DRUM CORPS HONOURS

HBHS was placed 2nd in Section 6, Junior Drum Corp behind the Australian Army Cadet Band at the 2010 Anzac Day Sydney March.

Each year the Returned Services League judges the performances of the pipes, brass, drum, concert and performance bands. This year, the Homebush Boys High School Drum Corp maintained their high standard of performance. (See page 4 for more story and photographs)

CONGRATULATIONS JACK!

Congratulations to Jack Codd-Miller on his excellent achievement in Australian Rules football. Jack was selected as Best Player for Northern Sydney in the recent NSW Schools Championships. He has been selected by the Hawthorne AFL club in their prestigious junior development squad. These outstanding results come soon after his age championship in athletics and his leadership in volleyball in the summer season.

Below: Jack is congratulated by Toufic.

LUNA PARK

On the 14th of May 2010 all Year 9 Commerce classes visited Luna Park Sydney. See the full story on Page 6.

JUNIOR CHESS TEAM

It is good to see the Homebush Chess team doing so well each Friday afternoon against all the highly favoured private and independent schools. Thanks to Mr Alan Doolan for his leadership. (From Mr Jurd)
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mr Tim Jurd

Congratulations to staff Ms Dwyer and Ms Crozier

Since my last report the school has a ‘new’ deputy principal, Ms Caitlin Dwyer and a ‘new’ member of the school administrative support staff, Ms Bridget Crozier. Both came through a rigorous merit selection process to demonstrate clearly to a panel, that they had the qualities necessary to keep Homebush BHS the excellent school that we know it is.

Caitlin Dwyer has been head teacher in charge of teaching and learning, and as well, she is a highly valued member of the social science faculty. Caitlin has led the Teacher Quality team (responsible for staff training and quality) and is an integral member of the Literacy and Numeracy Support team. Of late, her work has included ensuring the effective transition to senior school, or to alternative training pathways, of those students who have been caught by the change in the school leaving age to 17 years old and may be struggling to maintain engagement with the curriculum. Caitlin is also coach of our Australian Championship winning table tennis team. Caitlin takes the DP ‘chair’ from Mr Greg Sheath, who brilliantly maintained the reins of DP for the first four months of the year whilst I found my feet as the new principal. Thanks to Greg for his assistance and expertise as relieving DP.

Bridget Crozier has worked as a casual in our office for 2 years and we are thrilled that she has been successful in securing a permanent position. Britta brings expertise in office skills and a dynamic personality to this very successful school administrative team. Britta is also a trained nurse and as such she will add an extra dimension of safety and security to our already very strong first aid staff.

SORRY DAY

Reconciliation week started with Mr Hilliard raising the Aboriginal flag and continued with moving readings on assembly by Shorya Nayyer and Lachlan Clement. Ms Amanda Middleton coordinated the presentation assembly. Ms Middleton was recently appointed and trained as the Homebush ARCO (anti-racism contact officer). As an ARCO, Ms Middleton and Mr Peter Wilson (executive ARCO) are the first points of contact if racism rears its ugly face in the playground, classroom or on the sporting field.

Homebush has a proud tradition of acceptance and reconciliation and in the spirit of reconciliation I read the original Homebush Sorry Statement which was first presented on assembly in July 2001 by principal Ian Paterson and captain Chris Lindsay. This will be placed on the school website for the community to see.

HARMONY DAY WINNER

Well done to Harshan A Karthikeyan of Year 8 who won the Harmony Day Award for his excellent poem . The competition was organised by Ms McGuinness and is designed to celebrate diversity, especially in our school.(See photo on page 5)

SRC NEW BOYS

Well done to Panayioti Constanti and Adam Saker, our year 7 student representatives. These fine young men were elected by their peers and they were proudly awarded with their badges by president Erkan Altun. Panayoti has also been nominated as our school’s ambassador to the Regional meeting.

L4L LAPTOPS FOR LEARNING

Last week year 9 received their (DER digital education revolution) and these marvellous devices did not come without comprehensive training and parental consultation. This program has been led by the Computing Coordinator Mr Greg Sheath and supported by Mr Andrew Fairley year 9 adviser.
Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

Tim Mitry, Jacob Hill, Lachlan Foster and Thomas Goth-Towney recently spent a weekend at a camp in the Blue Mountains as part of group of students from all over Sydney. RYPEN aims to communicate to young people a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards and to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically. A number of our school leaders have participated in RYPEN. We are very fortunate to have the support of the Rotary Club of Concord and Strathfield who have sponsored our students for a number of years. Rotary will be holding another RYPEN camp in September and interested students should see Mr. Pinkey.

Award of Excellence for Koray

Congratulations to Koray Alchin of year 7 who received a DET (department of education) award of excellence. This student received this award in recognition of the superb effort he made in Year 6, graduating from Homebush West PS. Koray continues to strive for excellence in year 7 at high school.

NAPLAN

Well done to all the year 9 for their excellent NAPLAN work. Results should be out in September. Thanks to Mr Hilliard and Mr Sheath for their leadership and organisation of this difficult task. Pictured below are some of the boys battling with the literacy and numeracy assessments of the national tests.

Mobile Muster

Have you any old or broken mobile phones left in a drawer or box at home? Send them to school and the Environment team backed by the SRC will add them to the Mobile Muster collection box and be sent off for safe and sustainable recycling. The materials of the phones are very toxic and when thrown into landfill they become a hazard for future generations. The Social Science faculty has a Mobile Muster box for your phones and chargers. The school will win prizes for every 8 kilograms of phones we recycle. This program is coordinated by Mr John Pearson but promoted by Bassam Allam and Erkan Altun on assembly.

On other environmental matters old ink cartridges can be taken to Ms Dwyer for recycling.

Year 9 learn about their laptops

Year 9 students doing NAPLAN

Mr Jurd and Koray

Jacob Hill and Tim Mitry are set for camp.

