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November 2013

DATES TO REMEMBER					
14 – 19 November	4 December				
Year 10 Exams	Year 6 Orientation Day				
18 November	6 December				
P & C Meeting	Sports Presentation Day				
20 – 22 November	10 December				
Achievers' Camp	Year 10 Formal				
25 – 27 November	11 December				
Crossroads / All My Own Work	Presentation Day				
28 November	13 December				
Year 7 Special Assembly	Year 10 Special Assembly				
29 November	18 December				
Years 7 & 9 Vaccinations	Last day of Term 4 - Students				
2 December	19-20 December				
P & C Christmas Drinks on the Balcony	School Development Days - Staff				

From The Principal

It's with a sense of disquiet as well as expectation that I realise our school year is drawing to a close. Over recent weeks significant moments in the school calendar have been negotiated: the HSC examinations have concluded and Year 12 Formal celebrated; our junior students have completed their assessments and teachers are immersed in marking, providing feedback to students and completing reports; Year 10 students are negotiating their final exams and our transition programs continue to great acclaim. Having said this, 'Dates to Remember' informs us of the significant events that are ahead this term and for which planning is well underway.

Whilst the term commenced with the very successful Primary Band Workshop, the inaugural parent forum 'Stepping Stones' was a great success. Attended by over 80 parents of primary students, principals and teachers as well as our parents and students, the forum was informative, entertaining and, at times, emotional as guest speaker, Angie Wilcock, our teachers, parent and students presented to the very receptive audience. I was very proud of our school captains who emceed the morning, Year

7 students who spoke compellingly of their high school experience and our teachers including Ms Goulousis, Year 7 Advisor 2014, who outlined her vision for, and commitment to Year 7 2014.

Congratulations to Ms Iva Slavica and her team of teachers and students who collectively ensured the success of this year's '**Top of the Hill'**. Whilst all our transition programs



demonstrate our long-standing and comprehensive commitment to primary students' successful transition to high school, 'Top of the Hill' provides a wonderful centrepiece for this commitment. The visiting primary children benefit from expert and specialist teachers within a high school setting; our

students also benefit as they lead and nurture the younger students throughout their two day high school experience.

Of course, these programs are possible because of the strong relationship that Hunters Hill High enjoys with its **Partner Primary Schools**. This term, our neighbouring Primary Principals will attend our Presentation Day. I will be present or represented at each of our Primary Schools' Presentation Days; at each ceremony a Hunters Hill High School Award will be presented.



My thanks to parents who have finalised their

2013 school accounts; conversely, for those parents who are yet to finalise their 2013 accounts, I urge prompt attention to this matter. In recent weeks, the school has sent out reminders to parents who have overlooked payment. Parent prompt payment assists the school's provision of its curriculum and the wide array of programs which build student leadership, citizenship and student well-being.

Whilst the time and date of the **Year 12 'sign-out'** was communicated to all students and families, Year 12 students' response was poor with only 40% of students meeting this commitment. Again, if you are a parent of a 2013 Year 12 student, please insist that all school resources are returned and organise the finalisation of all school accounts. I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

As **Year 10 students** have many commitments and programs to negotiate this term, the school has written to parents so both students and parents are well-informed. Student attendance is compulsory each day until the conclusion of the Year 10 Special Assembly.

My thanks to parents who have been courageous in their guidance of their children regarding children's **responsibilities to their school community**: a positive commitment to learning and behaviour, including their demeanour in public as they travel to and from school, as well as the school's uniform code. Whilst these responsibilities are stressed at school, it's clear that our students' commitment to positive behaviour and learning reflects their families' values and conversations within their homes. Repeatedly, I receive feedback from the general public as well as members of our school community regarding our students' uniform and behaviour within the wider community. I urge each family to work with the school and insist that there are responsibilities within all communities — within a school community those responsibilities centre upon learning, behaviour and uniform.

The **P&C run Uniform Shop** provides a great service to our families — a one-stop shop for all uniform items except for the **plain black leather shoes** that are required of all students. I appreciate that misinformation about uniform requirements is possible so if you are uncertain about what is and isn't uniform, check out our website or this newsletter. Similarly, if you want to know the operational hours of the Uniform Shop, check out our website or this newsletter!

As the school year draws to a close, I believe it is timely that we are reminded of the crucial role that the **P&C** plays within our school community. Apart from staff and student management which is not the domain of the P&C, there are very few areas of our school community that aren't enhanced by the P&C and its operation. Whilst the P&C meets twice a term, P&C members run the Uniform Shop, coordinate the canteen, band, boys' and girls' dance groups, fundraise, host functions at the start and conclusion of each school year and ensure that our magnificent grounds are well maintained. Due to the strong and respectful leadership of our P&C, the school and the P&C work well together for the benefit of our students.

