my observation of students this term, they certainly look fresh and refreshed!

My thanks to all staff who ensured the smooth operation of the school during my leave in the latter part of Term 1, including Mr Michael Murphy who relieved as Principal; Mr Michael Walkom who relieved as Deputy Principal and Ms Iva Slavica who relieved as English Head Teacher. As Mr Josh Gane will take leave for the second half of this term, thankfully, both Mr Walkom and Ms Slavica have, once again, agreed to assist our school community by operating in these relieving roles.

Term 1 was very productive! We commenced the year with the celebration of our outstanding 2013 HSC results and the implementation of the Australian Curriculum, new teaching programs and teaching methodologies. This implementation will be evaluated as the year progresses; this year’s preparation by teachers will ensure a seamless extension of the Australian curriculum in 2015.

March featured the very successful and well-attended Open Day, the Gifted and Talented Selection Tests for our Year 7 and 8 2015 students, a very comprehensive school audit and the completion of the Annual School Report (ASR). The ASR has been uploaded to our website for your convenience – a great read, if you would like to improve your understanding and knowledge of our school community, its 2013 achievements and 2014 directions.

To accompany the programs that Hunters Hill High has in place to assist students maximise their potential, ‘Beyond the Bell’ was introduced last term. Each Monday after school, the library extends its hours and teachers volunteer their time to assist students with their homework. Currently, five teachers volunteer their time to ensure the success of this initiative and support students who attend ‘Beyond the Bell’. An initiative of our Learning and Support Teacher, Ms Jess Austin, this program is a great initiative and one that I encourage students to utilise. If you would like to find out more about this program, please contact Ms Austin at Hunters Hill High School.

Each year, Gladesville Rotary awards a tertiary scholarship to an outstanding Year 12 student from each local high school: Hunters Hill High School, Riverside Girls High School and Ryde Secondary College. Last term, one of our high achievers, Amy Nicholson, Year 12, 2013, was the well-deserving Hunters Hill High School’s recipient. The $1000 scholarship will assist Amy to meet some of the financial demands placed upon her as she negotiates her tertiary studies. I commend Gladesville Rotary for this initiative; an initiative that has been sustained over many years and one that supports students from local public high schools as they transition to tertiary education.

Year 11 and Year 12 students completed their Half Yearly Exams last term. Subsequent to these exams and the results as well as Parent Teachers Night, I met with Year 12 students and reminded them of their responsibilities as student leaders and as leading learners within our school community. In this meeting, I directed all Year 12 students to utilise their study periods; for study periods students must locate in the school library, tables in the top area of the school playground or Meeting Room 1. Whilst students are encouraged to use their recess and lunch for oval activities, students will be re-directed if they are on the oval during their study periods. Year 12 students are encouraged to utilise the school’s mentor system that was implemented to assist them as their HSC approaches. Furthermore, I urge all students to utilise the additional lessons and tutorials that their year 12 teachers have organised.

In the coming weeks, Year 7 – 10 students negotiate NAPLAN (Years 7 and 9) and Half Yearly Assessments. Please ensure that you are familiar with your children’s schedules. I encourage parents to work with their children to establish and maintain sensible routines including sufficient sleep and sound preparation for these assessments.

In recent years, Hunters Hill High’s approach to NAPLAN has been a whole school approach. Rather than suspend the curriculum to teach to the test, as unfortunately some schools do, Hunters Hill High
teachers in all classes incorporate numeracy and literacy into the prescribed curriculum. Whilst it is regrettable that NAPLAN results have been hijacked by the media to rank schools, NAPLAN results are important for the reason for which the tests were initially devised, that is, to allow teachers to diagnosis students’ strengths and areas for improvement and program accordingly. NAPLAN test results are one way in which teachers build an understanding of students as learners.

My congratulations to Ms Belinda Woolford and her team who organised a great Cross Country Carnival (Friday, May 2) as well as to all our students who participated with such fervour to ensure the day’s success. Assisted by glorious weather, there was a great school and house spirit throughout the afternoon and great support for the very well organised (and profitable) Year 12 Sausage Sizzle. Whilst I was proud of every student who participated to the best of their ability, I was particularly proud of those students who gave it their best despite finding the course and the activity very challenging. Of course, the school congratulates all students who have won a place in the school’s team for the Zone Cross Country.

Once again, I remind all families of the necessity for all students to present in full school uniform each school day. Compliance with school uniform is expected of all students. This compliance includes tailored shorts not sports shorts; the school’s pleated skirt (not the non-uniform straight/tight skirt); plain black leather shoes (not canvas; no logos). All school uniform must be clean and in a reasonable state of repair. During the cooler months, the school scarf, jumper and jacket must be worn. My thanks to our hard-working parents who staff our Uniform Shop where all uniform items (apart from shoes) are sold; also, all parents who are courageous in the standards they set for their children regarding their responsibilities to their school community including the daily wearing of full school uniform.