Erkan and Bassam on Assembly
One of the most exciting aspects of life at Homebush Boys is the incredible array of opportunities offered to students – music and drama performances, sporting contests, HSC seminars, career workshops, debates, excursions, anti-racism awareness-raising, supporting Ugandan charities … all on top of our regular learning activities, all in the last week! The energy of staff and students is phenomenal.

This term is a very important one for Year 10’s, focussing clearly on the future. Each student is taking part in a series of career workshops, building on the Action Planning they completed in Term 1 as part of the Study Skills Program. Selected students are supplementing this with the Work Ready Program, developing specific employability skills, run by Mr Tom Pinkey and Ms Annabel Chapman. All Year 10s need to be thinking very carefully about their goals. In the last week of this term, the process for Year 11 subject selection begins. This can be a difficult time, with information overload and misconceptions about the HSC process making it all the more confusing. I recommend parents and students attend all information sessions with an open mind and a focus on choosing subjects that they most enjoy.

Year 9 have enthusiastically received their laptops and can be spotted in classrooms, playgrounds and corridors becoming familiar with their new learning tools. Teachers have had the opportunity to learn about specific software and now each faculty has developed an ICT project, developing lesson sequences so laptop technology can be used for effective learning in the classroom.

On my travels around the school, I’m reminded of the World Cup television advertisement – where members of a wide variety of teams, from a diverse range of backgrounds, are shown shaking hands, helping others, generally displaying warm camaraderie: the ‘say no to racism’ campaign. This reflects the wonderful, harmonious nature of our school. On the cusp of World Cup Fever, I’m sure we could adopt the same anti-racism slogan, applying the idea of ‘fair play’ every day in our actions and our words.

I’ll leave you this week with a memorable and inspirational quote. As a famous teacher once said,

“I’m trying to free your mind, Neo. But I can only show you the door. You’re the one who must walk through it.”

Morpheus, The Matrix

Ms Caitlin Dwyer
Deputy Principal
Harshan is congratulated by Mr Jurd and Ms McGuiness

Harmony Day is celebrated on the 21st March each year. The aim is to celebrate the cohesive and inclusive nature of our nation and promote the benefits of cultural diversity. The key message for 2010 is that ‘Everyone Belongs’. Its about community, participation, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The students at Homebush Boys High were invited to enter a poetry competition based on the idea that ‘Everyone Belongs’. After reading through many well written responses Harshan A Karthikeyan of Year 8 was the winner. The Harmony Day Team would like to thank all the other students who entered, and the students who spoke so well about Harmony Day during DEAR and on our school assembly. Their thought provoking speeches showed wisdom and maturity and hope for increased unity in our multicultural society.

The team would also acknowledge the hard work put in each year by Ms. McGuiness to make it so successful.

Harshan is congratulated by Mr Jurd and Ms McGuiness

Two happy collectors count their collection.

The senior students from Homebush Boys High School participated on mass in the annual Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Volunteerism is an essential part of development for the senior students. Each student must complete 10 hours of community service for it to be included in their end of schooling Reference. Volunteerism is an activity highly valued by employers, tertiary institutions and the community. It develops qualities which are highly sort after in the workplace.

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Harmony Day

CHANGE TO FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

Any changes to your child’s family situation can impact on their emotional and academic well-being.

Inform your child’s teacher and principal about any changed circumstances so that the child can be supported if necessary.

Examples of special circumstances include the birth of a sibling, divorce or the death of a loved one.

History Day

Ancient Greek bronze helmet.
LUNA PARK

On the 14th of May 2010 all year 9 commerce classes visited Luna Park Sydney.

We left at 8:45am by coach and arrived at 9:30 just outside Luna Park’s big face. We were then distributed our work for the day. The theme of the day was to study Luna Park as a business and how this business has changed its image over the years. We also had to prepare a marketing campaign for Luna Park.

Seeing as the booklet was only 8 pages long it didn’t take long and most people were done before midday. Since we had finished so fast we had a long time to spend enjoying the rides. Personal favourite’s include: The Rotor, Dodgem Cars, UFO and Wild Mouse.

By 2:00 everyone had seen and done most things and were starting to slow down. Some sat at cafes whilst others just wandered around taking the final photos for our marketing assignment.

At 2:30 the coaches had arrived to take us back to school, all in all we had a great day.

Michael Papallo & Ambrose Hill

ROLL CALL 50
Their Biggest Achievement Ever

Roll call 50 has contributed 729 cans, 30 toothbrushes, 4 pairs of Suede Scuffs and a wallet to the Matthew Talbot Hostel over a period of time from the 2008 Christmas contributions to the end of term one, 2010 contributions. They have also contributed 6 mobile phones to the mobile muster as well as having 12 students selling raffle tickets for the Uganda raffle.

This is an outstanding achievement and we are awaiting a challenge to our self proclaimed domination over the school population. We hope that all the other roll calls can participate in the next Mathew Talbot contributions which are in the last two weeks of this term as well as participating in the mobile muster and the Uganda raffle. Remember by doing this we can help people in need. You may think a can of food makes no difference but it can change one’s life.

Today the Matthew Talbot Hostel provides 120 beds each night and serves 1000 meals a day. About 200 people a day use the Hostel for a shower and a visit to the nurse. In addition, the Hostel van goes out each night to the streets. When the Hostel began in 1938 the men requiring assistance were mainly heavy drinkers aged 50 to 70. Now those who receive help are often 35 to 40 and victims of drug abuse. Alcoholism is also a serious problem worldwide and this hostel is here to help.

Another way of helping out the community is selling tickets for the Uganda raffle. This raffle aims to send students in Uganda to school as well as providing clean water and food for many people in Uganda. Our school’s goal is to send 15 of these students to school and we need all the support we can get.

Contributing to the mobile muster is another way of contributing to the community. The purpose of recycling mobile phones is to prevent pollution and protect our environment by minimising solid and hazardous waste going to the landfill. It also aims to recover resources to manufacture new products and reduce the need to use raw materials and save our natural resources.