This month's **P&C Meeting** will be held in the **school library at 7.30pm on Monday, November 18**. Ms Pam Buchanan, HT HSIE and Ms Michelle Chiew, HT Science will present a workshop on the school's preparation, with its strong focus on programming and pedagogy, for the Australian curriculum.

Until next Figtree,
J M Felton

From the Principal's Mailbox

Dear Ms Felton,

My name is Randa and I am the mother of a child with Autism. I'm sending you a link for a video that Emily (my daughter) and I posted on you tube in the hope that we can make some ripples and encourage Inclusion 4 Autism. Please have a look and share the link, we would love for the message to reach school students so that our children with Autism are not so isolated in school. The video has a very simple message, I hope it will make a difference to even a few kids.

In all his high school years (he is now in year 11) my son Richard received one phone call from a class mate last year...that night he could not sleep from excitement and to this day he still talks about this one call from his "friend".

Please help us spread this simple message, help us make a ripple!

With many thanks,

Randa Habelrih

http://youtu.be/XmrDHdbdo_c

p.s. just a heads up, there are 2 spelling mistakes which were put there deliberately as we did not want it to be perfect, we want it like our kids with Autism, a little "quirky".

p.p.s. we submitted our video in the NOVA "Focus on Ability" short film competition and we won first prize in our category!

2012 MOOCOOBOOLA

Copies of the Moocooboola are available from Student Reception – no charge to those who have paid their school accounts; \$10 to those who have not paid.

P & C Report

This is a very busy period with exams, graduations, formals, presentations and celebrations. Congratulations to all students who have completed exams, particularly Year 12 HSC students.

I would like to thank Environment Coordinator Neil Hopkins and other parent volunteers for the gardening bee in the school grounds near the school oval by Reiby Rd on Saturday 8 November 2013. The regular working bees make a significant difference to our beautiful school grounds.

The final ordinary general P & C meeting for this term will be next Monday 18 November 2013 at 7.30 pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome. Ms Chiew-Meldrum - Head Teacher Science, will give a presentation on staff professional learning based on the new Australian curriculum which will be implemented in 2014.

At this meeting we will also continue planning for P & C expenditure commitments for 2014, including of course, expenditure for the upgrade of the multipurpose sports courts by the river. 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.

Hunters Hill High School P & C would like to start the Christmas festivities rolling and invite all staff, parents and carers in the school community to our annual Christmas Drinks on the balcony of the School Pavilion on Monday 2 December from 5pm to 7.30pm. It's a great night, in a very pleasant environment with fantastic water views, and gives an opportunity to mingle with staff and parents alike. The P & C provides drinks and nibbles so all you need to do is come along and have some fun. For catering purposes it would be appreciated if you could please take a minute of your time and send a quick RSVP to hhhs.events@gmail.com

The P & C would also like to give a gentle reminder to Year 10 families to purchase senior uniforms by the end of the school year. These can be purchased from the P & C uniform shop which is open from 8am to 9am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The last day of the year for the uniform shop is Thursday 12 December 2013. A uniform and price list is attached to this newsletter.

Volunteers are also sought to help in the P & C uniform shop on Orientation Day, 4 December 2013 (for 2014 year 7 students). Sadly, some of our regular and loyal volunteers are ill. The day is generally from 10 am – 2pm and fluctuates greatly as to busy times. Even an hour will help. Please contact the uniform shop co-ordinator, Christine Trainor on uniformshhhs@gmail.com if you are able to help.

For your information, the uniform shop will open for additional hours in the first week of term, 2014 to cater for the influx of new students (and those who have grown over the school holidays!). Opening hours will be:

- Tuesday 28 January 2014 (staff development day) 9am 12 noon
- Wednesday 29 January 2014 8 am 10am
- Thursday 30 January 2014 8am 10am.

We look forward to seeing you at the P & C meeting on Monday 18 November and at the annual Christmas Drinks on 2 December 2013.

