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# The Figtree

THE JOURNAL OF HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

## August 2016

### *Soirée & L'art Visuels*



*Commencing at 6pm  
17<sup>th</sup> August 2016  
Phil Daniels Pavilion  
Hunters Hill High School  
Entry by donation*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>August 15</b> P&C Meeting	<b>August 16</b> Achievers Morning Tea Years 7, 8, 9
<b>August 18</b> Year 12 Parent Seminar (6.30 – 7.30pm)	<b>August 23</b> Achievers Morning Tea – Years 10, 11, 12
<b>August 26</b> Leadership Assembly	<b>September 1</b> Year 12 Showcase
<b>September 2</b> Legacy Day	<b>September 7/8/9</b> State Athletics <b>September 10 (Saturday)</b> P&C Working Bee
<b>September 12</b> Year 11 Yearly Exams begin	<b>September 14</b> Year 7 Gala Day

## Keep the Date!

Year 12 Graduation Day Assembly - 21 September, 2016

(Morning Assembly - More information coming soon!)

## Don't Be Late!

Hunters Hill High School Bell Times

Morning Warning Bells - 8.30am & 8.44am

Assembly/Roll Call Bell - 8.48am

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Together with my appreciation to all newsletter contributors, I encourage your enjoyment of this month's *Figtree* as it is a wonderful snapshot of our school community!

As our school calendar indicates, our **Year 12 students** have completed their Trial HSC and are completing their Major Works. Understandably, it is a very busy time within our school community as teachers mark papers, complete reports and guide students through this final phase of their HSC program.

Year 12 parents will receive separate and detailed information about the school's expectations and their children's commitments over the coming months. I urge parents to discuss these expectations and commitments with their children. It is crucial that all students focus on their learning as significant improvement leading up to, and during, the public exam period in October and November is possible, if this focus is maintained.

Unfortunately, I will miss Year 12 Graduation Assembly this year as I will be on leave; however, I'm confident that Mr Murphy, who will be relieving as Principal, will convey my best wishes to Year 12 and their families at this significant ceremony. Assisted by the leadership of R/Deputy Principal Mr Gane, Year Advisor Mr Pickles and our Student Leadership Team, our Year 12 students have been great school citizens and ambassadors for our school community. They will leave a very positive legacy. I look forward to speaking with Year 12 students before and during their HSC examinations next term.

Over the past couple of decades, Hunters Hill High has developed strong relationships and programs with our Partner Primary Schools. In fact, many of our past and current students have benefited from such programs as our Primary Enrichment Program (PEP), Top of the Hill, Hands on Science and Primary Band Day. Further, as you can see from Ms Riviera's piece in this newsletter, our students have had, and continue to have, some great leadership opportunities working with our primary schools.

With this rich history of collaboration and connection, the development of the **Lane Cove River Alliance** and its inaugural and very successful Professional Learning Day on our School Development Day this term have been great moments in Hunters Hill High School's history. I congratulate Learning and Support Teacher Ms Austin and Relieving Deputy Principals Mr Gane and Ms Chiew for their organisation as well as our teachers who developed and led workshops - all of which were very positively evaluated.

Currently, the school is planning and preparing for our **2017 staffing and timetable**. With Deputy Principal Mr Murphy's assistance, Ms Chiew will lead this team. At this stage, two positions have been finalised: 2017 Year 7 Advisor Ms Lenard and 2017 Year 10 Advisor Mr Skinner. Ms Lenard, who is an experienced Year Advisor, has commenced working with Ms Austin and 2017 Year 7 Deputy Principal Mr Gane to ensure the successful transition of Year 6 students into Hunters Hill High School. After much deliberation, Head Teacher English Ms Goulousis has decided to relinquish her Year Advisor's role at the conclusion of the year. To ensure a seamless transition, Mr Skinner, who has a strong knowledge of, and relationship with Year 9, has commenced working with Ms Goulousis and Year 9 students.

To build on our strong Student Welfare emphasis and expertise, there will be a Professional Learning Day for all Year Advisors early in Term 4. Have a glimpse at our 'Food for Thought' this newsletter - a great outcome for one of our inspiring students who faced some challenges!

It is our practice that there is a teacher presentation prior to each **P&C Meeting**. This month's meeting will be held on **Monday August 15 at 7pm** in the Staff Common Room and will be preceded by two presentations: Ms Wild's presentation on the P&C funded Promethean Screens and Ms Chiew's presentation on one of the Department of Education's new mandatory requirements - Validation.

As I have said on many occasions, we are particularly fortunate to have such an active and effective parent body within our school community. These teacher-led workshops are an opportunity for the school to share its work with parents so I encourage your attendance to learn more about your children's school.

Further, I urge all parents' attention to their **school accounts** which have been sent out recently. My thanks to those parents who have met their financial responsibilities to their children's education; to those parents who have overlooked this responsibility, please finalise these accounts at your earliest convenience. As you can see from this newsletter, your prompt and full payment allows the school to provide a vast array of programs and activities for your children as well as effect improvements to our grounds and infrastructure which benefit all of our children. As always, if families are experiencing financial duress, please contact the school and the matter will be managed confidentially.

Apart from Monday night's P&C Meeting, I'm looking forward to enjoying Wednesday night's **Soiree** and the upcoming **Year 12 Showcase** with as many parents and students as possible.