After reading this article you should be inspired to find a way to contribute to the community and it would be really great if teachers encouraged students to contribute. Try and make your roll call compete with ours!

Sarankan Suresh-Kumar
BB Writing Team

Above: Steven and Keshavan enjoy themselves.
Below: Mr Pearson and Yr 9 students enjoy the rotor.
The HBHS Excellence Fund was established in 1987 to assist Gifted and Talented students at Homebush Boys’ High with expenses that they incur in pursuing their dreams.

The Excellence Fund was first set up as a result of a grant of $1,000 from the Homebush/Strathfield RSL Sub-branch and the first recipient Jason Watson was assisted to represent the Australian Under 18s Volleyball Tour of Korea. Since then literally hundreds of students have been assisted to participate in a wide range of cultural, sporting and academic endeavours on a regional, state, interstate and international basis.

The Homebush/Strathfield RSL Sub-branch has supported every year since 1987 with a $1,000 grant and Wests, Ashfield have made the same contribution of $1,000 since 2002. To maintain the fund the school has held fund rais- ing activities.

This is an excellent platform for our Gifted and Talented students. Should organisations or individuals wish to contribute to this fund you can contact the Excellence Fund Coordinator at the school - Tom Pinkey or Deputy Principal - Bill Hilliard. An Excellence Honour Roll has been established to recognise those organisations and individuals who have assisted the Excellence Fund. See the school website under “Communities”.

Parents and students are reminded to contact either Mr. Pinkey or Mr. Hilliard for assistance from the Excellence Fund for any extra curricula activity involving leadership or Gifted & Talented Programs that involves a financial cost.

**RECIPIENTS IN 2010**

Blake Watkinson
Brad Parker
Nick Taylor
Peter Maxwell
Suffan Hassan
Nicholas White
Umair Awan
David Ho
Vindesh Nadan
Ameen Ramadan Jradi
Manovaraman Selvanathan
Mitchell Beattie
Robert Speranza
Andrew Depta
Serge Houlhias
37 Students
Umair Awan
Zac McCowage
Shakti Rathore
Jacky Tran
Mitchell Davidson
Andrew Depta
Michael Dubos
Jack Barrett
Josh Carter
Willis Choi
North Sydney Regional Waterpolo
North Sydney Regional Football
NSWCHS Swimming
Australian Mathematics Competition
North Sydney Regional Volleyball
North Sydney Regional Hockey
North Sydney Regional Hockey
NSWCHS 1st Football
NSWCHS 2nds Football
North Sydney Regional Basketball
North Sydney Regional Rugby
NSW Under 15’s Volleyball

**NAIDOC Week**

4th - 11th of July.

NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the significant contributions of Indigenous Australians.

Find out more at [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au)

**CONTACT DETAILS**

Are your contact details up-to-date? Please make sure you inform the Front Office if your emergency contact details have changed.
THE VIETNAM WAR
FOR YEAR 10

When a year 10 boy hears the word ‘incursion’ and ‘play’ in the same sentence, you aren’t likely to see him ‘jump for joy,’ however contrary to popular belief the play sparked positive reviews from year 10. The play was regarding the various experiences of Australian soldiers and service people in the Vietnam War, focusing on the frontline and its aftermath. The main idea of the play was to inspire people to understand the hardships that not just the soldiers themselves faced but their families and friends as well.

The two lead actors were from a professional theatre group that organizes public shows. Five dollars was the entry fee, a bit much as most of the boys found, but totally worth it.

The play was a series of sketches which portrayed the experiences of soldiers and their families that were based on true events, with a little added entertainment to lighten the mood so as to keep the boys awake. We were all thrilled by the loud booming voice of the lead male and the graceful actions of the young woman. Audience interaction was a central role in the success of this play, as it should be with many other plays. This took the form of the audience being witnesses.

All in all, many of the boys enjoyed the play and the work of the actors, expressing the sadness and emotional anguish of the soldiers. In the play, one of the characters that the actor represented was suffering the effects of Agent Orange, an herbicide that was sprayed in the war to get rid of the jungle but in the process many soldiers were exposed. The character had developed a severe illness and as a consequence his children also developed severe illnesses.

The actors replicated the intense memories of past lives and broken hearts within reminiscences of soldiers, nurses, past and present. Their poignant portrayals presented to the audience ensured a lasting remembrance of those giving their lives to fight an unpopular battle.

The main issue surrounding the war was that they were not fighting for freedom, not for glory or for pride of country. They were sent straight into the middle of battle without a choice. Although many were subject to post-traumatic and emotional stress, positive outcomes were also represented. Some managed to adapt straight into civilian life and prospered, one of the main themes of the war.

Munawar Sarker
BB Writing Team

THE GREATEST CAMP
OF ALL TIME

From May 14th till May 16th four lucky boys (Thomas Goth-Towney, Lachlan Foster, Timothy Mitry, and Jacob Hill) had the opportunity to go a ROTARY program called RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) which was a camp held in the Blue Mountains at Blue Gum Lodge.

Here the four boys got to meet 52 other young people, heard many motivational speeches and were taught how to better their leadership and teamwork skills. These included talks that ranged from what was required to run massive businesses like ‘The Good Guys’, to speeches about depression and how to help people who have it and what it can be like to have serious family problems.

But it wasn’t all just learning, there was a bush dance on the first night where we were all got to know each other and even a few dance moves! We also had to all prepare a small speech and present in front of a larger group including all the mentors and students. There were many challenges presented such as unfreezing shirts before the other teams, moving (loaded) mouse traps from one table to another without touching them, hanging a hammer from a ruler with a piece of air about a meter off the ground, having someone blind folded than trying to take directions on how to pick up a tong with a hook from someone elsewhere, and even trying to communicate how to build things via radio’s at opposite ends of the camp.