At the present time, under the leadership of Mr Josh Gane and with the assistance of several teachers, Hunters Hill High is preparing for the implementation of its Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy. Whilst this is a state-wide policy, the shape and timing of each school’s BYOD will vary from school to school. At Hunters Hill High School, there is on-going discussion, research and investigation along with surveying of students and parents as well as visits to schools. Hopefully, this comprehensive approach will ensure the development of sound policy and practices for the BYOD operation at our school. At this stage, Year 9 is envisaged as our trial group. It is anticipated that evaluation will take place in Term 4 and extension of the BYOD operation in 2015.

It was great to have our band members return safe and sound after the very successful 2014 Band Tour. I’m sure there will be more details in the next Figtree. Thanks to parent Jackie Fredricks, teachers Jenny Deagle and Josh Gane and conductor Alex Silver.

In the coming weeks there are two significant school events: Variety Night and Stepping Stones. Our annual Variety Night, for many, is the highlight of the school’s calendar. In recent weeks, Ms Brierty and her team have been working with students to ensure a night of great entertainment. Stepping Stones which will be held on June 12, once again, promises to provide information to parents that will enable them to support their children as they make the transition to high school. Whilst the evening’s content is aimed at primary parents, parents of Year 7 and 8 parents will find the evening helpful.

Please note that the first P&C Meeting is scheduled for May 19 in the Staff Common Room at 7.30pm. Mr Michael Walkom, Head Teacher English, and Ms Susan Turnbull, HT Mathematics, will give a short presentation on NAPLAN. Mr Gane will speak about the school’s BYOD approach and progress.

Until next Figtree,

J M Felton
As all parents are aware, parents have a legislative responsibility to ensure that their children attend school each day; conversely, Hunters Hill High School has a duty of care to all its students. This parental responsibility and the school’s duty of care extend to attendance at Tuesday afternoon Sport.

Please note that Tuesday afternoon Sport is part of the school curriculum and **full attendance by all Year 8-11 students is expected**; also, full participation in sport is required. Of course, there are occasions when illness and other compelling reasons prevent students’ attendance; however, parental explanation is required if this is the case.

Furthermore, students must **provide a parental permission note**, if their sport is outside the school grounds. This enables the school to exercise its duty of care.

Whilst full school uniform is worn to school each Tuesday, students change for sport afternoon. Hunters Hill High sport uniform or the relevant team uniform must be worn for Tuesday afternoon Sport.

In 2013, the school transitioned from week to week payment of sport to an **upfront payment to cover sport costs**. Unfortunately, despite this timeframe and the many reminders that have been communicated about this upfront system, many families have not met their financial responsibilities regarding sport. This is creating an unsustainable burden upon the school which must be addressed as a matter of urgency.

**From Tuesday, May 20, 2014**, any student who has sport charges that have not been met will discontinue that sport and be re-directed to House Sport which is located at school.

It is disappointing that the school has had to come to this decision. Unfortunately, despite many reminders and a generous time frame these costs for buses and venues have not been paid.

Having said this, if there are financial reasons that make it impossible to meet the costs of your children’s sporting commitments, please outline your financial circumstances (in writing) and provide to the Principal (in confidence).

Hunters Hill High has an outstanding sporting history and extraordinary current achievements. Furthermore, there is strong evidence that sport assists young people’s physical and mental well-being. With this in mind, the school urges all parents to send permission notes and settle their outstanding accounts immediately.

My thanks in anticipation of your immediate attention to this urgent matter.

**Judith M Felton**

**Principal**
Last year Hunters Hill High School ran a very successful parent forum called “Stepping Stones”. The aim of this forum was to address the concerns of parents in our area, about the transition of their children from primary school to high school. The panel included experts in the field of Public Education, including our keynote speaker Angie Wilcock (author of “The Transition Tightrope”). The panel members shared their knowledge and strategies in creating a supportive and successful transition into the next stage of schooling for both students and their parents.

This year Angie Wilcock is back with the panel for “Stepping Stones” and we welcome parents of the current Year 7 to come along. It will be held on Thursday 12th June at 6:00pm. Light refreshments will be served with the forum commencing at 6:30pm in the Phil Daniels Pavillion.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au by Thursday the 5th June.

We look forward to seeing you.

Jess Austin
Learning and Support Teacher

Thank you to P & C Environment Co-Ordinator Neil Hopkins and the parent volunteers who planted tube stock and weeded in various gardens around the school on Saturday 10 May 2014. The regular working bees have made a huge difference to the school grounds. The Environment committee is always seeking volunteers for the working bees.

