

# The Figtree

The Journal of Hunters Hill High School

## Dates to Remember



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND RELAX  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
ARE COMING**

September 19 End of Term 3	October 7 Term 4 begins - Staff and Students Return
October 11 P & C Working Bee	October 13 HSC begins; to November 7
October 17 Duke of Edinburgh Practice trip	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	November 3 Year 9 Assessment Week; to November 7
6 November Year 12 Sign Out 9.30am-11.00am	November 8 P&C Working Bee

## KEEP THE DATE

- Year 12 Sign Out - Thursday 6 November
- Sports Presentation Assembly - Friday 4 December
- Presentation Day - Wednesday 10 December



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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#### **Congratulations Mr Anthony Wilson**

**Mr Wilson from Hunters Hill High School Industrial Arts department has won Radio 2UE's "Sydney's Favourite Teacher" competition. Mr Wilson will be interviewed on Friday 19 September, so check out 2UE and Channel 7 for possible appearances of "Sydney's Favourite Teacher"!**

Welcome to the final Figtree for the term. I offer my thanks and appreciation to everyone who has contributed to our school community throughout the term; also, my best wishes to students, their families and teachers for a well-deserved holiday. I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to rest and muster their resources and resolve for the fourth and final term of the school year which commences for all students and staff on Tuesday October 7 2014.

This term has been a busy and productive one. In its final week, the entire school community gathered, together with hundreds of parents, families and friends, to farewell Year 12, 2014. In a very moving ceremony, emceed by Vice Captains Brittany Roulston and Nathan May, Relieving Deputy Principal, Mr Gane, Year Advisor Ms Slavica, Captains Jane Andrews and Obe Williams as well as Year 12 student Brandon Vu spoke eloquently of the past six years at Hunters Hill High School. Year 12 student performances complemented these speeches and entertained our students, families and guests.

As has been our tradition, the 2014 captains announced the new captains. I congratulate our new captains: Samantha Warren and Chris Cheeseman and Vice Captains: Dakota Boyd, Zen Elliott-Howell and look forward to working with them.

I wish to thank all the parents who conveyed their appreciation for their Year 12 child's wonderful experience at Hunters Hill High School and for the teachers who have given their children so much over so many years. I will be sure to pass this thanks to all staff. We are very lucky to have such wonderfully gracious parents within our school community!

Whilst I am very proud of all our students, I'm delighted to celebrate Year 12 student Siwei Chen. On Monday night, October 15, at the Sydney Opera House, Siwei, accompanied by her family and a team of teachers, was present for the announcement of the Premier's International Student of the Year Award. Whilst Siwei didn't win this award, it was a remarkable achievement for Siwei to be one of three state finalists. Siwei has been a wonderful Hunters Hill High School citizen and ambassador for her country and all international students. I look forward to hearing great things from, and about, Siwei after her time at Hunters Hill High School.

Year 12 students commence their public exams for the Higher School Certificate next term. Year 11 students complete their final Preliminary Examinations this term and commence their Higher Certificate program at the beginning of Term 4; also, next term, Year 7 to 10 students must negotiate their final assessments and exams.



# Tuesday 7 October 2014

Congratulations and thanks:

- Congratulations to our school band and dance ensembles for their recent successes.
- Congratulations on a very successful MADD Night.
- Well done to Mr Gane, Ms Slavica and Year 12 students on a very successful Motivation Day. Thanks to our P&C for the funding assistance with this day which was a very timely benefit to our students.
- Thanks to staff and students for the wonderful spirit of fun and goodwill that was evident at the Year 12 Picnic Day on September 15.
- Congratulations to everyone, particularly Ms Nunn, who organised and contributed to Siwei Chen's recent film as a state finalist for the International Student of the Year Premier's Award on Thursday September 4 . It was a great experience for all involved to work with a professional film crew.
- Well done to Ms Lenard and to all our student Legacy collectors. This team of student volunteers maintained a great Hunters Hill High tradition.
- Congratulations to Ms Simpson, Mr Neilsen, Mr Murphy and our students, despite inclement weather and testing conditions, for the successful completion of their recent Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme trek.

Again, my best wishes for the holiday period. Until next Figtree

**J M Felton**  
**Principal**

## **P & C REPORT**

Congratulations to the Hunters Hill High School Concert Band for their well-deserved Silver Award achieved at the NSW School Band Festival at the University of NSW. Our dedicated school musicians rehearse at school on Monday mornings at 7.20 am, all year round. The P & C would also like to congratulate and thank the Concert Band's superb conductor, Alex Silver.

