DIAMOND JUBILEE
CELEBRATIONS

The Homebush Boys High community celebrated the school’s Diamond Jubilee, with a series of formal and informal events. For seventy-five years the school has been operating at the Bridge Road site, opening in 1936.

The Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, AC opened the celebrations when she addressed the formal assembly of 1300 students and a large gathering of ‘old boys’ and parents. After being welcomed in Cantonese, Hindi, Tamil, Mandarin, Korean, Arabic and English the Governor spoke of her admiration and optimism in the current generation of young people. The assembly witnessed performances from the Drum Corps and traditional Indian and Sri Lankan dancers.

The Governor’s husband, Sir Nicholas Shehadie was reunited with his 1957 Wallaby rugby union front-row partner Geoff Vaughn, who is a Homebush ‘old boy’ and the namesake of one of the school’s sporting houses.

In the evening a formal dinner was held at the Waterview Function Centre in Bicentennial Park. The capacity crowd of 350 saw a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the school. The Master of Ceremonies was ‘old boy’ and sports commentator, “The Voice of Rugby,” Gordon Bray. School Principal Tim Jurd welcomed three previous Principals in Doug Thornton, Malcolm Brown and Dr Ian Paterson before relaying anecdotes about the past history of the school.

The audience mingled and talked of life’s experiences as many lapels glistened with ‘Order of Australia’ pins earned in later life. New technology has created the opportunity for many relationships to be reignited through the school’s website.

The Open Saturday at the school enabled several hundred more ‘old boys’ to witness firsthand the site where their memories were formed. Old photographs, enrolment registers and class lists kept the photocopy busy all day. Each visitor spoke of their enjoyment at having the opportunity to participate in celebrations with many purchasing jerseys, T-shirts, key rings, coffee mugs and other items of memorabilia from the school. Principal Jurd was enthusiastic about the success of the event thanking his organizing team and student contributors.

Bill Hilliard
Everyone in the school hoped that the Diamond Jubilee Celebration would be a fitting festival for the school to celebrate our long, proud history. Our hopes were not in vain. It was a wonderful party.

The committee had chosen August 26 and 27 as the days we would mark the 75 years of quality boys education knowing full well that the school started on 15 August 1936. Why move the date? Well, there are some things even bigger than Homebush and one of those is the NSW Higher School Certificate, or more accurately, the Trial HSC which was in full swing on the 15th of August.

We wanted to have the whole school involved and we were successful. Over 1200 students and 100 staff as well as 50 invited guests and 100 of our parents and community attended the Vice Regal Assembly on Friday morning. The only thing out of our control was the weather. It was perfect! What a fortunate break in the rain that was so prevalent in the lead up to the day. Our wet weather contingency plans existed but it was hoped they wouldn’t need to be used.

After weeks of preparation by students, staff and parents the Diamond Jubilee assembly was ready. The school looked its best and so did the boys. Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, the Governor of NSW, arrived at the front gate in her limousine and was greeted by Ms Dwyer, Mr Jurd and our student leaders. Governor Bashir’s husband Sir Nicholas Shehadie had come with the Governor and he was looking forward to meeting and old friend, Geoffrey Vaughn, with whom he had toured the United Kingdom in 1957 with the Wallabies. Mr Vaughn is an old Bushie boy and was one of the very special guests. Geoff Vaughn has the school sporting house named after him. Also attending was Jim Greening, the namesake of Greening house. The Governor and Sir Nicholas made their way through the quadrangle to the assembly dais and in true fashion, the Governor chatted with students on the way through the large audience.

Governor Marie Bashir addresses the formal assembly

The Governor is a true friend of Homebush. She captivated the audience with her message that recognized their worth, achievements and their positive future. The School Captain, Ercan Altun, thanked the Governor and our guests.

The next item was a presentation of certificates for the students who had raised funds for our sister school in Uganda, Kawempe Home Care, whilst the Indian dancers, Temple of Fire, reeled themselves for a spirited dance.

The conclusion of the assembly was next when our Drum Corps burst on to the quadrangle. Their precision percussion saluted the special guests who then made their way to the hall where they were treated to a delicious morning tea by the Hos-
pitality students.

After the guests and students swapped stories, we bid farewell to the Governor and Sir Nicholas. Senior students offered to show old Boys around the school and the Bushies recognized familiar sights and marveled at the changes.

That night a Gala Dinner was held at the Waterview Conference Centre at the Bicentennial Park Homebush Bay. The evening was hosted by Gordon Bray, Old Bushie Boy and television Rugby commentator. He spoke brilliantly regaling the 330 guests with stories of his times at Homebush. It was hilarious.

