HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL
Achieving excellence in comprehensive education

OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY • 12 NOON-3PM

Hear the Principal’s address at 12.30pm.
Learn more about the outstanding opportunities
for every child at Hunters Hill High School
through activities, classroom exhibitions,
displays, entertainment and discussion
with our staff and students.

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**KEEP THE DATE**

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- **School Swimming Carnival** - Thursday 19 February
- **Open Day** - Saturday 28 February
- **Formal Assembly** - Thursday 5 March

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

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Congratulations Ky
Big congratulations to Year 8 Student Ky Jackson for his selection in the North Sydney CHS Opens Baseball Team!!! A wonderful achievement for this young man being selected in an open age team. Best of luck Ky.
Welcome to the Hunters Hill High School Community for 2015. The P & C would particularly like to welcome new students and their families.

Parents and carers of HHHS play an integral role in many facets of the school community. The P & C works closely with the school in providing extra-curricular programs such as the concert band and dance groups, and services such as the canteen and uniform shop. Any funds generated by the canteen and uniform shop are then re-invested by the P & C into providing improved educational facilities and equipment. Parents also assist the school in maintaining the grounds and gardens by conducting regular working bees. Parent and carer involvement in these activities is welcomed by the school and is indeed essential to providing these services.

The legislative objects of Hunters Hill High School P & C Association are as outlined in the Education Act, 1990:

a) “to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens and students and teaching staff into close co-operation, and
b) to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school, and

We are delighted to report that HHHS P & C has been successful in obtaining a 2015 Community Building Partnership Grant for $6,300 towards upgrading the numeracy centre. Grant funds will be contributed to purchasing a data projector, interlocking tables and posters. The P & C would like to thank our Lane Cove electorate MP, Mr Anthony Roberts MP for his assistance.

We are also delighted that Mr Roberts MP visited the school on Friday 30 January 2015 to inspect the completed P & C project of totally refurbishing the multi-purpose sports courts by the river. The brand new astro turf multi-purpose sports courts are in constant use by HHHS students, and by community users on weekends. The P & C was grateful to obtain a 2013 Community Building Partnership Grant of $20,000 towards the $88,000 cost of the upgrade. We thank Mr Roberts MP for his support with this.

Mr Roberts MP also took the opportunity to speak to our international students and school captains about leadership. He praised the excellent leadership of our principal, Ms Judith Felton, the strong and active HHHS P & C association, our wonderful students and the outstanding education provided by Hunters Hill School. We were also pleased to have a productive discussion about the P & C’s proposed application for a 2015 Community Building Partnership Grant. Mr Roberts MP posted photos and comments of his visit to Hunters Hill High School on:

www.facebook.com/AnthonyRobertsMP

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#lanecove

The P & C holds at least two meetings each term on the third Monday of each month. The first P & C meeting this year will be held on Monday, 16 February 2015 at 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm in the staff common
room (located below the administration building). Head teachers will be introduced. The principal will provide her report on the strategic direction for the school in 2015, which will be of keen interest for parents and carers. Attending P & C meetings is an excellent way to meet other parents and find out more about education at Hunters Hill High School. New parents and carers are particularly welcome.

We will also be planning our expenditure commitments for 2015. If you have any ideas, projects or items for the P & C to consider in its funding list please bring it to the meeting for discussion or if you are unable to attend please e-mail your suggestion to secretary.hhhspc@gmail.com. Please bring a gold coin to the meeting to become a financial member or renew your financial membership. You will need to be a financial member to later vote for the P & C executive and P & C financial expenditure.

The second meeting of the year to be held on Monday 16 March 2015 will be the AGM followed by a general meeting. At the AGM all P & C executive positions and convenors of P & C sub committees will be declared vacant. The P & C executive positions include President, 2 Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary. P & C sub committees or convenor positions include canteen, uniform shop, concert band, dance groups, environment, events and fundraising and Northern Sydney District Council of P & C Associations representative. Nominations are welcome.

At the general meeting following the AGM on 16 March the P & C 2015 budget will be put forward for discussion and voting. We are looking forward to making a significant investment in educational resources and facilities for the school in 2015.

The next P & C working bee, arranged by Neil Hopkins of the P & C Environment Committee, is on Saturday, 21 February 2015 from 1pm to 4pm. The aim is to tidy up along the sloping wall from the main gate, up to the school sign and along the avenue to the area where the camphor laurel trees have been removed. Please volunteer! It is a challenge maintaining our extensive school grounds.

The annual P & C Welcome Drinks to welcome all parents and carers to the school community will be held from 5pm, Tuesday 24 February 2015 in an idyllic setting on the Phil Daniels Pavilion balcony. Refreshments will be provided by the P & C. This is a great opportunity to welcome new parents and meet other parents and teachers. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to help with the Welcome Drinks event please contact P & C Events Co-ordinator Anthea Murray at hhhs.events@gmail.com.

The P & C can assist in the future development of our school in many ways that may not be served other than by our active participation. So come along and be involved. We look forward to seeing you at our first P & C meeting of the year on Monday 16 February 2015.

Deborah Slack
President, Hunters Hill High School P & C Association

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**P & C MEETING**  
Monday 16th February at 7.30PM  
Staff Common Room  
School Entry – Main Gate Reiby Road
**School Uniforms**

Students at Hunters Hill High School are expected to wear the school uniform correctly at all times while in school, travelling to and from school and while representing the school. As part of Workplace Health and Safety legislation it is a requirement for all students on site to wear appropriate protective footwear in areas such as Science labs, workshops, kitchens and other areas. Students are not to wear their PE uniforms to school, even on sports days, but instead should bring their PE uniforms in their bags to change into at school at the appropriate time. Specific details of our uniform are available on our website at [http://www.huntershd-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/uniform](http://www.huntershd-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/uniform)

**THE ADVANTAGES OF A SCHOOL UNIFORM**

A school uniform
- creates a sense of belonging and community and encourages students to take pride in their school
- reinforces an academic setting and studies have shown that this can have a positive impact on students’ academic results
- promotes equality by reducing status symbol issues
- can save parents money as students do not have to provide a multitude of different clothes so their children have a different outfit each day
- can save students time in the morning as they do not have to decide what to wear
- provides appropriate attire so that students are ready to participate in all school activities
- is preparation for formal and corporate attire in the workplace
- is also important as our school is judged by the community on our uniform standards

**UNIFORM INFRINGEMENT CONSEQUENCES**

We have created a new policy designed to improve the wearing of our uniform. Parents are asked to please support us in this regard.

Students who are unable to come to school dressed in full school uniform for a valid reason need to bring a dated note from parents stating the reason and length of time they will be without full uniform.

They need to hand this note to their roll call teacher who will check uniforms each day. Students without a note will receive a recess or lunch Playground Duty detention. Students out of full school uniform will be given a red Uniform Pass. This signifies to other teachers that the student’s lack of uniform has been dealt with, and students will need to produce the Uniform Pass to any teacher when asked. If students arrive late to school they can get a Uniform Pass from their Period 1 teacher. Please note that failure to complete detentions will result in further disciplinary action.