Congratulations to parents Meredith McDowell-Jones and Jackie Fredericks who in August were presented with North Sydney Community Awards by the Hon. Joe Hockey MP in recognition for their outstanding volunteer work for Hunters Hill High School. Meredith McDowell-Jones has been actively involved in the P & C Events and Fundraising Committee and other P & C activities throughout the entire secondary schooling of her three children at Hunters Hill High, and Jackie Fredericks has been the P & C Band Co-ordinator for the last four years.

The next P & C meeting is on Monday 20 October 2014 at 7.30 pm in the staff common room. Everyone is welcome. 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**

# WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS TO HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to our new student:

Year 8      Rhianna Haralambides

## 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.

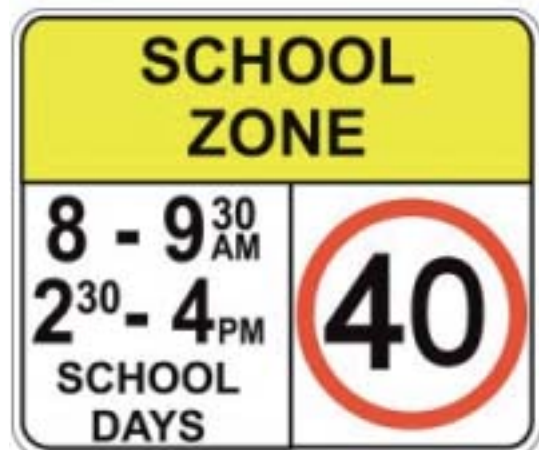
The school is always grateful to accept donations of second-hand uniforms. Further enquiries may be directed by email to [uniformshhhs@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshhhs@gmail.com) or to Mrs Christine Trainor on 0416 173 701.

## 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

### Dance Ensemble News

During term 3, all the dance groups have performed in two Eisteddfod competitions

#### Energy Express Eisteddfod Balmain

Students performed very well and for some it was their first dance competition.

Jazz - 2nd place

Contemporary - 3rd place

Hip Hop - Highly Commended

#### Ryde Eisteddfod

It is a big competition with a high standard. The troupes performed very well and received very positive response to their performances but they did not place. Teachers were very pleased with the great improvement in technique and confidence on stage from the three troupes.

The dance groups will now focus on improving their routines, in particular the jazz group, for the Ryde School Spectacular performance in October 2014, working on technique, and starting on new routines.

Dance groups are still open to new students if they are interested in joining next term. Forms are available from Student Reception.

**Delphine**

**Dance Coordinator**

## 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.

### 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**



### Are Your Details Up To Date?

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## Leadership Assembly

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Our future looks bright...

A combination of personal motivation, a love for the school, compassion and care for both their peers and the people that work within the school and more importantly, an intrinsic desire to want to give back to a place that had given them so much. These are the qualities that make a great student leader.

The Leadership Assembly has many elements and the school community sees the eventual product in the form of a nervous and heartfelt speeches given by candidates for leadership positions. As the Adviser for Year 11, I am privileged to be able to have a closer insight into this highly personal and challenging event.

The process began well before the five weeks that they were given to nominate, prepare and present their speeches. For some, the desire to be part of the Hunters Hill High School Student Leadership Team didn't become apparent until they pulled on a white senior shirt for the first time, and for others, the process began as soon as they became comfortable in Year 7.

From the moment I asked for nominations, I noticed a significant change in attitudes from those who put their hands up. I sensed a more mature, dedicated and committed cohort who were sincere in the motivation to be leaders. This change in attitude was apparent in the form of the questions they would ask of me, in the way they handled themselves, in the goals outlined in their speeches and in the respect they had for each other.

When the day came, I walked into the school hall forty minutes early, to check if there was anything more I could do for the nominees. What I saw was a group of mature, nervous, yet glowing students, whom I had had the pleasure of advising for the past 4 and half years. Each speech was as important as the next, yet there was no sense of superiority between the nominees. Rather, they each respected the space, time and emotional state of each other and encouraged one another to do his/her best. By then, I knew I was not needed. I walked away quietly, with a big smile, beaming from within.