**Judith M Felton**

## *Soirée & L'art Visuels*

Hunters Hill High School's music Soirée and art show will be held on Wednesday, August 17. Please come and enjoy light refreshments, provided by our senior hospitality classes, whilst appreciating the artworks and music showcased on the evening. Doors open at 6pm, entry by donation.



# Deputy Principal Report

To assist Year 7 & 8 students and families, HHHS has implemented an **Assessment Schedule Spread sheet** for Term 3. The spread sheet can be accessed from the School Website, under the 'Subject Areas' tab or at this address: [www.bit.ly/term3assessments7\\_8](http://www.bit.ly/term3assessments7_8)

I'd also like to advise that a subject specific **Textbook Register** is also available from the website, under the 'Curriculum & Activities' tab or at this address: [www.bit.ly/hhhstexts2016](http://www.bit.ly/hhhstexts2016)

Congratulations to all involved in **Variety Night 2016**. Once again, I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Year 8 parent James Hurworth who arranged the filming of this event. If you would like to view the Variety Night film, please complete the following form to receive a link to the movie: [www.bit.ly/hhhsvarietynight](http://www.bit.ly/hhhsvarietynight)

Relating to school **building and maintenance projects**, I'm pleased to update the school community about the following work, which took place during the recent July school holidays:

- New carpet installed in 7 HSIE & PDHPE classrooms \$25,000
- Installation of additional aluminium bench seating surrounding the oval \$4,000
- Renovation of the Science Space \$30,000
- Renovations of the male and female Administration bathrooms \$30,000
- Repairs to external concrete surfaces of K Block \$75,000

It's also pleasing to announce that the **Library Air Conditioning Project** has concluded. This large project, valued at \$200,000 (funded by the Department of Education) now means our library is fully and automatically climate controlled throughout the year.

The ongoing project (funded by our P&C Association) to erect a **Shade Sail COLA** over the assembly area is nearing construction. This project was published as a public tender, with 9 companies responding to tender. On Thursday 21st July, HHHS selected the successful company and is now in the process of negotiating a start to construction. It is anticipated that the Shade Sail COLA will be constructed in the October School Holidays at a cost of \$57,000.

The **major upgrade to our computer network** continues this term. This upgrade will see HHHS classified as an eT4L school, which basically allows a greater level of remote management and maintenance from the Department of Education and offsite access to school servers by staff and families. As part of this project, HHHS is funding upgrades to our fibre optic cabling and creating a larger Wi-Fi network, including the School Hall and Movement Studio. I will continue to keep you updated about this exciting upgrade.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate our Under 16's Rugby League Team, for their recent performance at the Regional Rugby League Carnival at Centennial Park. It was a pleasure to coach these boys and I'm particularly proud of their sportsmanship and performance, finishing runners up in the carnival.

**Joshua Gane**  
R/Deputy Principal





# Deputy Principal Report

## External Validation

The School Excellence Framework (SEF) was introduced into NSW public schools in 2015; the school used this framework to self-assess current school practices for the first time at the end of 2015. In August, the school will be undertaking the External Validation process which requires the provision of evidence to a panel that supports the school's judgement of its achievement in the 14 elements of the SEF. This panel then comes to the school and validates the school's judgement.

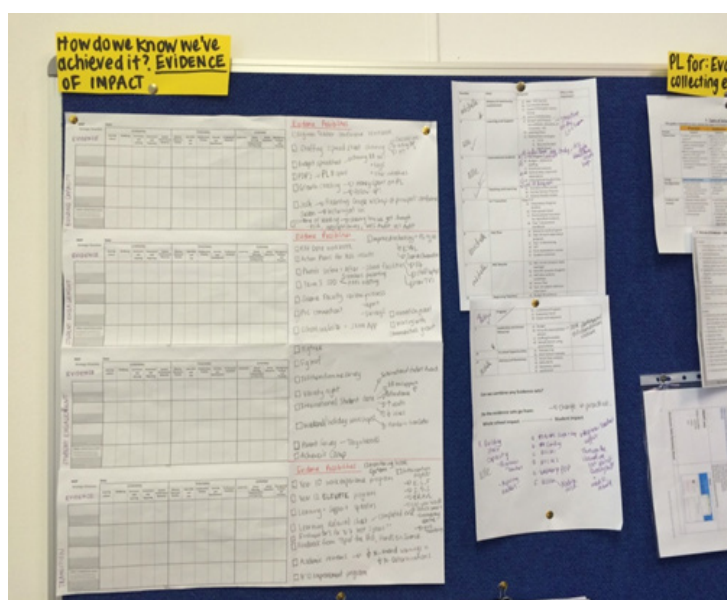
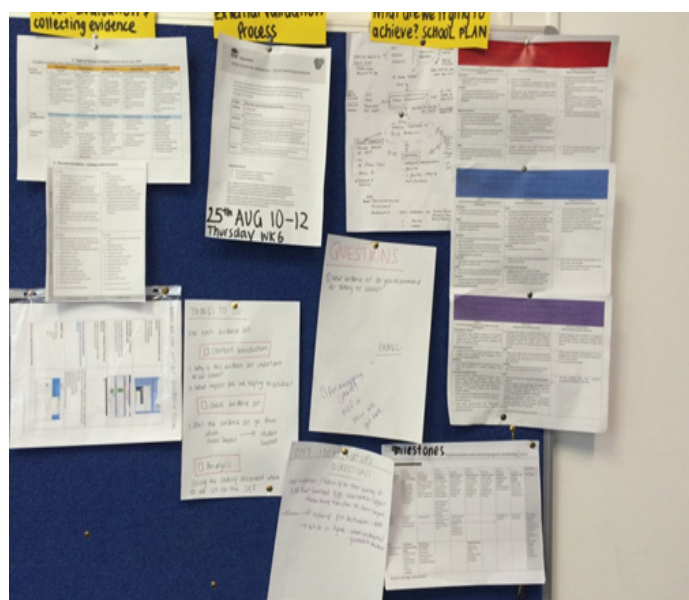
In preparation for External Validation, our school Executive Team along with other key staff members have discussed the SEF and its implications for informing, monitoring and validating our journey towards excellence. We had a 2-day collaborative planning day at the end of Term 2 where we developed evidence sets as part of the body of evidence required for the External Validation Submission. Additionally, Elena Goulousis and I have worked closely with Principal, School Leaders on annotating and refining our chosen evidence sets, which is basically the story outlining why these evidence sets are important to our school and what their impact is having.