The dinner was a resounding success with parents, staff and old boys mingling, laughing and exchanging memories. The organizing team was congratulated, especially Ms Kirsty Glasby, whose coordination was fabulous. She was joined by Ms Caitlin Dwyer, in decorating the centre with maroon and sky blue balloons and ribbons. It was stunning. They also decorated the tables with maroon cyclamen flowers in sky blue pots. These decorations were a treasured door prize at the closure of events.

Saturday the 27th of August was open day. Students and staff welcomed old boys, the community and their friends to Homebush. Displays of work, student drama performances, cafes, Devonshire teas ensured a compelling day for the visitors. Again our student leaders showed their commitment and community service. More than 60 year 11 leaders attended in full school uniform to guide, assist and enjoy the day.

Overall it was our party and we enjoyed it. I can’t thank the students, staff and parents who gardened, made signs and cleaned up enough. The school looks great. It was a huge effort and of the old Bushies who came and enjoyed the day, two quotes are worth sharing.

“These were the best two days of my life” John Farraway, 1960.

“There is not a day that passes that I do not think of Homebush Boys High”, Geoffrey Vaughn, 1949.

Happy 75 years Homebush Boys High!
After the great success of last year, Homebush Boys High School held their second annual Ramadan Iftar. For 30 days during the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. At sunset they break their fast with family and friends. On the 18th August 2011, the boys shared their iftar with fellow students, teachers and honoured guests. The night was a chance for the boys to share the experience with each other and their teachers. It was a great night. Plenty of delicious food was devoured and then topped off with a variety of sweets and fruits. The school was honoured with the visit of graduate students of Homebush Boys including Mohamed Zaoud and Mohamed Holali. The entertainment on the night was made all that much better thanks to our MC Omar Ibrahim. It was a wonderful opportunity where the boys shared their faith and culture with the school community.

A night like this cannot be pulled off without the great work of the boys that put this altogether. The great support that the executive provided was very valuable and pivotal to the success of the night. In addition to this we were greatly helped out by local businesses that were very happy to support the school with such a great initiative. We would like to take this opportunity to thank

- Hijab House located in Centro Bankstown and Merrylands Stocklands [www.facebook.com/HijabHouse](http://www.facebook.com/HijabHouse)
- Al Aseel Lebanese Restaurant, 4/173 Waterloo Rd Greenacre
- Little Tripoli Lebanese Restaurant, 195a Waterloo Rd Greenacre
- Pizzaland, 3/173 Waterloo Rd Greenacre
- Sunshine One Fruit Market, Neeta City Fairfield
- Abdo Florist, 245 Waterloo Rd Greenacre
- Sevil Sweets, Chester Hill

Their contribution to the school and this evening is greatly appreciated. We would also like to extend our thanks to the plenty of supporters who made monetary contributions and those that helped with all the preparation. A great big thank you goes out to all of you.

Finally, we would like to thank all that attended, as it would not have been such a wonderful night without their attendance. Thank you to all. We look forward to next year.

Ms Fattouh
MATHEMATICS FACULTY

It has been a busy term with teachers and students preparing and marking year 12 Trials, Preliminary exams and other tasks for the junior years. Ms M Kaur has gone on maternity leave and we wish her well for the arrival of the new baby.

Our students continue to excel in mathematics, both in the NAPLAN test and in competitions. Henry Liang, Yr10, achieved a High Distinction in the UNSW 50th Annual School Mathematics Competition. This placed him in the top 5% of the 330 candidates from 22 schools, just below the top three prize winners. Henry received his certificate and a money prize at a formal ceremony at the University of NSW.

The school has also just received the results for the Australian Mathematics Competition which was held in August. The following students achieved the top results in their respective years:

Year 7: Anthony Wu, Jathusan Yogesan, Jinwoo Lee
Year 8: Akhilesh Dhanekula, Elton Cheng, William Phan
Year 9: Andrew Chau, Ian Zhou, Kack Luo
Year 10: Daniel Lee, David Jesuthasan, Jie Yang
Year 11: Philip Zhang, Martin Lee, Tyrone Chen

It was unfortunate that this year’s competition was held during our Trials exams and so near that Yr12 students were not able to participate.

The faculty wishes all Yr12 students best of luck in the HSC and in the future.

The winner of the Maths competition was was Yr 12 student Sidney Quoc Hua ...... the answer was 9.

G Carrozza
Head Teacher

STUDENT MENTORING

There are many ways of assisting students who need extra help to maximise their learning outcomes. One effective way of doing this is for teachers and other adults to work with students one-to-one or in small groups in a tutoring, coaching or mentoring role.