I listened to all the speeches, I listened with a sense of serenity and joy, because I knew that whatever choice was made by the voters, every candidate was equally deserving, so any choice would be the right one.

Well done.

**William Wong**  
**Year 11 Adviser**





## 2015 Leaders

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They all waited with respectful calm, but the excitement of the event was slowly coming to the surface. As they announced the new leadership team, there was a mixture of adulation and disappointment, as well as the tears and joy of the parents and carers of the respective students.

Congratulations to Chris Cheeseman and Samantha Warren (Captains), Dakota Boyd and Zen Elliott-Howell (Vice-Captains).

Not to focus on the negative; but the feelings of disappointment were a reflection of how important it was to these students to have an opportunity to be leaders of Hunters Hill High School. It reflected the love and dedication they have for their school - a school that has given them so much thus far. It was a surprisingly proud moment to experience.

As for our new candidates, they have a lot of work ahead of them and it's something they look forward to.

I wish them the best of luck and look forward to working with these fine young students.

Well done!

**William Wong**  
Year 11 Adviser



# MADDnight

## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

MADD Night saw an outstanding showcase of Music, Art, Drama and Design. It began with a short crime fiction performance by the Year 7 Drama Kings and Queens, starring Travis Blundell as Justin Time and Daniella Rose as the Femme Fatale. It also featured the characters Thompson and Thomson played by Luca Kladnig and Billy Keall from 'Tin Tin' and scenes from famous crime films such as 'Pulp Fiction' and 'Rear Window'.

The focus of the evening was the showcase of works from our practical subjects. Monologues in the Performance Space, the Art Gallery featuring Design projects and Art Major works – one of the most striking being Antonio Galati's pen portraits of his friends and family. The wooden bath crafted by Obi Williams was the most intriguing item from Woodwork and many people wanted to sit in it. There were other fabulous creations including cabinets, guitars and coffee table fish tank.

After the Gallery viewing, Music and Drama Group Performances were presented on the main stage. Three of our HSC Music students Luke Nelson, James Weaver and Pat Brennan presented works from their HSC repertoire. Luke is a Piano player but chose three Viva Voces as his electives. This involved preparing three ten minute discussions on specific areas of music. Luke focused on the sound track from the movie Blade Runner as this was his English text. He also prepared a comparison of Rap music with Ancient Gregorian chant as a means of developing his studies in Society and Culture. James presented two works on the Bass Guitar and Pat played his entire Alto Saxophone program which included several accompanists.



The Drama performances were written and directed by the Year 12 students themselves with a farcical restaurant piece, and two topical works exploring issues relating to women in the 20th Century. It was a night enjoyed by all, with one-hundred and thirty of their family, friends and teachers coming along to view their practical work.



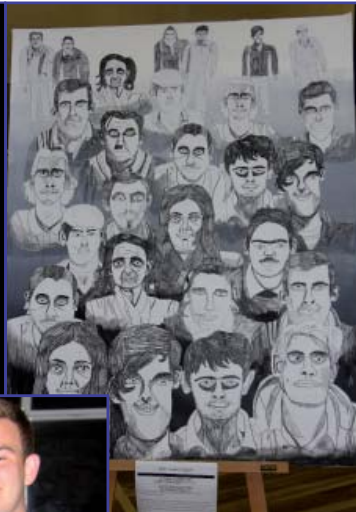
The HSC students of 2014 are commended on the professionalism and talent they displayed.

In culmination our HSC practical components which occurred in the last three weeks, are all submitted. Though exhausted everyone was elated. We now wish them all the best for their written examinations.

**Elena Goulousis**  
**CAPA**









## Year 12 Motivation Day

The Year 12 Motivation Day took place on Friday 15th August.

I was very impressed by the program and the conduct of Year 12 throughout the day.

Glen Gerreyn presented his seminar "A Day of Hope" during periods 1 - 4. This was followed by a BBQ lunch.



Glen specifically targeted the identified issue of student productivity downturn following the Trial HSC Examinations. His seminar focussed on the following key areas:

1) Purpose Driven - This topic focused students on what their overall purpose is in life and in particular after the HSC. He spoke about setting goals and dreams for their future. He used examples throughout the past five decades to identify challenges to this generation and provided guidance on how to negotiate issues such as, depression, lack of motivation and uncertainty surrounding employment. This was a powerful session that motivated the students to look within themselves for their true passion and reinforced the notion that everyone is unique and special.

