

The Figtree

The Journal of Hunters Hill High School

Dates to Remember

October 20 HSC continues; to November 7	October 20 P & C Meeting
October 22 Young in Art	October 23 ROSA Lit/Num Exam
October 27 Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week; to October 31	October 28 2015 Year 12 Information Evening
November 3 Year 9 Assessment Week; to November 7	3 November Year 10 BOS Entries Open
November 5 HSC Concludes	6 November Year 12 Sign Out 9.30am-11.00am
November 8 P&C Working Bee	November 10 & 12 Top of the Hill
November 11 Remembrance Day	November 13 Year 10 Exams Commence; to November 19
November 13 Year 12 Formal	November 17 P&C Meeting
20 & 21 November All My Own Work / Crossroads	November 24 - 26 Achievers Camp
	November 27 Peer Support Training

KEEP THE DATE

- 2015 Year 12 Information Evening - Tuesday 28 October
- Year 12 Sign Out - Thursday 6 November
- Sports Presentation Assembly - Thursday 4 December
- Presentation Day - Wednesday 10 December



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the new term and to our first Figtree for Term 4, our final term for 2014. It was wonderful to welcome our refreshed and revitalised students last week. Together with all Hunters Hill High staff, I'm looking forward to a very productive term.

We had a very positive conclusion to last term. We farewelled Year 12 2014 in a moving and well attended ceremony; celebrated Siwei Chen, one of our international student's fine achievement as a state finalist for the Premier's Award; acknowledged Mr Anthony's Wilson's recognition as Sydney's favourite teacher and welcomed our 2015 School Captains. And, of course, this all happened in the last few days of the term!

Whilst I'm staggered at the speed with which this year is disappearing, there is a great deal to accomplish this term. This term's calendar is very full; however, crucial planning for next year must also be finalised. This planning includes finalising our curriculum, constructing our timetable, ensuring that teachers are in place to deliver this curriculum, supporting the transition of students, including our incoming Year 7 students, to their new academic year and organising for Open Day 2015. Make sure that February 28 is marked in your diaries as this is definitely a whole school event.

My congratulations to all students who have been invited to this year's Achievers' Camp. This is a great Hunters Hill High School initiative; an initiative that acknowledges and celebrates the 'thinkers, triers and doers' within our school community. If your child wasn't nominated for this year's camp, please encourage them to start working towards a nomination for next year's camp!

On October 13, our Year 12 students commenced the public exams for the completion of their HSC. Our thoughts are with them over the next several weeks. At the beginning of this term, Year 11 students commenced their Higher School Certificate (HSC) program. Parents please watch for separate information regarding Year 12 Parent Information Evening which you and your Year 12 children are urged to attend so you can receive critical information about the HSC.

Parents of students in Years 7-10, please take particular note of dates for final year assessments and exams so home routines and study habits are well established. Once Year 10 students have completed their exams, the school has scheduled various leadership and academic workshops to prepare students for Years 11 and 12. Parents, please watch for separate information in which specific commitments for all Year 10 students will be outlined. Please note that full and daily attendance is required for Year 10 students until and including the Year 10 Assembly on December 12. All other students complete their 2014 school year on December 17.

As always, our P&C workers are evident throughout the school: in the canteen; uniform shop, as part of the Open Day planning committee and, most recently, at a working bee on Saturday October 11. For all this work, these parents deserve our recognition and appreciation.

The Uniform Shop is staffed by parent volunteers and is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 8am until 9am. All students must comply with the school uniform code; all items of the school uniform, except for shoes, are available from the Uniform Shop. Plain black leather shoes must be worn; canvas and shoes with logos and colours other than black are not to be worn.

This month's P&C Meeting, which commences at 7.30pm on Monday, October 20, will be held in the Staff Common Room. With the agreement of our P&C President, Ms Deborah Slack, we will continue our workshop series on working towards HSC success. The focus this month will be Science and our guest presenter will be HT Science Ms Michelle Chiew Meldrum who will present from 7.30 to 8pm. I look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Until next newsletter.

