PUBLIC SPEAKING TALENT

Scott Worthington (Year 9) and George Choi (Year 11) won their respective divisions in the John Symond Public Speaking Competition for the third year in a row. The annual competition, organised by Public Speaking Co-ordinator Ms Sahay, provided the perfect opportunity to showcase the talents of senior and junior public speakers alike. See the school website for a comprehensive report of the event, written by Ms Sahay.

Above: Public speaking winners, including record-holders Scott Worthington and George Choi (foreground).

EXCELLENCE FUND
HONOUR ROLL

In recognition of support of the Excellence Fund, the school has implemented the “Excellence Fund Honour Roll”. At a recent school assembly Homebush-Strathfield RSL Sub-branch was acknowledged as a corporate Platinum supporter joining Wests Ashfield and individual supporter, former student from 1949 and our first Australian Rugby Representative, Geoff Vaughan. For more details, see the school website for Mr Tom Pinkey’s article.

Vice-Captain Thomas Burton presents Principal Tim Jurd with a cheque for $1,000 from Homebush-Strathfield RSL Sub-branch

THE LAST POST

David Brimfield played The Last Post and Reveille at the Strathfield Rotary Club’s ANZAC Day breakfast. This was the fourth successive year that David has performed this community service. See the school’s website for Mr Albertson’s article on the school’s relationship with the Rotary Club of Strathfield.

David Brimfield and Airforce Representative.

Sports Highlights 2009/2010

HBHS wins 2010 North West Metropolitan Zone Summer Sport Championship & Swimming Carnival Championship.
HBHS reaches the semi-finals of the NSWCHS Davidson Shield Knockout Cricket Competition.
HBHS reaches the quarter-finals of the NSWCHS Dave Woods Shield Knockout Water Polo Competition.
HBHS finishes 3rd in the Sydney North Region Butterfly Shield Table Tennis Knockout.
Daniel Yuan North West Metropolitan Zone 12 Years Swimming Champion.
Matthew Gu North West Metropolitan Zone 13 Years Swimming Champion.
Peter Totidis North West Metropolitan Zone 15 Years Swimming Champion.
Peter Brimfield Finalist in the Mens Single Scull at the NSWCHS Rowing Championships.
Josh Rogers & Mitchell Taylor were members of the Drummoyne Under 14’s Water Polo team which won the bronze medal at the 2010 Australian National Water Polo Club Championships.
Farewell to Frank Rodi

Frank Rodi, it is with great joy we celebrate an exceptional career but it is with a heavy heart we view your moving into retirement. We are losing a great teacher, colleague and gentleman. Your calm temperament and sense of humour is valued by students and staff alike. The school wishes you all the very best and we hope to see you around the school whenever it is possible.

Frank’s position will be taken by Ms Digges and we are fortunate to have her accept this position at this time in the year.

NAPLAN For Years 7 and 9

Finally staff and students can move ahead with the dispute between the teachers and the federal government resolved for the time being. Teachers still vehemently oppose the use of NAPLAN data by the media to create and publish simplistic, hurtful ‘League tables’. We hope that any negotiated resolution will include conditions that prevent this happening again.

The tests will run from Tuesday 11 May with Language Conventions and Writing, then Wednesday 12 May with Reading and finally Thursday 13 May will be Numeracy tests. I hope that students do their best and remember that NAPLAN is a tool to identify those students who may require additional support because their result is low or that their ‘growth’ from previous NAPLAN is not great enough.

Computers for Year 9 - Laptops for Learning

On Tuesday 4 May over 400 parents and students came to a meeting in the Hall to hear presentations on the DET program which will deliver laptops into the hands of all of our year 9 students.

These wonderful tools are a part of the Federal governments Digital Education Revolution (DER). The Government’s DER includes an element called the National Secondary Schools Computer Fund which includes the provision of a wirelessly enabled specialist educational laptop to every NSW public school student in years 9 to 12 by 2012. The Office of Schools has taken the lead on this program to ensure that the focus remains firmly on transforming teaching and learning.

In cooperation with the Information Technology Directorate this $442million project will see over 200,000 laptops distributed across 500+ school sites.