2) Reality Check - This session examined why students held negative thoughts or lacked motivation. The session identified the types of people and stigma that reduce confidence and motivation. The session promoted positive decision making throughout the short and long term. The session focused on the importance of 'acting now' as they pursued their dreams and a pleasing outcome in the HSC.

3) Dream Bandits - This session focused on having a dream so large that it will motivate you to achieve that dream. Glen asked the students to identify their passions and stretch their goals in these areas. The session also identified 'Dream Bandits'. Dream Bandits are things or people that stop you from achieving your dreams. The key message of this session was that dreams are never as cheap as they are today. The longer people delay their dreams, the more expensive they become.

Overall, the level of student engagement throughout the whole day was very pleasing. Year 12 were focussed, asked excellent questions and were a very receptive and grateful audience. I spoke with several students during the BBQ lunch and they all praised Glen and thoroughly enjoyed the whole program.



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Several students expressed the desire to stay in contact with Glen by email or Facebook, Glen was happy to accommodate these requests.

The Northern District Times (NDT) is publishing a story in its next edition about this program. NDT's journalist interviewed Glen, Ms Slavica, myself and the School Captains about our thoughts and feelings following the day.

Our SRC is keen to continue our connections with Glen Gerreyn by supporting his initiative 'Revolution Red'. Revolution Red occurs on 10th September - World Suicide Prevention Day. The day involves people wearing red and donating a gold coin to support Kids Helpline.

I wish to thank the P&C and the school for co-funding this event. It was a very worth while and positive experience.

**Mr Gane**  
**Deputy Principal**



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HUNTERS HILL

## Seniors get motivated

THERE are few more challenging periods than Year 12 and with the trials out of the way, it is now time to prepare for the start of the HSC on October 13.

Hunters Hill High enlisted the help of motivational speaker Glen Gerreyn to help the students set goals for the remainder of the year and beyond.

School captain Obadiah Williams and vice captain Brittany Roulston said Mr

Gerreyn's talk was "a real eye opener".

"It makes you feel like there is light at the end of the tunnel," Brittany said.

"I want to be a singer and I now feel I can do it if I commit, and don't give up."

Obadiah wants to study construction management at the University of NSW and said that although there was less stress, having already handed in his woodwork major work, he still

needed to get into the flow of regular study.

"Glen really helped by saying that you just have to do it yourself," he said.

"You can't sit back and wait for it to happen. You make it happen."

"It was nothing overly complicated, but sometimes you have to hear it from someone else."

Oxygen Factory's Mr Gerreyn was impressed with the attentiveness of the stu-

dents, who spent the entire morning and early afternoon in the workshop.

"They were hungry for the message. Everyone is in a different stage in their life and my goal is to help them stay on track," he said.

Deputy principal Josh Gain was confident that the students would take the advice and lift to the next level.

"Schooling may be coming to a close, but that's only the beginning," Mr Gain said.



Hunters Hill High captains Obadiah Williams and Brittany Roulston with motivational speaker Glen Gerreyn.



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## Year 12 Picnic Day





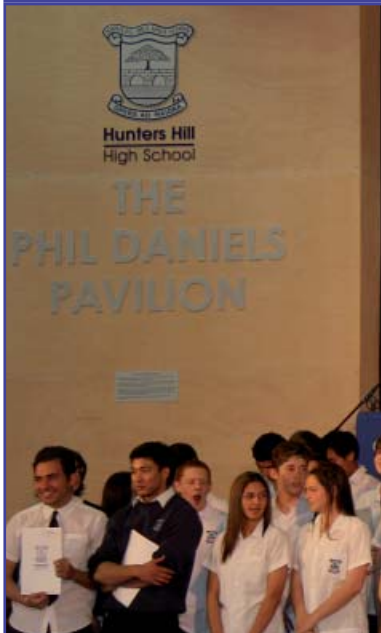
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## Year 12 Graduation







## Year 12 Farewell

Mr Gane and Ms Slavica would like to extend their deepest thanks and best wishes to the graduating class of 2014 and their families.

Best of luck in your HSC Exams and life beyond school.

Keep in touch.





