



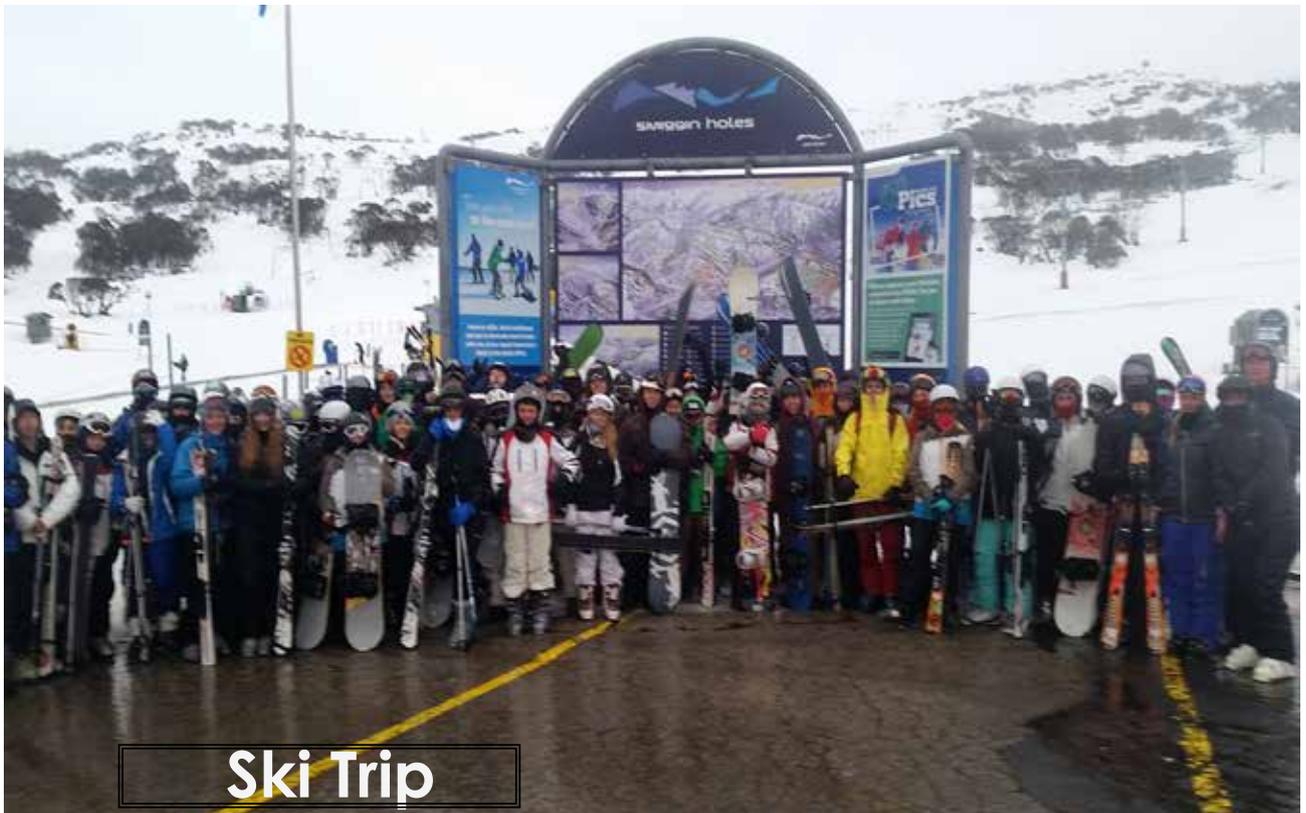
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# The Figtree