Our school started a mentoring program this term with a group of Year 11 student mentors and Year 9 mentees. This provides a positive opportunity for vulnerable students to practice the skills they have learnt, to receive recognition and develop responsibility.

Mentoring can also strengthen the student leadership program in the school by providing relevant experience and responsibility to students.

Thank you Mrs Degney for running a career workshop and the Year 11 mentors for giving up three of their lunch times to speak to the Year 9 mentees. The Year 11 mentors were:

Cameron Kopecnny, Phillip Siomos, Aleks Wynne, Keshav Bhrugubanda, Johnny Chen, Lachlan Foster, William Huynh, Daniel Collis, Andrew Finch and Tim Mitry.
**ANDREW DEPTA TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA**

Year 12 student Andrew Depta recently represented the NSW All Schools Football team in the Australian Schoolboys Football Championships in Adelaide. Andrew who was selected as a goalkeeper attended the tournament after successfully making the Sydney North regional team and the CHS 2nds team prior to being selected for the All Schools.

NSW won the tournament convincingly and Andrew played a major role in that victory by not conceding a single goal in his time between the sticks. Due to this great achievement Andrew was selected in the Australian School Boys team who will tour the UK in January. We wish to congratulate Andrew on a fine effort and wish him all the best next January when he travels with the Australian team to London.

**HOMEBUSH U/16’s FUTSAL TEAM FINISH RUNNER UP AT STATE TITLES**

On Thursday the 11th of August the State Futsal Championships were held at Penrith indoor centre for the U/16’s boys. Homebush qualified for the state titles after successfully navigating their way through a regional tournament in Dural.

The tournament was a round robin competition where each team needs to progress out of their pool to qualify for the quarter-finals. The boys cruised through their pool winning all three games comfortably, defeating Doonside 4-2, Holy Spirit Lakemba 7-4 and Elizabeth Marcarthur 3-0. In the quarter finals we were drawn to play Arthur Phillip High who defeated the boys in the grand final of the regional tournament a month earlier. The boys played brilliantly to defeat Arthur Phillip 3-1 and progress to the semi-finals.

The semi-final clash was against Endeavour Sport High, the boys were underdogs but showed great courage to defeat Endeavour 2-1 and progress to the final against St. Spyridon College. St. Spyridon were the defending champions and unfortunately had too much class in a great finals match. St. Spyridon scored the winning goal with 30 seconds left on the clock, leaving the Homebush boys to finish runners up in the state. This was a fantastic effort by the boys, thank you to all the parents who helped drive the boys to the venue and supported them throughout the day.

A special mention to the team captain James Burton who was the best player on the day, Adrian Talevski for his sweet left foot drives and Tim Davidson for his great efforts in goal, particularly in the semi-final against Endeavour Sports High. The goal scorers for the tournament were: Tim Xin – 1, James Burton – 6, Ricky Fradel – 5 Matt Cook – 2, Adrian Talevski – 7, and David Gajic – 1.

Mr Belgre
TENNIS – 1ST AND 2ND GRADE

The 2011-1st and 2nd grade tennis teams for the winter season were great to be involved with. The boys played with great spirit and never gave up trying even in the face of adversity. They were often involved in reverse doubles in order to determine the overall winner of the day and they played for each and every point to the best of their abilities. 1st grade made it into the finals series but were unfortunately knocked out in the semi’s and whilst 2nd grade did not make the finals, they showed great promise for next season. I look forward to winter 2012 and even more success for both teams.

1st Grade: Shubham Goyal (Captain), Rory Peters, Stivy Tran, Liam Jameson, Burney Wong.

2nd Grade: Indranil Chakravarty (Captain), Iamo Guru, Manovarman Selvanathan, Pavithran Sivakumaran, Jack Zhang.

Miss B Gobel

SPORTS REPORT

The summer season has finally commenced after weeks of trials and it was great to see that so many teams were victorious in the opening round of competition. It has been a busy term in regards to sport, with several teams and students excelling at various levels. Some of the highlights include;

- Andrew Depta being selected in the Australian School Boys Football Team
- U/16’s Futsal team finishing runner up at the State Futsal Titles
- U/14’s and U/19’s Futsal teams making the last 8 in the State Futsal Titles
- Willis Choi representing NSW in the U/16 Australian Volleyball Championships in Perth
- U/15’s Basketball team qualifying to the regional final in the U/15’s knockout competition

For up to date information for sport please check the schools website in the Curriculum tab and then click on sport. Here you can access the weekly sports arrangement sheet, the latest results for grade sport and a list of all the sports person of the week awards for Grade and House.

