GOODBYE AND GOODLUCK

Our Principal Mr Tim Jurd will be retiring at the end of this year from his beloved Homebush BHS. Mr Jurd started his teaching career at our school so it is very fitting that he will reluctantly finish at this school.

As Deputy Principal since 2001 and then Principal from 2010 he has been at the forefront of many new initiatives that have helped to make Homebush BHS one of the best schools in the region.

Students from various KLA subjects have constantly attained results that would be more in line with what occurs in the more sought after selective schools in our educational system.

Mr Jurd’s infectious passion for education has brought together a whole community where teachers, students and parents have recognized his commitment and dedication to enlighten generations of young men to be the best that they can.

Tim Jurd we salute you. Always a ‘Bushie Boy’.

The times of my life with some fabulous people at the best school in Sydney
As I move to retirement I am filled with great trepidation. I have known no life other than teaching for 39 years. During this period, I have been fortunate to have very little leave for illness so I hope my luck doesn’t change. In retirement, I look forward to travel and spending time at my surf club, Elouera (near Wanda).

I cannot believe the two weeks I have just experienced. I have had the most extraordinary amount of warmth and affection lavished on me from the community and I am quite humbled by the Parents and Citizens that gave me the most wonderful of farewells and also gave me beautiful gifts. My friends on the P&C know me so well that I received a magnificent book of photography of the beaches of Southern Sydney, signed by the author and a magnificent picture of a surf team at my beloved Elouera. Kim Houhlias even found the inaugural Elouera SLSC surf carnival program.

I have made great friends on the P&C especially with President Kathy Totidis and the executive members who have always been great supporters of the school and me.

Last week’s Presentation Day was fabulous. Joanna Carrasco, Joanna Chan, Caitlin Dwyer and Kamie Khurshed orchestrated a transformation that saw over 800 students and parents fill the Marie Bashir Auditorium and celebrate the achievements of so many wonderful young men. The staff marched the boys from school to MB Hall in torrential rain but there was little or no complaint. They just did it. The Director’s speech at the conclusion was a total surprise with great words about the job I love. The music sounded awesome and I believe that partnership with SGHS is one of the school’s major achievements in the past 5 years.
The day after was another wonderful shock with the DPs organising a magnificent farewell assembly for the retiring trio; Norman Betts (computing and mathematics), Kerri Morey (English) and myself in the new gym. There was sensational music, fabulous speeches from the students and a grand exit. The boys and staff are amazing.

To cap off a very special Friday to remember, staff, parents and friends had a party to give me a night that I will never forget. Again we had music and décor which had a lovely beach theme. The Executive Director, Murat Dizdar and Strathfield Director, Veronica Kapsimali, gave great speeches as did Kathy Totidis, Jono Sculthorpe, Kamie Khursheed and Caitlin Dwyer. It was a great surprise also to hear from my good friend and former colleague Andrea Connell (Principal Sydney GHS). This night was shared with my wonderful wife Sandra McKay and beautiful daughter Caitlin Jurd. The party was the pinnacle of a remarkable time for me. I thank the organisers of this event especially the wonderful Kellie Whelan my most incredible compatriot.

I know I am handing the school over to an excellent Principal, Mr John Kennedy (currently principal of Kingsgrove North High School). John is an excellent leader, experienced, knowledgeable and compassionate. This school has been my life for 23 of the past 39 years. I will never be able to thank the staff, students and parents for their contribution to my incredible career but I will try.

Homebush I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I wish all of the community the very best.

Homebush BHS Principal

Mr Tim Jurd.
**WHITE RIBBON DAY**

**White Ribbon Oath:** never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

Homebush Boys High School is committed to ensuring that schools remain safe places for students to learn and teachers to teach. The school is also determined to prevent violent behaviour by any member of the school community. Countering violence against women is consistent with the school’s endeavours to ensure that Homebush Boys High School is a safe and harmonious environment and to enhance a school culture of co-operation, tolerance and acceptance for all.

White Ribbon Day is a significant event at Homebush Boys High School and within the community.

White Ribbon Day celebrates the culmination of the annual campaign and global recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. As such, men and women are encouraged to wear a symbolic white ribbon on 25 November. White Ribbon Day (25 November) also signals the start of the 16 Days of Activism to Stop Violence against Women, which ends on Human Rights Day (10 December).

This year saw the extension of the White Ribbon Day Program at Homebush Boys High School. Head Teacher Student Wellbeing (Relieving), Ms Budanovic, Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, Ms Milovanovic, Mr Saber and Ms Cribb, engaged students in addressing the issue of violence against women through a whole school program that was implemented during roll call. Activities addressed issues of violence against women and structures that are on offer in society to support those in need. Students also completed tasks in classrooms and concluded the week program with a whole school community pledge delivered by Mr Saber, at Friday’s assembly.

The overall highlight was the successful organisation of a whole-school assembly that was run by our student leadership group. Homebush Boys High School, this year, was supported by the highly inspirational and talented soccer player, Mr Manfred Schaefer. Manfred Schaefer was part of the 1974 Australian World Cup Soccer Team. He kindly took out the time to support White Ribbon Day initiatives at our school. He signed soccer items such as Adidas balls and caps that were raffled off alongside Sydney FC and WSW items, and he presented these to overall raffle draw winners during the assembly. Homebush Boys High School sincerely thanks Mr Manfred Schaefer for supporting our school White Ribbon Day initiatives. Thank you to Ms Milovanovic and Mr Saber for the organisation of our special guests. A very special thank you also goes to Ms Milovanovic and Ms Budanovic, who donated sporting prizes in support of such a worthy cause. Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets.