**Uniform Expectations**

Hunters Hill High School is a school community that has an established Uniform Code that reflects community standards and is consistent with relevant legislation including work, health and safety.

Accordingly, it is a requirement that all Hunters Hill High School students wear full school uniform including plain black leather shoes and plain black laces (canvas shoes are not acceptable; logos are not acceptable).

The Department of Education & Communities states in ‘School Uniforms in NSW Government Schools’:

- defining an identity for the school with its community
- developing students’ sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
• enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
• promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
• reinforcing the perception of the school as a safe environment
• increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
• promoting positive community perception of public education
• making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes

The school uniform policy is clearly outlined on the school’s website www.huntershd-h.schools.nsw.edu.au, in students’ homework diaries, at school assemblies and below. Our hard working P&C is strongly committed to Hunters Hill High School Uniform Code and urges all parents to insist upon a high standard of uniform for their children. To assist busy parents, the P&C Uniform Shop operates each Tuesday and Thursday from 8am to 9am during the school term.

The expectation for all students is the same: full school uniform every day. Parents are urged to encourage their children to meet their responsibilities within their school community. Hunters Hill High School will enforce the school Uniform Code and impose consequences upon students who breach this code.

Please, if there are financial reasons for your child's lack of uniform, write to the Principal (in confidence) and the matter will be managed.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

**Junior (School Years 7 - 10)**

**MALE**
- Short sleeved, sky blue polo shirt with school crest
- Navy tailored shorts or navy tailored long pants. (from uniform shop)

**FEMALE**
- Short sleeved, sky blue polo shirt with school crest
- Navy pleated skirt or navy boot leg pants. (from uniform shop)

**Senior (School Years 11 - 12)**

**MALE**
- White polo shirt with school crest or white business shirt with collar
- Navy tailored shorts or navy tailored long pants. (from uniform shop)

**FEMALE**
- White polo shirt or blouse with school crest
- Navy pleated skirt or navy boot leg pants. (from uniform shop)

**OPTIONAL**
- Navy tie with school crest.

**OTHER SCHOOL APPROVED CLOTHING YEARS 7-12**

**HEADWEAR**
- Plain navy cap (school cap available from Uniform Shop)

**SHOES**
- Plain black leather shoes with black laces.

**SCARF**
- Navy with sky blue borders and school initials.(only available at the uniform shop)

Hair should be neat and tidy and tied off the face. Makeup should not be worn in school.

**SPORT UNIFORM**

- Polo shirts with school colours and school crest.
- Navy sports shorts (girls and boys style available).
- Knee-high navy/sky blue football socks.
- Navy blue microfibre jacket track pants with school crest

It is expected in PD/H/PE and SPORT lessons that students will bring and change into their school sport uniform including suitable sport shoes. Team uniforms for specific sports i.e. soccer, rugby, basketball, may be worn when required. These team uniforms are supplied on a loan arrangement by the school.
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**Information Regarding Payments:**
1. Please complete your credit card details below, and leave at the school office.
2. Cash cannot be accepted by the school office
3. Orders left by day prior to Opening Days will be ready for collection on Opening Day.
4. Pay at Uniform Shop by Cash, Eftpos or Credit Card
5. Please note a 2% surcharge will apply on all eftpos and credit card transactions.

**Visa / Master Card (Unfortunately, we are unable to accept Amex or Diners Club Cards)**

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Obadiah Williams has attended Hunters Hill High School for the past six years and was a candidate for the 2014 Higher School Certificate in the following courses: English (Advanced), Mathematics, Biology, PDHPE and Industrial Technology (Timber).

Obadiah is a highly organised, self-motivated and outstanding young man who has been fully engaged with the life of the school throughout his six years at Hunters Hill High School.

Obadiah has impressed his teachers with his exceptional intelligence, diligence and perseverance. He has consistently displayed an exceptional work ethic, leadership and positive behaviour. Obadiah has had an outstanding academic record throughout his secondary education, consistently ranked within the top five of his grade. Most notably, his HSC Assessment record achievements include 1st in PDHPE and Industrial Technology (Timber), 2nd in Biology and 3rd in English (Advanced). Obadiah’s Major Work for Industrial Technology – a wooden bath – was a highlight. In all his endeavours, Obadiah has exhibited an enthusiastic, focused and mature approach; thereby, enabling the successful realisation of his goals, as well as helping his peers achieve their goals.

Evidence of Obadiah’s commitment to the wider school curriculum and community has also been impressive. He has performed meritoriously in the following roles: school captain, school representative, athlete, mentor, leader and public speaker.

• His role as 2014 School Captain included many responsibilities such as attending meetings, seminars, leadership courses, writing for the local papers and meeting notable people including Michele Bruniges, Secretary of Education and Communities
• As School Captain, Obadiah showed initiative in coordinating the organisation of a Blood Bank run for the Red Cross, where up to 30 students and teachers donated blood for a worthy cause
• Participant in the Student Representative Council in 2014 and coordinator of numerous fundraiser barbecues and other whole school events
• In sport, Obadiah was a player and team captain of Rugby League and Union and AFL; played representative sport in knock-outs, gala days, zone and regional carnivals
• A Peer Support Leader to Year 7 in 2013 and mentor of the “Eat Your Words” Literacy program in 2012 and 2013
• A Public speaker on numerous occasions including Open Day 2014 and our primary enrichment programs like Top of the Hill 2012 and 2013 and the parent forum ‘Stepping Stones’ in 2013

Unsurprisingly, Obadiah was chosen for the Annual Achievers’ Camp from Year 9 onwards - a selection that recognises the ‘thinkers, triers and doers’ within the school community. Furthermore, he was honoured with the annual Citizenship Award on five occasions. His consistent high achievement has also seen him invited to the last four Achievers Morning Teas. He has also attended the annual Ski Trip in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

In January 2012, Obadiah was involved in a conservation and humanitarian project in Thailand.
Throughout this month long project, Obadiah assisted in the building of a new school for orphaned children, helped teach English and assisted in caring for rescued elephants.

Obadiah has demonstrated passion and excellence in all aspects of school life and has enjoyed great success as a result of his commitment and diligence with his mature, polite, co-operative manner. He has impressed his teachers, establishing excellent relationships with both staff and students within the Hunters Hill High School community.

A credit to his school and family, Obadiah would enrich any organisation, company, university or workplace. His awareness of social issues, empathy towards people from all walks of life and overall ambitious drive to be the best will enable Obadiah success in all areas of life. Obadiah is an exceptional young man of the highest calibre.

We congratulate Obadiah on being a worthy recipient of the prestigious Professor Marie Bashir Citizenship Award.
Hunters Hill High School staff, students and community would like to congratulate the 2014 cohort for their outstanding ATAR results and subsequent success in getting accepted into a range of courses at universities across Sydney.

An impressive number of students received ATAR results in the high 80s & 90s enabling them to pursue Bachelor Degrees in a range of fields including Science, Project Management, Education, Music, Global Studies. Students are majoring in diverse areas, such as Psychology, Criminology, Creative Writing and Journalism. Some of our students are pursuing the ‘University of Life’ by travelling overseas to volunteer, coach or take pleasure in immersing themselves in other cultures.

