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GIFTED AND TALENTED SELECTION TESTS for Year 7 and 8, 2015

2014 Year 6 and 7 students have
the opportunity to sit an entry test for
Hunters Hill High School Year 7 and 8,
2015 extension classes on

**SATURDAY 22 MARCH,
9.30am in the school hall**

Phone or email the school
to reserve your place
by Friday 14 March

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DATES TO REMEMBER	
17 March P & C Meeting	18 March Regional Swimming Carnival
20 March National Close the Gap Day	22 March HHHS Gifted & Talented Selection Test P & C Working Bee
24 March Year 12 ½ Yearly Exams begin to 1/4	28 March Ski Trip Deposit Due
2 April Year 11 ½ Yearly Exams begin to 11/4	7 & 8 April State Swimming Carnival
11 April Last Day of Term 1	28 April School Development Day
29 April Term 2 Begins – Students Return	2 May School Cross Country

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a great **Open Day!** My congratulations and thanks to everyone who contributed to the day's success – staff, parents and students. What a great team effort!

Whilst the weather was overcast and rainy throughout Saturday, it didn't seem to discourage attendance. The Official Opening in the Phil Daniels Pavilion was very well attended with staff hurriedly producing additional chairs to accommodate the significant number of visitors. Conductor, Alex Silver and our wonderful concert band including Ms Jenny Deagle, our new HT CAPA, on keyboard launched the proceedings; our Girls' Dance Group followed to great acclaim. Our captains, Jane Andrews and Obe Williams, Year 7 speakers Roza Davies and Billy Keall and P&C President, Ms Deborah Slack provided a great overview of our school, the broad array of programs that are offered within our school community and our impressive achievements. *Everlong*, our Year 10 Rock Band, provided a moving finale.

Throughout the school, there was a great atmosphere and diverse activities as well as teachers, students and parents spruiking our school, answering our visitors' questions and providing official and unofficial tours. Members of the P&C manned the information desk; helped with the Year 12 barbecue and, new to our school this year, the Ranieri family provided the very popular coffee cart (with all profits going to the school). The Year 12 barbecue, the first fundraiser of the year, proved so successful that stocks needed replenishing so our very appreciative visitors' hunger could be satisfied.

Of course, the success of such days relies upon comprehensive planning, including the P&C's strategically timed and effective working bee (February 21), and promotion as well as everyone working towards a common goal. My particular thanks to the school's organising committee as well as all the primary schools who promoted our Open day by whatever means - in their newsletter or by providing copies of our advertisements and promotional material at their parent information nights in the first half of this term.

This year is a very significant one. After much discussion and a transition year in 2013, **Hunters Hill High's boundaries** have expanded. Whilst we maintain our traditional partner primary schools: Greenwich, Lane Cove, Lane Cove West, Hunters Hill, Boronia Park and Gladesville, apart from Boronia Park, these schools are now in their entirety local to Hunters Hill High School. Also, we now welcome Mowbray Public School as a partner primary school.

Our partner primary schools and their students are included in our very comprehensive **Transition Program**; however, if you know of families who are coming to Hunters Hill High in 2015, please encourage them to contact the school if they want to participate in any of our programs for primary

students, including the upcoming '**Hands on Science**'. It is also worth encouraging enrolment in the **Gifted and Talented Selection Test**. For details check out our website, local newspapers and primary school newsletters , or, for 'Hands on Science' contact our HT Science, Ms Michelle Chiew Meldrum (michelle.chiew@det.nsw.edu.au); for details about the Gifted and Talented Selection Test contact our HT English, Mr Michael Walkom on 9817 4565.

In preparation for our school audit which is scheduled for March 13 and 14, under the leadership of Mr Michael Murphy, the school is working very hard on its **Work, Health and Safety policy and procedures**. To provide you with the details of this policy and these procedures, **Mr Murphy will give a presentation at the next P&C Meeting**. One of the very sensible reasons for school uniform is safety. Students are immediately identified within and beyond the school grounds; the required plain black leather shoes provide safety throughout the school including Science and practical classes.

Consistent with the thinking that Work Health and Safety is a collective responsibility, I remind families that **roll-on deodorant**, not spray deodorant is to be used within our school community. Spray deodorant due to its negative impact on asthmatics is banned. Similarly, **perfume** should be avoided as it affects allergy sensitive people.

As you have no doubt heard via the media, DEC schools have been directed to employ a qualified arborist to assess the **health of trees** within school grounds and, if necessary, effect work to ensure the safety of students and staff. Whilst our site is beautiful, I appreciate that Mr Josh Gane has commenced this process at Hunters Hill High School as the safety of our students and staff is crucial. I understand that the DEC will meet the costs of any necessary work which is very welcome as previously the school has carried such costs.