## Film Crew Visits Hunters Hill High School

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On Thursday 4th September, a film crew visited Hunters Hill to make a promotional clip about Year 12 International Student, Siwei Chen, who was selected as a finalist in the NSW Government International Student Awards. The awards ceremony was held at the Sydney Opera House on Monday 15th September. Siwei's nomination is a well-deserved accolade as she has been an exemplar role model for the entire student body through her work as the International Student Representative on the SRC, as well as her volunteer work for a number of charities and her academic success in her studies.

Happily, filming day coincided with the SRC putting on a barbecue for the International Students. This was well received on a cool, blustery day, and everyone had a great time as well as the opportunity to make new friends.

**Sue Nunn**  
**International Student Co-ordinator**





## Japanese Culture Day

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“Oishii desu!” (It’s delicious!). could be heard echoing around the Canteen area on as our Year 7 students had their first taste of the yakisoba meal they had just prepared. The verdict was unanimous, everyone loves noodles!

Thanks to our visiting teacher, Ms. Pam Howard, all of Year 7 and Year 9 Elective Japanese students had the chance to cook and eat a Japanese meal on Tuesday, August 26th (Week 7). The Year 9 students prepared and cooked the versatile okonomiyaki (pancake/ pizza dish), on the barbecue. Everyone learnt some really important expressions to use when making requests and eating. The various groups also had the chance to try their hand at kendama – a traditional cup and ball game. Everyone had fun, learnt some new Japanese and made more special memories of their time at Hunters Hill High.

**Clare Talbot**

**LOTE Japanese Teacher**





## Legacy Day

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25 Hunters Hill High students volunteered to help raise funds for Legacy Day 2014. They started at 8 o'clock in the morning and with eager faces began asking Lane Cove shoppers to donate. No one could fail to notice our Hunters Hill High students dressed in full school uniform with their smiles and polite manner.

All the funds raised will be used to help assist families of Defence Personnel. Hunters Hill collected \$5,259.00 in total and we would like to thank Lane Cove shoppers for generously donating by buying Legacy badges and pens. Thanks also to Gwynn Boyd from Sydney Legacy for inviting our school to participate. It was a long day and the students were very happy that their endeavours raised so much. Their participation added to their respect for our diggers and their families.

Thank you to the following Hunters Hill High students who sold badges for Legacy:

William Gray	Caitlin Nash	Anthony Gray	Sam Chalkley	Ruby Lawrence
Justin Sunderland	Ben Tindiglia	Abbey Cosgrove	Kate McCormish	Nikita Terry
Will Bayliss	Matthew Gray	Daniel McCarthy	Jessica Mustillo	Abby Rhodes
Jessica Harris	Nadiyah Akbar	Lauren Weaver	Nick Nunez	Tom Gnaden
Jack McCrenor	Trent Harvey	Tory Clifton	Josh Grosetti	Grave Neave

**Ria Lenard**  
**Volunteer Coordinator**





## Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey

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Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh students hiked from Otford to Bundeena last weekend. The group had a fabulous time walking along the coastal track watching the scenery roll by. We were blessed to walk along rolling plains, sloping sand dunes and breathtaking cliff tops. The thirty two kilometres to Bundeena seemed like a stroll with the great company, wind in our hair and sun on our faces... well most of the time!



The groups started out from Otford Station walking to the entrance of the Coastal track. The blue skies encouraged our spirits as we walked towards North Era. As if tempting fate we stopped for lunch half way; Mother Nature let us eat but quickly pushed us on our way with a brisk shower. However, she was kind enough to hold out again until we had set up our tents, played some drama games and eaten dinner at North Era campsite.