Judith M. Felton
Principal

P & C REPORT

Welcome to Term 4. P & C Christmas drinks will be on Monday evening, 1 December 2014 on the balcony of the Phil Daniels Pavilion. Everyone is welcome.

The next P & C meeting is on Monday 20 October 2014 at 7.30 pm in the staff common room. We look forward to seeing you there.

Deborah Slack

President, Hunters Hill High School P & C Association 2014

P & C MEETING

Monday 20th October at 7.30PM

Staff Common Room

School Entry – Main Gate Reiby Road

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

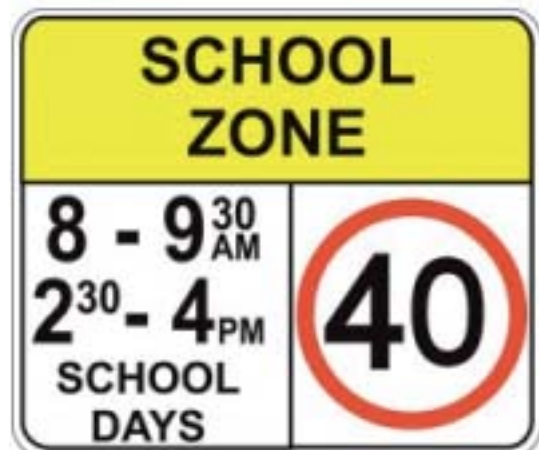
As you know, the school has invoiced families for their School and Subject Contributions as well as Tuesday Sport costs. We appreciate those who have paid these contributions in a timely manner. If there are financial reasons that require a time payment, please write to the Principal and mark your correspondence confidential.

Safety around Schools is Everyone's Responsibility.

All Drivers are reminded to:

- Drive safely around the school
 - Always obey the school zone speed limit (generally 40 km/h);
- Park legally around the school
 - Park only where parking is permitted and always observe the parking signs outside the school.
 - Never park illegally in a driveway, on or near a school crossing, or in a bus bay
 - Never double park.
- Parents, please do not drive into the school, allow your children to disembark outside the school and walk into the school

Your child's safety, the safety of school staff, visitors and parents is important.



AROUND THE SCHOOL AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Anthony Wilson - Sydney's Favourite Teacher

Hunters Hill High School is privileged to announce that Anthony Wilson, the Industrial Arts teacher, has been awarded Sydney's Favourite Teacher by 2UE.

Anthony has been a member of staff for 8 years and teaches Industrial Arts, Engineering and Design and Technology to all grades. His dedication to the profession and humble nature has endeared him to students and colleagues alike.

This well-deserved award only begins to recognise the contributions he has made to our school community and beyond.



On the last day of term 3, there was great excitement at the school when Garry Linnell and John Stanley from radio station 2UE arrived to announce that I had won the competition for "Sydney's Favourite Teacher". At a full school assembly on a beautiful spring morning, I was humbled and very proud (and in a fair state of shock) to accept the award. The school received a \$5000 voucher from 2UE's co-sponsor LWR and I received a cheque for \$5000. It was very special for me to be recognised for the work I do at Hunters Hill High School but, more importantly, it was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the help, support and above all the friendship I have with my fellow colleagues. I accepted the award not just for myself but for all the teachers and staff at Hunters Hill High School.



Following the ceremony, I was whisked away by the 2UE management to do interviews and promotional "sound bites". After I finished I was able to catch up with Garry and John for a more relaxed Q and A session. After they had left I found myself walking back to my staffroom with my giant cheque, wondering if it was all a dream! In the afternoon I was interviewed live on air by 2UE's Angela Catterns. This interview lasted a lot longer than I expected with Angela showing a genuine interest in our profession asking a wide range of questions from my Scottish accent (I politely informed her that I didn't have an accent but all my students do) to how I felt becoming a school teacher later in life. I was also able to express my deepest thanks to Hunters Hill High School for encouraging a climate of teamwork, community and support amongst the staff. On a final note, something I learned very early on as a beginning teacher... it's all about the students. They are the heart and soul of the school and I count myself so very, very lucky to work (and at times play) at a school like Hunters Hill High School. To all the students past and present of Hunters Hill High School, I thank you.



