THE LAST BUSH BULLETIN OF THE YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS TUE & VIGNESH!

Equal first in Year 12 - Manh Tue Truong and Vignesh Iyer.

The Homebush Boys High graduating class of 2010 completed their studies with a formal presentation prior to the commencement of the Higher School Certificate Examinations.

Equal first in Year 12 were Vignesh Iyer and Manh Tue Truong with Zhi Yuan Ma being awarded 3rd position. The ATARs from the Higher School Certificate will determine the dux of the school. The coveted “Sportsman of the Year Award” went to Bradley Parker for his efforts in swimming, rugby and waterpolo. Dennis Griffin-Colls received the “Most Outstanding Boy in Year 12 Award”.

A group of boys including Mitchell Beattie, Oliver Buckley, Thomas Burton, George Choi, Luke Dassaklis, David Hristoforidis, Patrick Le, Fletcher Rowe, Kook Bo Stone, Michael Talarico and Roberto Speranza received “Meritorious Service to the School Awards”

‘ON’YA DYLAN! WELL DONE!

Dylan Fuller - 2nd in Australia.

Dylan Fuller was placed 2nd in the pole vault with a leap of 3 metres 10 centimetres at the Australian Schools Age Championships. Fellow Year 8 student Angus Armstrong earned 5th place with a jump of 2 metres 30 centimetres.

While on the sporting front, graduating Year 12 student Paul Carter received a C.H.S. ‘Blue’ and the Val Lembett Award for the Best Combined High Schools representative in any sport. Paul will tour England with the Australian Schoolboys Rugby League team.

On his return to Australia, Paul will continue his sporting career with the Canterbury Bulldogs.
Thanks must go to the whole school community for the help that I have received during my first year of Principal at this excellent school. The Bush Bulletin is typical of the quality work that is produced by the staff and the students, providing the wonderful copy that fills the pages. My gratitude goes out to the editorial team led by Kerry Meucci who work tirelessly to keep you, the community, informed.

Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day – December 7

What a great day this was. Starting with the usual startling entrance from the Drum Corps and followed up with wonderful speeches by the year 7 boys. The year adviser Paul Koff introduced himself to the new students and their parents. The school captain Erkan Altun was followed by the executive speeches of Deputies Bill Hilliard and Caitlin Dwyer, and they entertained the multitude. The day continued with student leaders taking small groups of students for an assessment, a tour and some refreshment. While they were gone a panel of parents from the P and C answered parents’ inquiries and questions.

I thank these parents Simon Ford (P and C President), Anita Kumar (Treasurer) and Simone Burton (Vice President). Parents were given refreshments by other P and C members who made tea, coffee and cakes on the senior lawn for tired and thirsty parents. Thanks to Fiona Murray, Wendy Wong and Kim Houhlis. This was a great initiative by the P and C. It was a great day for the school with 184 families represented and much of the credit goes to Bill Hilliard’s flawless organisation.

Joel Todd – UWS Most Outstanding Year 11 student

Congratulations to Joel Todd on winning this award. University of Western Sydney awarded Joel a $500 study grant to recognise his scholarly success. Joel has been awarded a $20000 scholarship conditional upon him undertaking a course of study at UWS in 2012. Joel has now been offered a guaranteed course of study in 2012. Well deserved Joel!

Higher School Certificate

Year 12 HSC results will be out soon and many students are waiting anxiously for this reward for their hard work.

Congratulations are offered to Robert Rafael from Year 12 who is featured elsewhere in this bulletin. HSC results will be available on Wednesday 15 December for schools and students.

School Certificate

At the time of writing I am pleased to announce that the results of the School Certificate have been released and Homebush students have done extremely well. The graphs on the next page show the percentage of students in each band for the compulsory tests and in brackets are the percentage of students in the state in the same band.

Science achievements

It is great to see the excellent and exciting work done by our science faculty. The picture below shows Ms Kaur indicating the exemplary scale model of the solar system produced by her year 7 class. No wonder the science results are so positive.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Congratulations to all the students who completed their D.O.E. awards especially as the last walk was done in dreadful weather. Thanks to their teacher, Mr Michael Thompson, who showed his fitness, stamina and professionalism to help these students achieve this milestone.

David Colliss – 1st in Computing

Well done to David Colliss of year 10 who received his 1st place medal for the Computing Skills test presented on assembly by Mr Sheath the Computing Head Teacher.

ADF Long Tan award winners, Ashvin Ashok, Erkun Altun and Phillip Siomos.
Rob Rafael of Year 12 with his teacher, Mrs Sanchez.

Rob received the award for 3rd in his class at the Open High School (OHS) for Spanish Extension. Congratulations to Robert Rafael and we trust you and all your classmates will do well. Thanks also to his supervisor at school, Mrs Gilchrist, who has assisted so many external studies students fulfil their dreams of studying at the OHS and at Saturday School.

On Monday 6th December, Ms Kumaralingam organised a special treat for the Premiers Reading Challenge contestants and her willing band of helpers. They had lunch supplied and then enjoyed an afternoon of quizzes in the ILC and sporting activities in the school gym.
Australian Business Week was a great success.

Year 7 Chinese Magic Show

Ms Caramancion with Dominic Mak and Vince Lam

The Great Book Sale.

The Principal congratulates the School Captain.

DON’T FORGET IN 2001

Monday 31st January  
Year 7, 11 and 12 return  
Tuesday 1st February  
All other years resume classes.

A school fridge calendar will be sent out to all parents during the holidays. HAPPY SAFE BREAK FOR ALL!