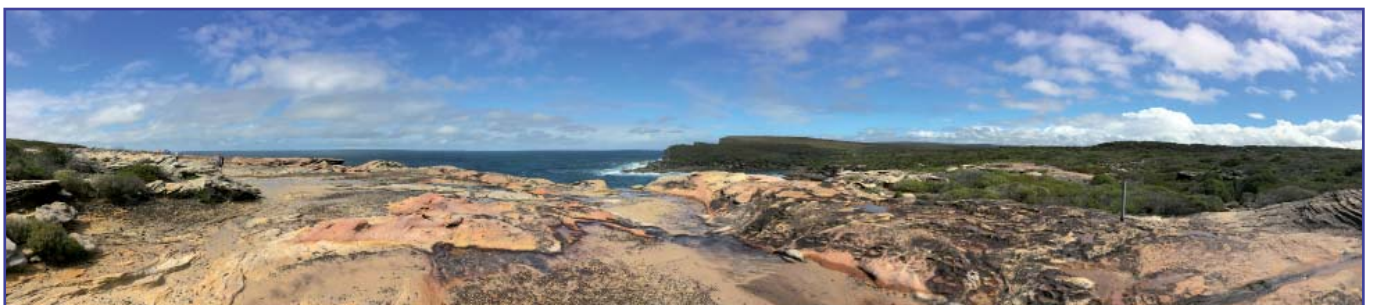


We set out early towards Bundeena on Sunday, walking along rock platforms and beaches, even taking on several ice cold water crossings. Again we saw rushing waterfalls and rock formations of beautiful colours. We were all glad to arrive at Bundeena and set up camp for the evening. After cooking dinner and heartily enjoying a warm meal Mr. Murphy surprised us all with a Banana Caramel Delight topped with whipped cream. Yum!

Day three saw the group set out on orienteering tasks and exploration activities before making our way into town. On the ferry home we enjoyed the sunshine and relaxed with the motion of the waves, happy to be going home.

A big thank you to Mr. Murphy and Mr. Neilsen for giving up their weekends to join us on our adventure.

**Ruth Simpson**



## Year 7 Gala Day

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On Thursday 11th September 2014, the PDHPE Staff and all of Year 7 set off for an Integrated Year 7 Sports Gala Day at Concord's – St Luke's Park. The students competed against other schools within our Zone: Ryde SC, Burwood Girls, Concord and Marsden HS. Hunters Hill High entered 7 teams into the Gala Day:

2 x Boys Soccer Teams

2 x Boys European Hand Ball Teams

1 x Girls Soccer Team

1 x Mixed Volleyball Team

1 x Girls Netball Team

I was extremely proud of, and impressed with the students' attitude and sportsmanship on the day. Hunters Hill was crowned overall winners on the day, a fantastic and memorable achievement.

I would also like to thank and congratulate the following Year 10 PASS students who not only attended the Gala Day, but who also coached and trained these teams on the day:

Briar Blundell

Declan Trainor

Lachlan Odgers

Sam Cole

Zack Kimpton

Aaron Speed

Cara Learmouth

Tom Gnaden

Kaitlin Love

Emily Stephens

Alice Perkes

Jessica Irish

Sutassa Ratawaha

Congratulations and well done to all those involved!!

**Bel Woolford**

**Grade Sport**

## PISA Testing 2014

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Hunters Hill High School participated in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) field trial in June this year.

More than 70 000 students from 70 countries took part in the exam and Hunters Hill High School had 70 students from years 10 and 11 participate. Thank you to students who participated in this examination and to Mr Warren Pickles and Ms Jennifer Thomson for ensuring the testing was carried out successfully.

In recognition of the students' efforts they will receive a Certificate of Participation.

For more information about PISA, please visit the National Pisa website at [www.ozpisa.acer.edu.au](http://www.ozpisa.acer.edu.au)

## 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.

## FACULTY REPORTS

### PDHPE

#### 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**

### HSIE



Year 8 History students have recently completed an interesting and creative assignment about time travelling back to the Middle Ages. Many students have enthusiastically created journals describing their trip to the past, including vivid details of visits to castles, encounters with monks and nuns, and a run-in with the Black Death. Charlotte Wiltshire (one of our "History nerds"), became so immersed in the project that she made a Lego model of a castle to go with her diary.

Aside from the time travelling assignment, the Year 8 Navigate class is currently preparing small group presentations about the Crusades. Some of their ideas have been truly inspiring and reveal considerable insight into the past as well as the ability to work collaboratively to produce an in-depth analysis of an important historical event.

**Sue Nunn**  
**Year 8 Navigate 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.



### Managing Exam Stress

As students prepare for end-of-year exams, child psychologist Kimberley O'Brien, from Sydney's Quirky Kid Clinic, has some good advice to help families manage pre-exam stress.

"Stress isn't necessarily a bad thing – adrenalin can be useful in helping kids stay on track, study longer and finish tasks more quickly," Kimberley says.

"The problems arise when it takes over and your teenager starts to feel overwhelmed and even isolated."

In a perfect world, your teenager will have organised their study and revision into manageable chunks throughout the year, balancing work with social activities, exercise and plenty of sleep.