At assemblies, in classrooms and daily on our staff and student information sheet, students are reminded that when travelling in public buses they must **offer their seats to older adults**. I'm so proud to have received an email from a member of the public this week congratulating our girls on the 506 bus for their courtesy. Thank you girls; congratulations families! Remember, this is a courtesy that is expected of all Hunters Hill High students at all times. Please do not disappoint!

My best wishes to **Year 11 and Year 12 students** as they negotiate their **Half Yearly Exams** in the final weeks of this term. Students' preparation should be well underway for these exams.

Over the next week, families will be invoiced for **School, Subject and P&C Contributions**. Your prompt payment of these accounts is greatly appreciated and allows the school to effect the teaching and learning as well as the vast array of co-curricular programs that are offered to students within our learning community.

As I'll be on leave in the latter part of this term, Mr Michael Murphy will relieve as Principal; Mr Michael Walkom as Deputy Principal and Ms Iva Slavica as Head Teacher English. I am very confident due to the strength of the Hunters Hill High team, these changes will be seamless. Sensibly, due to his relieving role, Michael Murphy will ensure his presence at March's P&C Meeting – in the school library this month.

I look forward to seeing you at the start of next term.

Until next Figtree,
J M Felton

KEEP THE DATE

Hunters Hill High School Variety Night.

Thursday 22nd May



P & C REPORT

Hunters Hill High School's Open Day on Saturday 1 March 2014 was, again, a huge success. For example, the spacious *Phil Daniels Pavilion* was so crowded with prospective families for the Principal's address and student performances that there was standing room only, even after additional rows of seating had been set out.

I would like to thank the parents and carers who worked on the information table, handing out information packs and answering questions.

I would particularly like to thank Year 7 parents Denise and Anthony Raineri for providing their coffee cart. Everyone much appreciated the excellent quality coffee!

I would also like to thank Neil Hopkins, P & C Environment Coordinator, and volunteers for the working bee in the school grounds on the Saturday afternoon before Open Day. We are always looking for more volunteers for our working bees in the school grounds.

It was an enjoyable evening on Wednesday 26 February meeting year 7 parents and carers (and other parents new to the Hunters Hill High School community) at the annual *P & C Welcome Drinks by the River* held on the balcony of the *Phil Daniels Pavilion*.

As you are all aware the P & C have been successful in obtaining a \$20,000 Community Building Partnership Grant from the NSW State Government. This money will go towards upgrading the multi-purpose sports courts by the river. We are excited that work will commence for the complete refurbishment of the courts in March 2014, and is expected to be completed in Term 2.

The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday March 17 at 7.30 pm in the **school library**. The Deputy Principal, Michael Murphy will be giving a presentation on Work, Health and Safety. The P & C meetings finish at approximately 9.30pm.

Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Deborah Slack
HHHS P & C President

P & C MEETING

March 17, 7.30PM

School Library

School Entry – The Avenue Gate

WELCOME TO HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL NEW STUDENTS

Year 8	Bosko Stanarevic
Year 10	Abbie Blake
Year 11	Zijun Nie

OPEN DAY 2014



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VOLUNTEERING UPDATE

DEC Student Volunteering Awards were presented to the following students at the Welcoming Assembly on Wednesday, 26 February 2014. They received the certificates in appreciation of their volunteering contribution in the local community. Students in Year 9 and 10 can participate in the *NSW Premier's Student Volunteering Awards program*.

- Black Opal 150 Hours
Siobhan Nash
- Diamond Awards 80 hours
Siobhan Nash
- Gold Awards 60 hours
Anthony Gray, William Gray, James Jelly, Shalon Kumar, Obadiah Williams
- Silver Award 40-hours
Andrew Gray, Anthony Gray, William Gray, Nanako Reza, Obadiah Williams
- Bronze Award 20 hours
Christallo Dimos, Andrew Gray, Anthony Gray, William Gray, Pamela Madoyris, James Jelly, Nanako Reza, Abby Rhodes, Obadiah Williams, Ria Lenard



HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday, 20th February Hunters Hill High's Annual Swimming Carnival was held at Lane Cove Aquatic Centre. The weather was extremely kind to us and the participation rate of students was remarkable. Hunters Hill High students are to be commended for their excellent behaviour throughout the day and for the amazing way they cheered and supported each other in and out of the pool. It was a real pleasure to be part of such a remarkable school of young people who celebrated not only their own personal achievements but those of their school mates as well. Our swimmers were strongly supported by parents and family members and we thank the many parents who helped with time keeping on the day.

Over the day, individuals competed in a variety of Championship events to gain points for their House, but also, to fight for the Age Champion awards.