Congratulations to our school dux, Hugh Mackay, who received an ATAR in the high 90s.

We congratulate and wish all of our students the best of luck as they pursue their goals and extend their educational aspirations in the world beyond school. The legacy left behind by the 2014 cohort of students should inspire and motivate all current students to do their best and utilise the valuable resources that public education has to offer, especially here at Hunters Hill High School.

Iva Slavica (2014 Year Adviser) and Josh Gane (2014 Relieving Deputy Principal).
As the Graduating Class of 2014 finishes their high school career, the four school captains reflect on their time as leaders of Hunters Hill High School and the legacy they will be leaving behind for all current and future students.

A year filled with strength, laughter and progress is a year considered most memorable.

As captains, our motivation focused upon the importance of students’ well-being, the desire for a unified school body and the opportunity to guide Hunters Hill High School into its 56th year of comprehensive education. It was an exhilarating and emotional journey, one that brought success and an immense sense of pride to each of us.

Participating in transitional programs for both parents and students in ‘Top of the Hill’ and ‘Stepping Stones’, we saw an opportunity to take advantage of the school’s values and strong identity and broaden the social spectrum into surrounding primary schools as well as the community. Whilst accepting several responsibilities such as hosting special assemblies to coordinating Presentation Day, we were also given a degree of freedom, and were able to initiate a blood drive for the Red Cross. Many of its willing participants from the school gained exposure in the local papers, raising awareness for the charitable cause.

The year also consisted of several more intimate highlights, such as meeting Ms. Michele Bruniges, Secretary of the Department of Education and Communities, and having the privilege to host the assembly in which the Pavilion was officially renamed in honour of Phil Daniels.

It was also the year we came to grasp the essence of leadership; the discovery of what one can give back to a school that was formative in shaping us into the people we are today, with skills we hope to put forward in the future. Upon reflection, our contributions were many, and ones which stemmed from a profound passion for the school, as piece by piece we add to the puzzle of what truly makes Hunters Hill High flourish.

Written by the 2014 School Captains of Hunters Hill High School: Obadiah Williams, Brittany Roulston, Jane Andrews and Nathan May
My name is Belinda Woolford and I have been a member of the PDHPE staff for the past 4 years. My roles at the school include School Sports Organiser and the 2015 Year 7 Advisor.

In the Year 7 “Orientation Week” the students were given the opportunity to work with their peers and future teachers. It was a time when the students became familiar with the school, learnt how to read their timetable, met teachers from each faculty and engaged in a variety of workshops and mini-lessons. Team building activities were an important aspect of this week – which has helped us all form strong bonds, build trust, establish new relationships and develop mutual respect. All of which were essential for our next adventure...

The Year 7 camp at Narrabeen Sport and Rec! This is another significant and memorable period of transition into High School. The camp was held in week 3 of Term 1 on the 9th, 10th and 11th of February. A variety of activities were undertaken throughout the 3 days: canoeing, rock climbing, archery, the high ropes course and many more activities that enable making of lifelong friends. The students built confidence and self-esteem in an enjoyable and active environment. Joining us on the camp were 16 Peer Support leaders from Year 11. These leaders became your child’s mentor, role model, team leader and provided guidance and support, and will continue for the remainder of year 7.

Welcome to Hunters Hill High School.

Belinda Woolford
Year 7 Year Advisor

YEAR 7 WELCOME SPEECH 2015
from Michael Walkom Relieving Deptuy Principal - January 28, 2015

Welcome everyone to the Hunters Hill High School Year 7 Welcome Assembly.

A special welcome to the parents, caregivers and friends who have accompanied you to our Welcome Assembly today.

Before I continue, let me thank Ms Woolford for all the work she has already undertaken to help you have a great start to high school. I’ve worked closely with Ms Woolford over the last four years and she is one of the most caring and enthusiastic teachers I have ever worked with.

You have come from many different schools and different cities and countries. The one thing you have in common is that you are feeling a mixture of nervousness and excitement about your first day at high school.

That’s to be expected, however, Ms Woolford, Ms Austin and myself and - as a matter of fact- all of the staff are dedicated to helping you feel safe, happy and stimulated in High School by giving you the best start for your exciting journey through secondary school.

For many of you who went through the Year 6 Orientation Day program with Ms Woolford and Ms Austin, you already have a good idea of how the school operates. Over the next four days we are dedicated to building on this and making you feel more comfortable at High School. You will:

- Meet your class teacher
- Tour the school
- Undertake some diagnostic testing
- Meet the Careers Adviser and the librarian
- Work with year 11 Peer Mentors
- Complete teamwork activities

These activities will enable you to discover the many features of High School life. I would encourage you to participate in the diverse array of activities available this year including House competitions (swimming, athletics, performing arts), leadership opportunities (public speaking, debating, house representation and Student Representative Council), clubs (school productions, debating, band, choir, chess club, sport teams), and music (school band).

Our orientation program will help you get used to the new school environment. This includes moving from one subject to another after 55 minutes, coping with six different teachers a day and adapting to different learning environments.

You will also need to be a good listener and learner. You are going to be given new and exciting information over the next few days. Be actively engaged and involved so you get the most out of Ms Woolford’s and Ms Austin’s sessions.

My recommendation to you is to get involved in as many activities as possible. Not only will you have a ‘taste’ of things that you might not have done at primary school but you will make new friends by venturing outside your comfort zone.

We will teach you practical skills and good study habits required for the years ahead at Hunters Hill High School. These skills include using school diaries to stay organised and practical study skills that will help you remember and retain information. Remember, you will have lots of subjects including:

- Mathematics
- History and Geography
- Japanese
- Arts (Music, Art and Drama)
- Food Technology
- English
- Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Woodwork/metal work
- Music

So over the next four days you will have a chance to see all aspects of the school including a special guest speaker Angie Wilcock who will speak to you about the best ways to feel comfortable in your first year of High School.

You will need to carry out three things to get the most out of our orientation activities:
- Ask lots of questions
- Talk to lots of people and make new friends
- ‘Listen and learn’ because what the teachers and peer leaders have to say is very important and they have been through many of the same experiences as you.

Let me finish by saying that 2015 is also a very special year for me. It is my first year as Relieving Deputy Principal and in the same way that you feel nervous and apprehensive, I also feel the same way. So I’m going to take my own advice and, get involved in things that I haven’t attempted before and learn new things along the way.

It’s been a pleasure to meet you Year 7 and I’m looking forward to getting to know you individually over the coming days.

Michael Walkom
Relieving Deputy Principal
Anthony Roberts MP Visit

“It was great to pop by Hunters Hill High School last week to chat with School Leaders and International Students.

Happy to have secured a contribution of $20,000 for the new multi-purpose sports courts, through the NSW Government’s Community Building Partnership Program.

I was in good hands as I was shown around the campus and new facility by the School Captains, Principal, Deputy-Principal, and President of the Hunters Hill P&C Association.

...Thanks for having me and enjoy the courts!”
Anthony Roberts MP
Facebook Post 4 February 2015
Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Hunters Hill High School students in Years 9 to 12 can participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme as an extra-curricular activity.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a flexible, interesting and fun-packed program for all young people between the ages of 14 and 25. It is entirely voluntary and is structured so the participants can design their own unique program centred on their interests and passions.