Tony Wilson

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MEDIA RELEASE

2UE ANNOUNCES 'SYDNEY'S FAVOURITE TEACHER' 2014

19 September 2014

Radio 2UE's Breakfast presenters John Stanley and Garry Linnell this morning announced the winner of its annual 'Sydney's Favourite Teacher' competition, Anthony Wilson from Hunters Hill High School.

Mr Wilson was nominated for his ability to understand his teenage students, share his life experience to enrich their learning and teach them some of 'life's lessons', as well as his genuine care for his students and demonstrating to them how to behave respectfully and ethically.

As 'Sydney's Favourite Teacher' 2014, Mr Wilson wins \$5,000 and Hunters Hill High School receives a \$5,000 LW Reid voucher, the promotion's major sponsor, to purchase school uniforms.

"We are thrilled to recognise Anthony Wilson as this year's 2UE 'Sydney's Favourite Teacher'. He is obviously a talented and dedicated teacher who gives generously to his students and makes a real difference to their education and outlook," 2UE Content Director Clinton Maynard said.

"Great teachers have the power to motivate, inspire and shape the lives of our children and that's why we launched 'Sydney's Favourite Teacher' in 2011. We look forward to continuing this valuable community promotion for many years to come because teachers play an integral role in the future of our children, so it's vital that their contribution is recognised."

"I am absolutely thrilled to be named Sydney's Favourite Teacher for 2014. I am very grateful that not only myself but other teachers are being recognised in a positive way." Mr Wilson said.

This year's Sydney's Favourite Teacher promotion received hundreds nominations for talented primary and high school teachers across Sydney.

2UE Breakfast's John Stanley and Garry Linnell announced the winner at 8:20am this morning. The announcement was followed by special assembly today at Hunters Hill High School to recognise Mr Wilson.

2UE's Sydney's Favourite Teacher competition has recognised dedicated, passionate and talented teachers from across Sydney since 2011, including: Margriet Shaw-Taylor of St. Edmunds in Wahroonga in 2013, Ben Eggins from York Public School, Penrith in 2012 and Maree Simpson from St Charles Primary School, Ryde in 2011.

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Saving Hunters Hill High School - In Retrospect

Instead of our past defining us, Hunters Hill High School's recent past, dating back to 2001, has prepared us for the future, enabling us to value the school we have today and learning not to take anything for granted.

The NSW DET's controversial announcement of the school's closure loomed over Hunters Hill High School in 2001 and 2002, posing a great sense of uncertainty, anxiety and sadness in its staff, students, parents, ex-students and members of the local community. It was argued that selling the school and its legacy as New South Wales' first coeducational comprehensive high school, adorned by six hectares of native bushland and wild life, hugged by the peaceful banks of the Lane Cove River, will be 'demographically' effective making way for the profitable business of building and selling high rise apartments. According to sources, Hunters Hill High School's 'growing trends' proved 'not sustainable'.

The school community protested, fought, rallied, signed petitions, raised awareness and overturned the action for our school to be sold, celebrating victory in 2002. Under Ms Felton's experienced leadership and passionate dedication during this time and in subsequent years, Hunters Hill High School has not only survived, but thrived.

Notably, the P&C turned to Macquarie University's Associate Professor Nick Parr, a demographer, to assist by challenging the official findings regarding the school's 'growing trends', which 13 years later, prove to be the correct ones. Together with a team from Macquarie University, Professor Parr found 'prospect of growth' in the local population. The student populace attending Hunters Hill High School in 2001 consisted of residents from Canada Bay, Lane Cove, Leichhardt, Ryde and Hunters Hill itself. Today, 13 years later, students from these same suburbs and others, including Gladesville, Greenwich, East Ryde, North Ryde and Pyrmont make up our student body. The demography of our students is growing and widening each year. Remarkably, subsequent to its dismantling during those years, the student population growth has risen by more than 150%.

Macquarie University celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year by acknowledging Professor Parr and his valuable research which contributed to the reversal of the decision to close the school on grounds of unsustainable demographic trends.

The article 'Saving Hunters Hill High School - Demography in Action' is published in the Macquarie Research Impact Book. School Captain Jane Andrews and Vice-Captain Nathan May are the face of Hunters Hill High School in 2014. It is these students and many others over the years that have called Hunters Hill High School 'home'.