THE JOURNAL OF HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

## August 2015



**Ski Trip**

# **BREAKING NEWS...**

**Education Minister The Hon. Adrian Piccoli drops in to watch the Music Soirée at Hunters Hill High School.**

**Congratulations to all staff and students involved and special thanks to Ms Deagle.**

**More news on the Music Soirée in the September edition...**



**@HuntersHillHS heard about your Soiree tonight on Twitter so popped in to watch. Well done students and staff**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>August 17</b> P&C Meeting	<b>August 26</b> Year 12 Major Works Showcase (MADD)
<b>September 1</b> Grade Sports Finals	<b>September 3 &amp; 4</b> CHS Athletics Legacy Day (Sept 4)
<b>September 5</b> 'Taste Fest' (P&C Major Fundraiser)	<b>September 10</b> Year 7 Sports Gala Day
<b>September 16</b> Year12 Graduation Assembly	<b>September 18</b> Last Day of Term 3

### KEEP THE DATES

- P&C Meeting - August 17
- Year 12 Major Works Showcase (MADD) – August 26
- 'Taste Fest' – September 5
- Yr7 Sports Gala Day - September 10
- Year 12 Graduation Assembly - September 16



## Don't Be Late!

Hunters Hill High School Bell Times  
 Morning Warning Bell – 8.30 am & 8.44 am  
 Assembly / Roll Call Bell – 8.48 am



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a productive and celebratory term we have had at Hunters Hill High School!

- At this time of year, **Year 12 students and their teachers** are very busy. Whilst Year 12 students have completed their Trial HSC Examinations, teachers are marking papers, providing feedback and writing reports. Furthermore, for many students and teachers, HSC Major Works must be completed and submitted. It's essential that focus is maintained so the short and very precious time remaining is fully utilised. At the conclusion of this term, we farewell these students at a formal Graduation Assembly - a bitter-sweet occasion for staff, students and, of course, families.
- My thanks to Ms Clare Talbot who has organised our **Achievers' Morning Tea for Years 10, 11 and 12 students**. A long-standing tradition within our school community, the Achievers' Morning Tea is an opportunity to celebrate students who have achieved excellence in their Semester 1 Reports. Next week, we celebrate our exemplar junior students!
- Those who have been associated with our school for many years will re-call our award winning student newspaper, **Figleaf**. Due to the efforts of Ms Jess Austin, Ms Stephanie Dawes, an ex-student and current teacher, and a team of students, *Figleaf* will once again feature within our school community. I'm looking forward to the first edition!
- As you know, students, teachers and parents have been working together to improve the **standard of uniform** throughout our school community. It was a great privilege to acknowledge our collective success and present Year 7 -10 students with school scarves at recent assemblies. These presentations, based on advice from our Year Advisors and assistance from Christine Trainor, our Uniform Shop Co-ordinator, recognised students who present in full school uniform each day. Some Year Advisors found limiting the number of recipients very difficult as so many students wear their full school uniform with pride every day. Well done!
- Over recent weeks, our students and PD/H/PE teachers have provided significant assistance at our **Partner Primary Schools' Athletic Carnivals**. My congratulations to these students who have strengthened our partnerships, assisted our primary teachers and students and displayed impressive leadership.
- Our **annual ski trip** took place recently without incident or injury! In fact, the trip's organiser, Mr Gane was very impressed with the participation and behaviour of every student. My thanks to our teachers and students who ensured the success of this wonderful annual program.

I urge your support for the P&C's major fundraiser this year, **Tastefest**. A small but hard working team makes this evening possible, so please check out the details, make up a table and come along. If other commitments make attendance impossible, support the P&C's fundraising by purchasing raffle tickets (details for **Tastefest** and the raffle are included in this newsletter).

I look forward to seeing you at this month's **P&C meeting**. Ms Julia Brierty and Mr Michael Walkom, fresh from their trip out west, will commence the meeting with a presentation on the **City/Country Alliance**. This program promises to be a great addition to our school community.

**Judith M. Felton**

# P&C REPORT

It was a pleasure to hear from our new teachers at the last P&C meeting. There are several talented new graduates as well as a number of teachers who have left other careers to join the teaching profession. All of them spoke positively about their roles at our school and we look forward to their contributions in the years ahead.