This process has been a collaborative process, with all Senior Executive and Head Teachers making a contribution by either annotating an evidence set or collecting evidence that make up the evidence set. Our submission was assessed by Director, Sharon Sands on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August before submitted electronically on August 11<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August, we will host the External Panel who will ask any clarifying questions before they determine if our judgement was accurate and whether our evidence supports that judgement.

This self-assessment process is fundamental to the determination of our "next steps" in Hunters Hill High's journey towards excellence. We will use this data to inform our planning and preparation for 2017 and continue to make this school the best it can be. This is our planning board (see below), where through collaboration, professional dialogue and professional learning workshops, we have mapped out:

1. What we are trying to achieve from our 2015-2017 School Plan
2. How do we know we have achieved our desired impact?
3. Where do we need to go next?

**Michelle Chiew-Meldrum**  
R/Deputy Principal



## Unapproved 'Social Events'

From time to time, unofficial 'social' events are sometimes contemplated and perhaps implemented by students. HHHS strongly discourages participation in these activities as they often lack the completeness in organisational detail that school-run programs follow as standard operating procedure.

Events run through third party providers are often expensive, with bond money and guaranteed payments required. These potentially expose the young person organisers to financial risk and others to financial loss and disappointment.

Parents and students need to be aware that the school will not 'pick up' the organisation or the financial management for such 'social events', nor supervise a 'social', nor can the school comment on whether appropriate risk management and safety procedures have been implemented. Should persons attend, they do so as private citizens for with parents' acceptance of the due responsibilities in regards to 'duty of care'.

**M Murphy**  
**Deputy Principal**

## P&C Report

So far this year the P&C Association has allocated funds of approximately \$100,000 to purchase equipment for the school. The major expenditure was on four touch screens for use in classroom teaching. There will be a presentation on the use of these screens at the next meeting so please come along and hear how this equipment is being used to enhance the learning experience for our students.

Funds were also allocated last year for installation of a sun shade over the assembly area. There have been some delays in the installation process but we are hopeful that it will be in place before summer to provide shade and sun protection.

I hope to see many parents at the **P&C meeting on Monday, 15 August at 7pm** (tea and coffee from 6pm)

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

## P&C - Sponsorship, Alliances & Special Projects

The P&C Association would like to extend an invitation to parents, businesses, friends of the school and ex-student alumni to help with improvement and beautification projects for the school.

We are presently looking for sponsorship team members; a small contribution of your time & enthusiasm can yield big differences!

Can you help?

Please contact us at: [secretary.hhhspc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.hhhspc@gmail.com)



## Lane Cove River Alliance

Since late 2015 Hunters Hill High School has been a member of the Lane Cove River Alliance (LCRA). This alliance was established to build upon the already strong relationships between Hunters Hill High School, Riverside Girls High School, Hunters Hill Public School, Boronia Park Public School, Gladesville Public School, Lane Cove West Public School, Lane Cove West Public School and Greenwich Public School. Through the leadership of the strong executive team of principals and assistant principals the alliance determined a common goal from our respective school plans: to address the needs of Gifted and Talented Education for our students, particularly in the transition to high school.

After extensive planning, on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> July Hunters Hill High School hosted over 350 primary and secondary teachers from the local public schools.

The day commenced with Sharon Sands (Director of Public Schools for the Northern Region) and Hunters Hill High School Principal Judith Felton welcoming and congratulating everyone on their commitment and dedication to excellence in Public Education. The agenda involved 3 keynote speakers: Dr Angela Chessman, Dr Sue Vasilevska and Shirley Koch. The three speakers gave expert advice for identifying gifted and talented students, outlining strategies for enriching learning experiences and maintaining a culture of academic achievement in the digital world. Teachers then had the opportunity to choose from over twenty workshops led by their colleagues which addressed a diverse range of GAT learning strategies for children in the digital generation including: technology, creative arts, visible thinking, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), coding and animation.

It was exciting to see a community of professional and passionate teachers in the same place at the same time thinking, sharing and collaborating for shared pathways to a future that can sometimes be daunting. To cap off the day, the alliance came together to hear Dr Kristy Goodwin share neuroscientific research arising from the new generation of "digital kids" and advice on how to assist students in thriving "offline".