Students nominate goals and challenges in four areas: Physical Recreation, Skill, Volunteering and Adventurous Journeys and document their regular participation in these chosen areas over a period of three to twelve months.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is about setting goals. These goals are realised with persistence, determination and resilience and will see the student become better prepared for life’s challenges in the future.

Registration fees range from $125 - $145 per student. Students will also be required to obtain their senior first aid qualification, which will be organised through the school costing approximately $100.

ADVENTUROUS JOURNEYS

The school organises two adventurous journeys each year that cater to both Bronze and Silver participants. The journeys can cost from $40 to $100 based on the location, transport requirements, student numbers and camping fees of each trek. Students are also responsible for providing their own camping equipment for each trip.

For more information there will be a parent information evening on Wednesday 25th February at 6pm in the school library or you can visit the website at www.dukeofed.com.au.

Ruth Simpson
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

Hunters Hill High Ex-Student Wins Battle of the Bands

Cam Nacson, former Hunters Hill High School student is part of Sydney born 6 piece Pop/Rock/Folk band *The Blackbird Collective* which has been putting their experience together piece by piece for just over a year. Recently, The Blackbird Collective won $25,000 in Battle of the Bands and appeared on the Today Show. This vision can be seen at [http://www.9jumpin.com.au/show/today/videos/3914710964001](http://www.9jumpin.com.au/show/today/videos/3914710964001)

Cam Nacson has been kicking around since the noughties, having toured the states in 2011 and released a few self produced EPs which have found growing popularity on Spotify. Cam decided it was time to grow the sound and take it to the next level.

The Blackbird Collective toured Australia with US Singer/Songwriter Ron Pope on his 2014 tour and received an incredible response, adding to their ever growing supporter base.

At the same time, its single “No Other Plan” rocketed to the 42nd most played song on American Radio.

With their independent debut album “Home” set for release in early 2015, *The Blackbird Collective* join the list of some amazing up and coming Australian acts to watch out for.
The English Faculty is proud to offer six courses at HSC level (English Advanced, Extension 1, Extension 2, English Standard, ESL and English Studies), with our students achieving the state average for our 2015 results.

The most outstanding result in English Advanced was achieved by Brittany Roulston who received an examination mark of 91%. Additionally, 16 of our 22 students achieved a mark of above 80%, which is five points above the state average for this band. Similarly, in Extension 1 and 2, 50% of students were above the state average with all students reaching the second top band.

Our English Standard students also did well with 25 students achieving a mark of 75 or above- Isabelle Peters 85%, Hugh Mackay 83% and Lauren Pethybridge 80%; strong results for this course. What we have found most impressive is that many Standard English students have shown an improvement of 10-20 marks over the course, demonstrating their willingness to work hard, incorporate teacher feedback and utilise their study time well.

In English as a Second Language, a course for students who have only been speaking English for five years or less, students also showed growth over the year. Once again, ESL students have achieved the state average for band 5/6 with all students achieving above band 3.

We are also proud of students in English Studies with Nathan May achieving 94% and Zac Cerretto-Reingard achieving 93%. This is a course for which there is no external HSC Examination, being internally assessed over the year. This non-ATAR course is ideal for students who do not wish to pursue English at a tertiary level, and would benefit from a smaller class size and the study of English for the workplace context as well as for enjoyment.

In analysing our results we can see areas of strength and areas to improve. Of our strengths, the most important thing is the strong teacher delivery and ability to maintain student engagement, helping our students to achieve their personal best. We acknowledge the efforts of our dedicated teachers; Iva Slavica, Michael Walkom, Trish Barwick, Julia Brierty, Jess Austin and Ruth Simpson.

In 2015 the English Faculty is building our programs for the 2015-2020 text lists to suit the new BOSTES requirements. This includes making sure we teach the core skills in Stage 4 and 5 as a way of building the foundations for Stage 6. We will also be focusing on making sure students are in the right course in Stage 6 (English Studies, Advanced, Extension 1 and 2 and ESL). To continue to build the results of our students, we will provide opportunities for them to reflect upon their assessments and examinations, identifying their strengths, areas to improve as well as celebrating personal growth.

The faculty will continue to work with our English teacher networks across NSW so that we share our knowledge, resources and range of experience.

Once again, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our English Staff as well as wish the Class of 2014 all the best for their future endeavours.

Elena Goulousis
English Head Teacher (Relieving)
What: Literacy skills session - Get help with spelling, punctuation & grammar
Where: Ms Austin’s room - Room 211
When: Every Thursday at Lunchtime
Who: Year 7, 8 and 9 students
Why: Because it is beneficial and FUN! (bring your lunch)

HUNTERS HILL HIGH CHESS CLUB
When? Every Monday Lunch
Where? Upstairs in the Library
Who? Everyone welcome!

Why Join the Chess Club?
• Chess is easy to learn.
• Chess develops memory.
• Chess improves focus and concentration.
• Chess builds self-esteem and self-confidence.
• Chess is Fun!

Did you know?
• 315 billion combinations exist for just the first four moves of a chess game.
• Chess is called the game of kings, because for many centuries it was played primarily by nobility and the upper classes.
Debating competitions for 2015 commence shortly.

See Ms Barwick in the English Faculty for more details.

WE WANT YOU

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 international 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.
CAREERS
Mr Kovacic is our Careers Adviser this year and students from all year groups are encouraged to approach him when making decisions about subject choices or investigating career paths. He has a great deal of experience about potential careers and about the training and experience students need to gain entry level positions. He is also a wise source of information about generic skills which students should be developing to equip them for the workplace.

Mr Kovacic has up to date guides to tertiary training institutions in New South Wales, interstate and overseas. He attends presentations by the tertiary institutions where new courses are described and scholarships are promoted. When Mr Kovacic gets to know you, your strengths and your interests, he can provide suggestions, advice and guidance on a huge range of careers.

LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH
Hunters Hill High School continues to offer Japanese as a Language Other Than English. Ms Talbot has been teaching Japanese at Hunters Hill High School for over ten years and this year we welcome back Ms Kim. Ms Kim will be teaching Japanese to Year 7 and 8 students while Ms Talbot is teaching all Years. Throughout the year, students have an opportunity to engage with the Japanese culture on excursions.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Ms Thomson continues to teach Information Technology to Years 9 and 10 and to Years 11 and 12. In 2014 our HSC students studying Information Processes and Technology all achieved results in Bands 4 and 5, a credit to their hard work during the two year course. In this course students become more than users of technology; they develop a new perspective and start to become IT professionals learning how to analyse requirements and set up technology for others. To achieve this they undertake sustained, practical projects building information systems which are meaningful in the workplace.

Jennifer Thomson
Administration, Computing Studies Head Teacher

Join us Saturday 28 February for Hunters Hill High School Open Day and to see YOUR School.

12 noon to 3.00pm
Principal’s Address at 12.30pm
The Mathematics Faculty would like to welcome students and parents to a fun-filled year of Mathematics learning at Hunters Hill High School. Our faculty includes Mr Ben Neilsen, Mrs Ria Lenard, Mr Peter Bullen and myself, and we welcome back Ms Lucy Kim from Maternity leave and Mrs Zehra Mehdi who is a new permanent appointment.