There were also small breaks where everyone got to know each other better and make some new friends, and of course they could also do this in the meal times that were provide four times a day. Another chance for this was when they were woken up at 6 in the morning and were taken on bush walks and even an aerobics class! At the end of the camp all the students had earned their RYPEN certificate which they received from Bill Little who ran the camp, they all said good bye and left there much better people, but also in need of some extra sleep!! We are very grateful to the Rotary Clubs of Concord and Strathfield for providing us with this fantastic opportunity and we certainly recommend it to all Year 10 students.

Lachlan Foster, Jacob Hill, Thomas Goth-Towney & Tim Mitry

Thomas Goth-Towney
## Term 3

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**YEAR TEN CAREER EDUCATION WORKSHOPS**

This term all students in Year 10 participated in a Career Education workshop based on their Geography classes. The main emphasis of the workshop is on the Job Getting Skills that students need to develop and the importance of relating this to employers.

Prior to their workshop students were emailed the “Year 10 Career Education Booklet” so they could download it into their Career Education Folder on their laptops. The reason for doing this is, was so students can refer back to and work on the activities after the workshop in their own time. There is an exercise on skills which parents can do with their son and parents are encouraged to talk to their son about the workshop. Other activities that students can follow up on are writing application letters, developing good telephone techniques, filing in application forms and being prepared for the job interview.

The importance of starting a Portfolio to keep all their certificates, awards and references was covered and students placed their first piece in their “Portfolio Folder” on their laptop when they saved their Resume to it. It was emphasised to students that the resume, like the documents they keep in their Portfolio, is a ‘work in action’ which needs to be updated continually.

Mr Tom Pinkey
Hey everyone! I’m Sarankan Suresh-Kumar in year 10 and one of the members of the Bush Bulletin Writing Team. Don’t worry; I won’t be going around getting dirt on you. I would describe myself as curious, persuasive and witty. I am looking forward to make a fantastic and informative bulletin for you. Until next time, cheers.

James C. S. Joo
I’m an 11 year-old Australian and a 7 year-old Korean mixed into one being. I’m a 5 year ‘Bush boy veteran through and through. I’m timid with words but fearless with writing. I’m a sleepy person with a really detached attitude and I hate discussing trivial matters which are a waste of both time and breath. The one thing I hate the most in this world is the internet. I’m one who starts a race but never even tries to finish. I only like one thing in this world; no one needs to know.

Bilal Muzzaffar
Hi, my name is Bilal. I’m a year 12 student who has been here through it all. In my time in this very vibrantly-routined school flourishing with the most memorable students, I’ve seen the wide-ranging achievements by the students, the teachers, the school’s progression in maintaining and enhancing itself, as well the day-to-day issues arising. In choosing this excruciatingly intense mind-sporting activity, I hope to show my fellow students the ups and downs of this school.

Daniel Collis
My name is Daniel. I hate writing and having to publish things, especially articles for the Bush Bulletin. My English skills are horrifically indecipherable, as you can evidently see. In my wisdom, I decided to join school journalism for the fun – however fun does not occur in such unholy grounds, only ritual sacrifices.

Munawar Sarker
My name is Munawar Sarker and I’m in year 10. I came to Australia about a year ago and am enjoying myself very much. I like sports, computers, chess, reading random stuff, etc. I like going to school journalism because of the opportunities that arise from it and my impressive journalistic skills. I joined school journalism under the impression (from Keshav B.) that it would be fun and an opportunity to further my writing and journalism skills. So far, I haven’t done ….

Keshav Bhrugubanda
WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE!
Hey I’m Keshav and I’m a chocoholic. But that isn’t why I’m here. I’ll give you the news and nothing but the news. How would I describe myself? Malapropistic, latitudian and downright incongruous. But seriously, I’m pretty good to get along with once you learn to worship me.

HBHS GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT USE OF LAPTOPS
A reminder of some of the rules for the use of laptops.

I will:
- Bring my laptop to school fully charged every day except Wednesday, excursion days and other sports days unless otherwise instructed.
- Ensure that I carry my laptop responsibly so that it will not get damaged or lost.
- ONLY unpack and turn on my laptop in the classroom when directed to do so by the teacher.
- Use my laptop in class only for school work.
- Email, sms, watch or listen to alternative content, or use the camera, ONLY IF DIRECTED TO by the teacher as part of the lesson.
- Ensure that I have a backup of all work in case of storage failure. Loss of files will not be an excuse for class work, homework, assignments and assessments not being submitted on time.

EVERYONE BELONGS
It is a time to rejoice
To play, laugh and enjoy
We hold each other’s hands
And all say together this is our land
Everyone Belongs

Today is a time for peace
Fighting is a thing to cease
For today and every day
Different people should have the right to say
Everyone Belongs

Show each other some care
Our differences are something to share
We are not wrong
To say that everyone belongs

Dillon Halder
Year 8
BELONGING
Black is the colour of my life
I'm afloat a river of unending sorrow
Carried away by its currents from which I am unable to escape
Pulled deeper by its whispering inhabitants
Who beckon me to join them
Offering me freedom in their world

But I won't accept
I won't give in.
Why, you ask?
Hope is the reason,
Hope that my father who has escaped this river,
Freed from the clutches of darkness will take me back.

By the river bank my father waits
Engulfed in brilliant light,
He calls for me with open arms.

I muster what strength I can and make my way to him,
For he alone can offer me liberation.
Thus with the fire of determination
I reach the bank of the river and make way towards
The welcoming hands.

When I near my destination
I feel a warmth radiating from the direction of the light
I allow it to embrace me, to comfort me
To hold my hand, to lead the way.

As I near his vicinity
I am blinded by the light.
I close my eyes.
I can hear him coming towards me.
He places his hands on my shoulders.
They are cold.
Something is wrong.
They rip into my veins,
Severing the connection between the heart and the mind.

I open my eyes
To find a being of pure darkness.
It hurls me in the direction of the river,
And by the shore I fall.
With the link between my heart and mind broken,
I wait for fate to claim its victory.