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August, a group of parents accompanied our Deputy Principals Michael Murphy and Mike Walkom on a walk around the school, with the aim of identifying priority areas for P&C funding. Various suggestions were made including refurbishment of the theatrette, additional seating in the school grounds and improving walkways onto the ovals. A number of parents have raised the issue of peeling paint on ceilings in several classrooms and this will be addressed within the school's maintenance budget.

We have already approved funding for air-conditioning for several classrooms as well as a shade cloth to cover the assembly area and hope that these projects will be underway soon. If you are not able to attend the meetings please feel free to email me with any suggestions at [presidenthhspnc@gmail.com](mailto:presidenthhspnc@gmail.com).

I hope to see you at the next P&C meeting at 6.30 pm on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Margaret Schnitzler**  
**President, Hunters Hill High School P&C Association**

## PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT (POP)

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to our school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

### What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

### When?

This payment method will go live on **Monday 17 August 2015**.

### How?

Log onto School site at [www.huntershd-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.huntershd-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) . Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

## **Reminder - Important update:**

# **Download the HHS Skoolbag App to your smartphone**

Our School now has our own **Skoolbag** iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our **Skoolbag** School App. To install it, just search for our school name Hunters Hill High School in either the Apple App Store, Windows Phone, and Windows Store or Google Play Store.

HHS is planning to move away from SMS messaging updates. SMS messaging will be replaced by 'push notifications' sent via our app.

Please download the app and explore its content. You will find this app a very useful resource and communication tool. The app includes specialised sections for parents and students, including all student timetables and e-forms to submit explanations of absence and change of detail updates. Please view the instruction page attached to the rear of this newsletter for installation instructions.

**Josh Gane**

## **City Country Alliance**

From the 23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> July, Michael Walkom and I had the privilege of attending the City Country Alliance Far West Conference. The City Country Alliance is an organisation that has grown from an initial partnership between Lindfield East Primary School and Menindee Central School to encompass nearly 20 schools primary and high, from Sydney and Western NSW. The purpose of the Far West Conference was to introduce schools new to the Alliance to the wealth of possibilities this program has to offer.

The conference began in Broken Hill, visiting the Miner's Memorial and Broken Hill High School, from there the party travelled to Menindee Central School to discuss the long term merits of the alliance, including a positive shift in intercultural perspectives, via a video conference with Professor Kevin Dunn of UWS. Menindee Central School hosted a performance of 'Weeping Cloud', the story of a Baarkinji woman Isobel Bennett who was a part of the Stolen Generation, performed by the students.

From Menindee we travelled to Mungo National Park, home of the famous Mungo Man and Mungo Lady, remains that have been dated over 40000 years old. This is a spiritual place rich in Aboriginal history. On the way there we had a surprise stop off at Top Hut Station, a sheep farm which was in the middle of shearing.

Most importantly the City Country Alliance Far West Conference enabled Hunters Hill High School to strengthen our connection with our partnership school, Coomealla High School, and make plans for the future.

**Julia Brierty**



HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL P&C FUNDRAISING PRESENTS

# Taste Fest



**SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER**

**7PM TO 11PM**

THE PHIL DANIELS PAVILION, HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
A FUN-FILLED NIGHT OF EXOTIC BEER TASTINGS HOSTED BY THE BEER CARTEL  
MATCHED WITH COMPLIMENTARY FOODS

LIVE GERMAN FOLK MUSIC BY THE LITTLE SYDNEY GERMAN BAND  
SILENT AUCTIONS, TRIVIA GAMES, GREAT PRIZES, MAJOR RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN

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# HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL P & C

## 2015 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Drawn at the "Taste Fest" on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2015

Tickets \$2

The P & C is running a raffle to raise money for the school and to assist in improving the school's resources. Please support your school by buying a book of tickets or selling them to family, friends and local community.