In the hall Mr Greg Sheath (relieving deputy and computer coordinator) spoke of the technical specifications of the laptop. He also introduced our Technical Support Officers, Kevin and Sharmin. Mr Andrew Fairley (year 9 adviser), explained the learning program he devised and implemented, which included lessons on file management and how to use the suite of software included on these extraordinary devices. We were helped on the night by student leaders who gave their time to support parents who may need English language interpreting of the documents.

I took considerable time to go through the laptop charter, which parents and students signed verifying that they understand the rights and responsibilities of this laptop program.

As I write there are contractors digging trenches and laying cables for the wireless Phase 3 which will give wireless access to the demountable classrooms around our school. The Phase 2 will be done next and will complete the wireless installation of all permanent learning spaces.

P & C (Parents meeting) Tuesday 18 May at 7.30 PM

Just keep Tuesday 18 May free to come to the P & C so that you can keep up with the latest news and happenings about our school. The guest speaker at the next meeting will be our school counselor, Gina Sorensen. Gina will be presenting on the subject of Positive Parenting Programs and in general on learning support.

Mr Tim Jurd
Principal

Pi DAY
Story on Page 4

The winners Omar and Sahil

Omar and Erkan aka Pi Daddy and P.I.
ENGLISH FACULTY REPORT

The English Faculty is the focus of the whole school community this term with the upcoming annual English Week activities. By now your son will have brought home information about an activity his year cohort will undertake to help him understand the importance of English and communication in the curriculum.

Each student in years 7 to 11 will have the opportunity to experience live theatre during late-May and early-June. These performances were chosen to facilitate each year’s interest and needs. The performances range from the hilariously upbeat Hot Pies and Potato Chips production for Year 7 to the melancholic mood of the nationally renowned satirical poet Tug Dumbly who will share his work with Year 11. Other events include the English, Writing and Spelling competitions, and a special guest speaker who will address the whole school assembly. I want every student to participate in some of these activities and understand the importance of the world’s official language.

The debating teams are in the midst of their competitions as this journal went to print. We have 6 teams competing in their respective competitions. We wish them well and I would like to send out a big thank you to Ms Porteous, Ms McGuinness, Ms Mirkova, Mr Wills and Ms Quick for the countless hours they put into coaching the boys, organising debates against other schools and the immense travel necessary to make the competition possible.

The HSC courses are nearing the last Module in every course. I would like to ask for your support in reinforcing the importance for Year 12 students in attending school between the trial HSC and the end of term 3. This may seem a long time in the future but I can assure you it will come around very quickly. It is critical that students continue to attend all their English classes and complete the revision and exam practice sessions. Experience has constantly demonstrated to me that a student who works very hard and attempts as many exam type responses achieves so much better HSC results.

Upcoming activities your son can be involved in include the English Competition, Public Speaking, various writing competitions and the Premier’s Reading Challenge (years 7 and 8). Your son can ask his English teacher for more details.

Just a quick reminder about the importance of every student maintaining a regular reading programme at home. A minimum of 30 minutes every afternoon/evening is vital. You can set a good example and do the same. As well, by asking your son to tell you about what he is reading is a crucial part in helping him improve his English skills.

Mr Cheiban Elaro,
Head of Department

YEAR 10 DRAMA
STREET PERFORMANCES

Homebush Boys was recently represented in the community when the Year 10 Drama class took part in street performances along Rochester St on 29th April 2010.

As part of the syllabus, Stage 5 students are required to compose and perform for a variety of audiences, including the public. Strathfield Council and some shopkeepers were informed about the performances, whilst students were encouraged to involve the general public.

Danton and Hassan started the morning off with a ‘teacher vs student’ dance off to Michael Jackson hits outside of Classic Kebabs, whilst Mano, Andrew, Raghav and Oussama donned masks and followed shoppers along the street. An improvised radio shack was also set up outside Classic Kebabs by Aleks and Raghav with witty comments and music while Dimitri, Hamish and Nathan remained motionless as statues and paid tribute to great films.

Max managed to generate some business with his portrait stall, drawing the beauties and beasts of Homebush.

Our last performer, Stephen, was the only one to draw the displeasure of those unappreciative of street performance. His striking depiction of a lost immigrant was open and honest.

The boys were congratulated on their efforts by onlookers and drew much interest into the purpose of their performances.

Well done.