Deborah Slack
HHHS P & C President 2013

2013 / 2014 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Congratulations to the following students, who will lead Hunters Hill High School in 2013 / 2014.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAINS

Obadiah Williams Nathan May

Jane Andrews Brittany Roulston

CAPA CAPTAIN EVENTS CAPTAIN

Colleen Tringham Ciara McCarthy

SPORT CAPTAINS HOUSE CAPTAINS

Matthew Ruggiero

Samantha Thomas

Ben Andreoni

Joshua Kimpton

Brandon Vu

Casper Wang Amber Yee Sarah Rubbo

Lauren Pethybridge

Lisa Coulson

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year 18 students sold poppies on behalf of Lane Cove RSL to further the good work done by the RSL. The overwhelming support of the community was shown in the \$3100 that was raised but also in the public taking a keen interest in our volunteers and asking many questions.

The day was 35 degrees and between water breaks, our students remained enthusiastic throughout the day and set a good example of school spirit and pride.

A special thank you to Lane Cove RSL for the bottled water and providing the students with Subway sandwiches for lunch.



A very special thank you, to our 18 students and Ms Gray for making the day such a success.

Volunteers:

Abby Rhodes, Isabelle Peters, Zara Utsunomiya, Clara Lopiano, Samantha Thomas, Madison Hooper, William Gray, Anthony Gray, Andrew Gray, Matthew Holloman, Siobhan Nash, Lauren Pethybridge, Jody Thompson and Courtney Johnston.

Ria Lenard Volunteering Coordinator

ENGLISH FACULTY

The students were inspired by the beauty of the school after we spent a lesson outside on an imagery hunt. This is some of the wonderful work that 7A has been producing this year.

Ms Brierty Teacher

SCHOOL

The school drowned its students in a sea of information,

they needed an escape hatch from the hopeless situation.

Some thought of the trees as a stepping-stone to the sky,

others looked in books for the answer, while some gazed into the sky like it was a never ending story.

Some just waited, daydreaming.
But most...most found an escape
watching the beautiful majestic birds try and
protect their young from the river coiling around
the world like a raging snake.

Ben Jones 7 A

THE TREE

The seeds fell like droplets of rain,
And bounced on the ground as if on a trampoline
Sprouts burst through the soil like a tunnelling
wombat

Their green leaves reaching out in desperation for the sun

They grow tall as the sky
The branches spread out like an octopus
It stands proud like a lion
It then falls by the hands of mankind

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BEAUTIES OF THE SCHOOL

The light glistens on the river like a diamond splashing rays of sun in all directions
The spectacular view is our pride and joy
Trees of green-fingered arms stand tall and proud
As we lay in awe, wrapped by the desirable shade produced by its branches

While others run below the sky: the everlasting ribbon of blue stretching across the world like a motionless ocean in the clouds

And in that ocean birds soar on the wind, cutting through the wispy clouds of mysteries

We all listen in pleasure to their calls that ring around the school grounds like a ricocheting bullet snaking into every crevice

This school is our playground of knowledge and friendships for us to make our own path in life.

Huon Kirkman 7A

Year 7V has produced some excellent poems experimenting with different forms of poetry. Please see below, some of our student works.

Ms Barwick Teacher

ACROSTIC POEM - The Conductor

Concentrate on him
Only him
Never stop following his instructions
Driving you to follow the music
Unique man in the orchestra
Circles, lines, movements with his baton
The man who leads the orchestra
One person in charge of the music you hear
Reading notes is difficult without the conductor
Superman of the Opera House.

Ethan Yeechan

METAPHOR POEM - My Friends

In my group of friends, Taylor is a lightning Bolt She's a chocolate monster And she's a buzzing bee

In my group of friends
Chelsea is a Barbie doll
She's my Katy Perry
And she's a flower in a beautiful garden

In my group of friends Lili is Albert Einstein She's a comedian And she's a teddy bear.

In my group of friends
That leaves me
You'll just have to ask someone else

Chattraya Rutherford

BALLAD - My Life

On the 18th of November My parents were very proud Even though I can't remember They said I was very loud

When I was almost five
I had a big surprise
My twin sisters were born
They had big blue eyes

On the first day of school
I met my best friend
We've had years of fun
And it will never end

Finally in Year five
I went in a running race
I was so excited
Because I came first place

Primary school has ended And High school has begun Learning many new things Is so much fun

I want to be a teacher
Or a soccer star
Teaching might be best
Because the other sounds bizarre

Taylor Smilas

CAPA FACULTY

Much Ado about Nothing

An acting troupe from the Wesley Institute came on tour to Hunters Hill High School on Monday 5th of November and performed Shakespeare's Much Ado about Nothing for many of our Year 7, 8 Drama students, as well as the Year 9 Elective Drama students. The performance was incredibly entertaining as modern interpretations of the characters made the play highly relatable, if somewhat confusing, for our young audience.