### There are 6 great prizes to be won:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize- Home Theatre System from Len Wallis Audio (RRP \$899)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize-Photography voucher from Aran Anderson Photography (\$260)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize- Restaurant voucher from Deckhouse Restaurant (\$200)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize-Facial voucher from The Beautician Lane Cove West (\$100)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize- Handmade Del Solar Chocolates (\$50)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize- Zapparellis Pizzeria Voucher (\$30)

**Please contact P & C Events and Fundraising Coordinator, Anthea Murray, for a raffle book- 0431644636 OR [antheamurray@optusnet.com.au](mailto:antheamurray@optusnet.com.au)**

All raffle books sold or unsold should be returned to Anthea by Friday August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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## Achievers' Morning Tea

On Tuesday, August 4th a morning tea was held to celebrate the academic achievements of our top students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Those selected had achieved excellent results in their Semester One reports. The following students received Achiever's Awards:

**Year 10:** Lucy Aspinall, William Bayliss, Christopher Gibson, Matthew Gray, Kurtis Law, Issac Maharaj, John McCreanor, Caitlin Nash, Brigitte Villasmil-Rivas and Stephen Wobcke.

**Year 11:** Christallo Dimos, Alysha Durrant, Stephen Fredericks, Matthew Hollomon, Beth Hopkins, Jake Jamieson, Max Jones, Klaus Kazamias, Yangzhong Lim, Denise Muhoza, Sandra Nikolic, Nanako Reza, Conrad Schnitzler, Angelina Tchouechkova and Austin Wagner.

**Year 12:** Vicki Apostolopoulos, Jane Dang, Damien Dimos, Cian Flanagan, Rachel He, Neil Hussain, Tailah Jones, Sophia Lang, Emma Lavington, Brandon Louie, Maria Mamblona Camejo, Liam Martin, Jack Morris, Matt Scala and Samantha Warren.

Congratulations to all our Senior Achievers.

**Ms C Talbot (Achievers' Morning Tea Coordinator)**



# Maths Matters

We constantly try to show students that Mathematics is the language of the universe, and that it applies in situations where you might not expect it. 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 ease evacuation 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 Mathematics**

# Hunters Hill Students Shine

## Hunters Hill High Primary School Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 13 Year 10 students: Aaron Riley, Thomas Brennan, William Bayliss, Justin Sunderland, Brigitte Villasmill, Nora Jolian, Chelsea Paton, Nikkita Terry, Hunta Campbell, Joshua Norman, Milad Ghazi, Rylee Aupa'au, India McLennan represented Hunters Hill High School at the Hunters Hill School Primary Athletics Carnival. These students helped run the field and track events throughout the day. The students demonstrated to the Primary students how to use a shot-put and javelin and they even ran the 800 metres and 400 metres race with the students who were not strong runners.

The teachers and parents were extremely grateful for our students' support and effort on the day "Many many thanks to the 11 outstanding student helpers from Hunters Hill High School. Teachers and parents all commented on how helpful the students were and how it was exceptional to have this close relationship with HHHS".

Congratulations and well done to all students!

## Lane Cove Primary School Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July Hunters Hill High Students along with Mr Habbouchi represented the school at the Lane Cove Public Primary School Athletics Carnival (Brendan Kim, Heather Service, Kahli Anson, Andrhea Calaminos, Sebastian Davies, Aaron Swinton and Nick Lawrie). The students and Mr Habbouchi braved the cold weather that morning and headed off to Tantalon Park. I would like to thank Mr Habbouchi and all the students for their efforts and generosity on the day.

## Harry Straw – Year 7

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August Harry competed at the NSWCHSSA State Gymnastics Carnival. For the individual apparatus Harry won 1 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze, and came 2nd overall in his division. Congratulations to Harry on this great achievement. Harry was acknowledged for his achievements and presented with a Hunters Hill High State Sports jacket at the school assembly.