The past is important and should not be forgotten, as it determines our futures. In 2014, Hunters Hill High School has a bright future that many more generations of students can enjoy, passing on the school's legacy since its opening in 1958.

Iva Slavica - ex-student and 2000 graduate
Publicity Officer

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2015/2016 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR
HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL**

For all enrolment enquiries please contact the Enrolment Officer on 9817 4565



Saving Hunters Hill High School

Demography in action

In 2001, the New South Wales Department of Education and Training (DET) made a controversial announcement. As part of a plan to restructure secondary schools in the state, it would close Hunters Hill High School, located on the peaceful banks of the Lane Cove River; a drive of 15 minutes from Macquarie University.

The reason given for the decision was 'demography'. The decision the then state government made was based on DET's analysis of demographic trends, which indicated that the continued operation of the school was not sustainable. To prove the government wrong, the community turned to Associate Professor Nick Parr, a demographer based at Macquarie University.

"I was approached by the Parents and Citizens Association of Hunters Hill High School, whose members were very distraught at the prospect of the school being closed," recalls Associate Professor Parr. "They were suspicious of the case which was being made by the government, and the association asked if I would look at the demographic data that informed the closure decision."

Asking for help from Macquarie was an obvious step: the university had a reputation for excellence in demographic research and was well-regarded in the field both nationally and internationally. Some of the parents also had a personal connection to the university – they had studied there themselves, after they had finished school.

Associate Professor Parr worked closely with his colleague, Associate Lecturer Linda Owens in the Department of Statistics, to prepare projections of school-aged populations (12-17 years old) in the suburbs surrounding Hunters Hill High School. They included the local government areas of Canada Bay, Lane Cove, Leichhardt, Ryde and Hunters Hill itself.

"Before I investigated the data, my expectation was that the reasons that the department had cited would be sound. Linda and I agreed to do the analysis, but we expected bad news," explains Associate Professor Parr.

"However, when we examined the statistics we found that the demographic trends pointed to the prospect of growth in the local population of high school-aged students. Our analysis appeared to be supportive of a recovery in enrolment numbers."

Associate Professor Parr presented his findings to a meeting of the Parents and Citizens Association in 2001. The findings were then used as part of a lobbying campaign to save the school – his research attracted publicity in local media and was presented to a NSW Senate Committee. He also gave two presentations to the NSW School Closures Review Panel: one was held at the school itself, the other at Macquarie.

In 2002, the decision to close the school was reversed and in 2014 the school continues to thrive under its motto *Opera Ad Maiora* – Work for Higher Endeavour.

"Our research shaped public and political debate – it challenged the official view and assisted informed decision-making," says Associate Professor Parr.

"Subsequent increases in the school age populations in inner western Sydney appear to vindicate our analysis and the decision to save the school. There'll be benefit for local school students and their families now and into the future."



WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS TO HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to our new students:

Year 7 Amorina Kajoranun

Year 8 Zarina Aguilar

Year 9 Illia Nikitenko, Austen Wagner

Year 10 Abigail Aguilar, Jun Yuan Ren

Year 11 Beatrice Aquaro, Elisa Cicchi, Agnese Fontana

we need



YOU!

SAVE THE DATE.....

WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2014

The HHHS P&C Uniform shop, needs your help!

Orientation is a BIG day for everyone.

You may remember Orientation day, when you/your children purchased their Uniforms from the Uniform Shop, ready for Yr 7.

Without Volunteer assistance the Uniform Shop cannot continue to provide effective service to our School. On Orientation Day, we need lots more assistance to make the day a success.

Enrolments are UP!

More students = More uniforms = Longer queues, unless we have more Volunteers.

Please consider donating a couple of hours on the 3rd December to help outfit our new students!

The day starts at 8.00 am and usually concludes at 3.00pm. Anytime between these hours, assistance would be greatly appreciated. NO experience required. On the job training provided.