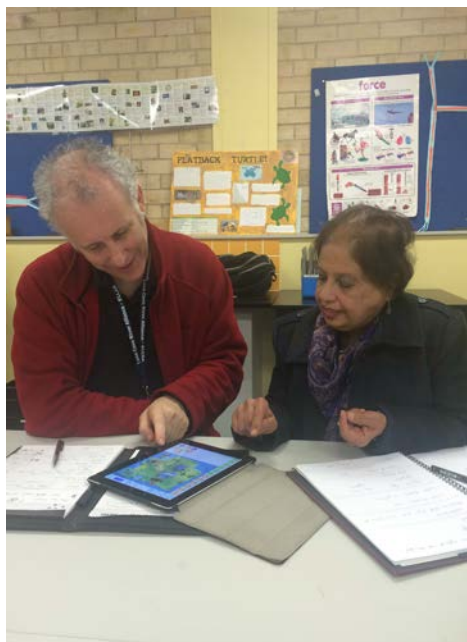
The success of the day was primarily a result of dedication – dedication of the leaders of the community and the dedication of the teachers to their vocation. Using the feedback from the day the Lane Cove River Alliance will maintain their commitment to development and move into the future nurturing the bonds of collaboration and sharing.

If you would like to follow the Alliance's progress you can follow us on Twitter @LCRAAlliance

**Jess Austin**

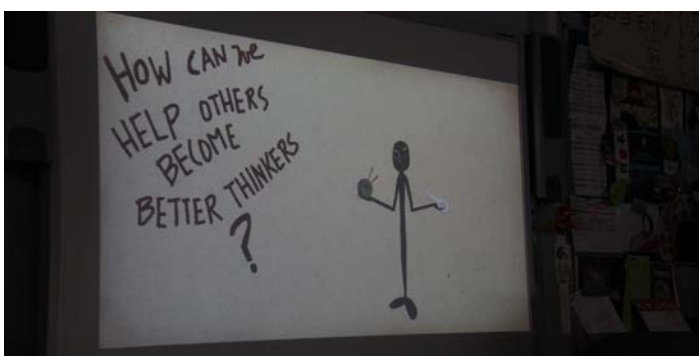
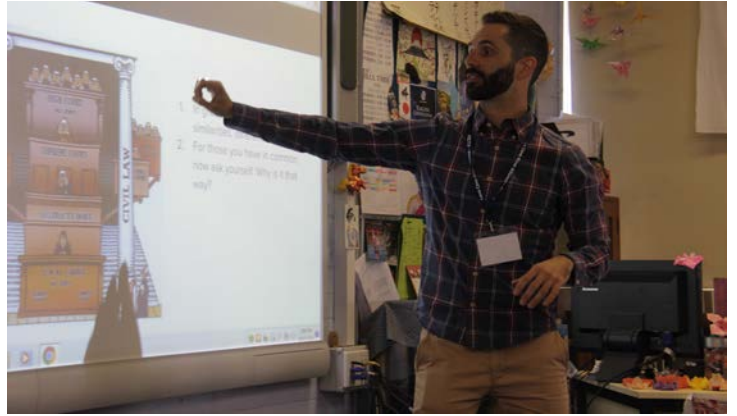


## What a great Term 3 School Development Day at Hunters Hill High School!





## So much valuable professional learning!





# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**Hunters Hill High School is very proud of you, Jack!**

## **Young chef with autism lands dream job at top Sydney restaurant Catalina**

A young man with autism has landed his dream job in one of Sydney's top restaurants. Working in the kitchen of award-winning celebrity haunt Catalina in Rose Bay has been a "life-changing" experience for Jack Studholme, 20, from North Ryde.



For the full story on Jack, an ex-student of Hunters Hill High School, please go to the following link:

<http://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/life-and-relationships/careers-and-money/autistic-chef-lands-dream-job-at-top-sydney-restaurant-catalina-20160725-gqd7mq.html>

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# 2016 Ski Retreat

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ski Retreat will be remembered for 3 days of skiing in perfect conditions. Our 87 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 enjoyed three beautiful sunny days skiing on a thick layer of fresh snow.

I'd like to congratulate our fantastic group of students who were a credit to our school and their families with their exemplary behaviour and teamwork.

I also pass on my thanks to the dedicated team of teachers who joined me on this trip; Ms Woolford, Ms Gerofi and Ski Retreat Organiser Mr Wade.

Next Figtree will feature a student report, detailing the group's adventures over the 4 day trip.

**Josh Gane**  
Deputy Principal











## You can make a difference

Our school is holding a book swap in the Library on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, to raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Please bring in a loved book to swap before the day and a gold coin to be able to take home another book to enjoy.

Can you imagine not being able to read a newspaper, a road sign or directions on a bottle of medication? Sadly, this is a reality faced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in remote communities today.

The literacy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children is significant – and the more remote the community, the larger the gap. Since 2009, ILF's Book Supply program has delivered more than 150,000 new books to over 250 communities nationally. But we need your help to continue these efforts.

The Great Book Swap is a fantastic way to celebrate reading locally, and raise much-needed funds to buy books for remote communities. **All you need to do is swap one of your favourite books for someone else's – for a gold coin donation.**

Last year, along with the SRC cake stall we raised over \$1,000. Help us raise even more this year!

Bring your books to the Library or see Mr Stewart for more information.