## Regional Athletics Carnival

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July the below students represented both Hunters Hill High School and the Northern Suburbs Zone at the annual Regional Athletics carnival which was held at Sydney Olympic Park.

Congratulations to Andrian McGuigan in Year 8 who made it through to the State Athletics in High Jump. Good luck.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Curtis Kingsmill	Astrid Kingsmill	Heather Service	Justin Sunderland	Conrad Schnitzler
Olivier Koehn	Eren Caliskan	Huon Kirkman	Will Bayliss	Harrison Hansford
Holly Flannigan	Brendan Spivak	Charlotte Jones		
Emma Stowers	India Jamieson	Makayla Ward		
Sam Galati	Andrian McGuigan	Giorgio Leventis		
Sam Conejo	Tristan Davies	Alex Galati		
Georgia Bennett	Natai Basyal	Gabriel Perkes		
Ethan Sugano	Chiara Battaglia	Brendan Kim		
Brayden Duguid	Nick Chao	Blake Goss		
Tushar Khinda	Jaydn Frintzilas	Aaron Swinton		
Andrew Gaft				
Charlie Marshall				
Eros Derilo				

Ms Woolford

## Year 7 & 9 Students in Exemplary Uniform

The following Year 7 & 9 students were rewarded during the school assembly on July 27<sup>th</sup> with Hunters Hill High School Scarves for wearing their school uniform with pride, during school, to and from school and whilst representing in extra-curricular activities.

Congratulations to the following students:

<b>YEAR 7</b>	Harry Straw	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Andrhea Calaminos
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Iva Madden	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Angus Fletcher
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Sinead Madden	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Lexus Joubert
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Curtis Kingsmill	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Huon Kirkman
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Manon Perkes	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Charlotte Jones
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Matthew Downie	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Cameron McLeod
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Hannah Bettridge	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Jamie Odgers
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Peter Wobcke	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Gabriel Perkes
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Tiarna Vicary	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Heather Service
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Ino Daniel	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Taylor Smilas
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Iko Daniel	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Sasha Thomas
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Issy Reichel	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Sebastien Davies
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Lilli Bollard	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Ashkan Yazdi
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Alex Stacey	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Charlotte Wiltshire
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Jesse Stewart-Menzies	<b>YEAR 9</b>	Maximillion Reichel
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Aidan Lee		

**Ms Woolford**  
**Year 7 Advisor**

**Mr Wade**  
**Year 9 Advisor**

## Year 8 & 10 Students in Exemplary Uniform

It was highly gratifying to be able to acknowledge Year 8 and Year 10 students who have consistently displayed an exemplary standard of uniform. At a whole school assembly on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> August, these students were awarded a Hunters Hill High School scarf in acknowledgement of their commitment to the school.

Congratulations to the following students:

<b>YEAR 8</b>	Sasha Gruber	<b>YEAR 10</b>	Tom Brennan
<b>YEAR 8</b>	Ian Kao	<b>YEAR 10</b>	Brigitte Villasmil
<b>YEAR 8</b>	India Jamieson	<b>YEAR 10</b>	Caitlin Nash
<b>YEAR 8</b>	Song Tran	<b>YEAR 10</b>	Kurtis Law
<b>YEAR 8</b>	Jaydn Frintzlias	<b>YEAR 10</b>	Ruby Lawrence
<b>YEAR 8</b>	Travis Blundell	<b>YEAR 10</b>	Issac Maharaj
<b>YEAR 8</b>	Tess Zeto	<b>YEAR 10</b>	Matthew Gray
<b>YEAR 8</b>	Luke Stowers	<b>YEAR 10</b>	Joshua Norman

**Ms Goulousis**  
**Year 8 Advisor**

**Mr Sharman**  
**Year 10 Advisor**

# Language Perfect Champions

As previously reported in the July edition of the Figtree, during the month of May our school competed in the Language Perfect World Championships. Our Japanese students learnt vocabulary online, earned points and competed for awards with over 1,000 other schools and 300,000 other students from around the world.