If you are able to help in any way, please email, phone or text:

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Hunters Hill High School Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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FACULTY REPORTS

Science

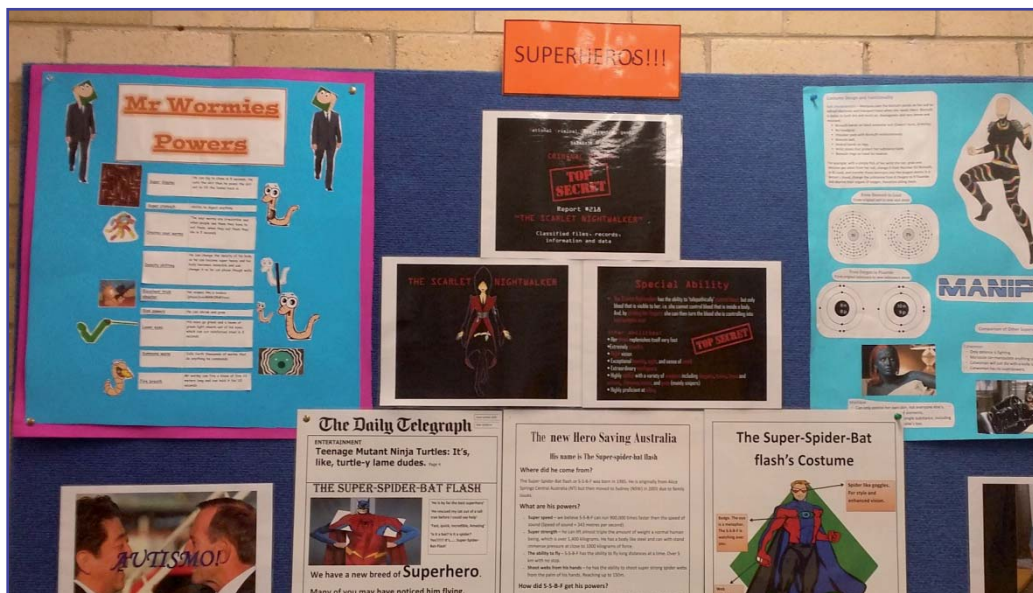
The Science Department would like to congratulate all the HSC Science students for completing their course in 2014. We wish you good luck in your Higher School Certificate Examination and your future endeavours.

We welcome our Year 12 students of 2015 to a new term and hope they bring a vibrant energy so they are able to meet the challenges ahead of them successfully.

Semester 2 Assignments

Last term, Year 10 students completed a research task on recycling wastes and critically analysing the statement, "Waste is everybody's problem and therefore everyone's responsibility".

Year 9 Science students complete an Assessable Task on Superheros in which the students had to create their own mutated superheroes. Ms Riviera has photographed some of our outstanding presentations.



Year 8 students enjoyed completing their student research project in class and at home. They learnt how to complete a scientific report. They also researched about formation of Australian Landscapes for their assignment.

Year 7 students completed a student research project to make and test a helicopter spinner.

Science is catering for the 21st Century Learner through ICT.

We are privileged to have Document Projectors in every Science class. One example of how this technology has enhanced our teaching and lesson is through being able to project exemplar student work samples and highlighting the exemplar elements of their work to other students. We have also invested in a class set of Chromebooks that we hope to start using in term 4.

Reminder

Parents and students are encouraged to view the Science Faculty page of the school website as we regularly update it with assignments, homework and the current topics.

Michelle Chiew-Meldrum
Head Teacher

Maths

The Maths Faculty at Hunters Hill High School is focusing on a number of things this term. The Yearly examinations are almost upon us and we will continue to teach students the study skills and strategies necessary for them to succeed in their Mathematics exams. All students will be doing some revision in class and will be provided with practice papers to be completed at home. It is essential that students get into the habit of regularly revising their Maths rather than cramming the night before an exam.

We will also be concentrating on the development of mathematical problem solving skills. We want students to have a Mathematical Toolkit at their disposal, so they feel capable of approaching a problem they may not have seen previously. Some of these strategies include:

- Drawing a diagram
- Making an organised list,
- Working backwards,
- Finding a pattern
- Guess, check and revise.