Congratulations to the following swimmers:

12 year Boys: Navid Amidi

13 year Boys: Benjamin Adams

14 year Boys: Ben Murray

15 year Boys: Rohan Mudaliar

16 year Boys: Patrick Russell

17 year Boys: Ben Speed

12 Year Girls: Yasmin Bertok

13 Year Girls: Astrid Kingsmill

14 Year Girls: Heather Service

15 Year Girls: Alice Perkes

16 Year Girls: Samantha Warren

17 Year Girls: Sarah Rubbo

Congratulations to Ferguson House which was crowned champions on the day – the final places are as follows:

1st Place - Ferguson with 787

2nd Place

Rawson with 757 points

3rd Place

Napier with 640 points

4th Place

Carrington with 559 points

I would like to acknowledge and thank the PDHPE Staff, Sport / House Captains, and the Hunters Hill staff for their tireless efforts on the day.

Congratulations to the 60 students who were selected to represent Hunters Hill High at the Zone Swimming Carnival which is held on Wednesday 5th March. We wish them all good luck!

Belinda Woolford
Grade Sport

SCIENCE FACULTY

In addition to the students already mentioned in the February Figtree, the Science Faculty would also like to recognise Navin Zabeti who achieved a Band 5 for both Chemistry and Biology.

Year 7 Science field trip day 2013

Last December all of year 7 went to Tarban Creek Park to study the biodiversity of the local area. Biodiversity is the study of plants and animals in their natural environment.

At the park we studied the pH levels of the water, the temperature of the air around us, the strength of the UV rays, and measured cloudiness of the pond water. We also observed the animals and plants by watching them and counting them.

There were four testing stations set up and each group had an opportunity to test all of the above factors. We each used a work book to record our answers. Station 1 was set up to test the pond water, Station 2 and 3 were near the pond and tested the surroundings, Station 4 was in a forest area to observe the differences from the pond environment.

Station 1 was my favourite because we saw a flock of ducks 1 metre away - until the boys in our group scared them away! Station 3 was also a lot of fun because we caught tadpoles. Unfortunately we only caught two, along with a lot of mud and grit from the bottom of the pond. The pond was very muddy and horrible, however these are perfect conditions for tiny fish and tadpoles because they have adapted to the environment over time.

I learned how to catch tadpoles, how to use a filter for testing the cloudiness of water, how to test the pH levels of water and how to measure UV rays. It was a fun and productive afternoon, and we learned much about the park's biodiversity.

Thank you to all the science teachers for organising a great day.

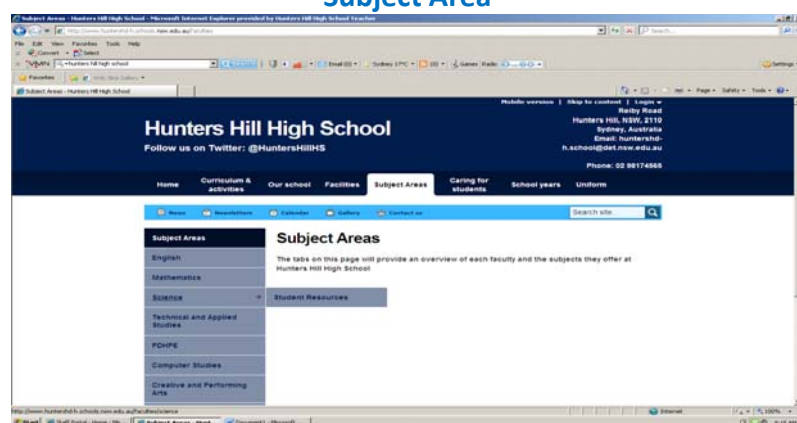
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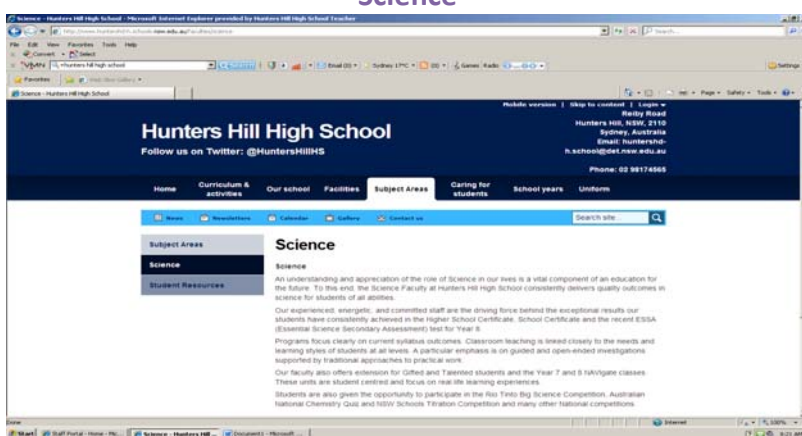
Did you know....