The next P & C meeting is at 7.30 pm on Monday 19 May 2014 in the staff common room. Head Teacher English, Michael Walkom, and Head Teacher Mathematics, Susan Turnball will present briefly on NAPLAN. Deputy Principal Mr Gane will outline progress towards the school’s BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy.

Everyone is welcome.

Deborah Slack
President, Hunters Hill High School P & C Association 2014
SAFETY WHEN PICKING UP AND DROPPING OFF STUDENTS BY CAR

Our school bus stops are located in The Avenue. At the start and the end of the school day up to ten buses, including two or three long “bendy” buses, use the school bus stops. We are experiencing difficulty when cars stop in The Avenue to drop off or pick up students.

The “No Stopping” zone at the school bus stop must be observed. In addition, please consider that the street is narrow and parking on the side opposite to the bus zone blocks traffic and prevents the school buses from getting to the stop. Students crossing The Avenue to get into cars are putting themselves at serious risk and increasing the inconvenience to drivers.

It is a much safer to use the Reiby Road entrance when you are dropping off or picking up students. There is much less traffic on Reiby Road. Drivers using Reiby Road can safely negotiate a U-turn around the centre island, drop off or pick up students on the school side of the road then turn into The Avenue with ease.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Miss Thomson
Head Teacher Administration

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS TO HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7  Noa Marshak, Kris Prasobjaturaporn
Year 8  Stephanie D’Amico, Blake Goss, Nathan Lawson, Sisca Lowther, Rhiannon Wilson
Year 9  Aleksandra Milutinovic
Year 10  Alan Luo
Year 11  Paola D’Alessandra, Thu Trang Dang, Giorgia Jashn Tirgan, Mark Jiang, Sung Jun Noh, Mingyu Tao
AROUND THE SCHOOL AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Clean Up Australia Day
On the 28th February, Year 8 were involved in the annual Clean up Australia Day. This year it was our great pleasure to have Ian Kiernan and his assistant Nathan Tree to join us at Hunters Hill High.

Ian Kiernan was overwhelmed with the thoughtfulness and confidence that our students displayed in December last year at our Sustainability Lecture, and this is why he graciously gave up his time to join in with our students on Clean Up Australia Day.

Nathan Tree was so impressed by two students (Tom Morris and Isaac Maharajah) and their speeches, that he and Ian presented these two boys with prizes from Quicksilver Foundation.

Year 8 were very inspired by Ian Kiernan presence and they eagerly cleaned up the school so they were able to spend some time with him.

Kathy Apostolou
HSIE Faculty

Pink Mufti Day
Hunters Hill High School staff and students showcased their generous nature today with a pink mufti day, organised by the SRC, raising money in support for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. The money collected is yet to be counted; however, the donations were plentiful and the costumes were creative.

Julia Brierty
SRC Facilitator
iPad Training For Seniors

Hunters Hill students attended a training session during Seniors Week at Gladesville Library to help assist and train seniors on how to use iPads.

Both the seniors and the students had a very enjoyable session, with many seniors looking forward to attending, next year’s session.

It was wonderful to see the interaction between Hunters Hill students and the seniors. The students did a splendid job in teaching the seniors how to use iPads. Each student has been presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Hunters Hill Council in recognition of their Community Service.

Such volunteer programs encourage for community members who may not have the knowledge and understanding of today’s technology, to keep up with current communication advances.

Ria Lenard
Volunteer Coordinator
iPad Volunteering Day

On Thursday the 20th of March 2014, Ms Lenard took 13 students from years 9, 10 and 11 to the Gladesville Library to help 14 local seniors learn how to use iPads.

There we were greeted by two Gladesville library representatives who gave us an overview of the day’s schedule. They also told us an interesting fact: that we have each spent roughly 10,000 hours using technology since we were 5 years old.

The people we were tutoring had spent 3, maybe 4 hours each using technology. We were then paired with a senior citizen, introduced ourselves and began the class. A leaflet was given to the seniors with the information that they would be learning. We ran through some games teaching them to use the appropriate hand gestures and then taught them how to use things such as Safari, Camera and Maps. We had a short break and morning tea in the middle of the session. When we returned, we taught the senior citizens about downloading applications and how to customize your iPad to suit your needs. It was a very successful and productive day. We would all like to thank Ms Lenard for organising and running this volunteering day, she put a lot of time and effort into making it happen.

Pamela Madoyris and Matilda Roche (Year 10)
Lions Youth of the Year Quest

Brandon Vu of Year 12 participated in the ‘Lions Youth of the Year Quest’ public speaking competition. Here is a recount of his quest.

My Quest

The first step to anything is signing up, and the form for the "Lions Youth Of the Year Quest" was extensive; asking me questions that ranged from my grades, to leadership opportunities and my personal hobbies. The Lions Club is a very humanitarian driven group, dedicating and donating all its resources to achieving a "spirit of understanding" among people. The ideology is, when people unite, any problem can be solved. Therefore a question you could ask is, *why did I sign up?* Well, some part of me wanted to share my personal insights and experiences with a mature collective, the other part thought it would look good on my CV, either way, from the second I completed the form, my own quest began.