**B Stewart**

Teacher Librarian

## HHHS P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday 8.00am - 9.00am  
Thursday 8.00am - 9.00am  
during terms

K Block First Floor  
[uniformshhhs@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshhhs@gmail.com)

# 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 measures 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.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

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 22 August and 21 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 **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

## The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

This term, our school will 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 take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 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>

**Bel Woolford**  
**R/Head Teacher Science**

## Hunters Hill High Students Shine

Hunters Hill High School students have recently provided excellent assistance at the Athletics Carnivals of two of our partner primary schools.

### **Hunters Hill High Primary School:**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 14 Year 10 students and Mr McAlpine 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. They demonstrated to the primary students how to use a shot-put and javelin and even ran the 800 metres and 400 metres race with the students who were not strong runners. Thank you to Mr McAlpine and the students below for representing the school with such positive behaviour and enthusiasm. Congratulations and well done to the following students:

Hunter Mickels, Saxon Boyd, Royce Cernelutti, Meg Dortmans, Chelsea Drake, Jacquelin Gill, Patrick Herlihy, Aaron Swinton, Aina Ibrahim, Benjamin Jones, Charlotte Jones, Giorgio Leventis

### **Lane Cove Primary School Athletics Carnival:**

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July Hunters Hill High students, along with Mr Habbouchi represented the school at the Lane Cove Primary School Athletics Carnival. The students and Mr Habbouchi braved the cold weather that morning and headed off to Tantaloon Park. I would like to thank Mr Habbouchi and the following students for their efforts and generosity on the day.

Harrison Akdeniz-Newton, Lexus Joubert, Andreea Calaminos, Nick Lawrie, Dali McDonald, Angus Jamieson, Scott Hansford, Mikayla Ward

### **Giorgio Leventis – CHS Rugby Representative:**

Congratulations to Giorgio Leventis in Year 10 who was selected to be a part of the NSW Combined High Schools Rugby Union Team. This is a significant achievement and we would like to wish Giorgio all the best in the tournament. Giorgio was acknowledged for his achievement and presented with a Hunters Hill High State Sports jacket at the school assembly.

### **State Cross Country:**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the following students ran as a team and represented Hunters Hill High School and the Northern Suburbs Zone at the NSW State Cross Country at Eastern Creek Raceway; Dellacruz Paita, Cameron Duffy, Thomas Siame and Zack Jones. Congratulations to all the boys on this great achievement. Each boy was acknowledged for their achievement and presented with a Hunters Hill High State Sports jacket at the school assembly.

### **Regional Athletics Carnival:**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, the students below 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 Dellacruz Paita and Emily Duffy in Year 7 who made it through to the State Athletics. Good luck.

Justin Sunderland, Alexander Galati, Andrian McGuigan, Samuel Galati, Harrison Hansford, Andrew Gaft, Thomas Siame, Mikayla Ward, Charlotte Jones, Astrid Kingsmill, Isabella McLeod, Nitai Basyal, Sebastien Davies, Curtis Kingsmill, Dorian Mackic, Cameron Duffy, Murray Paish, Alex Zambrano-Balao, Alyssa Jordaan, Emily Duffy, Dellacruz Paita, Nick Chao, Eros Derilo, Maisha Elliot, Brayden Duguid, India Jamieson

**Ms Riviera – Sports Organiser**

# YEAR 12 NEWS

## Year 12 Report

Hello Parents, Welcome to Term 3.

I hope you are all well and that your independent teenagers are still focused and determined to achieve their best in their up coming HSC.

As you would be aware, your children have just completed their HSC Trial Examinations. Often at this stage some students think that it's all over. Please emphasise with your child that marks can still be gained until the HSC is completed. There are still a number of assessment tasks due and it is essential that they keep to their study routines right through until November if they are to give themselves their best chance.

Shortly the school will be issuing a calendar of dates for the upcoming weeks, inclusive of Year 12 activities. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

### Elevate Program

Over the past twelve months Year 12 students have been involved in a number of seminars to aid them in their preparation for the HSC. The topics that have been covered include; Path of the Study Sensei, Time Management, Student Evaluation, Memory and Mnemonics, Ace Your Exams and Finish Line.

Hunters Hill High School would like to invite you to a one hour parent presentation which will cover the most important points discussed in the student seminars so that you can best support your child at home.

The **seminar** will be held in the Phil Daniels Pavilion on **Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 to 7.30pm**. Please refer to your diaries and make arrangements to attend. I would love to see you all in attendance to further support your child.

**Warren Pickles**  
**Year 12 Coordinator**

## TAS Report

It is very busy in the TAS faculty as all major works draw to a conclusion. Industrial Technology Furniture (Wood) is due on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August and Design and Technology is due 25<sup>th</sup> August.

The Workshops are open throughout the day to all students and I strongly suggest that all students make the effort to be working on their projects in any spare time they have.

The Workshop was open both days of the weekend 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> of August and every afternoon of the Week starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> until 9pm.

I would like to thank Mr Wilson and Mr Bulathsinhala for conducting holiday workshops in Industrial Technology furniture and Design and Technology.

**Warren Pickles**  
**Relieving Head Teacher**  
**TAS/PDHPE**



## HSC Holiday Workshops

No rest for the wicked! HHHS CAPA HSC Students worked hard over the holidays preparing HSC major works for examination in Term 3. Thank you to all of our hard-working teachers for giving up time over the holidays to support our students.

**Ms Simpson**  
**CAPA**

## Helping HSC Students Compose Themselves

This year a number of our Year 12 Music 1 students have had the privilege of working with specialist composer and musician Oliver Cameron. A composition graduate of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Oliver has come into the school a number of times this year to work primarily with our composition students on their concept development and notation of their compositions.