Science assignments and Year 10 homework schedule can be found on the school website

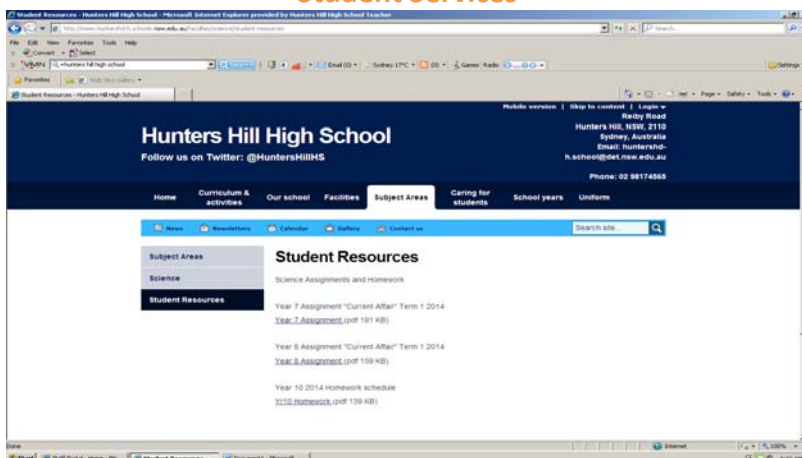
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Science



Student Services



Dates for upcoming Science competitions

We offer a range of competitions for students to enter. They are not compulsory, however, they are an excellent opportunity for students to compete internationally and gauge their understanding in specific areas of Science. In the past students at HHHS have done exceptionally well in the competitions listed on the following pages.

Big Science Competition – Held between the 21st and 28th May. Permission notes are out and entry fee (\$7.00) is due to the front office before the 13th May. See your science teacher for a note.

Brain Bee - This is for year 10 students only. The booklet can be found on the school website in Student Resources. We will be doing the Online test in class on Monday 17th March.

Titration Competition - This is for Year 11 and 12 Chemistry students working in a team of three. Permission notes are out and the \$15 entry fee is due to the front office before the end of Term 1. The competition will be held on Saturday 14th June. The venue is yet to be confirmed.

Science Olympiads - This is an elite competition recommended for our high achieving students and Years 10 and 11. Chemistry Olympiad is on 6th August, Biology Olympiad is on 11th August and Physics Olympiad is on the 13th August. See Ms Chiew if you are interested in entering one or all exams.

Australian Chemistry Competition - Will be held on the 19th June. Open for all years. Entry fee is \$5.50. Permission notes will be out soon.

RACI Crystal Growing Competition- All year 7 students will grow their crystals during class time and we will enter the best crystals grown.

Michelle Chiew-Meldrum
Head Teacher Science

ENGLISH FACULTY

What a busy start to the year! The team is the same as last year but we are welcoming back Ms Patten after her maternity leave and Ms Simpson to the faculty. As you saw from the February Newsletter the English Department is extremely proud of the English results from the 2013 HSC; however, we are now firmly focussed on 2014 and the opportunities that it will bring to our students.

Sasha De Valence, after receiving excellent results in Advanced English, Extension 1 and Extension 2, is coming into the school to tutor our 2014 candidates in these subjects. The strong connection that ex-students have to this school is evident in all aspects of the school.

Speaking of ex-students, Mr Hugo Li, is again coming in to train our debating teams on the 17th March. A highly successful debater and adjudicator he will no doubt give great insight into the finer points of debating. Ms Barwick, once again, is the debating coordinator, and is looking to repeat the excellent results of 2013.

Ms Austin has commenced the afternoon Homework Centre 'Beyond the Bell' this month. The centre, which goes from 3.15-4.15 on Mondays, enables students to complete homework under supervised conditions. Any interested parties please contact Ms Austin our Learning and Support Teacher. Ms Austin is also running '*Eat your Words*' a literacy program on Wednesdays at Lunch time. This is the third year that this highly successful program has run and it has enabled many young students to improve their reading and writing.

Just a reminder that the NAPLAN examination is in term two for years 7 and 9 students. The English department is leading a whole school approach to literacy that will help the students in this component of the exam. The students will also have a combination of practice tests and tasks to help them with these formative diagnostic examinations. More details will be available closer to the date.

Mike Walkom
Head Teacher English

Maths Matters

In this column we would like to share with you the wonderful ways in which mathematics enriches and explains our world, from the practical, the astonishing, and the beautiful to the downright quirky. Today we are going to look at Sudoku puzzles.

Many of us enjoy doing the Sudoku puzzles that are published in the puzzle sections of newspapers. Have you ever wondered however about the history and the mathematics behind these? For those who are not familiar with these numerical puzzles, Sudoku is a 9 by 9 grid comprised of three smaller 3 by 3 grids (as pictured). Some of the squares in the grid contain numbers – these are the clues. The objective of the puzzle is to complete all 81 squares using the digits 1 to 9, ensuring that no row, column or smaller 3 by 3 grid contains any digit more than once. Sudoku puzzles vary in difficulty depending on how many original clues are given.