A few months after sending in the form, I received a letter proclaiming my entry and asking me to attend an interview. Enthusiastic and eager as ever, my Mum and I drove to the location of the interview where I was asked questions about many issues ranging from immigration to alcohol induced violence. Having a general understanding on most of the topics I left the interview feeling quite confident and content.

Next, on the 20/3/14, I had the pleasure of attending a dinner, in which I would be assessed on my presentation skills. Accompanying me on the night was my English teacher/Year Advisor, Ms Slavica, who kindly donated her time towards this experience, along with my excited parents, to support and reassure me.

The first task of the night were impromptu questions, where myself, along with five other students, had to conjure up their most sophisticated answer, to an audience of intently listening seasoned adults. The other schools who entered the competition included Riverside Girls, Woolwich Marist Sisters, St Joseph's College, Holy Cross and Ryde Secondary. Among the high calibre of contestants, I was proud to be representing Hunters Hill High School and was equally eager to show the other schools what Hunters Hill High School was capable of.

One person presented, then another, then before I knew it, it was my turn. The first question I was asked was "*Who is your greatest inspiration?*" After a brief moment of reflection I chose Sophie Delizio, a girl who I had met at a charity event, who despite enduring 3rd degree burns to 80% of her body, and a brutal car accident, remained resilient and optimistic. I was proud of my answer, assuming it had evoked a powerful emotional response. This was later verified by Ms Slavica.

However, the second question was another story altogether, I was asked whether "individuals, parents or schools were responsible for the high rates of alcohol abuse among teenagers". This topic, being broad and open for debate, caused me to stumble on where to start. I ended up giving a shaky and waffly answer. Of course I was disappointed, but there was little time to dwell on my set back, I began to mentally prepare myself for the final 5 minute presentation.

While listening as part of an audience, I felt as if I were listening to a TED talk on all fronts of society. Some presenters talked about economic issues, while others about environmental concerns. The complexity and variety left me dumbfounded. However, any reflection on their presentations dissipated as it came time for me to speak.
The topic I chose was health, but more specifically diet. Being a topic I feel genuinely passionate about, I tried my best to inform but also engage and even entertain the audience. I pointed to the fact that roughly 60% of Australians are classified as obese, a statistic that myself as well as Miss Slavica did not initially believe. I made fun of how labels such as "gluten free" and "low carb" swayed individuals into consuming unhealthy processed food, creating what is known as the Standard Australian Diet, or what I like to call the SAD diet. As I was presenting I received occasional laughter at my jokes and subtle nods of approval as I stated my opinion. Most importantly I had a great time.

Unfortunately, the first place was given to another person on the day, and for me the quest ended there. However just having been a part of this event was a tremendous learning experience. It taught me that even though you don’t always win, the journey you take allows you to grow as a person. I was shown the complexity and controversial nature of many of the issues surrounding our society, as well as the importance of people around you, in giving you confidence to pursue your individual passions. The Youth of the Year Quest is an annual event, therefore I recommend anyone who is reading this to simply encourage someone who is eligible to have a go. We may have a future Youth of the Year hiding within Hunters Hill High!

Brandon Vu
Year 12
Gifted and Talented Selection Test

Hunters Hill High School had our annual Gifted and Talented Selection Test on Saturday 22nd March. This year we had 58 students from Year Six and Year Seven sit for the test to enter our our NaviGATE extension Classes in 2015.

The HAST examination delivers:

- A rigorous test in reading comprehension, mathematical and scientific reasoning, abstract reasoning and written expression
- A test that discriminates between students at the top-end of performance
- A test that is skill based rather than curriculum based and designed to identify innate ability rather than acquired knowledge
- A test that is monitored according to strict performance standards

We had students from many of our surrounding Primary schools as well as two students from interstate.

A special thank you to Ms Thompson, Ms Goulosis and Mr Sharman who organised, catered for, and delivered the tests.

Mike Walkom
G & T Co-ordinator

PISA Testing

In Australia, PISA is included in the National Assessment Program. PISA provides data from internationally standardised tests that enables Australia to compare and monitor its performance with that of other countries. The results from these international and national assessments monitor the progress towards the goals outlined in the Educational Goals for Young Australians, which aims to provide equality and high quality schooling in Australia and support young Australians to become successful learners who acquire the necessary knowledge, understanding, skills and values for a productive and rewarding life.