Miss J. Carrasco
On May 6 Drum Beat performed for all of Year 8 in the concert hall. The group performed for one hour demonstrating around 100 percussion instruments. At the end of the performance a group of Year 8 were invited up on stage to perform with them. Drum Beat have been coming to Homebush Boys for over 10 years and they said that they enjoyed coming to such a good school where the students are well behaved and join in with their performance.

PI DAY 2010

This year the Mathematics faculty celebrated its first annual Pi Week. Pi week celebrations were held to celebrate the magical mathematical number Pi. The boys had an opportunity to enter the Pi Day scavenger hunt where they had to search for different things related to Pi. They were also invited to participate in a Pi memorisation contest.

The celebrations were wrapped up on Friday assembly with a special presentation where Pi Daddy and P.I. performed a special version of the Pi Rap. Draped in their Pi outfits the boys put on a wonderful display of talent whilst entertaining and educating about the number Pi.

The mathematics faculty would like to extend congratulations to Sahil Bhandula (Year 8) who composed a wonderful entry for the scavenger hunt. Furthermore, we would like to congratulate Omar Ibrahim (Yr 11) who memorised Pi to a spectacular 64 decimal places!

Special mention needs to be made to Erkan Altun and Omar Ibrahim who were a most entertaining Pi Daddy and P.I.

See page 2 for some great photos of the day.

The Mathematics Faculty

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS

Students from HBHS were prominent in the Strathfield Council Youth Achievement Awards in 2010.

Year 12 student Oliver Buckley won the Environment, Science and Technology Award. Oliver captained the Robocup Team which was placed 2nd in the NSW Championships. He is a technology mentor for junior students and staff members alike. Oliver is a student leader fulfilling the role of Prefect. He is also a member of the champion 1st Grade Hockey Team.

The 1st Grade Football Team who are the current NSW ERREA Cup Champions won the award for Team Sports. Thomas Burton and Mitchell Davidson accepted the award on behalf of the team. Team members including Mitchell, Roberto Speranza and Andrew Depta are currently competing in the NSW Championships. Former History Head Teacher and Coach, Roger Doenau was unable to attend the function as he was holidaying in Ireland. Homebush was represented by Sports Coordinator Ron Tedford and the incoming 1st Grade Football Coach Scott Belgre.

Mr Tom Pinkey

The 1st grade Football team receives their award.

Oliver receives his award.
Year 10 at Cronulla

One early breezy morning Year 10 left for an excursion to Cronulla to learn about Coastal Management. We all thought that we were going to freeze at the beach due to the early morning weather but it turned out to be a hot, burning day.

We arrived at Cronulla at 9am and got into groups of five. Each group had to think of a topic to investigate. Then the guide picked the best topic out of six to investigate on which was: “Has rehabilitation of the dune been successful?” We determined this topic based on rehabilitation of the dune undertaken in 1980’s such as planting plants on the primary dunes.

First of all, we walked through the sand dunes and identified the plants along the way. These plants, such as hairy spinifex, beetle bush and coastal wattle are responsible for holding the sand dunes in place; otherwise the beach will be eroded away by wind and sea.

Then we measured the wind speed at the rear, top and front of the primary dune three times and calculated an average for each one. We did this so we could determine which areas of the sand dunes are more vulnerable to wind erosion. Then we measured the distance from the sea to the swash (the water that washes up on shore after an incoming wave has broken), berm (a level raised barrier separating two areas) and the primary dune because we wanted to get an idea of the shape of the beach.

After that we had lunch and most of us had a game of soccer in the beach while some washed their feet in the water. Then we used a compass to check what direction the oil refinery was so we could learn how to use a compass. Then we used our mapping skills to locate the harbour and some places surrounding it like the Opera House, Maritime Museum, AMP Tower and so on.

Finally we all got back on to the bus and wrote conclusions about the day as we took off back to Homebush Boys High. Year 10 thought it was a truly ideal and informative day and this excursion should happen every year.