							1	2
		8		3				
							4	
1	2		5					
					4	7		
	6							
5		7				3		
			6	2				
			1					

Sudoku was actually ‘invented’ as recently as 1979 by Howard Garns in New York. It was popularised in a Japanese magazine who gave it the name “Suuji wa dokushin ni kagiri” which means ‘numbers should remain unmarried’ or ‘single numbers’. This lengthy name was quickly shorted to Sudoku.

Sudoku puzzles however must have only one solution – called a unique solution. The minimum number of clues that a Sudoku puzzle needs to have so that there is a unique solution is 17. This has just been proved last year by Gary McGuire and colleagues at University College Dublin.

How do we solve Sudoku puzzles? The trial and check method is often used but not recommended as once too many errors have been made it is difficult to backtrack. Logical thought is the preferred option and eliminating obviously incorrect answers is extremely useful. There are many strategies available on the internet to help solve these puzzles such as ‘the search for the lone number’, ‘three in a bed’, ‘two pairs’ and the unusually named ‘Ariadne’s thread’.

Is there a foolproof way to solve a Sudoku puzzle? The American computer scientist James Crook formulated a 5-step algorithm to solve Sudoku. He published his nine page theory in the American Mathematical Society (<http://www.ams.org/notices/200904/rtx090400460p.pdf>). Although the algorithm is mathematically interesting, most people think that it defeats the original purpose of the Sudoku – to provide an intellectually stimulating and fun game.

I have included a 17-clue Sudoku puzzle in this column. Remember the fewer the clues the more difficult the puzzle so this would be rated as “diabolical”. Can you solve it? The solution will be available in the next Figtree.

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Susan Turnbull
Head Teacher Mathematics

CAPA FACULTY

Half of the first term has already marched by before anyone has had a chance to exhale. During this time the CAPA staff and many students have been involved in a blur of activities which were all on display at Open Day. Over the three hours of Open Day our **Jazz Dance** group performed a high energy routine wearing bright red and black outfits. They not only looked amazing but presented a sophisticated performance. This was followed immediately by the **Concert Band** who played 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and 'Sesame Street'. They had also opened the event with prelude music showcasing their ability to play a huge repertoire. The formal assembly was closed by three members of **Everlong** singing and playing 'Never Tear Us Apart' which was a huge crowd pleaser. Buskers took to the microphones from that point on including Charlotte Jones on Trumpet and Brittany Roulston and Anastazia Grzybovski on vocals.

Future students were queuing for their souvenir Polaroids in the newly created **Photo Booth**. As part of the **Drama** activities year 11 Elective Drama students were in the theatrette delivering improvisation scenarios picked out of a hat by the audience. It seemed like hundreds tried the instruments in the newly created **Keyboard Lab** and the Glockenspiels in classroom 103. I even spotted some Dads trying the Bass and Electric Guitars. The Drums were a big hit [pun intended] along with the Marimba. Lots of parents took the time to introduce themselves and ask questions.

As well as two new room changes in **B Block**- Ms Goulousis [Drama Teacher] and I [Music Teacher] have added over 30 new pictures and posters to these rooms. Everyone has a favourite. I was even offered serious money for one of the posters. [Sadly I had to decline.]

Our **Visual Art** staff also had a crowd of visitors who engaged in a 'hands on' workshop. Children were invited to make clay sculpture or alternatively, to produce drawings and watercolours. This became very popular many parents were intrigued and looked on enviously. While this went on, visitors were also privy to a range of music videos and small films on the data projector. Visitors were repeatedly reminded that these attractions were not "unnecessary distractions" of a creative subject, but actual student productions from the Photography program.

The creative vibe echoed throughout our dynamic CAPA spaces, giving the visiting parents and students a real sense that Music, Art and Drama is amidst a revival at Hunters Hill High School.

Jenny Deagle
Head Teacher CAPA



UNIFORM SHOP

Commencing Term 2, 2014 HHHS P&C Uniform shop will no longer be accepting cheques. Unfortunately this payment option is not economically viable and consequently we have had to withdraw the service.

Payments can be made in cash, EFTPOS or Credit Card. AMEX is not accepted. Please note that all payments made via EFTPOS and Credit Card carry a 2% surcharge.

Please also note that payments for uniforms cannot be accepted by the school office as the Uniform Shop is a P&C run entity. However, completed order forms, including Credit Card details, may be left at the office for collection by the Uniform Shop committee.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either Christine Trainor on 0416 173 701 or Lillian Warren on 0437 122 272

We appreciate your understanding.

Uniform Shop Committee

HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL P&C – UNIFORM SHOP

Shop is open in K Block: Tuesdays & Thursdays during Term. 8.00 - 9.00a.m.