Hunters Hill High School has been selected to be part of the Australian Council for Education Research (ACER) PISA testing. The testing period will take place between 26th May and 20th June 2014 and will be administered to a sample of 15 year old students who have been selected by ACER. Shortly your child will arrive home with more details if they have been selected to participate. If you would like more information you can check out the PISA website at http://www.acer.edu.au/ozpisa/what-is-pisa/

Warren Pickles
Head Teacher PDH/PE, I/A, Tas
Fergus Marshall Wins Language Scholarship

Hunters Hill High School is delighted to advise that Fergus Marshall of Year 10 has won a Language Scholarship and will be spending five months in Japan starting in August 2014. Fergus will live with a host family, attend a local school and be an active member in his host community.

Hunters Hill High School would like to congratulate Fergus and wish him all the best in relation to this fantastic opportunity. We look forward to hearing all about his adventure on his return. Well Done Fergus.

Tanken Centre Visits

During Terms One and Two, Hunters Hill High students have had the amazing opportunity to visit the Nihongo Tanken Centre (Japanese Immersion Centre) at Kirrawee High School. The Tanken Centre is a beautiful, traditional Japanese environment, complete with a wonderful, state of the art computer room. There the students played a huge variety of language games and participated in computer activities. One such activity was that, the students played ‘Twister’, entirely in Japanese!

We all enjoyed a delicious, restaurant-quality obentoo lunch in the garden at the Centre. The students displayed a wonderful appreciation of this unique experience and their language skills rose to the challenges provided by these new stimuli.

8A Japanese will be visiting the Centre on June 5th.

Clare Talbot
LOTE Japanese Teacher
Cross Country

Congratulations to Hunters Hill High on another outstanding performance in the 2014 School Cross Country Carnival.

The following students were crowned age champions on the day:

- 12 Year Girl – Yasmine Bertok
- 12 Year Boy – Brendan Spivak
- 13 Year Girl – Astrid Kingsmille
- 13 Year Boy – Huon Kirkman
- 14 Year Girl – Hannah Wells
- 14 Year Boy – Scott Hansford
- 15 Year Girl – Alice Perkes
- 15 Year Boy – Matt Gray
- 16 Year Girl – Jasmine Kelly
- 16 Year Boy – Aaron Speed
- 17 Year Girl – Zara Ustunomiya
- 17 Year Boy – Antonio Galati

The top ten students from each gender and age group successfully made it through to compete at the Zone Carnival. The 2014 Zone Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday the 21st May at St Luke’s Oval Concord (across from Concord High School). Spectators are welcome (it is requested that they park in Stanley Street).

Good luck to all students competing.

Regional Swimming 2014

On Wednesday 18th March, Ms Woolford and 12 of our students from Hunters Hill High attended the Sydney North Regional Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush.

In total there were 60 students representing our Northern Suburbs Zone, this consisted of students from Concord HS, Fort St, Burwood Girls, Ryde SC and HHH.

The day was very successful as we had 20 students from our Zone make it through to the Combined High Schools Championship which was held on the 6th, 7th and 8th of April at Sydney Olympic Park.

Although HHHS did not have any students make it through to CHS, I would like to praise our students and their families for their commitment, enthusiasm and the fantastic school pride that was shown on the day. I would also like to make special mention of our five Year 7 students, Ben Adams, Ashley Frith, Lola Wollaston, India Jamieson and Abbey Laws. These students participated in their first ever High School Regional Carnival, what a great achievement and experience. One you won’t forget!

Congratulations Sebastian

In week 2 of Term 1, Sebastian Davies a student in Year 8, competed in the Annual Roberta Nutt Fencing Competition, which was held at Marrickville.

At 6:30 on the morning of the event, Sebastian was eagerly awaiting entry to the platform to compete against some of the 50 competitors that had entered the competition. After a hard fought battle Sebastian was placed third overall.

Sebastian and the other place getters were extremely proud of their achievements as they were competing up a year in the 15 year age group.

As a school I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Sebastian and wish him all the best in his upcoming events and in his career of Fencing.

Bel Woolford
GRADE SPORT
Biology and Senior Science Field work

On Friday 14th February 2014, Year 11 Biology students and Year 11 Senior Science students attended an excursion to the Field of Mars. Ms Rivieria and Mrs Bernardi supervised the ecological activities that were done in the dry sclerophyll forest and the mangrove banks on Sugar Point Bay. Mr Spiers presented the students with an interesting “hands on” study about the mud crabs that reside near the river banks and talked about the influence of bush fires on Australian biodiversity. Just seeing Mr Spiers roll around in the mud trying to catch the crabs and pick up the decaying intestines of a deceased powerful owl, to help explain the biological concepts, made our day. The enthusiasm of Mr Spiers rubbed off on all of us and has made us appreciate the importance of looking after our environment.

Open Day

On Saturday the 1st of March, Open Day was attended by many enthusiastic primary school students and their parents. The Science departments had a lot of displays in two labs and interactive experiments to cater for all curious minds. A lot of the parents enjoyed the interactive activities. The friendly and professional manner of all our staff and students made the day a success.