I come to realise that hope is a liar—
Fuelled by the illusions of the mind.
Offering warmth when there is none
Leaving me to my demise
I have lived a lie.

YEAR 12 ENGLISH (ESL) POEMS

For their Area of Study ‘Belonging’, Year 12 English (ESL) had to write a poem with the same title. They watched a film, Martha’s New Coat, and wrote a poem based on the narrative. There were many wonderful poems. The poems below, one from each class, were chosen for publication to show two very different approaches to the task.

BELONGING
In the dark of night I amble home
Listening to country music.
Frivolous family pastimes
From sunrise to sleep a decadent lifestyle
Alcohol and cigarettes everywhere.

Why are useless people doing nothing at home
No work, no cleaning house and no cooking?

Only a few friends around me
Sometimes happy and sometimes bored.

One special day I receive a skull on a coat
Also eight legs in a precious stone.

I have friendship but yearn for real belonging
I disparage my family.
Mum, why take a sleeping tablet?
I just want to swim in the sky.

Today is my 15th birthday,
Decide to find my lost father.
Take money from Frank,
I leave like a silent cat.

I travel by bus
To seek some excitement on the coast.
Watching the transparent, tangerine sky,
Avoiding police infrared eyes.

Meet an unknown family and endure staring.
Ask strangers questions to find my destination,
To wait for real belonging to come.

I meet a man worse than Frank
Wearing an ugly mask. We quarrelled
Uses ‘bitch’ to insult my mum.
He rushes to leave and disregard my existence.

Reality is like a black and white television.
I’m dead inside not vivid anymore.
I feel an abyss of ignorance, depair and loneliness,
No choice but to call Mum.

In the dark night I see a shining light coming towards me
Finally I know my sense of belonging is here.

**Jason Chang**

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To seek some excitement on the coast.
Watching the transparent, tangerine sky,
Avoiding police infrared eyes.

Meet an unknown family and endure staring.
Ask strangers questions to find my destination,
To wait for real belonging to come.

I meet a man worse than Frank
Wearing an ugly mask. We quarrelled
Uses ‘bitch’ to insult my mum.
He rushes to leave and disregard my existence.

Reality is like a black and white television.
I’m dead inside not vivid anymore.
I feel an abyss of ignorance, depair and loneliness,
No choice but to call Mum.

In the dark night I see a shining light coming towards me
Finally I know my sense of belonging is here.

**Sidswar Krishnan**
HISTORY DAY

James Adams’ Ancient History & Medieval shows
Homebush recently enjoyed hosting the Ancient History show for year 7 and the Medieval show for Year 8 students. The performances involved a display of quality replica weapons from Ancient Egypt, Greece, Rome and medieval Europe. Students were able to touch weapons and try on the armour of the various societies, as well as being provided with an excellent narration on the evolution of the technology of warfare.

Above left: Chain Mail neck protection from the Middle Ages. Above right: Students model replica medieval mail armour and helmets.

Upcoming Modern, Ancient & Extension history lectures
All HSC history students have been invited to attend lectures at Sydney University on 17th, 18th or 19th June. The lectures have been organised by the History Teachers’ Association of NSW and feature academics, experienced teachers and senior HSC markers. These days are recommended by the history staff at Homebush as being an excellent chance to revise content prior to the trial HSC examinations next term.

Mr P. Wilson
Head Teacher History

BOOK REVIEW
RANGER’S APPRENTICE
HALT’S PERIL

This book is centred on a religious cult which escapes law and justice from another country. Halt, Horace and Will are on the hunt to stop them from entering their home country, Araluen.

The leader of the cult has hired assassins to keep outsiders from exposing the cult’s secret. Will has already killed one of the assassins, and they are on the trail of the last two, when Halt suffers an injury from a poisoned crossbow bolt, which pierces his skin. Will now has to find a way to rescue his friend and mentor.

The three heroes were in the wilderness. Will had to ride day and night to find help, even if this exhausted all his energy. All the characters care and help each other in some way. When they are in the cavern with the cult leader, every member contributes and co-operates correctly, so the plan runs smoothly.

Young people should read the book as it has such suspense and never gets boring. Even though there are many twists, the plot and mission is simple – save Halt, or stop the cult leader from entering Araluen. This is a book where you never want to stop reading until the very last page, demonstrating the supreme absorbing power of the plot.

Daniel Yuan
7A Wide Reading

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MOTHERS’ DAY THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those SRC students who helped sell the jewellery for the Mother’s Day stall, to the teachers who helped make the pieces and the boys (and teachers) who bought them. This year’s sale netted $680 which will go towards purchasing materials needed for the school’s literacy program.

There are a few pairs of Swarovski earrings left along with a few pendants, so if any boys wish to buy presents for upcoming birthdays they can see Mrs. Edwards in room 28.

All profits will still go to the school.

Mrs. Edwards

WORLD OF MATHS VISIT
2010
29th July

On the 29th of July, all Year 7 students will have the opportunity to participate in special workshops organised by the Maths Faculty in union with World of Maths.

The workshops are designed to engage students in their learning of mathematics and provide them with an opportunity to participate in some exciting hands-on activities.

Permission notes have been issued to all year 7 students.

Payments with permission notes are due in no later than 2nd July 2010.

We look forward to seeing the boys having an educational and enjoyable time.

Enquiries: contact the Mathematics Faculty
LAPTOPS FOR LEARNING
In Our Teachers’ Shoes

As year 10 students were the first recipients of student laptops, they were offered the opportunity to take part in the Laptops for Learning Team. The purpose of this team was to increase student involvement in the use of these devices.

Fourteen students took part in this valuable opportunity and have completed two workshops with two lecturers, Mr. Ryan Chadwick and Mr. Tom Pinkey, as well as completed another workshop to assist the year 9’s with their Computer Skills Booklet with Mr. Andrew Fairley. Completion of these workshops gave us the necessary skills to assist different faculties in updating their Curriculum pages and also to write articles for the school website.