Email:uniformshhs@gmail.com

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CANTEEN

HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU / PRICE LIST - January 6, 2014



SANDWICHES		FRUIT	
Buttered Bread	\$1.20	Seasonal Fruit	\$1.50
Buttered Roll	\$1.20	Mixed Fruit Tubs	\$2.50
Vegemite	\$2.20	Melon Tubs	\$2.50
Peanut Butter	\$2.20		
		SALAD TUBS - Pls Give 1 Day's Notice!	
Cheese	\$3.30	Caesar Salad	\$5.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.80	Tuna Pasta Salad	\$5.00
Egg	\$3.80	Fresh Garden Salad	\$5.00
Chicken	\$4.50	FRESH-BAKED GOODIES	
Ham	\$4.50	Check the blackboard for daily baked	
Tuna	\$4.00	muffins, cakes and slices cooked on	
		the premises!	
Roll - Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.80		
Roll - Chicken, Lettuce & Avocado	\$5.00	DRINKS	
		Plain Milk - 300ml	\$1.00
Salad	\$4.50	Plain Milk - 600ml	\$1.80
Salad & Cheese	\$5.00	Oak Flavoured Milk 300ml	\$2.00
Salad & Chicken	\$5.80	Oak Flavoured Milk 600ml	\$3.30
Salad & Ham	\$5.80	Ice Break Coffee Milk	\$3.60
Salad & Tuna	\$5.50		
		Orchy Premium OJ 375ml	\$2.50
Wrap - Avocado, Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato / Ham	\$5.50	Orchy Premium OJ 500ml	\$3.00
Wrap - Avocado, Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato / Chicken	\$5.50	Orchy Juice 375ml	\$2.50
		Orchy Juice 500ml	\$3.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
Forks / Spoons	\$0.10	Spring Water	\$1.60
Tomato Sauce	\$0.30	OKF Sparkling Mineral Water	\$1.80
Fillings extra:	\$0.50	Juice Bomb (3 Flavours)	\$2.00
Toasting	\$0.50	Lipton Iced Tea 500ml (various)	\$3.30
HOT FOOD EVERY DAY		Tea & Coffee - Instant - Sml	\$1.80
Chicken Wedges	\$0.70	Tea & Coffee - Instant - Lge	\$2.00
Potato Triangles	\$0.70	Cappuccino - Small	\$3.00
Chicken Strips	\$1.40	Cappuccino - Large	\$3.50
Cheese Melts	\$1.40		
Fantastic Noodles (Chicken / Beef)	\$2.50	BREAKFAST OPTIONS	
Sausage Roll (lite)	\$2.70	UpandGo (Choc/Strawb/Van)	\$2.00
Pasta	\$3.00	UpandGo (Energiser Choc/Van)	\$2.00
Traveller Pie	\$3.40		
Spinach & Ricotta Roll (Herbert Adams)	\$3.80	FROZEN	
Meat Pie (lite)	\$3.70	Paddle Pop Icy Twist	\$1.00
Potato Pie (lite)	\$3.80	Paddle Pops	\$1.50
Chicken Pie (lite)	\$3.80	Bulla Lite Ice Cream Tubs	\$1.50
Mexican Pie / Cheese & Bacon Pie (Herbert Adams)	\$4.20	Bulla Frozen Fruit Yoghurt Tubs	\$2.00
SPECIALS			
Mondays & Thursdays - Sushi (1 piece)	\$2.50		
Mondays - Chicken Burger	\$4.50		
Tuesdays - Pizza Singles	\$2.50	SNACKS	
Wednesdays - Chicken Strip Roll / Wrap	\$4.80	Oreos Recro Pkt of 2	\$0.50
Thursdays - Hamburgers	\$4.80	Eucalyptus Drops	\$0.60
- Butter Chicken & Rice	\$5.00	Panda Biscuits	\$0.70
Fridays - Chicken Strip Roll / Wrap	\$4.80	Doritos	\$2.00
- Butter Chicken & Rice	\$5.00	Red Rock Chips	\$2.00
		Be Natural Nut / Fruit Bars	\$2.00
		Nougat & Honey / Summer Rolls	\$2.00

Good schools are our best-kept secret

IT'S great to see two of the district's public co-educational comprehensive high schools get such good coverage in the *Northern District Times*.

Hunters Hill and Marsden High Schools don't often get the press they deserve. They are, therefore, the best kept secrets of the educational world in this area.

What makes a good school? David Gillespie's recent book on the subject tells us what every parent knows - caring, committed and inspiring teachers.

And how do you find out if a school has these? You visit. You don't listen to gossip or make judgments based on the wearing of school uniforms.

Ask to visit on a normal day, not only on Open Days. Walk the corridors and listen. How do I know all this? Over forty years as a teacher.

BOB SELINGER, Eastwood



Student Volunteering and Service Learning

What is... what isn't... volunteering?

What IS?

Social and personal development activities undertaken for the benefit of others, such as singing in a choir for a Carols by Candlelight community event, performing with a band or choir at an Aged Care facility etc.