"Oliver has helped me further my compositional understanding by providing both practical and theoretical examples... he understands what I want for my HSC composition and helps me achieve that." – Nick Nunez, composition student.

Oliver has also assisted some of our performance students in improving their technique and preparing their pieces for their examinations. These Year 12 students have found Oliver's expertise, insight and feedback invaluable while preparing for their HSC, we look forward to seeing their finished products in a couple of weeks.

**Claire Vowell**  
**Music**



# Year 12 HSC Japanese Speaking Workshop

On Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> Year 12 Japanese Continuers students got the chance to put their speaking skills to the test in a special HSC preparation workshop at the wonderful Nihongo Tanken Centre at Kirrawee High school. Our students participated in the workshop with other Japanese Continuers students from Kirrawee High, their Japanese teacher and a native speaker trainee teacher. The Tanken staff had prepared activities that focused on giving the students the maximum amount of conversation practice including practice at the individual HSC Oral Examination where each student speaks individually with a teacher for 10 minutes. This practice run was tough, but incredibly valuable in preparing our students for their Oral Exam.

The HSC Japanese Continuers Oral Examination was held on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at Shore School, North Sydney.

**Ms. C. Talbot**  
(LOTE Japanese teacher)



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Dance News

On Sunday 24 July, braving the cold, the HHH Jazz Troupe and Hip Hop boys performed at their first competition of the year: DanceSpec 2016, an all school event.

In a tough section, the jazz troupe gave a good performance but did not gain a place.

The Hip Hop boys were ready to make Hunters Hill High School proud and gave a fantastic performance to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Both troupes are now ready for more.

On Tuesday 26 July, the Jazz Troupe auditioned for the Ryde School Spectacular which will be held on Thursday 27 October at the Opera House. After initial positive feedback, they are now eagerly waiting for the results.

### Delphine Davies



## Mosman Youth Art Prize...

The *Mosman Youth Art Prize* is an annual competition organised by Mosman Council aimed at encouraging the creative talents of young, aspiring and emerging artists and providing a showcase for their works.

Year 7 student, William Colman successfully entered his M.C. Escher inspired drawing into the Mosman Youth Art Prize last month. William worked hard on his artwork, *Along the Lines*, evident in the refined use of tone and composition. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done William!

Dominique Scenna



# Junior Drama



Congratulations to our Junior Drama ensemble for their outstanding performance at the Arts Alive Festival. The students from years 7 to 9 performed on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July at the Seymour Centre. The Troupe represented Hunters Hill High School with pride at the Department of Education's festival, performing their play-built performance 'Boxed Up!' From all reports they thoroughly enjoyed entertaining such a large audience after working so hard to polish their piece. Thank you to Jenny Nylund who gave up so many weekends to work with our talented stars on the rise!

**Ruth Simpson**  
**CAPA**

## Volunteering Update

The following students were given their Volunteering Certificates from the Department of Education at our Welcoming Assembly during Term 2.

**Charlotte Wiltshire:**

Gold Certificate for 60 hours of volunteering

**Ben Jones:**

Bronze Certificate for 20 hours of volunteering

Silver Certificate for 40 hours of volunteering

**Sacha Thomas:**

Bronze Certificate for 20 hours of volunteering

Silver Certificate for 40 hours of volunteering

Gold Certificate for 60 hours of volunteering

Diamond Certificate for 80 hours of volunteering

Opal Certificate for 120 + hours of volunteering

Congratulations to these students for your efforts in the community and at our school.

**Upcoming Volunteering Opportunities:**

Legacy Day, 2 September 2016

Poppy Day, 4 November 2016

**Ria Lenard**  
**Volunteering Co-ordinator**



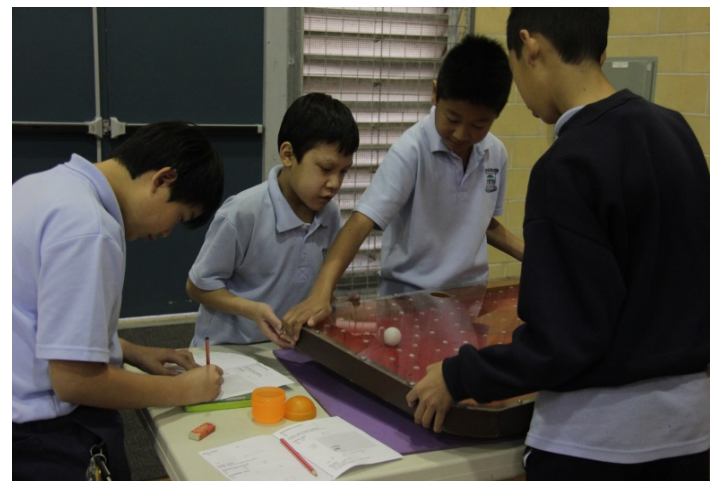
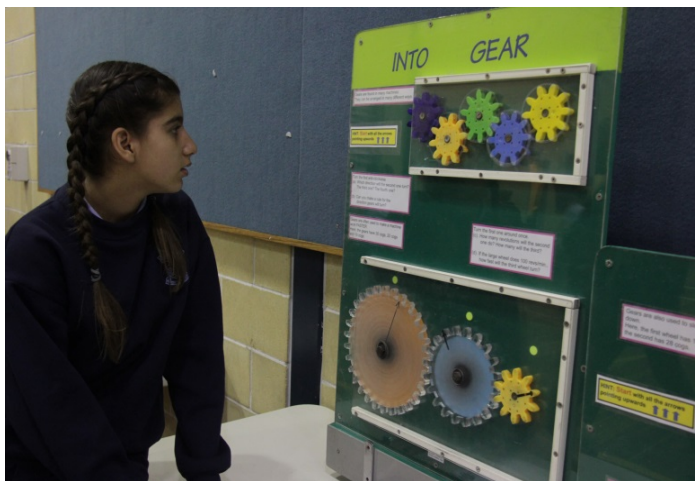
# World of Maths Incursion for Year 7

Hunters Hill Year 7 students enjoyed using their problem solving skills during the visit of World of Maths on Wednesday, 29 June 2016.