NEW STAFF - Mrs Zehra Mehdi
Mrs Mehdi is a highly experienced and respected Mathematics teacher with a background in civil engineering. She has come to us from Glenwood High School. Mrs Mehdi brings with her an enormous enthusiasm for Mathematics, and is a great believer in making students aware of the connections between Mathematics and the real world.

RETURNING STAFF - Ms Lucy Kim
Ms Kim returns to Hunters Hill High from Maternity Leave in a part-time capacity. She will be teaching both Mathematics and Japanese on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She is very excited to be back at Hunters Hill High School and has already remarked on how much her previous students have changed since she has been away.

ORGANISATION
Students are asked to have two exercise books for Mathematics this year. One is for reference (theory), and the other is for class and homework. By having separate books, students will find it easier to consult their reference notes when it comes to revising for exams. Students will also need a display folder in which they can store topic tests, exams and assignments. Students will also require a Scientific Calculator which they should bring to every lesson. These may be purchased from the school canteen.

TEXTBOOKS
Students will be issued with a Maths textbook during the next few weeks. Unfortunately some students have not yet returned their textbooks from last year which leaves us short for this year’s group. Students who have not returned previous years’ textbooks will not be issued with a textbook this year until the book has been returned or paid for if it has been misplaced. Please talk to your child about taking care of their textbooks, as they are quite expensive, and costs will be incurred for damaged or lost books. Students may opt to have a digital version if they wish.

HOMEWORK
Just as practising a musical instrument is necessary for mastery, so too is practising Mathematics. Homework enables students to apply what they have learnt in class to questions to increase fluency, cement conceptual understanding, and practise their problem solving skills. Students will be given Maths homework in most lessons (despite what they may say!). We understand that there may occasionally be circumstances where they are unable to complete the homework on a given day. If this is the case, please write a note to the class teacher saying by when the homework will be completed.

NUMERACY CENTRE
The Numeracy Centre (Room 408) is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes and is staffed by a Maths teacher who is available to help students in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Students are encouraged to attend to seek help with any difficulties they may have with their maths work, to complete their maths homework if they are unable to do so at home, and to revise for exams. Students may eat their lunch in the Numeracy Centre while they work. Additionally if students are absent for a class test or exam, they should report to the Numeracy Centre on the first day of their return to school to complete the test.
In the NSW Stage 5 Mathematics syllabus for the Australian Curriculum as published by The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) there are three distinct levels of content, these being Stage 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 (in increasing difficulty respectively). Year 9 and Year 10 classes are graded in Mathematics but students will have the opportunity to move between the levels, depending on their performance in assessments and reports by their class teacher. Students are encouraged to work hard so as to achieve their personal best in Mathematics.

HSC 2014

Congratulations to our 2014 Hunters Hill High School Mathematics HSC students. In General Mathematics approximately one third of the students achieved a result in the top three bands. In Advanced Mathematics over fifty percent of students achieved a result in the top three bands, with one Band 6 and two notional Band 6’s (from the Extension 2 students). In Extension 1 Mathematics 45% of the students achieved a result in the second highest band (E3).

Susan Turnbull
Mathematics Head Teacher

Numeracy Centre

Need help . . .
studying for a test
with problem solving skills
completing homework
completing Assessment Tasks
understanding mathematical concepts

Help is here!

Numeracy Centre (Room 408)
is open lunchtimes
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Congratulations to the Class of 2014 and their teachers who once again achieved some outstanding results and many personal bests in the Higher School Certificate Examinations. This goes to show that the partnership between experienced teachers delivering quality teaching, coupled with the hard work ethic of students, can match it with the best in the State.

Significant faculty achievements include:
• Double the State Average for Bands 5 & 6 for Ancient History
• Double the State Average for Band E3 (2nd top) for Extension History
• Results close to State Average across all Bands in Business Studies

Significant personal achievements include:
• Hugh Mackay        Band 6 in Ancient History
• Patrick Brennan    Band 6 in Ancient History
• Jane Andrews       Band 6 in Society and Culture
• Luke Nelson        Band 6 in Society and Culture
• Brandon Vu         Band 6 in Business Studies

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Ms Theresa Aniello who joins us as a permanent placement in our faculty and Mr Warwick McAlpine who has replaced Mr Doran for this year. Their enthusiasm and commitment towards their students’ academic needs and welfare is a credit to their professionalism and reflects the positive approach of all the HSIE Staff.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of Ms Sue Nunn who leaves us this year having given over ten years’ service to our school, and in particular to the HSIE Department. Ms Nunn has been instrumental in providing leadership for both teachers and students alike, most notably in Society and Culture, Modern and Junior History. On behalf of her past and present work colleagues and students, we wish her all the best in her new role as Head Teacher HSIE in Newcastle.

All the HSIE teachers - Theresa Aniello, Kathy Apostolou, Pam Buchanan, James Heiler, Warwick McAlpine, Anthony Sharman, Adam Skinner and Will Wong look forward to teaching your sons and daughters in 2015.

Pam Buchanan
HSIE Head Teacher

Student Attendance
Notice of a student absence can be made via a text message to 0423 836 462.
Please include student’s full name, roll class and reason for absence.
Please limit your message to 160 characters.
History Nerds

Targeting PASSIONATE Junior History students who want to go beyond what they learn in the classroom

**WHEN**
Week A - Friday
Lunch 1

**WHERE**
Mr Sharman’s classroom - 201

Don’t Be Late!

Hunters Hill High School
Bell Times

Morning Warning Bells
8.30am & 8.44am

Assembly/Roll Call Bell
8.48am
The Science Faculty has had a big start to the academic year with our current staff members Michelle Chiew- Meldrum (Head Teacher), Snezana Bernardi, Annie Johnson, Vinita Jain and Julia Riviera all returning after a well-deserved break. We have also welcomed David Aubusson to the faculty. A BIG welcome to David, we are confident that his contribution to Science will continue to broaden the horizons from year 7 right through to year 12.

2014 HSC RESULTS
The 2014 HSC Science results, show that the focus areas for improvement implemented in 2014 are working.

Biology and Senior Science were significantly above state average (2.21 and 3.93 respectively). The introduction of a Year 12 Senior Science class for this cohort had a significant impact on all results including Chemistry, where one third of the students in this class achieved a Band 5. Not only did this class get fantastic results in this particular science subject, (3.93 above state average) and half of the class of 20 achieved in the top two bands what’s more, for many students it was the subject in which they performed the best. Many of these students picked up Senior Science in Year 12, electing to discontinue either Chemistry, Physics or Biology which they were finding too difficult in Year 11, a choice, on reflection, they did not regret.