On Thursday 22nd of April the big day arrived. We found ourselves in our teachers’ shoes, teaching the year 9’s basic Computer Skills such as creating folders, using DET portal and moodle as well as basic word processing. The school designed this course to teach the year 9’s how to make the most of their laptops for educational purposes. It was a good experience and we learned how hard it was for teachers when students don’t do their work and are talking. The year 10 helpers also learned how hard it can be to teach other students in a way they will understand.

It was an informative day for the year 9 students as they learned new skills to use their new student laptops. The course itself was a tremendous success and this was largely due to the boys’ enthusiasm, focus and positive attitude towards learning. Most students went very well and didn’t need much help at all. We were happy that all the students were well behaved and all year 9 students completed the course.

The Computer Skills Booklet will appear on the school’s website soon to allow other students the opportunity to complete the course.

Sarankan Suresh-Kumar
BB Writing Team

BOOK REVIEW
Northern Lights

Well, what are your thoughts about an 11 year old girl wanting to cross from England to the North Pole? Will she make it? This comes from the book “Northern Lights” by Phillip Pullman.

The book Northern Lights is part of the Dark Materials trilogy with the books Amber Spyglass and The Subtle Knife. This book has been the winner of many awards such as the Carnegie Award and also The Guardian Award. To add to its success it also became into a movie called The Golden Compass.

So what happens in the story exactly? Lyra Belacqua is a young 11 year old girl who becomes very curious when she hears about young children missing. She goes on a mission with gypsies to free the children and find her father who is at the North Pole. She makes friends and enemies along her journey and she has to guard the althermometer with her life as they are very rare.

She learns about Dust and how powerful this really is. Twists are at every corner and the end of the story will have your mouth hanging open.

There were many main characters in this book such as Lyra Belacqua or Iorek Brynison. They each have a different personality, for example Mrs Coulter was a beautiful woman who had the power to charm people over and John Faa was King of the Gyptians.

In this book Northern Lights, I couldn’t understand many words that were being used in the story but as the story progressed it became clearer to understand. This story kept me hanging onto every last word and didn’t want to put down the book.

I especially enjoyed the use of suspense throughout the book which made this book very interesting.

I would recommend this book to people of all ages because this is a read that many people would take pleasure in reading. So go off to your local library and borrow this book!

Dillon Halder
Year 8

Phillip Pullman has revealed he was delighted to discover his novel Northern Lights was one of the most “challenged” titles of the year in America, with numerous calls made to have it removed from libraries. Ed.
FOOTBALL FEVER

1st GRADE FOOTBALL

The first grade football team remains undefeated after 7 rounds of the Met North West Winter Season. The boys played out a tough 1 all draw against Ashfield boys in round 4. This was an excellent result considering several players were missing either through injury or because of Sydney North representation. In round 5 Homebush comfortably accounted for Normanhurst 5-0 with Kook Bo Stone scoring a hat-trick in the first half and Kerem Karaoglu rounding out the scoring with his first goal for the first grade team off the bench. Unfortunately the last couple of rounds have been washed out due to the poor weather; however the team remains top of the table.

The Errea Cup squad is having another fabulous run in the Cup and has now progressed to the Regional Final against Pennant Hills to be played on Friday the 4th of June. The team easily accounted for Kuringai High 10-0 in round 3. The goal scorers were Tom Burton 3, Hammad Iqbal 2, Faisal Khan 2, Omer Cenk, Rustam Mia and Mitchell Davidson.

Galston High were our round 4 opponents and proved to be much tough competition. In a hard fought match in tough conditions the boys showed true Homebush spirit with a well deserved 2-1 win. Rustam Mia scored an absolute screamer in the opening half after beating several Galston players outside the box and Omer Cenk scored the eventual winner when he coolly dribbled the keeper before slotting the ball home to finish a well worked team move.

Congratulations to Mitchell Davidson, Roberto Speranza and Andrew Depta who represented Sydney North at the CHS Football Carnival in May. The boys were part of the victorious Sydney North Team who beat Sydney South West 2-1 in the final. Roberto was captain of the team, Mitchell scored 2 goals including 1 in the final and was selected in the CHS 1 team and Andrew was voted the team MVP and was selected in the CHS 2 team. I wish those boys all the best at the CHS All School Carnival.

Congratulations must also go out to all Homebush Boys Football teams who are playing extremely well this season and this is clearly demonstrated by the fact we are coming 1st in 7 of the Football grades. Keep up the great work.

Mr S.Belgre

BILL TURNER CUP

The Round 2 Bill Turner Cup game had Homebush travel to Trinity Grammar at Summer Hill. On unfamiliar territory, playing on artificial turf with classrooms bordering half the field it was a challenging environment.

Trinity had the better of the opening 10 minutes as the boys got used to the fast flowing surface. Peter Totidis was impressive in goals repelling numerous shots on goal. The boys got into a rhythm with Adrian and James holding the midfield and Tim X, Mehmet and Ricky creating some chances up front.

A contentious goal to Trinity following an awkward challenge on Nathan put us 1-0 down.

Homebush remained patient, and continued to push forward. Hassan K and Jacob worked hard with Stephen and Joseph to create space out wide. Down back we remained solid with Tamer, Tim D, Nathan, James and Rowan all keeping close watch on their men.

We finally capitalized on a neat cross and Ricky was on hand to back heel the ball across the line. At 1-1 both sides had their chances, once again Peter was superb in goal but neither side could find the winner.

An extra 20 minutes and a player drop off failed to separate the sides and with 8 very tired bodies 5 players had to step up for a pressurized penalty shoot out. Nathan, James B, Ricky, Adrian and Tim D stepped up. Trinity faltered early as Peter saved their first shot, we then went shot for shot to lead 4-3 as each Homebush player calmly hit the target. Trinity blasted there last hope over the bar and Peter Totidis was hit with a wall of Homebush well wishers.