But in the real world, most kids have some level of pre-exam anxiety and some wake up the morning of an exam convinced that they "know nothing" at all.

According to Kimberley, the best thing parents can do as exams approach is provide support with the basics, restrain the desire to jump in and fix everything, and encourage their child to see the "big picture".

Read more about managing exam stress or for more parent tips go to the School A to Z website [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au)

## WHAT'S ON AT HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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### HUNTERS HILL

## Laughs and moves pay off

HUNTERS Hill High School's inaugural Comedy Night Dinner and Dance raised almost \$20,000 for the school.

The evening included a three-course Italian meal, six professional stand-up comedians – including former Hunters Hill High School student Marty Bright – a band, mystery balloon prizes and silent auction.

About 200 parents and teachers laughed and mingled throughout the night.



Hunters Hill High School's fundraising committee Meredith McDowell-Jones, Anthony Raineri, Lyn Wells, Anthea Murray, Emma Russell and Helen Kirkman.



## **HSC Supervision 2014 - Seeking HSC Supervisors**

The 2014 HSC commences on October 13 and continues until November 7.

This year at Hunters Hill High, there is an opportunity for several people to join our team of Supervisors for the HSC Examination. BOSTES pays supervisors at an hourly rate.

Supervision consists of either a morning session, which may range from approximately 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, or an afternoon session ranging from 1:30 to 5:30 pm at the latest.

Duties consist of distribution, collection and collating of examination papers and supervision of students while they are completing their examination. Supervisors who have completed a Working With Children check may also assist with supervision of individual students.

Note, you are ineligible to supervise at this school if you have a son, daughter or relative sitting the HSC at Hunters Hill High this year.

If you are available, for any amount of time, over the four weeks of the HSC and are interested in taking on the role of a supervisor, please email [huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au), leaving your contact details.

The HSC Coordinator will then contact you to with further information.

P. Maskiell  
HSC Coordinator





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

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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.**

### **2013 MOOCOBOOLA**

**Parents, the 2013 Moocooboola magazine is now available from reception.**

**No cost to parents who have paid 2013 school or subject contributions,  
\$10 to those who have not.**

# 2014 CALENDAR

## September

<b>10B</b>	<b>15 September</b> Year 11 Exams	<b>16 September</b> Year 11 Exams	<b>17 September</b> Year 11 Exams Year 12 Graduation	<b>18 September</b> Year 11 Exams	<b>19 September</b>  End of Term 3
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## October

<b>1A</b>	<b>6 October</b> Public Holiday	<b>7 October</b> Staff & Students Return	<b>8 October</b>	<b>9 October</b>	<b>10 October</b>  <b>11 October</b> P&C Working Bee
<b>2B</b>	<b>13 October</b> HSC Exams to 7 November	<b>14 October</b> HSC Exams	<b>15 October</b> HSC Exams	<b>16 October</b> HSC Exams	<b>17 October</b> HSC Exams Duke of Ed Practice Trip
<b>3A</b>	<b>20 October</b> HSC Exams P&C Meeting	<b>21 October</b> HSC Exams	<b>22 October</b> HSC Exams Young in Art	<b>23 October</b> HSC Exams	<b>24 October</b> HSC Exams
<b>4B</b>	<b>27 October</b> HSC Exams Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week	<b>28 October</b> HSC Exams Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week	<b>29 October</b> HSC Exams Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week	<b>30 October</b> HSC Exams Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week	<b>31 October</b> HSC Exams Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week

## November

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>5A</b>	<b>3 November</b> HSC Exams Year 9 Assessment Week Year 10 BOS Entries Open	<b>4 November</b> HSC Exams Year 9 Assessment Week	<b>5 November</b> HSC Exams Conclude Year 9 Assessment Week	<b>6 November</b> Year 9 Assessment Week Year 12 Sign Out 9.30am - 11.00am	<b>7 November</b> Year 9 Assessment Week  <b>8 November</b> P&C Working Bee

## Coming Up

- October 27 - 31 Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week
- November 3 - 7 Year 9 Assessment Week
- November 10 & 12 Top of the Hill
- November 11 Remembrance Day
- November 19 - 21 Achievers Camp
- December 3 Year 6 Orientation
- December 4 Sports Presentation Assembly
- December 10 Presentation Day
- December 12 Year 10 Special Assembly
- February 28 2015 Open Day