Fundraising activities for charities that require planning, organising and collecting donations, conducting a quiz night to raise funds for a local charity, or participating in the Red Cross Door Knock Appeal. Hours spent on planning, organising and managing these activities can be included.

Service components of community programs such as youth groups, Scouts, Girl Guides, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and so on.

Activities that benefit the school environment or other students such as Clean Up Australia Day, tree planting, recycling, gardening and other maintenance activities, or fundraising to assist in the purchase of additional resources for the benefit of the whole school.

Service components built into school curriculum such as the care or restoration of historical sites through a relevant learning area, or environmental care or restoration as part of a science program.

Activities that benefit the community such as helping to mind lost children at the local show, manning a drinks station for a charity fun run, assisting with coaching junior sports teams or supporting Little Athletics events.

Home-based service given by young carers who undertake significant responsibility for aged, young, disabled or ill family members.

Work for non-profit organisations in areas such as aged-care, animal welfare, childcare, culture, education, health, disability services, multicultural organisations, refugee support or environmental sustainability.

Participation in civics and citizenship activities linked to government and related organisations e.g Youth Advisory Council or SRC.

Activities undertaken to help other students improve their learning such as homework tutor/study centre activities etc.

Activities based around improving student welfare, for example peer mediation, peer support, peer mentoring.

Activities which address social justice and equity issues such as student involvement in a Student Equity Advisory Team or social advocacy.



Student Volunteering and Service Learning

What ISN'T?

General school activities and/or **social and personal development activities** that involve learning new skills and/or enhancing existing skills through membership of a club or organisation (eg. surf, drama or football club, membership of a band or choir etc) except when an activity is specifically organised as a community event, e.g. a fund raiser for a charity.

Personal development or skill building components of community programs such as youth groups, Scouts, Girl Guides, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and so on.

School-based fundraising activities for which a student/students benefit (for example, raising funds to assist in the cost of a school excursion or sporting endeavour).

Service undertaken as punishment or for atonement such as rubbish duty, removing graffiti, or community service as part of a Juvenile Justice order.

Activities that receive payment in money or a non-monetary reward such as umpiring games with a local sports club, or babysitting.

Home or family duties and responsibilities such as cooking, gardening, cleaning and shopping, by students who are not young carers.

Work experience or VET work placement as these are part of an academic or vocational program undertaken by students to further their industry/workplace knowledge and skills.

Travel time does not count as student volunteering.

JOIN HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL DANCE IN 2014

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

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

- **Jazz -Tuesday morning 7:30am to 8:30am**
- **Contemporary - Thursday morning 7:30am to 8:30am**
- **Hip Hop - Friday morning 7.30am to 8:30am**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Delphine Davies
HHHS P & C Dance Coordinator

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2014 Calendar

Hunters Hill High School Term 1 - 2014



<i>Mth</i>	<i>Wk</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>
Mar	8 B	17 P&C Meeting	18 Regional Swimming	19	20 National Close the Gap Day Ipad Training Seniors	21 22/3 G&T Selection Test 22/3 P&C Working Bee
Mar	9 A	24 Year 12 ½ Yearly Exams	25	26	27	28 Ski Trip Deposit Due
Mar/ Apr	10 B	31 Year 12 ½ Yearly Exams	1	2 Year 11 ½ Yearly Exams	3	4
Apr	11 A	7 State Swimming Year 11 ½ Yearly Exams	8 State Swimming	9	10	11 End term 1

Hunters Hill High School

Term 2 - 2014



<i>Mth</i>	<i>Wk</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>
April/ May	1 A	28 School Development Day	29 Students return	30	1	2 School Cross Country
May	2 B	5	6 Year 11&12 Parent/Teacher Night	7 Band Tour	8	9 10/5 P&C Working Bee
May	3 A	12 NAPLAN Yr 7 & 9 Year 8 ½ Yearly Assessments	13	14 Year 11 & 12 Academic Review	15 Stepping Stones Program	16
May	4 B	19 P&C Meeting Year 7 ½ Yearly Assessments	20	21 Zone Cross Country	22 Variety Night	23
May	5 A	26 Year 9 & 10 ½ Yearly Assessments	27	28	29	30
June	6 B	2	3 Special Assembly – Achievement	4 Athletics Carnival	5	6 Yr 7 & 9 Vaccinations
June	7 A	9 Queens Birthday Holiday	10	11	12 Regional Cross Country	13 Final Ski Trip Payment 14/6 P&C Working Bee
June	8 B	16 P&C Meeting	17 Year 8 & 10 Subject Selection Evening	18 Zone Athletics	19 Year 10 Academic Review	20
June	9 A	23 Year 10 Work Experience	24 Year 7&8 Parent / Teacher Night	25	26	27 Final date for HSC course changes End Term 2

Alcohol fuelled violence in our community

FREE
EVENT

Essential new information for parents,
professionals and local services covering:

- Alcohol issues in Australian society –
what can we realistically do?
- Teenagers and alcohol

Featuring Paul Dillon – keynote speaker and
bestselling author of *Teenagers Alcohol and Drugs*.
Regarded as a key social commentator, Paul is a
nationally recognised drug education specialist with
25 years experience in the field.