Mr S Belgre

SEASON REPORT 3rd GRADE FOOTBALL

It was a very successful, enjoyable and remarkable season for 3rd grade football with lots of memories to carry forever and I’m sure the other members of the team would agree with me.

Even though the team was not able to give the year 12 a farewell to remember with a win in the finals, it was still a season, which they would never forget.

The team came each week with full strength and a good spirit of sportsmanship and gave their all no matter what the situation or atmosphere was.

Putting aside the unexpected lost in the final to the team that beat us in the sixth round 5-0 and in the final 3-2, 3rd grade had a wonderful year with only two games lost out of 20 games. This would not have been possible without the constants effort of each team member picking each other up during the tough times.

A big thank you must go to Mr Fairley, the coach, who was there each week ready to support the team as much as he could, with his before the game and after the game or sideline coaching to keep us on the right track or play the right way.

With the wonderful season that the team had this year it would not be a surprise to see the whole team back again for other great season, and the team would happily welcome new comers for there is always room for more fantastic players like we had this season.

Emmanuel Ekwensi

EDGE

EDGE is the non-denominational Christian group at Homebush Boys High School, which meets every Friday in Room 37.

Each week EDGE looks at one of the key aspects of the Christian faith. It’s a time to ask questions and be challenged in our belief and understanding.

All staff and students are welcome to attend. See Miss Chan for further details.

STUDY LOUNGE

Year 12 students are invited to come to Study Lounge. It’s a quiet area to study with other Year 12 students. There are also tutors to help you with your subjects, if you need them.

It runs initially on Friday afternoons 3:10- 6pm, but the hours will be extended in the school holidays and Term 4. The nearest Study Lounge location is 46 Belmore Street Burwood. Check the website: http://studylounge.org. Best of all, it’s FREE! See Miss Chan for further details.
TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Tournament of Minds (TOM) is an annual problem-solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. Homebush Boys High School entered two teams into the South-West Sydney Language Literature division held at the University of Western Sydney, Bankstown. This was the first time two teams had been entered, which proved challenging for team facilitator and Drama teacher, Joanna Carrasco.

The Language Literature division required students who had a keen interest in drama to take part. Two challenges were undertaken by the teams, a spontaneous and a long-term rehearsed performance. These challenges require students to abide by rules, including the use of space and the cost of creating props. As part of the school’s efforts to recycle, the students decided to create most of their props using recyclable materials.

For the long-term challenge the boys were required to create a five-minute trailer for a selected film and then present it as a potential Academy Award nominee. The spontaneous challenge required only the teams and judges to be in the room, whilst the long-term challenge was performed in front of family and friends.

Homebush Boys achieved a first when, not only two teams were entered, but, both teams received Honours for their drama performances. These students were drawn from Yr 7-10 and from a variety of backgrounds. Some were starting out for the first time, whilst for others, this was their final year of participation. As part of the Gifted and Talented program that Homebush Boys runs, these students were able to challenge and extend themselves, further develop in team-building skills and proudly represent Homebush Boys High School.

Congratulations to the following students (left to right in photo):


Joanna Carrasco

YEAR -8 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Yr-8 is doing a topic on café design. During their 15 weeks rotation they visit the café’s at Homebush. They look at the way these café’s function in real life. Some of the café’s they have visited are at Homebush take away outlets and students are allowed to ask questions to the café managers. The boys are allowed to sample food from these café’s. After the visit they sit in groups and plan and design their own café model (diorama). Some of the best café’s are designed with a fish tank, computers, solar energy etc. Some of the best ones have been displayed here.

Mr Madakasira
### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011

#### Week 10 A September

- **18** Prefect camp Sunday
- **19** Prefect camp
- **Yr 12 Blood donations**
- Trial School Certificate – English, Science
- School Council, P & C Meeting
- **20** Prefect camp
- Trial School Certificate – Maths, History/Geography
- **21** Sport v round 3  Period rotation: 1,2,3,4
- Trial School Certificate – PD/H/PE RSA & RSG
- **22** Yr 12 Presentation/graduation
- **23** Trial School Certificate – Computing Skills

#### Week 1 B October

- **10** Term 4
- **11** Sport v round 4  Period rotation: 3,4,1,2
- **12** HSC begins (12 Oct – 18 Nov)
- **13** Yr 7 Geography to Blue Mountains

#### Week 2 A October

- **17** SRC Elections
- Intercultural day
- **18** Sport v round 5  Period rotation: 1,2,3,4

#### Week 3 B October

- **24** Yr 9 Career Education Workshops (5 weeks)
- **25** Sport v round 6  Period rotation: 3,4,1,2