Hands on Science

Hands on Science, organised by Ms Chiew was held on Thursday the 20th of March. It was attended by 60 primary students from all our feeder schools. The high attendance and enthusiastic interest of all the people involved has made this program a resounding success and highlights the great work that our school does with the wider community. The program commenced with Ms Chiew’s “big bang” experiment, an exothermic reaction near the hall steps, followed by dissection of hearts and then more physics experiments. The Science Department would like to thank the following students of Hunters Hill High who were leaders on the day.

Yr 11- Andrew Gray, Liam Martin
Yr 10- Samuel Chalkley, Murray Paish, Rauiri Malcom, Nanako Rezo, Chrissy Dimos, Matthew Holomon, Sandra Nikolic, Beth Hopkins, Alice Perkes, Klaus Kazamias, Stephen Federicks, Mitchell Andrews
Yr 9- Matthew Gray, Thomas Brennan, Brigitt Villasmi, Caitlin Nash, Ben Tindiglia, Dillon Teo

Our thanks also to Ms Baker, our lab assistant, for all her hard work.
Year 7 Excursion to Taronga Zoo

The Science Department has organised a Year 7 excursion on Monday the 26th of May. This excursion is part of our program called, “To Zoo or not to Zoo”. The students will be looking at the adaptations of zoo animals and the importance of sustainably in our zoos. The cost of the excursion will be $23. Permission notes and payment are due to the front office by 19th May. If you require a new permission note it can be found on the school’s website: science subject area; student resources.

Brain Bee Competition

Last term we had 9 students from 10-S1 enter the Brain Bee Competition. This is a competition to promote brain awareness and the students are required to study the book Neuroscience: An introduction for Young Students, they then complete an online quiz to determine their knowledge and understanding of the structure and function of the brain.

Congratulation to Christallo Dimos of 10-S1 who has made it through to Round 2; the state finals of this competition. She will be required to participate in 2 rounds of live questioning. The event will be held at the School of Medicine, University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown campus on Wednesday 4 June, from 8:15am – 4pm.

Half Yearly Exams

All notifications for Science half yearly exams can be found at the following link: http://bit.ly/1kgU91o

This site includes the date of exam, format of exam and what is going to be assessed. All students have received a hard copy of this notification and we would like parents of year 7 and 8 students to sign the notification which should be in their school diaries.

Snezana Bernardi
Science Teacher
Maths Matters

On the 14th March the Maths Faculty celebrated International Pi Day. Why the 14th March? In some countries the date is written with the month first, followed by the day; this gives 3.14, an approximation for the mathematical constant Pi (= 3.141592654................).

You may also wonder why the maths community deem Pi worthy of celebration, well it truly is amazing. Pi is the answer that occurs when the circumference of any circle is divided by its diameter. That’s right – ANY circle!

Pi, represented by the symbol π, is what is known as an irrational number, that is, it cannot be expressed as a common fraction, and it forms an infinite non-repeating decimal. On Pi Day at Hunters Hill High School, Maths students celebrated and learnt about Pi, its history, its mystery, and some of its applications. To cap it off, some classes even had pie (apple) to celebrate Pi.

Numeracy Centre – Just a reminder that the Maths Numeracy Centre is open lunchtimes on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and is staffed by a Maths teacher. Students are encouraged to come to the Numeracy Centre to receive help with class work, homework or study. Students may also use the Numeracy Centre to complete homework when they know they will not have time to do so at home, to complete Assessment Tasks if they have been absent, or to study before a test. Please encourage your children to use this valuable resource when required.

Susan Turnbull
Head Teacher Mathematics
COMING UP

Vaccinations

The Adolescent School Vaccination program provides an opportunity for parents to obtain age appropriate vaccinations for their child, free of charge in the school environment.

The alternative option is parents can take their child to their GP where the vaccines are provided free of charge (in the year of offer, or catch up with remaining doses for Year 8 students only) however a consultation fee may be charged.

The website below has some information and videos that may be useful to both parents/guardians and to students to ensure that they are making an informed decision about the Human Papillomavirus Vaccine - http://hpv.health.gov.au/

The next vaccination date will be on Friday 6th June for Year 7 and 9 Boys.

Thank you

Kathy Apostolou
HSIE Faculty
Champ flexes muscles

Kate Bastians

CHAMPION gymnast Ethan Stathakis has qualified for the national championships in Melbourne next month.

The 16-year-old impressed judges at the State Championship at the Sydney Gymnastic Aquatic Centre on April 6, coming second overall with a stellar score of 73.133.

The Hunters Hill High School student came first on the floor, rings, vault and high bar and fifth on the parallel bars.

“I’m very happy with my results,” Ethan said.