Furthermore, we are passionate about Mathematics and want the students here to feel the same sense of awe that we feel about this incredible subject. To do this we will be showing students the connection between Mathematics and the real world, and try to get them to appreciate that Maths is the language of the Universe. For example, the flocking behaviour of flying birds can be a mesmerizing sight. The flock appears as if it behaves as a single entity, as if it has a collective consciousness. This intriguing behaviour can however be modelled by some simple mathematics.

In 1986 Craig Reynolds wrote a program to simulate flocking behaviour. The program, called BOIDS, uses an algorithm based on three simple rules. Each individual boid (simulated bird) only needs to take cues from its closest 5-10 neighbours. The rules are:

1. Cohesion - This part of the algorithm keeps the flock together by averaging the position of the 5-10 nearest neighbours of the boid and steering the boid towards that position.
2. Alignment - The velocity (speed and direction) of the neighbouring boids are averaged and the boid's velocity is adjusted in order to align it with its neighbours.
3. Separation - This part of the algorithm ensures that the boids within the flock do not run into each other by slightly increasing the velocity in the opposite direction if a boid and its neighbours start to get too close.

It is not only astounding that relatively simple mathematics can describe complex behaviours, it is also incredibly useful. Similar algorithms can be used to model human behaviour in large crowds, which is vital when designing buildings that can be evacuated in emergency situations. Mathematics is truly amazing!

Further Reading:

1. <http://harry.me/2011/02/17/neat-algorithms---flocking/>
2. <http://plus.maths.org/content/os/latestnews/may-aug10/budd/index?src=aop>

Susan Turnbull
Head Teacher



Are Your Details Up To Date?
If you have moved or changed phone numbers please let
us know at huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.au



Combined High School Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the following students; Astrid Kingsmill (Year 7), Murray Paish (Year 10), Sean Frith (Year 10) and Antonio Galati (Year 12) for representing Hunters Hill High School in the 'Sydney North Team' at the Combined High Schools (CHS) Athletics Carnival.

All four students were exceptional on the day and showed their true school spirit and sportsmanship. It is a great honour to be able to represent your school at such a high level against other talented students within your state. I am very proud of your individual efforts. Well done!

Bel Woolford
Grade Sport

CAPA

Music Notes

The Music department was blessed with the addition of a new [though old] piano that was kindly donated to us by one of our neighbours. With so many elective students in stage 5 music this is a welcome addition to B Block. Any additional donations of unused musical instruments would be greatly appreciated.

Twenty brightly coloured Ukuleles were purchased at the end of Term 3. These instruments have become a hit with teens in recent years. This is probably because they are light, portable and inexpensive. Year 7 and 8 will enjoy playing them in the near future.

Our HSC candidates will have their listening examination mid October and are practicing hard.

Jenny Deagle
Head Teacher

WANTED - DRAMA COSTUMES

Got any striking 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 at front office.

2013 MOOCOORBOOLA

Parents, the 2013 Moocooboola magazine is now available from reception.
No cost to parents who have paid 2013 school and subject contributions,
\$10 to those who have not.

Noh Theatre of Dreams Exhibition

A group of Year 10 Elective Japanese and Visual Arts students had the chance to experience a guided tour of an amazing exhibition on Friday, September 12th (Wk 9, T3).

The 'Theatre of Dreams, Theatre of Play; Noh and Kyogen Exhibition' was held at the Art Gallery of NSW, and featured dazzling costumes, exquisite masks and priceless artifacts from these unique art forms. Students also watched an excerpt from a famously dramatic Noh play screened on a full-size screen.



Next our students were treated to a specially-delivered Japanese, obentoo lunch in the Domain. Last but not least, this event ended with a visit to the Japanese section of the fabulous Kinokuniya Bookshop in the CBD. We are incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to experience such world-class exhibitions and cultural experiences right here in Sydney and I know this tour was one that our students found unforgettable!



Don't Be Late!

Hunters Hill High School Bell Times

Morning Warning Bells
8.30am & 8.44am

Assembly/Roll Call Bell
8.48am



FROM THE WEBSITE

Managing Depression in Children

One in four kids over the age of 12 has significant depressive symptoms.