The following students earned awards or special mentions for their efforts in the World Championships.

- Kyle McIntyre and Spyridon Mylonas both from Year 8, earned special mentions for their focus during the competition.
- William Keall (8E) was awarded a Bronze Award and placed in the top 20% of students worldwide.
- Song Tran (8E) was awarded a Silver Award and placed in the top 10% of students worldwide.

Congratulations boys!

## Ms C Talbot (LOTE Japanese)



From L to R: Spyridon Mylonas, Song Tran, William Keall and Kyle McIntyre

# Duke of Edinburgh

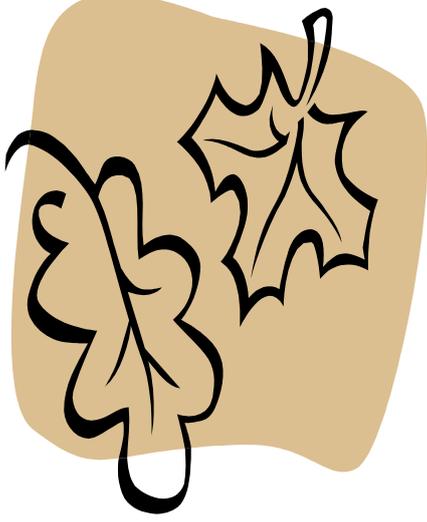
The Duke of Edinburgh students have been training hard for the upcoming expedition. Every Tuesday afternoon, during class time, the group spend an hour improving their fitness for the walk before participating in practical training.

We have spent time developing teamwork, pitching tents for durability, building fires to brew our tea safely and achieving senior first aid qualifications. All of this training is designed to ensure that all students enjoy a safe trip this September.

If you would like more information about the Duke of Edinburgh program please don't hesitate to contact Ruth Simpson in the English Staffroom.

## Ruth Simpson





# “The Figleaf”

“Eat Your Words” has been running for a number of years as a way to address the literacy needs of students in Stages 4 and 5. It runs every Thursday at lunchtime and students participate in a range of activities to engage them with the fundamentals of literacy while re-establishing a connection with literature.

Over the last few months, students have been toying with the idea of reviving Hunters Hill High School’s award winning student newspaper, “Figleaf” as a way to continue strengthening their literacy skills, while also creating a product they can share with their peers. In the 1990s and early 2000s students contributed work to a publication that reflected their interests including things like interviews, articles, reviews and artworks.

The idea for this year is that the “Eat Your Words” students will become the editorial team and will receive submissions from students throughout the school. They will then be supported by Ms Austin (the Learning and Support Teacher), Ms Wong (Art/Photography Teacher) and Ms Dawes (Design Teacher) in the editing and publishing of “Figleaf” in 2015 and, hopefully, into the future.

If your child is interested in joining the “Eat Your Words” Editorial Team or in becoming a contributor to “Figleaf”, please contact Ms Jess Austin or send your child along to Room 211 each Thursday at lunchtime.

**Jess Austin**

## CAPA Events Term 3

This is a massive term for staff and students as all major works and performances are due from week six to nine. Our Drama students will be externally assessed on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st of August. Our Visual Art students are completing their major body of work for the following week and the Musicians will perform somewhere between August 31st and September 11th [date to be announced].

We hope you had the opportunity to view some of these performances at the recent evening of music on Wednesday 12th August in the Phil Daniels Pavilion.

On August 26th we will hold our HSC showcase evening commencing from 4pm-6pm in the Performance Space. The Year 12 Drama students will present their HSC monologues. The evening will continue in the Phil Daniels Pavilion where major works from across the school can be enjoyed.

We warmly invite all parents, family, friends and students to attend these events.

**Jenny Deagle**  
**Head Teacher CAPA**

## The Great Book Swap

This year our school is supporting the work of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation by holding a Great Book Swap on national Indigenous Literacy Day Wednesday 2 September.