#### Week 4 A October

- **31** School Council meeting, P & C meeting
- **1** Sport v round 7  Period rotation: 1,2,3,4
- **2** Vaccination - Yr 7 Hep B & Varicella, Dose 2
- **3**
- **4**

#### Week 5 B November

- **7** School Certificate English/Science
- **8** School Certificate – Maths/Civics
- **9** Yr 9 Commerce to Luna Park
- **10** Sport v round 8  Period rotation: 3,4,1,2
- **11** School Certificate – Computer Skills

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CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS REPORT

The annual Year 12 CAPA night that included Music and Visual Arts was again a very successful evening that highlights the many gifted and talented students within the creative and performing arts in the school. Parents, friends and staff attended to see a fantastic selection of artworks and some outstanding musical performances.

This year’s students have again raised the bar as the standard in both areas was of the highest level, which was backed up by the many glowing comments from both the parents and the staff. Ms Juska and Mr Smith should be congratulated along with the students who have now done all the hard work for a large part of their major practical assessments, which will hopefully come to fruition when they get their final marks for the HSC at the end of the year.

Special thanks must go to Deputy Principal Ms Dwyer and Ms Degeny for their support on the night which is most appreciated by both the students and the CAPA faculty.

A few weeks ago several of our talented students participated in auditions for the ‘Noise by Choice’ competition that was run by Burwood Council and we were very happy to receive confirmation that three of the acts were chosen for the finals which is to be held in Burwood park.

‘Operation Art’ exhibition for an exhibition which is to be held at the Art Gallery of NSW. Their is only 50 works chosen for this prestigious event so for three of our students to be selected it is a fantastic achievement. There are a small selection of photos from the evening with this article.

K. ATTWOOD

PARLIAMENTARY PHOTO PRIZE

Otis Burian-Hodge (Yr 9) has received a Highly Commended in the NSW Parliamentary PleinAir Photographic Secondary Schools Competition. His photograph Sunset from Mrs. Macquarie’s Chair was exhibited in the city at the Foto Riesel Imaging Store.

Also three of our Yr 8 Visual Arts students Elton Cheng, Douglas Cheung and Misha Mu had their artworks chosen from over seven hundred entries from the annual
2011 elected Prefects

Leonardo Pane with his silver Duke of Edinborough award for the

Ms Milovanovic with Basel, Leonardo and Scott with their International Rotary Awards
Sebastian Labonne - Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 129
Jack Luo - Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 147
Quentin Yeung - Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 120
Aryaman Dhingra - Ten Pin Bowling – bowled a 123

Noah Kang – Junior House Volleyball
Addullah Allam – Junior House Volleyball
Joel Koliyakottu – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 127
Timothy Yeung – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 128

Lachlan Mackay – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 134
Nirushian Parthibhan – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 128

Simon Nicholls – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 163
Adrian Talevski – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 124
Mohamad Sartawy – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 132
Arya Dhingra – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 127
Jonathon Wong See – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 121

Nirushian Parthibhan – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 138
Adrian Talevski – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 126
Arya Dhingra – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 121
Ricky Fradel – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 147
Matthew Yu – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 138
Lachlan Chisholm – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 142
Richard Li – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 170
Alpay Keskin – Junior Futsal
Michael Parker – 1st Grade Waterpolo
Serge Houhlias – 1st Grade Waterpolo

Philip Maxwell – 2nd Grade Waterpolo
Ali Baddah – 2nd Grade Waterpolo
Mitchell Taylor – 15’s Waterpolo

Khan Milligan – 14’s Volleyball
Yin Hao – 15’s Volleyball
Tim Xin – Senior Futsal
Anuraj Talati – 1st Grade Tennis
1st Grade B’Ball – Ruilin Huang
2nd Grade B’Ball – Kelvin Luong
14’s B’Ball – Allan Lai
Oliver Smith – 1st Grade Baseball
Luke Sheehan – 1st Grade Baseball
Scott Madycki- 1st Grade Baseball
Kohelti Vaitaiki – Junior A Oztag
Angus Armstrong – Junior A Oztag
Matthew Munro - Junior A Oztag
Anthony Lopes - Junior B Oztag
Daniel Lopes - Junior B Oztag
Dion Lin - Junior B Oztag
Edmond Ma – 15’s B’Ball
Daniel Lee – Junior Futsal
Kevin Yang – Junior Futsal
Kasikat Mvaennoddee – 14’s Tennis
Srinivas Byreddy – 15’s Tennis
Suresh Tharmalinkam – 15’s Cricket
Nirushian Parthibhan – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 140
Karim Alkadmani – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 127
Hussam Elmadbouly – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 121