He would represent NSW for the fifth time at the national championships, which will be held at the Hisense Arena in Melbourne from May 19 to 26.

“I hope to do better than I ever have before,” said Ethan.

Last year he was crowned the NSW champion and the Australian champion on the floor in the national competition.

He is feeling better about a shoulder injury, which has been holding him back.

“It’s getting a lot better – I’ve been strengthening it and not doing what hurts it.”

Ethan hopes to represent Australia one day.

“I want to at least get to the World Championships or Commonwealth Games. I’d just love to compete for Australia.”
Vietnam veterans Lenny Schultz, Barry Anderson and John Campbell talk to students at Hunters Hill High School last week. Says Lenny Schulz, "This was an enemy that was prepared to strap explosives to children your age or younger and think nothing of it."

TWT on-the-spot PHOTO

Students at Hunters Hill High School were left in awe on Wednesday last week when three Vietnam War veterans shared experiences they kept secret for four decades.

Veterans Lenny Schultz, John Campbell and Barry Anderson visited the school as part of its 'Speaking of History' program which aims to create a roll of honour for all local servicemen and women.

The veterans told of their actions against the Viet Cong as part of a savage guerilla war that ignored the rules of 20th century conflict.

"We were fighting a war with an enemy that had no fear of death and no regard for human life," Lenny Shultz told students.

"This was an enemy that was prepared to strap explosives to children your age or younger and think nothing of it."

The veterans said the Vietnam War was unlike World War Two because there was no front line, fighting constantly raged for 12 months and Australians used the same guerilla tactics as the Viet Cong.

"If you can imagine the devastation of a hurricane, this war was like that only ten times worse," Barry Anderson said.

"You rarely saw the enemy, you just fired and fired into the jungle and you didn't know if you killed someone or not."
Lenny Schultz agreed: “In training we were taught the enemy wore black pyjamas and bamboo hats and when we got to Vietnam we soon realised that everyone wore black pyjamas and bamboo hats.

“There was no distinction between enemy soldiers and civilians.”

The veterans were asked if ‘the hell’ of the Vietnam War tested their faith in God.

“There are no atheists in a fox hole and many times I vowed I’d go to Mass every week if I survived,” Lenny Schultz said.

“But when you come home you ask yourself why a benevolent God would allow so much terror and so much suffering.”

They were also asked if they felt betrayed by the Australian Government.

“In a word, yes,” Barry Anderson said.

“It’s old politicians who start wars and young men who die in them.”

They said no Australians were taken prisoner by the Viet Cong and there were Vietnam veterans who even today despise the Vietnamese.

“Many Vietnamese regard us as national heroes and Australia is the only country out of the 38 nations that fought in Vietnam to be honoured with a war memorial in Vietnam itself,” Lenny Schultz said.

The veterans said the Viet Cong weren’t the only enemy and recalled terrifying encounters with snakes, spiders, monkeys with rabies and Vietnamese ants.

“These little buggers had the stinging power of bull ants,” Lenny Schultz said.

They also told the students that few if any veterans got over the war.

“I’ve had calls to say dad’s locked himself in the garage and the car engine’s running,” Lenny Schultz said.

“In my case, I don’t have to see a psychiatrist because my greatest therapy is talking to you kids.”

History teacher Anthony Sharman thanked the veterans and said the experience was more rewarding than learning about the Vietnam War on the internet.

“We can so easily get caught up in the politics of the Vietnam War but this puts it all into perspective for us,” he said.

“This is about real people and real experiences.”

Lenny Schultz served in 7 RAR, Barry Anderson served in the 25th Supply Platoon RAASC and John Campbell served with the 1st ARU/hqafv.
WHAT'S ON AT HUNTERS HILL HIGH

Hunters Hill High School

2014 Variety Night

Thurs 22nd May 6:30pm

Adult - $12  Student - $8  Family - $30
HHHS Parents and Staff

SAVE THE DATE....Don’t miss out

SATURDAY AUGUST 9th

COMEDY NITE AT HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

"Hunters Hill High School will be playing host to some of Sydney’s best stand-up comedians for a big night of LOLs. Come along to have a chuckle, guffaw, titter or even a snigger at a line up including some of the funniest comedians in Sydney that didn’t have something better to do that night."

More Details soon
Enquiries or to offer help contact
Anthea Murray
P & C Events and Fundraising Coordinator
hhhs.events@gmail.com
"BEYOND THE BELL"

Mondays from 3:15pm – 4:15pm
in the Library

"Beyond the Bell" provides a positive study environment for students and promotes effective time management and organisation.

All Year 7 students are welcome to attend!

This homework club is run and supervised by Hunters Hill High School teachers... and is FREE to Hunters Hill High School students.