To take part, students need to bring along a book that they are happy to swap with another student and a gold coin donation to choose a "new" book.

Students are encouraged to bring books to Mr Stewart and the Library before the day, so search your shelves and help us support Indigenous Literacy.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) works to put books into the hands of children and families in remote Indigenous communities across Australia. In the lifetime of the project, with the support of many people and organisations including schools, the project has sent more than 120,000 new, high quality books to over 230 remote communities. The ILF also runs an early literacy project called Book Buzz, which puts board books into the hands of babies, toddlers and their families. The Foundation has published and funded more than 40 community books, some of which are translated into first language. Please help us support their work!

You can read more about the ILF here:

<http://www.indigenoussliteracyfoundation.org.au/>

# READING OPENS DOORS

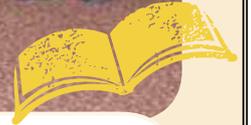
WHAT CAN A DONATION BUY?



**\$5-10** can buy and send a book for a child in a remote community.



**\$140** can buy an early literacy set of up to ten beautiful board books for a baby or toddler and their family. In some communities these are translated into first language.



**\$800** can help buy a pack of books for a school or library.



**\$5,000 - 10,000** can fund a community literacy project or book. These books are written by children or adults and may be in first language and English.



## The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measure factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 31<sup>st</sup> August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

## The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

**Warren Pickles**  
**R/Head Teacher Science**

# Ski Retreat 2015 Report

On the 30th July, 71 excited HHHS Students and 5 teachers headed off on our 9th annual Ski Retreat.

Similar to previous years, the Ski Retreat involved staying at the Snowy Mountain Inn at Berridale and 3 days skiing or snowboarding at Perisher Blue Resort.

On our first day skiing, we were blessed by beautiful weather and outstanding snow conditions. These conditions were perfect for our diverse range of skiing abilities.

Each day began with a 2 hour skiing/boarding lesson, followed by lots of free time to explore the ski resorts on offer. Day 1 conditions allowed our experienced skiers to venture to Blue Cow, Mt Perisher and Guthega. Our advanced skiers returned with exciting stories and great go-pro footage from exhilarating black runs such as 'Olympic', 'Accelerator' and 'Kamikaze'.

The outstanding conditions were also fantastic for our large group of first-timers. The novice skiers and boarders excelled following their lessons and had a wonderful day exploring Smiggins Holes and learning to ride the chair lift, T bars and j bars.

Unfortunately the weather conditions deteriorated the following day and created a much more challenging environment. Despite the wind and rain, our students still remained enthusiastic and tackled the wind and rain with positivity.

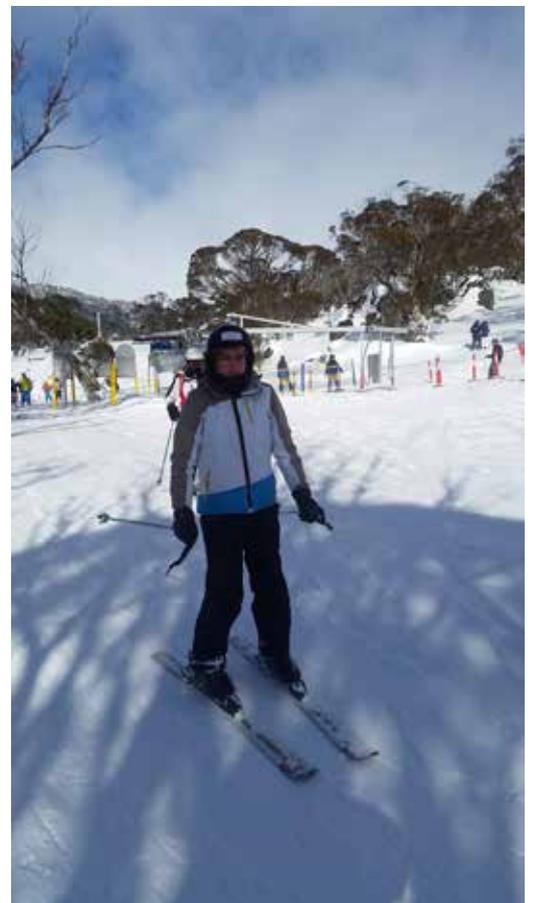
The weather conditions improved on the 3rd day, with a substantial drop in wind speed. Our skiers still battled some rain; however, continued to show their resilience and not allow the rain to dampen their spirits.