Year 8 has studied Shakespeare over the past semester within the Drama course. After completing tasks about Shakespearean times and watching this wonderful performance, our Year 8 students are now preparing to perform short excerpts from the script themselves! The CAPA Faculty wishes them all good luck with their own productive rehearsals and final performances.

R Simpson Teacher

PDHPE FACULTY



On Friday 18th October, 44 Year 10 HHHS students attended the RYDA Road Safety Education day at Sydney Olympic Park.

The aim of the day, organised by the PDHPE department, was to provide our HHHS students with an opportunity to learn essential life skills. Through this program, students are encouraged to take greater responsibility for themselves and

their friends before they face the challenges of driving solo or as a passenger of a new driver.

The day included 6 sessions;

- **Stopping Distances**. Demonstrating the distance it takes to stop a vehicle travelling at different speeds, highlighting the huge impact an extra 10km/h can have. Students had the opportunity to participate, as passengers, in a vehicle driven by a licensed driving instructor.
- Hazards, Distractions and Risks. A high energy session familiarising students with common crash types and how to avoid or minimise their impact.
- Plan B; Alcohol, Drugs and Fatigue. An interactive workshop focusing on the impact that alcohol, drugs and fatigue have on driving ability.
- Road Choices. A discussion, led by a Police Officer, on the consequences of poor choices on the road; from the tragic human toll to financial and legal ramifications.
- Crash Survivor. A powerful presentation by a person (Andrew) who had a brain and spinal injury as a result of a motor vehicle crash.





My Wheels. Students learn about vehicle safety, covering topics such as ABS brakes, car maintenance and insurance.

Quotes:

"Today in the RYDA Program, we were used as crash test dummies, going 40km/h and braking rapidly allowing us to feel the full impact of a crash without actually being hurt. We learned the stopping distance and the distance needed to be left between cars. This could really be helpful for when we get our licences, to minimise our risk of a crash or serious injury. I really enjoyed the entire day" — **Dakota**

"I had a really fun time at the RYDA Road Safety Education. There were a wide variety of sessions, aimed at travelling safely and one of them included a 'stopping distance' session. What we did was get in a car travelling at 60km/h and suddenly stopping, seeing how far the car travelled from where it stopped. This session was my personal favourite. It was a new experience" – **Matthew**

"Today was a very beneficial day for myself and others my age. I learnt some road safety that I thought I knew before but it turns out that I didn't. For example how long the 3 second gap is that you have to leave between cars. I knew you had to leave a fair distance but not that much! I got to see the different stopping distances at various speeds and also had a chance to be in a car that slammed on the brakes. These workshops have opened my eyes to how important it is when you're driving to not drink, to be alert and to watch how many people I have in my car. I'm very glad I came" — Samantha

"Today, year 10 had the privilege to listen to crash survivor Andrew re-cap his experience of being involved in a car accident. He suffered several injuries to his spine, limbs and worst of all T.B.I. (Traumatic Brain Injury). He spent ten months in hospital then continues to be looked after by family members. He lives his life now as if every day was his last. He left us with a message; "Enjoy all the little things in life and never take them for granted" – **Alex**

Ms Ingles Teacher

SCIENCE FACULTY

Ian Kiernan is coming to Hunters Hill High School!

The Environment Committee with a group of Year 8 Science and Year 9 Geography students won a

\$1000 grant to implement energy saving ideas in the school. The Clever Climate group conducted a school energy audit and then submitted an education program, which incorporated a school assembly and graphically designed banners. These banners were graphically designed and completed by the students. The four banners read, "Maintain and Sustain" with the Hunters Hill High School logo on them.

On Thursday 12th December, the Clever Climate students will have a morning assembly and they have asked Ian Kiernan to be their guest speaker. I would

like to congratulate the fine work exhibited by our Clever Climate warriors.

Science Olympiad competition

The Science department entered five senior students in three Olympiads. The following three students obtained credits, Hugh Mackay and Domenico Restuccia in Chemistry and Cameron Durrant in Biology. Congratulations to all the students who entered the Olympiads.

Year 9 DNA modelling assignment

This term saw Year 9 Science students complete an Assessable Task modelling DNA. Some of the models were made of all sorts of recycled materials. Other students thought laterally and made them out of lollies! Ms Chiew and the Science teachers have photographed some of our outstanding models.



Year 7 field work day

Year 7 students will have a Field Trip at the end of this term. Mr Mason is organising the excursion to Tarban Creek. This field trip is part of environmental study that will be looking at the variety of wild life located in and around our creek. The students will look at the abundance and distribution of plants and animals. They will also look at the abiotic factors that influence the survival of our fauna and flora.