Sarankan Suresh-Kumar

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### School Calendar 2010

#### Term 1

**Week 4**

- **B 10 May**: School photo day
- **11 May**: NAPLAN, Yr 7 and Yr 9
- **12 May**: Period rotation: 1234
- **13 May**: NAPLAN – Yr 7 and Yr 9
- **14 May**: NAPLAN, Yr 7 and Yr 9
- **15 May**: Zone Cross Country – Macquarie University

#### Week 5

- **A 17 May**: Yr 7 - ‘Sticks and Stones’ – 2.00 pm, new gym
- **18 May**: Catch up – Photo day
- **19 May**: Yr 10 Shakespeare On Trial – Hall – P 7 & 8
- **20 May**: School Council - P & C Meeting
- **21 May**: Period rotation: 3412
- **22 May**: Yr 7 Hot Pies and Potato Crisps – Hall – P 7 & 8
- **23 May**: Yr 8 Geography to Sydney Aquarium & Imax

#### Week 6

- **B 24 May**: Prefects’ raffle for Ugandan students starts
- **25 May**: Medieval Day – P, 1-6, Yr 7 & 8
- **26 May**: ICAS computer skills test
- **27 May**: Period rotation: 1234
- **28 May**: Yr 8 Cyber-shorts – Hall – 2.00 pm
- **29 May**: Yr 12 Drama Workshop – Hall  -  11.00 am – 12.30 pm
- **30 May**: Yr 8 My Girragundji – Parramatta Riverside - 1.00 pm
- **31 May**: Yr 9 Visual Arts G & T Workshop in art rooms

#### Week 7

- **A 31 May**: English Week # 1
- **June 1**: Prefect fund raising (3 weeks)
- **June 2**: Yr 10 Vaccine Boostrix
- **June 3**: Respect Understanding and Acceptance 30 Yr 9
- **June 4**: Strathfield GHS
- **June 5**: Yr 9 Cyber-shorts – Hall – 2.00 pm
- **June 6**: Yr 12 Drama Workshop – Hall - 11.00 am – 12.30 pm
- **June 7**: Period rotation: 3412
- **June 8**: Yr 8 My Girragundji
- **June 9**: Yr 8 My Girragundji – Parramatta Riverside - 1.00 pm
- **June 10**: Yr 9 Visual Arts G & T Workshop in art rooms

#### Week 8

- **B 10 June**: English Week # 2 / Possible Year Assemblies
- **11 June**: Period rotation: 1234
- **12 June**: ICAS Science test
- **13 June**: Yr 8 Science Long Reef
- **14 June**: Yr 11 Tug Dumbly, Performance Poet – Hall 1.45 pm – 2.55 pm
- **15 June**: Opening of New Science Labs
- **16 June**: West Harbour Rugby 10’s
- **17 June**: Prefects’ raffle ends

#### Week 9

- **A 14 June**: Queens birthday
- **15 June**: School Council – P & C Meeting
- **16 June**: Yr 10 ‘Cheap thrills’ – new gym 2.00 pm
- **17 June**: Period rotation: 3412
- **18 June**: History Teacher Ass: HSC History Study Day
- **19 June**: Yr 7 Hep B & HPV (1st shot)
- **20 June**: History Teachers Ass: HSC History Study Day
- **21 June**: Final collection of Ugandan raffle tickets

#### Week 10

- **B 21 June**: Yr 7 ‘Around World in 50 Minutes’ concert - Hall - 9.20 am
- **22 June**: ICAS spelling test, ICAS writing test
- **23 June**: Yrs 9, 10, 11 Parent/Teacher evening and report distribution
- **24 June**: Period rotation: 1234
- **25 June**: Recital Night/Visual Arts display - 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm
- **26 June**: Yr 9 Science – Power House Museum/Aquarium Balmain All Schools 13’s – 16’s
Teachers at Homebush Boys are going beyond traditional classroom barriers, embracing and including new technologies and web2.0 tools in lessons. Connected learning is not a wish but a reality at Homebush Boys HS and is transforming and expanding boundaries in teaching & learning.

Homebush boys HS in the Strathfield school education area is a very large Boys HS with nearly 1300 boys. ICT is often considered a normal/usual part of lessons. There is strong evidence of its use and positive effects on the boys. 1WIB’s feature in a number of KLA’s. We use moodle on-line learning software to deliver a large number of courses. Students can access this from home, which allows for uploading of homework; teachers can then mark this online if they choose to. Moodle also allows students to write blogs, collaborate in wikis, chat online, complete quizzes which are then auto marked or discuss with other students via forums. Computing classes are now paperless with all resources and activities on moodle.