For girls, depression generally appears between the ages of 11 through to about 14. For boys, depression generally appears between 12 and 16.

Signs your child may be suffering from depression

If you see a number of these problems starting to develop, it's time to ask the question, could this be a more significant emotional disturbance than general teenage moodiness or attitude?

- a persistently bad, often irritable mood
- withdrawal
- not experiencing pleasure
- not reacting to the environment the same way
- sleep disturbance
- changes in behaviour, changes in sleep and appetite, and the persistence of that state for more than a few days in a row, typically for some weeks
- doing badly at school
- not joining in with other social activities with other kids and withdrawing from peers
- abusing drugs and alcohol
- self-harm.

PODCAST: Go to the School A to Z website and listen to brain and mind specialist Professor Ian Hickie chat with James O'Loghlin on helping kids beat the blues. (There is also a transcription of the conversation.)

Find more parent tips on the School A to Z website www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au

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.

HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop, located on the 1st floor of K BLOCK, is open each Tuesday and Thursday morning during school terms, between 8.00 am & 9.00 am. The school uniform shop is managed and staffed by volunteer parents from the P&C Association.

The school is always grateful to accept donations of second-hand uniforms. Further enquiries may be directed by email to uniformshhhs@gmail.com or to Mrs Christine Trainor on 0416 173 701.

WHAT'S ON AT HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL



BEYOND THE BELL For ESL

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!
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HUNTERS HILL HIGH CHESS CLUB

When? Every Tuesday Recess

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.

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.

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Siwei's Aussie class act

Matthew Connellan

SIWEI Chen from Hunters Hill High School has been named runner up for the State Government's International Student Award.

Ms Chen, who came from China in 2010 and started at Hunters Hill High in 2011, said that after completing her schooling, she felt a sense of belonging.

"I loved it, I loved my school, the teachers and especially my Australian friends," she said.

"In fact, I feel like I belong here, rather than China.

"At the very beginning I felt a bit isolated, but I was

too shy to really reach out. Once we had classes and my language skills began to improve, I started to make really good friends."

Ms Chen arrived with very little knowledge of English, but having picked it up during her time at school, she planned to go on to further education here.

With HSC exams starting next week, this is a critical time for her year 12 cohorts.

"I learnt about writing English in China, but that's all. I picked it up pretty quickly though," Ms Chen said.

"I think I will do an engineering course at the University of Sydney, if I get a high

enough ATAR. I want to stay here because I love Australia, the environment and the fresh air. The people are very friendly."

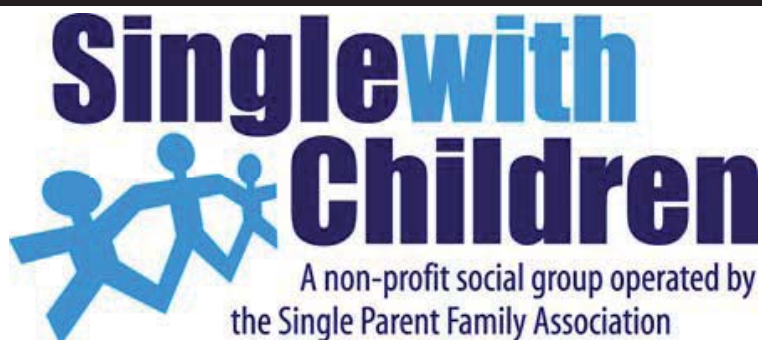
Ms Chen's nomination for the award presented by parliamentary secretary for small business and regional development John Barilaro came as a surprise.

"I didn't expect it at all," she said. "Studying overseas has been a very positive experience and would I recommend it to anyone, especially to come to Australia."

The award was won by Yanrong Chen, who went to Kambala in Rose Bay.