IMPORTANT: Please complete the permission note and return to student administration. It is necessary to consider a safe way for your child to get home

Contact: jessica.austin14@det.nsw.edu.au
‘Stepping STONES’
Making Successful Transitions to High School

Parent FORUM
Parents of Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 students are invited to attend a unique forum hosted by Hunters Hill High School and sponsored by our partner schools Lane Cove West Public School and Gladesville Public School

Keynote speaker Angie Wilcock (author of ‘The Transition Tightrope’) will respond to identified parent concerns regarding the transition of their children from primary school to high school. The forum will also feature presentations by experts in the field of public education including: Principals, Year Advisers, School Counsellors, teachers and parents. This forum will share their knowledge about existing strategies offered within Public Education to parents and students transitioning to high school.

We welcome all parents to join us for a light supper followed by presentations and a Q & A session.

Date:
Thursday 12th June 2014

Time:
6pm – a light supper will be provided
6:30pm – the forum will commence

Venue:
The Phil Daniels Pavilion,
Hunters Hill High School,
Reiby Road,
Hunters Hill, 2110

RSVP:
huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

By:
Thursday 5th June 2014
JOIN HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL DANCE IN 2014

Joining the Hunters Hill High School Dance program is a fun way to gain strength, flexibility and technique in Contemporary, Jazz and Hip Hop dance styles, but also is a great way to get involved in the school community and increase wellbeing, self-confidence and mental focus.

All students are welcome: boys and girls, beginners and advanced, anyone from Year 7 right through to Year 12.

- Jazz - Tuesday morning 7:30am to 8:30am
- Contemporary - Thursday morning 7:30am to 8:30am
- Hip Hop - Friday morning 7:30am to 8:30am

The co-educational classes are one hour in length and are held in the Performance Space.

The program builds towards performing at school events including Open Day, Variety Night, community events and dance competitions. In 2013, in addition to the school events, HHHS Dance participated in Ryde School Spectaculars and performed at the Ryde Eisteddfod.

Dance classes are taught by professional and talented instructors: Kamilla Hansen-Mackie from Dance Attitude Studio teaches jazz and contemporary groups and Hideboo, an experienced Hip Hop/break dancer and teacher instructs the hip hop Group.

Dance Tuition costs $200 for Semester 1 and $250 for Semester 2. The student can take one class or all three classes at no extra cost. Semester 1 includes Terms 1 and 2. Semester 2 includes Terms 3 and 4.

There is a one-off Costume Fee of $100 each for both Contemporary and Jazz Classes. There is no costume fee for the Hip Hop group.

Come along for a trial to any or all classes to see if you like it before you commit.

Hunters High Hill School Dance is an extra-curricular activity run by Hunters Hill High School P & C.

If you have any queries, please drop us a line on dance.hhhspc@gmail.com or visit our website sites.google.com/site/hhhsdance/

Delphine Davies  
HHHS P & C Dance Coordinator
We're fundraising with entertainment

Pre-order your Entertainment™ Membership online and receive over $240 in bonus offers!

Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more!

Available as a traditional Entertainment™ Book OR the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership for your Apple or Android device, your Membership gives you over $30,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 3 June 2015!

Order your new 2014 | 2015 Sydney and Sydney North Entertainment™ Membership from Hunter Hill High School and 70% of your Membership purchase goes towards our fund-raising!

The traditional Entertainment™ Book Membership

Available from early April, the new Book is only $70, and you’ll receive $30,000 worth of valuable offers which are valid until 3 June 2015.

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...plus there are hundreds more!

Thank you for your support.

Hunters Hill High School
Phone: 0431648636 | Email: Anthea.Murray@health.nsw.gov.au

Please remember to reference Hunters Hill High School when registering your
## HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL
### CANTEEN MENU / PRICE LIST - April 28th, 2014

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20/21: Duke of Ed Trip P & C Meeting

**Opens Rugby Gala**

20: Zone Cross Country Big Science Comp

22: Variety Night

23: Duke of Ed Trip P & C Meeting

24: Year 7 & 8 Parent/Teacher Night

25: Yr 7/8 World of Maths

26: Final date for HSC course changes

End Term 2

27: Final date for HSC course changes
Gladesville Girl Guides invite you to

Come and Try Guides!
For girls aged 5-18 years

Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities:
games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and unit times

Please email gladesville.guides@hotmail.com or call 13004475484
Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW ..

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26 May - 13 July 2014
Guringai FESTIVAL

Events in Hunters Hill

Aboriginal Heritage Talk & Walk  Free  2pm-4pm  Sunday 15 June
Meet at Lookout Park - opposite Woolwich Pier Hotel, 2 Gale St, Woolwich

School Holiday Art Workshop & Storytelling  Wed 2 July  $10

Bookings & further information  Hunter's Hill Council  98799449
www.huntershill.nsw.gov.au
MATHS TUTORING

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