Squad- Peter (gk), Tim D, Tim X, Nathan, Rowan, Robert, Joseph, Mehmet, Ricky, Stephen, Adrian (c), James B (c), James F, Hassan K, Jacob, Hassan F(gk) and Tamer

We now face All Saints Lakemba at Belmore in Round 3.

Mr B.Wilson

Mr S.Belgre
## 2009 - 2010 Homebush Boys High School Sport Representatives

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At times the opposition must have thought there were 4 goal keepers - Andrew Depta in action.
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Manik Sharma 11/12 3 on 3 Basketball – scored 12 points  
James Lin 11/12 3 on 3 Basketball – scored 15 points  
Loo Kang 15’s Badminton  
Siddharth Raghuraman 1st Grade Table Tennis  
Ali El Kheir 1st Grade Table Tennis  
Noah Kang 14’s Badminton  
Timothy Han 7/8 House Basketball  
Dane Kennedy 15’s Badminton  
Umair Awan 2nd Grade Badminton  
Ashvin Ashok 2nd Grade Badminton  
Kelwin Tang 1st Grade Badminton  
Rio Kang 1st Grade Badminton  
Mohamad Zraika 14’s Rugby  
Brian Dowling 14’s Rugby  
Aydin Cochrane 14’s Rugby  
Tevita Moeakiola 14’s Rugby  
Khaled Allazze 14’s Rugby  
Raymond Xian 3rd Grade Football  
Jovan Tanu 14’s Tennis  
Henry Prentice 14B Football  
Jovan Tanu 14’s Rugby  
Liam Jameson 15’s Tennis  
Simon Tu 4th Grade Football  
Raymond Xian 3rd Grade Football  
Keshan Kiritharan Junior Lawn Bowls  
Jack Williams Senior Lawn Bowls  
Elton Cheng 13B Football  
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Min Suk Yang 15B Football  
Jason Dang 13A Football  
Harry Griffin-Colls 13A Football  
Harsh Vellimalai Senior Hockey  
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Nayan Bhathela Junior Hockey  
Gary Le Junior Hockey  
Michael Xu Junior Hockey  
Vince Lam 7/8 House Basketball  
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Faisal Khan Errea Cup Football – scored 2 goals  
Hammad Iqbal Errea Cup Football – scored 2 goals  
Peter Totidis Turner Cup Football  
19/5/2010  
Manik Sharma elite Basketball  
James Lewinston 1st Grade Rugby  
Lui Nakaroti 1st Grade Rugby  
Mateusz Kaminski 1st Grade Rugby  
Sumat Belani 13B Football – bowled a 126  
Lachlan Chisholm Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 139  
Rowshan Azzi Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 123  
Harry Choi Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 125  
Jack Jones Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 125  
Andrew Cocks Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 181  
Andrew Foster Senior Lawn Bowls  
Haneesh Kommaraju Powells Creek Tennis  
Zac Anderson-Foster Junior Hockey  
Matthew Yau Junior Hockey  
26/5/2010  
Eric Vuong Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 120  
Jamie San 15’s Rugby  
Wesam Hadid Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 129  
Steven Lam Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 126  
Willis Choi 14’s Table Tennis  
31/5/2010  
Yousef Morgan Years 9/10 3 on 3 Basketball – scored 11 points in the Grand Final  
2/6/2010  
Kishor Sirkirishnabala Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 126  
Andrew Cocks Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 126  
Rio Kang 1st Grade Badminton  
Kelwin Tang 1st Grade Badminton  
Yinan Wu 15’s Badminton  
Ethan Wright 13B Football  
Yunis Isik 13A Football  
Junsung Park 13A Football  
Phillip Stapleton Senior Hockey  
Shubham Goyal 1st Grade Tennis  
Vincent Pike Senior Lawn Bowls  
Joshua Shanthikumar Junior Lawn Bowls  
Ben Ho Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 131  
3/5/2010  
Richard Liu House Soccer  
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Michael Parker 15’s Rugby  
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Matthew O’Neill 13A Football – scored 5 goals  
Omar Abdul-Rahman 14’s Rugby  
Brian Dowling 14’s Rugby  
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### NOTICE TO PARENTS & FRIENDS

The school caters for the Strathfield Citizenship Ceremony at the Strathfield Town Hall four times per year as part of their fundraising ventures.

**VENUE:** Strathfield Citizenship Ceremony - Strathfield Town Hall

**DATE:** Thursday 1st July 2010

If you would like to donate a food item for this event, could you please leave it at the school office on Thursday morning before 10.00am. Clearly marked ‘Citizenship Ceremony’.

At this time of year we would preferably be looking for finger food savoury items such as quiche, muffins, cakes, pies, tarts, sandwiches, cheese and crackers or something similar, however, whatever is your specialty would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be supplied on disposable plates or containers but if you wish to have your container returned please label it with your name, your son’s name and your contact phone number. To those parents who have donated in the past we are grateful for your continued support. The food is always well received by the Citizenship recipients. To our new parents, welcome to our fundraising ventures and thank you very much.

Any queries can be directed to:
Fiona Murray - P & C Catering Coordinator  
PHONE: 0413 429 415
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The book I will be reviewing is ‘Dragon Moon’, one of the Dragon series written by the well-known author Carole Wilkinson. There are five books in the Dragon series. The first one is called ‘Dragon Dawn’ followed by Dragonkeeper then the book Garden of the Purple Dragon and the final book is ‘Dragon Moon’. Dragon Dawn has around 100 pages but the other three books have around 350 pages each.

Carole Wilkinson is an award winning author. Her books are all for children. She loves dragons and the history of them. She also loves Chinese; she loves to write Chinee characters. She researches before she even writes a story. She once took weeks to find out if there were any daffodils in Han Dynasty China.

The setting in the story is the empire of Han Dynasty China. The main characters are the emperor, the princess, the duke (The princess’s husband) the dragon girl (Ping) who takes care of the dragons, who is also a dragonkeeper and most importantly the dragons themselves. There are two main dragons in the series and they are Danzi and his son Kai, but in Dragon Moon there is only Kai because Danzi had died of old age.