Yr 6 classes from 6 feeder primary schools were asked to participate in a series of lessons delivered from Homebush Boys HS via the connected classroom to the classrooms of the primary schools. 8 faculties participated in this new and exciting initiative which highlighted stage 4 lessons for prospective yr 7 students. Literacy, Numeracy, Science, PE, technology, geography languages (Italian) and art all demonstrated practical skills and theory. Feedback from the primary schools was very positive with all schools wanting to participate this year in the program. Homebush West PS provided an audience for the high school teachers and students were very engaged in the activities.

For a number of years Homebush Boys High has been conducting a week of simulated work placement for year 11 IT Vet framework students. The week’s activities enabled students to participate in a range of scheduled IT tasks. Early in 2009 Mr Gregory Sheath put forward a suggestion that the simulated work placement could be extended to include some remote schools that Tamworth TAFE delivered the IT course to. Mungindi and Goodooga Central agreed to participate.

A meeting was held midyear at Homebush to plan the week’s activities that students would undertake. These activities were aligned to the expectations of business / IT, where many organisations bring together a project team using various forms of communication technology (Video conf, Bridgit, wikis, forums, chat) enabling people to remain in their normal work location. Activities included the setting up of Linux desktops and server and establishing a network for all schools to use. Students would have to establish training and learning material for a fictitious company then present their work via Video conference at the end of the week. Moodle would be used for the delivery of all course material, with connected learning used to deliver face to face instruction.

The benefits to all students as commented by school and TAFE staff during the work placement activity which was conducted in fourth term were:

1. More appreciation of the differences in school and community sizes.
2. Having to communicate and work with people who they had not known or worked with previously.
3. Having to complete realistic IT tasks that would be expected of them out in the business world.
4. Use of a variety of technological tools to communicate and complete scheduled tasks.
5. Having deadlines to meet with their collaborative projects.

One important aspect to come out of the week’s activity as commented by Homebush, TAFE, Mungindi and Goodooga Head Teachers on numerous occasions was student motivation. In conclusion, the week was not without logistical and technical problems. However to see the experiences students gained from working together over a large distance on realistic IT projects far outweighed any technical or logistic problems.

The Excellence Fund was established at Homebush Boys High School to assist students to attend extra-curricular activities that involved financial costs for them to participate. Generally the fund assists “Gifted and Talented” students to participate in activities related to their particular talent whether it is academic, sporting or cultural. However, it is not solely limited to these areas. Our school also provides support for students to participate in activities that develop skills, such as leadership and teamwork, which will help them in their future development.

For a number of years our school has been fortunate to have been supported by Wests Ashfield and Homebush-Strathfield RSL Sub-branch and by individuals such as ex-student Geoff Vaughan. In order to recognise this support we have established an “EXCELLENCE FUND HONOUR ROLL” on the school website in “Communities”. www.homebushbo-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Organisations and individuals who assist the Excellence Fund will now be acknowledged for their support. Organisations can donate from Bronze Level (up to $100) to Platinum Level ($1,000 and above) while for individuals Bronze Level is donations to $50 and Platinum $500 and above.

Another way of assisting the Excellence Fund and at the same time enjoying great discounts on fine dining, takeaway restaurants and arts, sports and attractions is by buying the Entertainment book from the school. See the Entertainment Book Flyer to find out more information.
SPORTSMEN OF THE WEEK

2009 - 2010 Homebush Boys High School Sport Representatives

North West Metropolitan Zone Representatives

**NSW Champions**

Homebush Boys continued its recent run of football successes with 3 students selected to represent Sydney North Region at the Combined High Schools Carnival. Mitchell Davidson, Andrew Depta and Roberto Speranza spearheaded the team to a 2 – 1 victory over South Western Region which included the well performed Westfield Sports High School.

Sydney North completed the carnival without losing a match. Mid fielder Mitchell Davidson was selected in the Combined High Schools Firsts, Goalkeeper Andrew Depta was named in the CHS Seconds and Roberto Speranza selected in the “Shadow Squad”. The boys will now continue playing a series of matches for CHS with the goal of NSW All Schools selection.

Sydney North was coached by Homebush Boys High Schools Physical Education Teacher, Scott Belgre.