The results of our top performing students:

Band 6 results  
- Timothy Rushton (94 in Senior Science)
- Harry Parsons (90 Senior Science)
- Hugh Mackay (93 in Physics)

Band 5 results  
- Lewis Conte (Senior Science)
- Abigail Finlay (Senior Science)
- Joshua Kimpton (Senior Science)
- Matthew Laz (Senior Science)
- Colleen Tringham (Senior Science)
- Collin Wambeek (Senior Science)
- Carmen Yuan (Senior Science)
- Eleanor Gibson (Biology)
- Hugh Mackay (Chemistry)
- Siwei Chan (Chemistry)
- Cameron Durrant (Chemistry)
- Domenico Restuccia (Chemistry)
- Domenico Restuccia (Physics)

We will continue to implement teaching strategies that will maximise the learning and achievement of our HSC students in 2015.

21st CENTURY TEACHING AND LEARNING
We also have a new addition to our classroom learning as we have recently embraced the Department of Education’s Google Apps for Education, where classroom learning can continue at home for the audio and visual learner. Going hand in hand with the purchase of our Chrome books, 21st Century Learning is a priority within our faculty to maximise student-learning opportunities as resources become more accessible to the learner through Google classroom but also through our website, under the link ‘science resources.’
It goes without saying, that the opportunities for our students to be recognised for their efforts and achievements in science are ongoing. In the term 2 we have our Big Science Competition for all students from years 7-12 as well as the Titration Competition for Preliminary and HSC Chemistry students. After a Hunters Hill High student placing first in the state last year in the Big Science Competition, we encourage the participation of all students in competitions such as these to help set and achieve personal goals.

As we embark on the journey in 2015, and also aim to facilitate the goals of our students across the board. Some are aspiring young scientists, we also have our fair share of leaders who are involved in Peer Support and are working together with Miss Riviera to fulfil the role of welcoming and transitioning our incoming year 7 students into high school life. Our leaders commenced the year with a ‘Peer Support Day,’ on Monday the 2nd of February, which fits into the slip stream of Orientation Week, followed by three adventurous days out at Narrabeen with the year 7 students helping to build a sense of community and belonging.

HANDS ON SCIENCE
On Friday March 13th we have invited 60 potential Hunters Hill High School students from our seven partner primary schools to join us for ‘Hands on Science’. This is an excellent opportunity for us to showcase the wonderful things we do in science as well as the exceptional resources we have access too, including our modern laboratories. It is also an opportunity for these potential students to get a glimpse of what High School is all about and begin their transition from Primary to High School.

If you are a potential student, feel free to ring the school and ask how to register for this day.

SCIENCE TEXTBOOK POLICY FOR SENIORS
In science, we issue electronic versions of textbooks for Year 11 Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Senior Science to enable us to access more readily, the hard copy versions of textbooks in the classroom. We issue a hard copy to every Year 12 student as well as using various textbooks in the classroom. Textbooks are issued through the school library.

We strongly encourage students to purchase their own copy of a textbook, many of which are available from past students through second hand books stores and websites. Any of the textbooks listed below have the relevant coursework for our Science subjects. We will also endeavour to re-sell any new textbooks purchased by students this year, to next years Science cohort.

Biology Textbooks

- Heinemann Biology Preliminary
- Biology in Focus- Preliminary
- Spotlight Biology- Preliminary

Chemistry Textbooks

- Conquering Chemistry- Preliminary
- Chemistry Contexts 1- Preliminary
- Jacaranda Chemistry 1- Preliminary
- Spotlight Chemistry- Preliminary

Physics Textbooks

- Jacaranda Physics 1- Preliminary
- Physics in Focus 1- Preliminary
- Spotlight Physics- Preliminary
JUNIOR TEXTBOOKS
We do not issue textbooks to Years 7-10 students but use regularly classes of Science Focus and Core Science.

Julia Riviera
Science Teacher

CAPA

We extend a warm welcome to our two new CAPA staff for 2015 - Harriet Robey in Visual Arts replacing Dan Dominguez and Michael Hanna who is taking a mix of both Music and Drama classes as the school population continues to grow. Our superb Drama teacher Elena Goulousis has been appointed Acting HT English and the talented Dan Dominguez is pursuing a year of freelance sculpture as his work is highly sought. We congratulate and wish both Elena and Dan enormous success in these new ventures. Having such an amazing selection of talented teachers has seen growth in elective numbers and student engagement.

Our 2014 HSC results were encouraging with all CAPA HSC courses achieving Band 6’s and high Band 5’s along with indicators of value added to our elective students. All students in the music class achieved above Band 5 with two band 6’s. The students were particularly excited by their results.

A scrumptious breakfast was the perfect start to our first Concert Band rehearsal on Monday 2nd February and our Band support committee is working hard booking events and planning an exciting year for the ensemble. The Concert Band rehearses every Monday morning of the school term throughout the entire year and a massive influx of year 7 students added to the excitement of our first rehearsal.

Our Primary School Band Day will take place on Thursday 26th February and we hope to have representatives from our seven feeder schools at this event. Two days following this, our Concert Band will be performing at our annual Open Day and our primary school visitors will be invited to perform with them.

Dancers arrived bright and early for our first rehearsal on Tuesday 3rd February for the Jazz Troup. Our Wednesday morning rehearsal is for the Contemporary Troup and the Hip Hop Troup continue to meet on Friday mornings. Each dance group meets in the Performing Space from 7.30am but our wonderful parent coordinator Delphine Davies is there from 7.15am.

Wishing you all a wonderful year

Jenny Deagle
CAPA Head Teacher
Auditions for the Jazz/stage band will commence on Monday 16th February in room 103 at the beginning of lunch. Students wishing to join this ensemble must be committed members of the Hunters Hill High Concert Band which meets on Mondays from 7.20am.

WANTED - DRAMA COSTUMES

Have you got any old suits, jackets, shirts, skirts or dresses? CAPA would love to give them a new home in our Costume Room.

What about glasses, hats, wigs, furs and gloves or any unique clothing items that could be the inspiration for creative characters.

Any clean clothing welcome. Please drop them off at Parent Reception.

String Ensemble

Our first string ensemble rehearsal will take place on Thursday 26th February in room 103 at the beginning of lunch time. All Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass players are invited.
It’s exciting return to the role of Head Teacher PDHPE & TAS for 2015.

Firstly however, I must commend the PDHPE & TAS faculties for a range of very impressive HSC results. Our results highlighted a significant growth in PDHPE and a number of Band 6’s throughout the Industrial Technology Timber Furniture and Construction Courses. This talented team of teachers deserve congratulations for their efforts, as do our hard working Year 12 students from 2014.

2015 will prove to be an action packed year of sporting opportunities for HHHS Students. Trials for a number of state knockout and gala day teams will be forthcoming. I encourage all students to listen for sports announcement at assembly, attend selection trials and get involved in representative school sport. We cater to all levels and love seeing students try new sports and challenge themselves.

Shortly, applications will open for our 9th Annual Ski Retreat. This opportunity is open to all Year 9, 10 & 11 students. Stay tuned for more information and important dates.

It’s pleasing to see an increase in the number of students electing Grade Sport. I thank parents for their continued support of our sports program and prompt payment of sporting fees.

Ms Woolford is busy preparing our sporting carnivals for 2015. I’d like to remind parents that they are very welcome at school carnivals and sporting events. It’s always pleasing to welcome families to these events.