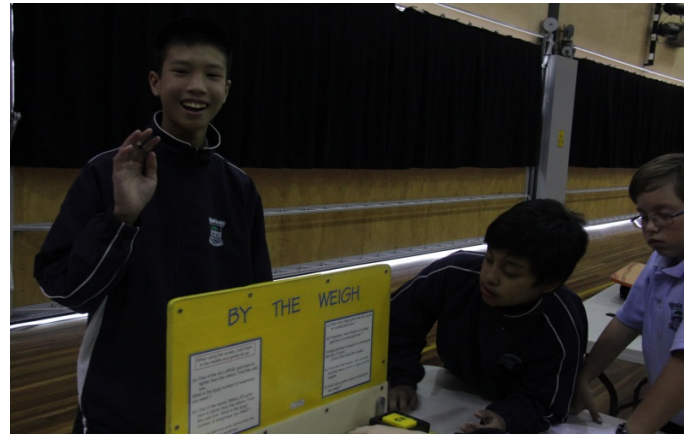
The students approached the problem solving with gusto and it was rewarding seeing the students work in groups to get the desired outcomes.

**Ria Lenard**

**World of Maths Co-ordinator**







## "BEYOND THE BELL"

Mondays from 3:15pm – 4:30pm  
in the Library

"Beyond the Bell" provides a positive study environment for students and promotes effective time management and organisation.

AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED!

All 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.

IMPORTANT: Please complete the necessary permission note and return to student administration.



# Year 8 Report

## Subject Selection:

Subject Selection for Year 9, 2017 has now been closed. Please ensure you have read carefully through the information booklet with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Woolford.

## Year 8 Assessment Schedule:

In an attempt to assist families negotiate assessment tasks HHHS has compiled an Assessment Schedule Spreadsheet. This spreadsheet lists all Assessment Task due dates for Year 8 students throughout Term 3, 2016. The Year 7 & 8 Term 3 Assessment Schedule can be found at the following link [http://bit.ly/hhhsterm3assessments7\\_8](http://bit.ly/hhhsterm3assessments7_8) or on the website.

If this exercise proves helpful, the school will continue the process for Term 4 and into 2017, with the intention of rolling out a similar model for Years 9 and 10.

Year 8 students were introduced to this spreadsheet following an assembly on 20/7/2016. The spreadsheet is also available now from our school website under the "Subject Areas" tab.

I hope you find this assessment schedule useful. Please use this spreadsheet over the coming weeks. Please note, as this spreadsheet is completed on a Google Form, we recommend accessing via the Google Chrome Browser, not Internet Explore.

## Year 8 NRL Development Day

On Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> July Year 8 students were lucky enough to be involved in an all-day NRL Development Day hosted by four upcoming NRL players. Students were taught the fundamental skills of Rugby League and Touch Football (catching /passing / tackling or tagging / evasion / line defence and communication).

After the coaching session the students were placed into teams then grouped into pools to participate in a round of non-competitive games to showcase the skills they had learnt throughout the day. At the completion of the day each student received an NRL show bag, a Rugby League football and 2 free tickets to any 2016 NRL round game.

On behalf of Hunters Hill High School, I would like to thank the NRL for organising this fantastic day for the students. I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate all of the Year 8 students on their excellent behaviour and involvement on the day.



# Careers Corner

**Year 12:** Term 3 is underway and our Year 12 students are currently undertaking their Trial HSC exams. Good Luck to all students.

In week 1 of Term, all Year 12 students who are considering applying for University were given the 2016/2017 UAC Guide. This booklet provides information on all of the courses that NSW Universities provide for the upcoming year. It also explains how students can submit their preference list for their desired courses. If any student has not received a booklet, they are available from the Careers Staffroom.

A friendly reminder to all Year 12 students, please activate your 'Students Online' account. If you are having any trouble with accessing this please go to room 216 and Mr. Kovacic can assist with this.

As our Year 12 cohort is finishing its school life fairly soon, I have been liaising with an external provider to assist in providing our Year 12 students with their RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) qualifications. This will give our students an opportunity to gain employment in the hospitality industry once they have completed their HSC. We have had nearly 50 students expressing an interest in this program; it is pleasing to see that our students are eager to learn workplace based skills. Dates to be aware of:

<b>Educational Access Scheme:</b>	Opens 3rd August Closes 30th September
<b>University Admission Centre:</b>	Opens 3rd August Closes 30 <sup>th</sup> September

**Year 11:** Year 11 students are in their final term of their Preliminary HSC; soon they will be stepping into their HSC year beginning in Term 4. Good Luck to all Year 11 students, completing their Prelim course.