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Laptop Program Year 9

Approximately 80% of parents attended the recent parent information sessions at school, on the 4th and 5th of May. The laptop user charter was explained by the Principal Mr Tim Jurd with Mr Gregory Sheath (Relieving Deputy Principal and Mr Andrew Fairley (Yr9 year Adviser) explaining features of the laptops, and how the laptops can be used by students in class. Before students receive their laptops all students will need to have completed and returned to Mr Sheath, The Laptop User Charter with parent and students’ signatures.

A year assembly will be called to fully inform all students of their rights and responsibilities regarding the use of laptops and the repair and reporting procedures for the laptops if any problems arise.

Laptops will be allocated to students within the next 2 weeks. The TSOs (Technical Support Officers Ms Sharmin Sharma and Mr Kevin Yeung) will conduct these sessions in the school library, this can take up to 1 hour for each laptop.

Year 9 Computer Skills Course

Thursday Week One was certainly a busy day for the students of Year 9 as they participated in the basic computer skills course that the school has organised. They will soon be receiving their laptops and this course was designed to teach them the basic computer skills they’ll need to effectively use them. The course itself was a tremendous success and this was largely due to the boys’ enthusiasm, focus and positive attitude towards learning.

Some of the basic skills the boys were taught were file and folder management, sending and receiving documents via email, using Moodle and operating the programs available on the new laptops. In combination with the free touch typing program that the entire form is participating in, the Computer Skills course is giving Homebush Boys High students an invaluable head start and will allow them to take full advantage of the new resources provided to them.

There are a number of people who should be thanked and congratulated for making this course possible. The stars of the show were certainly the Year 10 volunteers whose guidance, assistance and encouragement were invaluable. They showed themselves to be extremely competent and mature and Mr Pinkey did very well in choosing them to help out. Thanks should also be given to Miss Dwyer, Miss Chapman, Miss Swanson and all of the technical staff who helped to organise the event.

Finally, those students in Year 9 who were away on the day of the course or unsure of what they need to do for the touch typing course should see Mr Fairley immediately. Those students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who are interested in learning these computer skills or how to touch type can access both courses through Moodle. They are urged to not let this opportunity pass them by.

Mr Fairley (Year 9 Advisor)
FOR THE UGANDAN CHILDREN

For the third year, Year 12 students have taken up the challenge to raise funds to enable young people in Uganda to attend school. In 2008 the Year 12 were able to pay the school fees for a year for thirteen students and last year enough funds were raised to add another two students to those already supported.

Year 12 will be fundraising to continue to support these fifteen students for another year in the coming weeks and will be calling on all students at Homebush to help them by selling tickets in a “Monster Raffle” organized by the Rotary Club of Burwood.

Students will be able to get a book of tickets on Monday 24th May and will have three weeks in which to sell them. Tickets will cost $2, with a top prize of a Toyota Yaris, a second prize of $1,000 worth of jewellery and a third prize of a Dell Notebook Computer. To encourage students to participate Year 12 will be giving each student who sells a booklet a chance to win an Ipod and all students who sell two books will be given a certificate to acknowledge their community efforts.

In Australia we take for granted that young people are able to attend school but in countries such as Uganda the lack of finances, HIV & TB mean that it is a dream for some.

One student that has been supported stated that his mother “would also go to people homes and wash their clothes and all this was not enough to pay for my secondary education, and because of this I was sure I would never go to secondary school.” However, “In February 2009, I was accepted and joined the HES program here at Kawempe, I was to go to Gaddafi integrated school for my senior one, and this was the best news ever….” a smile lit up his face as he told of his ‘best news ever’.

To find out more about the type of young people that we will be helping go to this website http://www.kawempehomecare.org/education.html

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Mother’s Day Sale

The HBHS Mother’s Day sale of Swarovski crystal earrings and pendants went quite well. Profits from the sale will go towards the purchase of extra literacy and numeracy materials, and MULTILIT kits for our Peer Tutoring program.

The earrings and pendants were assembled by HBHS teachers and sold from room 28 at recess and lunch. The SRC also volunteered to run stalls at lunch time of week 3. A pair of sterling silver earrings or a crystal pentant sold for only $10. A matched earring and pendant set sold for $18.

If you missed out this year, the sale will go ahead again next year at the same time.