The night will be hosted by David Citer, Manager of
the KYDS Youth Development Service.

Q&A panel featuring NSW Police, NSW Health and
other industry professionals to provide insight and
answer your questions.

When: Tuesday 25 March 6.45pm-9pm

Where: Hornsby RSL (main showroom)
4 High Street Hornsby
(Hornsby RSL supports local community initiatives)

RSVP: Please call Paul Stuart on 9477 8729
or email pstuart@nsml.com.au

Hornsby and Region
Community Drug Action Team



Health
Northern Sydney
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"PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS"

FREE In-Depth Seminar for PARENTS/SUPERVISING DRIVERS
together with YOUNG DRIVERS

MONDAY - 17 MARCH 2014
6.00 PM for 6.30 PM - 8.30 PM

AT
KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 3,
818 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, GORDON - ACCESS VIA REAR ENTRANCE
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS



STAY ALERT - HAVE AN ESCAPE!!!!

Presenter: Jeff McDougall - Trent Driving School
Immediate Past President, Australian Driver Trainers Assoc NSW Ltd
Member National Executive Committee of the Australasian College of Road Safety
Member of K'gai Police & Community Safety Committee, Former MD Trent Driving School

will discuss the Vital Aspects of
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN TEACHING A YOUNG DRIVER:

- A Comprehensive and Organised Approach to the Driving Task
 - The Five Crash Risks for Young Drivers : Preparation for the Driving Test
 - Keeping the Log Book Honest : Teaching Practical Skills Safely
 - The Components of Driving : Strategies for Safe Driving
 - Effective Partnerships : Making it a Positive Experience
- Vital information about the current driving test!

Presenter: Snr Cons Lynda Hart - Hornsby K'gai PCYC
Will Share her "Passion for Keeping People Safe"

BOOK EARLY - SEATS LIMITED: Phone Carroll on mobile 0405 558 660
or email carroll.howe@gmail.com

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HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL + 2RRR 88.5FM + YOUTH JUKEBOX PRESENTS...

FRESH MEDIA

1 - 5 pm SATURDAY 5TH APRIL

FREE event with lunch provided!



EVER WANTED TO BE A RADIO PRESENTER?

Get all the inside knowledge about getting started in media with this hands on workshop!!

Hear from radio professionals and experts from a wide variety of radio stations (e.g. JJJ FM, Fbi Radio, Today FM).

Learn the ins and outs of writing scripts, presenting, producing & all things radio!

Create a radio segment! Story telling, interviews, music mixtapes & more!

Gladesville Rd Community Centre
44 Gladesville Rd, Hunters Hill

Bookings essential: Hunter's Hill Council on
9879 9449 or community@huntershill.nsw.gov.au

FRESH MEDIA IS A YOUTH WEEK EVENT



Do you want to create a FESTIVAL?

Do you want to experience what goes into making a Festival?

Are you interested in events management, music, graphic design and or media?

Do you want to create a new area and stage at the annual Moocooboola Festival?

Do you want to be part of the team that makes the decisions and runs a Festival.

If yes, then you should get involved by joining the new **Hunters Hill Youth Events Committee**. Be quick! Limited places.



For more info: Adrian Black on 9879 9400 or events@huntershill.nsw.gov.au

Exhibition Assistant

Are you looking to get into the art world or events?

Hunter's Hill Council provide opportunity for a small group of local students to gain work experience by being part of the team that sets up and runs the Hunters Hill Art Exhibition.

Open to all local students from Years 10 to 12. Students interested in the Arts and Events Management will benefit from this hands-on role.

Students will receive a Certificate of Achievement, references, a limited edition Hunters Hill Art Exhibition T-shirt and free entry into the Exhibition.

For more info: Adrian Black 9879 9400 or events@huntershill.nsw.gov.au

www.huntershillarts.com

www.facebook.com/huntershillartexhibition





GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
NSW & ACT

Gladesville Girl Guides invite you to **Come and Try Guides!**

For girls aged 5-18 years

*fun, friends,
adventure*

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

For information on the location and unit times

Please email gladesville.guides@hotmail.com or call **13004475484**

Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW ..



MATHS TUTORING

Nicholas Borsato
Phone: 0437272968

Nicholas Borsato was the School Captain for Hunters Hill High School, now studying mathematics related subjects at the University of New South Wales. He has a comprehensive understanding of mathematics and can provide helpful tutoring for students wishing to strengthen their own knowledge of the subject. Rates are \$30 per hour.

Location: My place or yours

RATES: \$30 AN HOUR