Year 11 Work Studies will be opening up a student run café during this term. To start off, the students will be opening up this café to cater for the staff and once they become more comfortable with this, we will be looking to expand. Before all this happens though, all students will be completing their barista qualifications during the term. The class will be heading out to an external provider where they will learn the art of coffee making. Other students from the Year 9 & 10 Work Education classes will also be invited to come along too. This qualification will also give our students the opportunity to gain employment outside of school.

**Year 10:** Last term the entire Year 10 cohort went out on Work Experience in Week 10. This program was a huge success with students partaking in a variety of jobs throughout the week. I had the pleasure of visiting a number of our students. From all reports our students worked exceptionally well and gained high praise from their supervisors. It was also great to see that some students gained employment from their placements.

Year 10 will also be undertaking resume writing and cover letter classes during their scheduled Careers classes this term. This is a great chance for students to add their involvement from the Work Experience week to their resume.

**Year 9:** The Year 9 Work Education class was asked if they had any interest in gaining their barista qualifications and to my surprise the whole class expressed an interest in doing this. So our Year 9 class will be joining our senior students in this activity, which is great to see.

**Whole School:** Lastly, students are encouraged to check the noticeboards located out the front of room 216 and in the study room of the library for any advertisements for open days, seminars or job opportunities.

**Mr Kovacic**  
**Careers Advisor**



# North Ryde "Dress Up" Fun Run for Youth Mental Health

9am-2pm Sunday 28 August 2016

Macquarie University Sport Fields,  
corner of Culloden & Talavera Roads,  
Macquarie Park

- 2 km walk
- 5 km run (+ Intercollegiate competition)
- + Stalls
- + Food & Drink

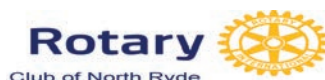
For students, families & friends  
all ages & stages of fitness



\$20 online donation for adults or \$10 for students  
Carers & spectators – gold coin donation on the day

Proceeds to Youth Mental Health research & treatment  
& other worthy Rotary projects

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Enter online now:

[www.northrydefunrun.com.au](http://www.northrydefunrun.com.au)

Late entries on the day \$5 more



# Rotary



Club of North Ryde

## 2016 North Ryde Fun Run (Dress up if you wish – prizes)

Sunday 28 August 2016

Macquarie University Sports Grounds

8:30 am till 2:00 pm

2k walk and 5k walk and run

Corporate, student and public entries

Adults \$20, Students and children \$10

Proceeds fund research into youth mental health and treatment programs and other Rotary projects

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For more information and to register

<http://www.northrydefunrun.com.au/>

Or contact Victoria Crawford on

0407 272 495

[northryderotary@gmail.com](mailto:northryderotary@gmail.com)

## Meets Dunmore Lang College

Herring Rd, North Ryde

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month

7:15 am for 7:30 am.

Meeting finishes at 8:30 am

As a precursor to the Fun Run **Macquarie University Centre for Emotional Health** is conducting community information evenings. The last of these is on **Wednesday 10 August** about anxiety and depression in adolescence. In this information session, Dr Carolyn Schniering will discuss:

- Ways to identify anxiety and depression in adolescents
- The impact of anxiety and depression in youth
- How to manage anxiety and depression in this age group
- Available treatment options for adolescents through the Centre for Emotional Health

The session commences at **6:00 pm** at the Australian Hearing Hub, Level 1 lecture Theatre, 16 University Avenue Macquarie University. To register use the following link

<http://www.mq.edu.au/research/research-centres-groups-and-facilities/healthy-people/centres/centre-for-emotional-health-ceh/events/anxiety-and-depression-in-adolescence>



# Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

**The next workshop in your area will be held:**

TIME & DATE:  
6.30pm – 8.30pm,  
Wednesday  
24 August 2016

VENUE:  
Regis Hall,  
Regis Campus  
(Junior Site),  
St Ignatius' College,  
Riverview Street,  
Riverview

BOOK NOW:  
Council's Road  
Safety Officer  
on 9911 3576

**Helping learner drivers  
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# Hunters Hill High School

## Term 3 – 2016

Version 3



Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
August	4B	8	9	10	11 HSC Industrial Tec Major Work Due	12
August	5A	15 P & C Meeting	16 <b>Achievers Morning Tea - Years 7, 8, 9</b>	17 <b>Soirée and L'art Visuels - 6pm</b>	18	19 HSC English Ex 2 Major Work Due
August	6B	22 HSC Drama Major Work Due	23 <b>Achievers Morning Tea - Years 10, 11,12</b>	24	25 HSC Design and Tec Major Work Due	26 Leadership Assembly
August/ September	7A	29  HSC VA Major Work Due	30  Grade Winter Sport Finals	31	1 <b>Year 12 Showcase</b>	2 Legacy Day
September	8B	5 HHPS Concert Rehearsal - Hall	6 HHPS Concert Rehearsal – Hall and from 7pm	7 State Athletics	8 State Athletics	9 State Athletics  <b>P&amp;C Working Bee Saturday 10/9</b>
September	9A	12 Year 11 Yearly Exams	13	14 Year 7 Gala Day	15	16  HSC marks due to BOSTES
September	10B	19 Year 11 Exams  <b>P &amp; C Meeting</b>	20 Year 12 Graduation Day Rehearsal	21 <b>Year 12 Graduation Day Assembly</b>	22	23   <b>Last Day Term 3</b>