Finally, I’d like to emphasise the importance of our school PE uniform. Full PE uniform is required for all PE and PASS practical lessons, as well as school sport. If a student is unable to bring a uniform, we ask parents to write a note giving an explanation.

Stay tuned for exciting upcoming events from the sports department.

Josh Gane  
PDHPE & TAS Head Teacher

Thursday 19th February  
Lane Cove Swimming Pool

Please be at school at 8.48am for Roll Call and school assembly to travel to the pool by bus.

Attendance is compulsory for all students.
Please ensure permission notes are returned to Student Reception.
In mid 2014, Ms Felton and I met and discussed our vision to increase the use of technology within our curriculum. Our ideas culminated, in late term 4, with the opening of the Multimedia Room. Previously the Careers Room, this new facility features 1:1 teacher : student devices, in the form of 30 chromebooks.

The room also features improved wireless connectivity, an interactive whiteboard, video conferencing equipment, whiteboards and modular furniture to make this a truly inviting learning space.

The 30 chromebooks have facilitated a ‘teaching in the cloud’ environment due to the creation of our own ‘Google Apps for Education’ account. All students have been registered with a Google Apps account and, over time, will access this room for creative and interactive lessons.

The Multimedia room was recently visited by our Director of Public Schools, where we demonstrated collaborative learning over Google Drive. Students displayed their skills collaborating on presentations, mind maps, documents and movie making. The Google Apps environment has also allowed the rollout of Google Classroom, allowing class networking and teacher contact after hours. Our Google Apps account continues to grow as we discover new and exciting Apps and online resources.

I’m very pleased with the new technology skills acquired by our teaching staff, who are attending Google Apps training every Thursday morning.

Hosting my own PE classes in the Multimedia room is very exciting and continues to develop my skills, which I then pass to other staff. The move to a paperless classroom has been a highly enriching experience and one I look forward to offering all HHHS students. The feedback from my classes has been very positive and their level of engagement impressive.

As the school moves towards formalising our BYOD program, I’d like to encourage all students to access their DEC Portal, click ‘learning tools’ on the left menu and experiment with their Google Apps account. I’d also like to remind them about the FREE SOFTWARE available to all students on this same tab. Our students are entitled to free copies of software such as Adobe Pro, Microsoft Office and Windows 8.1 + more.

Please visit our website picture gallery to see the multimedia room or visit on Open Day.

Also, remember to keep up-to-date with school events by visiting our website and following us on twitter @HuntersHillHS

Josh Gane
PDHPE & TAS Head Teacher
Canteen

Thank you to all our returning and new volunteers - your help everyday means that our students are served just that much quicker!

We are DESPERATE for volunteers on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays! Unfortunately, these seem to be the days when everyone has returned to work . . . all parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents - we’d love to have your help in the Canteen! Please ring Bronwyn Clark at the Canteen on 9817-2342 between 8.45am and 2pm if you can assist at all!

As Year 7 is such a big year this year, we also hope to get at least two volunteers on every day . . . have a look at our Canteen Roster on the Hunters Hill High School website. If there is only one person listed and you have some spare time, give us a call if you can help out on that day!

A current Canteen price list is following and has also been added to the Hunters Hill High School website.

Please consider filling your stationery needs quickly and economically from the Canteen. We stock a range of exercise books, folders, pens, pencils and geometrical instruments as well as 4gb USB’s. Approved calculators are also available from the Canteen throughout the year at $27.00 each.

We all complain about the length of the school canteen lines . . . why not order your lunch . . . it will be there waiting for you and the queue will be heaps smaller! Ordering your lunch means YOU CAN GET ANYTHING on ANY DAY (with the exception of Sushi and perhaps Butter Chicken) . . . whereas if you just rock up to the canteen you can only get what’s on the menu for that day and you may miss out completely!

Bronwyn Clark
Canteen Manager
### SANDWICHES
- Buttered Bread $1.20
- Buttered Roll $1.20
- Vegemite $2.20
- Peanut Butter $2.20

### FRUIT
- Seasonal Fruit $1.50
- Mixed Fruit Tubs $2.50
- Melon Tubs $2.50

### SALAD TUBS - Pls Give 1 Day's Notice!
- Caesar Salad $6.00
- Tuna Pasta Salad $5.50
- Fresh Garden Salad $5.00

### FRESH-BAKED GOODIES
- Check the blackboard for daily baked muffins, cakes and slices cooked on the premises!

### SALAD TUBS
- Cheese $3.30
- Cheese & Tomato $4.00
- Egg $3.80
- Chicken $4.50
- Ham $4.50
- Tuna $4.00

### DRINKS
- Plain Milk - 300ml $1.00
- Plain Milk - 600ml $2.00
- Oak Flavoured Milk 300ml $2.00
- Oak Flavoured Milk 600ml $3.50
- Ice Break Coffee Milk $3.60
- Orchy Premium OJ 375ml $2.50
- Orchy Premium OJ 500ml $3.00
- Orchy Juice 375ml $2.50
- Orchy Juice 500ml $3.00

### MISCELLANEOUS
- Forks / Spoons $0.10
- Tomato Sauce $0.30
- Fillings extra: $0.50
- Toasting $0.50

### HOT FOOD EVERY DAY
- Chicken Wedges $0.70
- Potato Triangles $0.70
- Chicken Strips $1.50
- Cheese Melts $1.50
- Fantastic Noodles (Chicken / Beef) $2.50
- Sausage Roll (lite) $2.80
- Pasta $3.00
- Traveller Pie $3.50
- Spinach & Ricotta Roll (Herbert Adams) $3.80
- Meat Pie (lite) $3.80
- Potato Pie (lite) $4.00
- Chicken Pie (lite) $4.00
- Chilli Pie (lite) $4.00
- Cheese & Bacon Pie (Herbert Adams) $4.20

### BREAKFAST OPTIONS
- UpandGo (Choc/Strawb/Van) $2.00
- UpandGo (Energiser Choc/Van) $2.00

### FROZEN
- Paddle Pop Icy Twist $1.00
- Paddle Pops $1.50
- Bulla Lite Ice Cream Tubs $1.50
- Bulla Frozen Fruit Yoghurt Tubs $2.00

### SPECIALS
- Mondays & Thursdays - Sushi (1 piece) $2.80
- Mondays - Chicken Burger $4.80
- Tuesdays - Pizza Singles $2.50
- Wednesdays - Chicken Strip Roll / Wrap $5.00
- Thursdays - Hamburger $5.50
- Fridays - Chicken Strip Roll / Wrap $5.00
- Snacks
  - Oreos Recro Pkt of 2 $0.60
  - Eucalyptus Drops $1.50
  - Doritos $2.00
  - Red Rock Chips $2.00
  - Be Natural Nut / Fruit Bars $2.00
  - Nougat & Honey / Summer Rolls $2.00
**HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL**

**STAFF LIST 2015**

**PRINCIPAL:** Ms Judith Felton

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** Mr Michael Walkom

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:** Mr Michael Murphy

**ENGLISH**

AUSTIN Ms. Jess (L & ST)
BARWICK Ms. Trish
BRIERTY Ms. Julia
PATTEN Ms. Edwina (Tue/Wed/Fri)
SIMPSON Ms. Ruth (International Students Coordinator)
SLAVICA Ms. Iva
GOULOUSIS Ms. Elena (H/Teacher) (Yr 8 Advisor)