Science Textbook Policy for Years 11 and 12

From 2014, we will be issuing electronic versions of textbooks for Year 11 and 12 Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Senior Science. This will enable us to more readily access the hard copy versions of textbooks in the classroom.

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 new textbooks purchased by students, to students undertaking the course in the following year.

Textbooks

Biology

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

Physics

Jacaranda Physics 1- Preliminary
Jacaranda Physics 2- HSC
Physics in Focus 1- Preliminary
Physics in Focus 2- HSC
Spotlight Physics- Preliminary

Spotlight Physics- HSC

Chemistry

Conquering Chemistry- Preliminary Conquering Chemistry- HSC Chemistry Contexts 1- Preliminary Chemistry Contexts 2- HSC Jacaranda Chemistry 1- Preliminary Jacaranda Chemistry 2- HSC Spotlight Chemistry- Preliminary Spotlight Chemistry- HSC

Senior Science

Heinemann Senior Science- Preliminary Heinemann Senior Science- HSC Spotlight Senior Science- Preliminary Spotlight Senior Science- HSC Thank you to our school community for all the support and help.

Ms Chiew-Meldrum
Head Teacher Science

STUDENT REPRESENATIVE COUNCIL

Green Environmental Day

On Friday 25th October 2013 the SRC and environmental committee organised a Green Mufti Day, to fundraise money for the school to put towards making the school a more environmentally friendly and sustainable place.

Some suggestions of projects include converting the school to use recyclable paper, purchasing a rain water tank and having recycling bins in all classrooms.

The day was a great success with a morning assembly held to collect donations; the school was a sea of green. At lunch, with the Year 11 students manning the BBQ, students queued up to show their support. In the end we raised an outstanding \$883.

What happened next makes me very proud of these students. Instead of using the money for the school, the students decided to donate all of the proceeds to the Salvation Army's Bushfire Appeal – following the devastating fires in the Blue Mountains. We took advantage of the Woolworths initiative to match any donation dollar for dollar; doubling our donation. What a fantastic display of altruism from our students.

Julia Brierty SRC Facilitator

LOTE FACULTY

Japan Culture Day

On Wednesday, October 16, all the Hunters Hill High Year Seven students enjoyed a visited by Pam Sensei for our incursion program - Japan Culture Day. The Year Seven students were given the treat of preparing and eating their own Japanese 'yakisoba' lunch and learning some very useful phrases along the way.

On the same day, Year 9 Elective Japanese students and some of our Year 8 students also participated in a calligraphy workshop with Pam Sensei. The workshop resulted in some really beautiful script in black ink on Japanese rice paper. They also made 'onigiri' rice cakes and ate them on the spot! Oishikatta!' (They were yummy!). Thanks, once again to Pam Sensei for making these exciting experiences available to our children.

Clare Talbot Teacher





Hunters Hill High School Term 4 – 2013



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Oct	1 A	7 Labour day	8 Staff and Students Return	9	10	11 Sat: 12 th P & C Working Bee
Oct	2 B	14 HSC Commences ***	15	16	17	18
Oct	3 A	21 P&C Meeting	22	23	24	25
Oct/ Nov	4 B	28	29	30 Yr7 Assess Week — Yr 8 Assess Week—	3	1
Nov	5 A	4	5	6 Yr 9 Assess Week	7	8 OH&S Meeting Sat: 9th P & C Working Bee
Nov	6 B	TOP OF THE HILL Remembrance Day	12	TOP OF THE HILL	Yr 10 exams (commence after recess)	15 Yr 10 Exams
Nov	7 A	18 P&C Meeting Yr 10 Exams	19 Yr 10 Exams	20 Achievers' Camp	21 Achievers' Camp	22 Achievers' Camp
Nov	8 B	25 Crossroads/ All My Own Work	26 Crossroads/ All My Own Work	27 Crossroads/ All My Own Work	28 Year 7 Special Assembly Year 10 exam feedback	29 Yr 10 exam feedback Yrs 7 & 9 vaccinations
Dec	9 A	P & C Christmas Drinks Peer Support Training	3 Peer Support Training	4 Yr 6 Orientation	5	6 Sports Presentation Day
Dec	10 B	9	10 Year 10 Formal	11 PRESENTATION DAY	12	13 Yr 10 Special assembly
Dec	11 A	16	17	18 Last day for students	19 School Development Day	20 Last Day Term 4 School Development Day

COMMUNITY NEWS







