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The Great Book Swap

By: Emma Mason (Year 7)

On Wednesday the 7th of September 2016, Hunters Hill High School hosted the Great Book Swap. Why did we do this? This initiative was created by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to raise money and to level the playing field - so that all Australian children have the same opportunities to develop a lifelong love of reading.

The idea behind the Great Book Swap is that people donate books and then bring in a gold coin donation and pick up a book they have never read before. Students had been donating books in the six weeks leading up to the event and in the end there were over 600 books for students to choose from.

On the morning of the big event students were lining up from 8:20am to get the best books. Later in the day teachers brought their classes and teachers also snuck in at lunch and recess to get themselves some new reading material.

To support this worthy cause the Student Representative Council also ran a cake stall - full of yummy cupcakes and Ms Austin's amazing mars bar slice. Brigitte's cookie dough truffles also went down a treat!

At the end of the day the school raised over \$900.

Thanks Mr Stewart for organising such a wonderful and meaningful event at our school!

Amazing Abby - International Student of the Year

By: Ms Awesome

When Abigail Aguilar enrolled at Hunters Hill High School two years ago, we knew we had come across a very special human. She had arrived from the Philippines with minimal English, in the loving care of her older sister Christina and escorting her younger sister, Zarina, into the very different world of an Aussie high school.

On Tuesday October 11th 2016, Abby was recognised by the NSW Government and received the high honour of being announced the winner of the 2016 NSW International Student of the Year. Students from across NSW were nominated by their schools and Abby was one of only three finalists. Although Abby was pleasantly surprised and gracious in her win – Hunters Hill High School staff were not as shocked that she should be recognised for such a high honour.

The selection criteria identifies that the nominee should be an inspirational role model to the community, demonstrating an achievement or contribution that adds value to the community.

Within her first year in Australia Abby was involved in volunteering with Ms Lenard, helping Ms Simpson (the International Student Coordinator) with the enrolment process of International Students. Abby and Connie Zhang developed a formalised survey of their peers to identify their academic and welfare needs and guide Hunters Hill High School's International Student Study Day. She got involved with fundraising cake stalls (and is now famous for the Aguilar cupcake range) and BBQs run by the Student Representative Council.

By the end of that first year she had been nominated for and won the role of Senior International Student Representative on the SRC.



Not only has she been the SRC's graphic designer, creating beautiful posters for all their campaigns, she has been a driving force for multicultural days such as Chinese New Year and Harmony Day.

All the while her academic results reflect a student who is dedicated and committed to achieving a high standard.

Most inspiring is her motivation that she says is something she learned from her mother; you should not help others out of expectation for what you will receive, but simply for the benefit of others.



What's On...

**Early Bird
Breakfast Club** every
Friday morning
at
8:15am-8:45am
in Room 210.

Beyond the Bell
every
Monday afternoon
at
3:15pm - 4:30pm
in the library.

Eat Your Words
every
Thursday morning
at
8:15am
in Room 211.

ART GALLERY



“Technological Death”
by Natalia Benc (Year 8)

“Art inspires me and it allows me to express myself. This particular drawing represents how I see how technology is becoming something that everyone relies upon, but that soon it could steal away our souls. This is what I see happening in the world today.”

The technique I used for this drawing was shading and tone. The shading gives the artwork a three-dimensional quality and makes it feel like you are there with them. The tone in the drawing gives the sense of danger. I made the smoky effect by smudging in the lead pencil around on the page.

Art has been a passion since I can remember—my dad and I work on our art together. It is important to us.”

“Boxed In”

By: Abby Ottewill (Year 7)

Earlier this term a group of drama students led by Ms Simpson and Ms Nyland auditioned for the Arts Alive Drama Festival and we got in! The group consisted of Poppy Burton, Max Huebscher, Darcy Kimber, Rory Keall, Jacob O’Loughlin, Grace Odgers, Alex Larkins, Sadaf Pourvadi, Emily Bennett, Aiden Lee, Myles Colman and me (Abby Ottewill). A few weeks after the audition we went to the Seymour Centre to perform our piece “Boxed In” for the community.



“The Thing on the Shelf”
by Shara Skelly (Year 8)

“As a little kid I always loved art. Growing up I never really liked things to be sweet, but I really liked mixing up sweet and creepy images. I never really plan my drawings and I like drawing things that can have lots of different meanings. Personally I like drawing anime, but have strayed away from it lately.”

I used coloured pencils and markers, ‘you do not need the best to do the best’. This is important to remember—even if you do not have the most expensive equipment you can still create amazing things. ‘One person’s craziness is another person’s reality’ - this is a quote from my favourite director, Tim Burton.

There were many groups of students from a variety of schools around the area and everyone did really well. We had a massive wooden box as a prop – we needed to come up with an idea and then brainstorm how this idea could be incorporated into our performance. The box was built by some of the senior students and we worked around it and even on top of it!

The night was very exciting and we even got our own dressing room. We were in the first half of the show which meant we were free to see all the



“Robotic Singer—Luka”
by Jolie Che (Year 8)

“I love drawing because you can capture your ideas the way you like..”

I was looking through pictures to find inspiration and came across this picture of a vocaloid character. I transformed her into a robot—I gave her an iron outfit and wings to make her look like a robot.

I added my own features like a halo too so that the image reflected my own interpretation.

Art is great! I love being able to draw things from my own mind.”



performances of the other groups after the interval. Overall it was a fun night with many clever performances!

HUMANS OF HUNTERS HILL

In 2015 HSC English prescription texts changed to make way for the new Area of Study: Discovery. For the HSC English as a Second Language class students participated in a concept building task: 'Humans of Hunters Hill'. Like *Humans of New York*, students interviewed and photographed their subjects to find out a story that helped shape the person over time.

Ms Maroon — School Administration Manager

"I am a busy human, I have two jobs - my first job is mum to three wonderful children, Elizabeth-Anne (19), Marcus (14) and Alexander (10) all of whom keep me very busy.

My second job is School Administrative Manager at Hunters Hill High School. I love my work and helping students, teachers and parents gives me great satisfaction. The day to day running of the school office can be quite hectic and sometimes chaotic just like my family life but I would not have it any other way!"

The aim was three-fold; to break down perceived barriers, improve listening and writing skills and to discover new stories within the school community—to "shine a light" on the beauty and wonder that is around us everyday.

Thank you for sharing your stories.



Paige Bibik-Tonu — (Year 8)

"I have a younger brother Kobe—he is adorable, but he bites me all the time. He is almost 2 years old and I really like watching him learn new things and grow. The most special thing is hearing him say words for the first time—his first word was "mum", but the other word he says a lot is "stuck". This is because he is always running around, he is so fast, but he always gets stuck in things—like the laundry basket.

My family drive me crazy, but I love them so much."



Myles Colman — (Year 7)

"The men in my family have inspired me. My great-great grandfather was a stowaway on a ship from England. Three of my grandfathers were in World War I. My great uncle trained for the army for World War II and my uncle is a test pilot. They have all shown great courage and loyalty to Australia in their lifetimes. These traits are ones I hope I will carry on into the future. When I finish school I would like to show my loyalty to Australia and all the people who live here by serving our beautiful country."