I'd like to extend a thank you to all the students, families and teachers who made this trip successful. Our students were once again, outstanding ambassadors for Hunters Hill High School. Throughout this trip I was highly impressed our students conduct, teamwork and enthusiasm.

Overall, the 2015 Ski Retreat was once again a highly successful initiative. The positive feedback and thankfulness from our students is appreciated and has encouraged me to offer this opportunity again in 2016, which will be our 10th consecutive Ski Retreat.

**Joshua Gane**  
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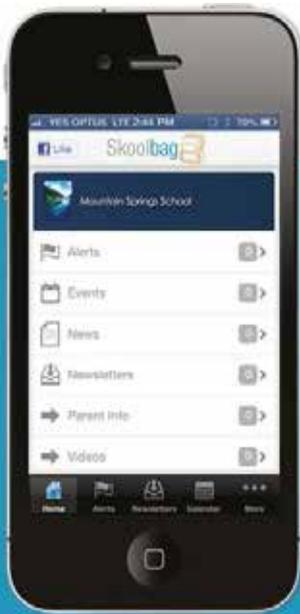
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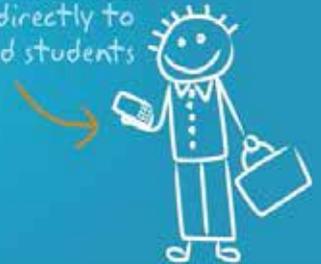
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## Term 3 – 2015



Month	Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
July	1A	13 School Development Day – Staff Return	14 Students Return	15	16 Yr9&10 Parent / Teacher Night	17 CHS Cross Country
July	2B	20 HSC Trial Exams Regional Athletics P&C Meeting	21 Regional Athletics	22 Archibald Exhibition Yrs.9 & 10	23	24 25/7 P&C Working Bee
July/ Aug	3A	27 HSC Trial Exams PIP projects due	28	29	30 Ski Trip Aust. Mathematics Competition	31 Ski Trip (& 1 / 2.7.15)
Aug	4B	3	4 Achievers Morning Tea Yrs.10,11 &12	5 International Students Day	6 Industrial Tech. Major Projects Due	7
Aug	5A	10 Textiles & Design Major Projects Due	11	12 Music Soirée 7.30pm	13 English Ext 2 Major Works Due Police Liaison Officer Visit	14
Aug	6B	17 Drama Projects Due  P&C Meeting	18 Achievers Morning Tea Yrs.7,8 & 9	19	20 Drama Practical exams	21 Drama Practical Exams
Aug	7A	24 Visual Arts Bodies of Work Due	25 Grade Sport Semi Finals	26 Yr12 Showcase  Gwyn Boyd Visit – (Legacy)	27	28 <b>Leadership Assembly</b>
Sep	8B	31 Music Submitted Works Due  Music Performance Examination (tba)	1 Grade Sport Finals	2	3 CHS Athletics	4 CHS Athletics  Duke of Ed Trip (4,5,6,7 Sept)  Legacy Day  <b>5/9 P&amp;C 'Taste Fest'</b>
Sept	9A	7 Yr11 Exams  Duke of Ed Trip  Music Performance Examination (tba)	8	9 Japanese Culture Day	10 Debating ¼ Final  Yr7 Sports Gala Day	11
Sept	10B	14 Yr11 Exams	15	16 <b>Yr12 Graduation Day Assembly</b>	17	18 Last Day Term 3