Mrs. Edwards
1st Grade Football
The 1st grade Football team has made a solid start to the 2010 season with two wins in the North West Zone competition and a 2nd round victory in the Errea cup. There has been a big change in personnel in both the playing roster and coaching staff this season, however this has not affected the quality of play or the results. The boys have started the North West Zone winter season strongly with a tough 1-0 victory over Epping in round 1 followed by a comfortable 2-0 defeat of Asquith in round 2.

On Thursday the 29th of April the team played their first match in defending the Errea Cup against North Sydney Boys at Mason Park. This was a second round fixture as the team had a bye in the first round. The first half was tough, with both sides playing some entertaining football. Just before the half-time break Homebush took a well deserved lead after Matt O’Neill chipped the keeper (crossed the ball!) from 20 yards out after some brilliant work down the left hand flank.

In the second half the boys took complete control of the match and scored two more well taken goals. The first was a great team goal which was expertly finished by Mitchell Davidson and the second was scored by captain Roberto Speranza as he surged 60m to beat several players and slot the ball past the keeper. In the end the Homebush boys were too good winning the game comfortably 3-0. Strong games from all the players but a special mention to Andrew Depta who played in goals despite an injured thumb. This team has not conceded a goal in 210 minutes of football, hopefully this defensive effort will continue for the remainder of the season. Well done boys.

Bill Turner Cup
The Bill Turner Cup squad played their first round fixture on Friday the 23rd of April against Concord High. The boys completely dominated the game with a comfortable 4-1 victory. There were strong games from James Burton and Rowan Castro. The goal scorers were, Stephen Park 2, Ricky Fradel and Tim Davidson. The squad will take on Trinity Grammar in their 2nd round fixture. We wish the boys all the best in that game.

Mr S.Belgre
DAVIDSON SHIELD SUCCESS
Homebush Boys High 1st Grade Cricket Team headed to Bathurst to compete in the finals of the Alan Davidson Shield. After a string of outstanding results, 4 teams remained in the State Championships. Homebush were well credentialed to mix it with the heavy weights Westfield Sports High School, Endeavour Sports High School and Hunter Sports High School.

Team coach, Dr Balan, had the team physically and mentally prepared. The boys were focused on the tactics of Cricket as team bus driver Bill Hilliard headed the troupe towards Bathurst. The long and winding road took us over the Blue Mountains onto the Western Plains of laconic Bathurst. A viewing of Monday night Football and a dinner fit for Kings had the boys well prepared for bedtime.

At first light a tactical meeting was held with a “full hot breakfast”. Unfortunately the weather was unkind. Three days of torrential rain had saturated the playing fields. The competition was abandoned with no time for a replay because of the reconfiguration of the Cricket grounds into Football grounds. The team will now be co-champions emulating the feats of the 2006 team which had made the final.

Continuing on the theme of Cricket, Phillip Hughes (HSC 2006) played 3 test matches for the Australian Cricket Team in 2010 and Mitchell Starc (HSC 2007) played a full season for the NSW Sheffield Shield Cricket Team.
The Homebush Boys Drum Corps once again participated in several ANZAC ceremonies in the local community and the city.

The major event for the Drum Corps, however, is the city march. In spite of the rain it was an honour and inspiring to lead diggers who fought in Toubruk.

March and April were busy months for the Drum Corps. First was the camp in March. This was a great opportunity to intensively practise drumming and marching skills, especially for all the new members. It was essential preparation for the Anzac Marches. Next the Corps was invited to drum in the Strathfield Chamber of Commerce Fair. The boys did an excellent job at catching the interest of the local shoppers.

The Burwood ANZAC Commemorative Service was held on Sunday 18th March and as usual the Drum Corps participated in the march to Burwood Park where the service was held. Senior Prefect Jackson Hua and Vice Captain Thomas Burton represented the school at the service and laid a wreath.

The following Friday the Drum Corps performed at the school ANZAC Commemorative Service. The Drum Corps flag bearers Ryan Sutton and Scott Worthington represented the school at the Concord ANZAC service and laid a wreath in the Kokoda Trail Memorial Park.

The Drum Corps welcomes our newest members: Liam Herron, Panayioti Constanti, Harry Choi, Vincent Christy, Ambrose Hill, Vincent Pike and Tim Mitry.

Ms Horiatopoulos
Drum Corps Co-ordinator

The boys in an informal moment

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