**STUDENT SUPPORT UNIT**

(located in Library)
DE SANTIS Ms. Jessica

**CAPA/DRAMA**

HANNA Mr. Michael

**MUSIC**

DEAGLE Ms. Jenny (Head Teacher)
MINKOW Mr. Peter

**VISUAL ARTS**

ROBEY Ms. Harriet (M-Thur)
WONG Ms. Anne (M-Thur)

**MATHEMATICS**

KIM Ms. Lucy
BULLEN Mr. Peter
LENARD Ms. Ria
MEHDI Ms. Zehra
NEILSEN Mr. Ben
TURNBULL Ms. Susan (Head Teacher)

**LANGUAGES**

TALBOT Ms. Clare

**SCIENCE**

CHIEW-MELDRUM Ms. Michelle (H/Teacher)
BERNADI Ms. Snezana
JAIN Ms. Vinita
JOHNSON Ms. Annie
RIVERIA Ms. Julia
AUBUSSON Mr. David

**COUNSELLOR**

SHELLEY Ms. Elizabeth (Wk A Wed/Thur/Fri)
(Wk B Wed/Thur)

**HSIE**

APOSTOLOU Ms. Kathy
BUCHANAN Mrs. Pam (Head Teacher)
McALPINE Mr. Warwick
HEILER Mr. James
ANIELLO Ms. Theresa
SKINNER Mr. Adam
SHARMAN Mr. Anthony (Yr. 10 Advisor)
WONG Mr. William (Yr. 12 Advisor)

**TAS – INDUSTRIAL ARTS**

PICKLES Mr. Warren (Yr. 11 Advisor)
BULATHSINHALA Mr. Will
DAWES Ms. Stephanie
WILSON Mr. Anthony

**FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

KURTZ Ms. Nia

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

GANE Mr. Josh (H/Teacher PDH/PE,TAS)
HABBOUCHI Mr. Daniel (Wed/Thur)
WADE Mr. Greg (Yr. 9 Advisor)

WOOLFORD Ms. Belinda (Yr. 7 Advisor (Grade Sport))

**HEAD TEACHER ADMIN/COMPUTING STUDIES**

THOMSON Ms. Jennifer

**CAREERS**

KOVACIC Mr. Daniel

**SCHOOL ADMIN OFFICERS**

BAKER Ms. Alison (Science & Tas Assistant)
BERGIN Mrs. Kim (Print Rm – Mon/Tues/Wed)
CARABETTA Ms. Leanne (Student Reception)
COWAN Ms. Rose (Library Assistant)
CROZIER Mrs. Suzanne (SAM)
HAY Ms. Leisha (Records)
MAROON Ms. Martha (Enrolments)
THOMSON Ms. Ros
HARRIS Ms. Jo (Reception)

**GENERAL ASSISTANT**

ROOSE Mr. Alan

**LIBRARY**

STEWART Mr. Bruce
Hunters Hill High School
P&C Welcome Drinks

The annual P & C Welcome Drinks to welcome all parents and carers to the school community will be held from 5pm, Tuesday 24 February 2015 in an idyllic setting on the Phil Daniels Pavilion balcony.

Refreshments will be provided by the P & C.

This is a great opportunity to welcome new parents and meet other parents and teachers.

If you would like to help with the Welcome Drinks event please contact P & C Events Co-ordinator Anthea Murray at hhhs.events@gmail.com

Everyone is Welcome
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM - 2015

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2015 the following vaccines will be offered:

Year 7 students*
- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough) as a single dose
- Varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months
  (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

Year 11-12 students*
- Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine as a single dose as part of a catch-up vaccination program for students who are not fully protected.

* The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:
- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child’s school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.
Northern Sydney Public Health Unit
Adolescent School Vaccination Program

Hunters Hill High School

Vaccination Clinic Visits Schedule

11 March 2015
Year 7 Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 1)
Year 8 (catch-up) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine

24 June 2015
Year 7 Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 2)
Year 8 (catch-up) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine
Year 7 Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis
Year 12 MMR Catch-Up

4 November 2015
Year 7 Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (Dose 3)
Year 8 (catch-up) Human Papillomavirus Vaccine
Year 7 Chicken Pox
Year 11 MMR Catch-Up

*No Year 9 HPV Vaccinations for 2015.
Our Space Integrated Youth Service Hub brings together a variety of services committed to work in partnership to improve the wellbeing of local young people aged 11-18 years.

2015 Term 1 Program

**MONDAY**
3:30pm - 5:30pm
Free BBQ for youth and Drop In

**WEDNESDAY**
3:30pm - 5:30pm
Free tutoring for youth English and Maths
Booking is essential

**THURSDAY**
3:30pm - 5:30pm
Free tutoring for youth English and Maths
Booking is essential

Free Counselling Service for young people aged 11-18 years

“A place where you can come and be yourself, have fun and get the support you need.”

Contact us:
(02) 9874 7458
167 Shaftsbury Road, Eastwood
www.ourspace.org.au

BI-MONTHLY PARENTING SEMINARS
# Parenting Programs

**Child & Adolescent Parenting**

## WHAT’S ON IN TERM 1 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

### Tuning in to Teens Course
Skills to communicate with your teenagers so that you understand each other better & are able to build positive relationships.
- Understanding teenagers today & communication skills
- Emotional intelligence skills
- How to prevent behaviour problems & conflict resolution

**Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs**  (2/3 - 30/3, 7.00-9.30pm)

### Dealing with Teen's Backchat Workshop
- Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship with your teenager
- Understand what it is like being a teenager today
- Learn how to talk so that they listen & how to listen so that they talk to you

**Chatswood (23/2, 7.00-9.30pm)**

### Tuning in to Kids Course - Chatswood (24/2 - 24/3)

### NEW Triple P Seminars- Chatswood (11/3, 18/3 & 25/3)

### Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PET)-Chatswood (31/3)

## WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF TEENS - 9887 5830

- Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
- Transition to High School
- Triple P Seminar Series (Teens)
- Resilient Kids
- Bully Busting Workshop
- Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
- Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
- Speech & Language Development/Sleep
- Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series (1-12 years)
- Older Sibling - New Baby
- Transition to School
- Grand Parenting
- Communicating with Kids

## OTHER WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST (2-2.5 hours)

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting  9887 5830

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Tel: 9876 3543 Email: shack@theshack.org.au
www.theshack.org.au
https://www.facebook.com/TheShackYouthOutreach
FREE TUTORING
The Shack Youth Outreach

Tutoring and School Support Program
Every Tuesday and Wednesday
3pm – 6pm @ Epping Library
Free for youth 12 - 18 years old
English and Mathematics

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## 2015 CALENDAR

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### Coming Up

- February 16 - P&C Meeting
- February 19 - Hunters Hill High School Swimming Carnival
- February 20 - School Photos
- February 24 - P&C Welcome Drinks
- February 24 - Year 7 Information Evening
- February 25 - Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening
- February 28 - 2015 Open Day
- March 5 - Formal Assembly