The book is about Kai and his Dragonkeeper Ping who are on an adventure to find the Dragon haven with eight other dragons. It is a secret place that Kai’s dad, Danzi had told them to solve using a silk square. During this time, they overcome very hard challenges and solve some smaller problems.

The book has a sad ending but it is truly very interesting. You can picture the dragons in your mind floating around.

The moral of this book is not to stop believing and trying to aim for your goal/wish. I recommend this book for children and adults as well if they have an interest in dragons.

Edward YE
7A Wide reading

MOBILE MUSTER IS A MUST

“Round ‘em up, and hand ‘em in.” These are the words that have launched a nationwide recycling program that both is helping the environment and getting rid of old phones. Australians are hanging on to between 14 and 16 million old and unused mobile phones, batteries and accessories. Some of these have been forgotten, others serve as a trusty back-up, but many however are broken or simply unused.

So why are people hoarding old mobile phones? Do people believe their old phones are still worth something? Many will be surprised to learn that for broken phones and those older than four years, the environmental returns are greater than those to your wallet. In 2009, over 122 tonnes of mobiles were collected and recycled including the handsets, the batteries and accessories. Some of these have been forgotten, others serve as a trusty back-up, but many however are broken or simply unused.

Recently Homebush Boys has been undergoing the mobile muster campaign as part of our contribution to our local community, as well as helping to save the environment. Many people, typically teenagers such as us, hoard up to 2-3 unused phones in our home. By helping in this cause, we are both recycling, as well as saving the environment, and the hundreds of unused phones.

What do they get recycled into? (See the flow chart on this page to answer this question.)

Munawar Sarker
BB Writing Team

The Mobile Phone Life Cycle

 Manufacture of mobile phones, including raw material extraction, processing and assembly

Collection of mobile phones for recycling

Manufacturing of phone materials, including Ferrous & Non-Ferrous Metals

Recovered Materials

Battery, Handset, Accessories

Manufacturer Disposal

Plastics

Sales | Repair

Exports

Consumers

Kapal or Passed On

Lost, Stolen or Thrown Away

Service & Repair Required

The Mobile Phone Life Cycle
What happens to recycled mobiles?

Most people buy a new phone around every 2 years. More than 52% keep their old mobile phones, resulting in over 16 million used mobiles being stashed away in cupboards and drawers at home and work.

1. Break ’em up
   - Batteries
   - Plastics
   - Circuits

2. Metals are extracted
   - Gold
   - Silver
   - Copper
   - One tonne of circuit boards can yield about the same amount of precious metals as 110 tonnes of gold ore; 153 tonnes of silver-bearing ore and 11 tonnes of copper sulphide ore.

3. Just some of the good new things
   - Fence posts
   - Jewellery
   - Pallets
   - Stainless Steel
   - The materials recovered can be used to make batteries, fence posts (Cyclone Composite Posts), jewellery, plastic pallets and stainless steel.
   - All mobile phones handed into MobileMuster are recycled. We do not refurbish or resell mobile phones. Our priority is to recover the majority of materials for reuse.

Call 1300 730 070 or visit www.mobilmuster.com.au

Round ’em up and do some good.

www.mobilmuster.com.au
SHAKESPEARE ON TRIAL

On the 2nd Tuesday of May, Year 10 witnessed the theatrical drama that is ‘Shakespeare on Trial’ as part of the extravaganza that is English week.

The performance focused on the retelling of the all too familiar story of Romeo and Juliet, but with a surprising modern fashion. To be honest, we weren’t expecting much, after all, “it was just Shakespeare.”

The play took the form of a crime scene investigation, with the investigators finding Romeo and Juliet dead and attempting to piece together the events of the previous week leading up to the murder. All of this was obviously satirical of the various crime dramas which come on our television screens, playing on the idiotic false assumptions and ignorance of the investigators.

But could all this relate to the average year 10? Shakespeare was very much on trial, by none other than the target audience: students. Despite some of us being very tired and almost wishing that we had taken the draught of death Juliet had used to fake her death, this writer knows that many students were thrilled at every moment of the play.

Many of us found the investigators’ frustration at the cryptic messages and the intricate events found in one of Shakespeare’s famous plays analogous to the frustrations we’ve experienced when studying Shakespeare and could very much relate to this.

Audience participation is integral to the success of any play and ‘Shakespeare on Trial’ was no such exception. After the play the cast (a sizeable three people) called up volunteers from the audience to re-enact one particular scene (a duel, synonymous to the ‘punch-ups’ of our day). Much of this was in Shakespearean dialogue and with Shakespearean mannerisms: “Do you bite your thumb at me, Sir?” However one particular rendition of the scene involving Youssef Morgan translating the dialogue into a more colloquial sense clearly reiterated the fact that Shakespeare can be very much relevant to contemporary contexts.

The various actors from the production ‘Shakespeare on Trial’ have come to Homebush for many years and now it has become clear why. The crew left us with a new perspective of Shakespeare, one different from the ‘boring’ Shakespearean play, to the extent of rendering the play almost new and as if it was produced by David Cameron and cost 300 million dollars.

Who knows, we might even, dare I say, enjoy studying Shakespeare next year, but that would be crazy.

Keshav Bhrugubanda
BB Writing Team

Homebush Boys students Roberto Speranza, Mitchell Davidson and Andrew Depta recently represented the Sydney North Region at the CHS Football Championships held in Port Macquarie. HBHS went through the whole tournament undefeated as they topped their group after the first two days of competition. They went on to beat Sydney East in the Semi-Final 1-0 and defeat Sydney South West 2-1 in the final. Mr. Belgre the Homebush Boys 1st grade Football coach was also representing Sydney North at the carnival as the Manager of the team and must also be congratulated on his fine efforts and support of the boys.