Hunters Hill High School student Siwei Chen with parliamentary secretary John Barilaro. Picture: Benjamin Townsend Photography



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2013 Marsanne The variety, from the Rhone Valley region in France, may be a little obscure but this is so Sauv Blanc Viognier it's not funny! No oak...Perfect little number for fish and chip picnics on the beach.	\$20	\$16		
2012 Chardonnay Fruit salad and vanilla aromas. Ripe stone fruit and sweet pineapple. Lightly oaked with a long creamy finish. Enjoy a glass or two with a French-style chicken in a creamy white wine sauce, fettuccine carbonara or mushroom and baby spinach risotto.	\$20	\$16		
2014 Petite Fleur Rose The rich aromas are reminiscent of strawberries, raspberries and cherries. Sweet berry fruit with fresh acidity and persistent flavours. This fine Rosé wine should be served chilled. It is an excellent aperitif and also complements spicy Asian style dishes, antipasto and tapas style food	\$20	\$16		
2013 Merlot Ripe red berries & blackcurrant aromas; rich dried fruit flavours, subtle oak & smooth velvet finish	\$22	\$17		
2013 GSM Grenache is a variety with very soft tannins and sweet cherry flavours. Orange region Grenache is the highest-grown in Australia. When combined with spicy shiraz and plummy merlot the result is blend with raspberry, clove and aniseed aromas with a long rich palate.	\$22	\$17		
2013 Shiraz Mouth-filling ripe raspberries & dark berries; hints of liquorice & black pepper with lingering finish.	\$22	\$17		
2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Blackcurrant, strawberry jam and forest floor aromas. Rich mixed berry palate with persistent cedary oak tannin finish.	\$22	\$17		
NV Scarlett Bubbles Rosé Aromatic sparkling rose with a dash of real raspberry juice. A bit like grand-daughter Scarlett: one of a kind, a little wild and great fun. This is a festive classic.	\$22	\$18		
2010 Noble Chardonnay 375ml An unusual dessert style, which shows ripe peach and apricot with classic rich marmalade characters.	\$35	\$25		
Framboise (Raspberry Liqueur) 375ml Rich liquid raspberry jam to mix with sparkling wine or vodka, or over chocolate cake, crepe & ice cream.	\$29	\$25		
Aged Liqueur Muscat 375ml Toffee, nuts, orange peel, caramel & raisin flavours that linger; try on its own, with blue cheese, or over dessert.	\$29	\$25		
Freight/Case: Hunter \$8 Sydney/NSW \$10 Interstate \$15			Freight	
			Total	



2014 CALENDAR

October

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3A	20 October HSC Exams P&C Meeting	21 October HSC Exams	22 October HSC Exams Young in Art	23 October HSC Exams ROSA Lit/Num Exam	24 October HSC Exams
4B	27 October HSC Exams Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week	28 October HSC Exams Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week 2015 Yr 12 Info Evening	29 October HSC Exams Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week	30 October HSC Exams Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week	31 October HSC Exams Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week

November

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5A	3 November HSC Exams Year 9 Assessment Week Year 10 BOS Entries Open	4 November HSC Exams Year 9 Assessment Week	5 November HSC Exams Conclude Year 9 Assessment Week	6 November Year 9 Assessment Week Year 12 Sign Out 9.30am - 11.00am	7 November Year 9 Assessment Week 8 November P&C Working Bee
6B	10 November Top of the Hill	11 November Remembrance Day	12 November Top of the Hill	13 November Year 10 Exams Commence Yr 12 Formal	14 November Year 10 Exams
7A	17 November Year 10 Exams P&C Meeting	18 November Year 10 Exams	19 November Year 10 Exams	20 November Crossroads / All My Own Work	21 November Crossroads / All My Own Work
8B	24 November Achievers Camp	25 November Achievers Camp	26 November Achievers Camp	27 November Peer Support Training	28 November Yr 7 & 9 Vaccinations Yr 10 BOS Entries Close

December

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9A	1 December P&C Xmas Drinks	2 December	3 December Year 6 Orientation	4 December Sports Presentation Assembly	5 December Duke of Ed Assessment Journey

Coming Up

- December 1 P & C Xmas Drinks
- December 3 Year 6 Orientation
- December 4 Sports Presentation Assembly
- December 5 Duke of Ed Assessment Journey
- December 9 Year 10 Formal
- December 10 Presentation Day
- December 12 Year 10 Special Assembly
- December 17 Last Day for Students for 2014
- December 17 HSC Results Available
- December 19 Year 10 & 11 ROSA Available
- February 28 2015 Open Day