Staff, students and guests also shared personal experiences, presenting stories and highlighting the need to address such an important issue. Ms Kumaralingam and SRC students presented all guests, staff and students with white ribbons to mark this occasion. Our highly talented CAPA Faculty painted black and white harmonious male and female cardboard characters, and students and staff decorated walls with white ribbon balloons, posters and written pledges. Mr Attwood was on hand to ensure photography requirements for the day. The Hospitality staff put on a wonderful morning tea for our guests that included members from Strathfield Council, Auburn Police, and 1974, World Cup Soccer Player, Mr Schaefer, and a whole school sausage sizzle lunch, raising funds for such a worthy cause.

Violent actions exist at all levels of our society. We are aware, that the effects of violence on learning, and general adjustment at school, can be devastating and far reaching for the students involved. We trust that the whole school community can share the responsibility for combating any form of violence whenever it occurs, especially those against women.

Homebush Boys High School sincerely thanks those who have supported our school White Ribbon Day initiatives. Most importantly, thank you to Ms Budanovic, Ms Milovanovic, Ms Cribb, Ms Kumaralingam and Ms Saber for their tireless efforts in the organisation and implementation of such a highly successful event.

White Ribbon Day is a great opportunity to remind all “never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women”.

**Suzi Milovanovic**

**Head Teacher Teaching & Learning**
Mr Manfed Schaeffer presents a signed football to one of our students

Senior Officer Jim Dixon speaks to students about the importance of White Ribbon Day

Organisers and presenters of White Ribbon Day are treated to some refreshments
Mr Craig Laundy speaks to students at our White Ribbon assembly

Mr Charles Casuscelli speaks to students at our White Ribbon assembly

Strathfield Councillor Ms Stephanie Pegolis speaks to students

The official party at our White Ribbon Day assembly

Mr Manfred Schaffer in the number 4 shirt playing against the great Pele at the Showground
ARTEXPRESS SUCCESS IN VISUAL ARTS

Four of our Yr12 Visual Arts students have had their Body of Work selected for this year’s Artexpress, which is a fantastic achievement from the students. Otis Burian-Hodge, Zheng Chen, Anuraj Talati and Akul Pandya will have their artworks on display at various gallery venues early next year. Not to be completely outdone we also had success with three of the Yr12 Visual Arts students picking up awards at the Strathfield Council HSC Visual Arts exhibition last week. Tao Wei, Joshua Lee and Aravind Jacob-Abraham were at the opening night to receive their awards and prizes. Special mention must also go to Visual Arts teacher Tony Letsios for the excellent guidance and direction he gives to the students so that they achieve their full potential.

With all this success with their practical artworks we can look forward to many of the students being rewarded with achieving some excellent HSC results this year. The Visual Arts faculty will look at purchasing some of our outstanding student artwork to build on the collection from past years. This acts as a valuable resource for all of our students and also promotes the school as a centre of excellence in Visual Arts in the region and in the local community.

This term has also seen Yr8 student Ren Hong having his artwork selected as a teaching resource from the Operation Art exhibition for Westmead Children’s Hospital, which is held at the Armoury Art Gallery. Our school has a long tradition in having student work selected in this exhibition for the permanent collection at the hospital and even being selected for display at the Art Gallery of NSW.

Mr. Kim Attwood
Head Teacher CAPA
Anuraj Talati is congratulated by Mr Jurd on having his artwork selected for Artexpress.

Joshua Lee with his certificate and award for best painting at the Strathfield Council HSC Visual Arts exhibition.

Tao Wei with his certificate and award as Runner-Up at the Strathfield Council HSC Visual Arts exhibition.
LOTE FACULTY REPORT

A time to reflect...a time to praise!

My family has recently challenged me to each day consider three things for which I am grateful for and to do this for five days. At the time of writing, I am into my third day and finding it quite a blessing to stop and consider the many things for which I should be thankful. In doing so I am reminded of Corrie Boom's autobiographical novel The Hiding Place. At one point in her traumatic experience as a prisoner in the Nazi concentration camps during World War II, her younger sister, despite her ailing health, encourages Corrie, even in the midst of their despair and struggles to thank God for all things. They do, even thanking God for things that did not seem in any way to be a blessing such as the live that infested them.

As we approach the Christmas season, let us remember the blessing that Jesus is to a world in such desperate need of him. As we hurdle through life at such break neck speed, let us a school and in particular as the LOTE Faculty at HBHS, take time to slow down, count our blessings and reflect on all the positives in 2014.

If you have never taken the five day thankfulness challenge, can I commend it to you as a great way to reflect and refresh your mind and soul.

2014…the year that was in the LOTE Faculty.

Henry T. Heald stated that “Education in its deepest sense is the improvement of man so that he will be a thinking individual, not afraid of the validity of his conclusions, even though they may deviate from what may be acceptable and safe at the moment.” 1968

The ultimate goal of education should be to produce analytical citizens who help to shape the environment around them and are not afraid to ask questions or solve problems. I believe that educators should develop in learners, the abilities and skills to empower them to explore and solve problems in the world that they are confronted with. Only then will students come to see education and learning as lifelong processes made up of meaningful experiences.

In 2014, the LOTE faculty took on board all the individual talents of our students and concentrated on fostering positive social relationships and using these to aspire and achieve potentials in academic successes. LOTE students were challenged to better themselves at every opportunity and to try new things. Our classrooms were filled with young men of different skills, capabilities and needs.

The Languages Other Than English faculty started off 2014 with some old and some new faces. Ms Lay continued in her part time maternity position working Tuesdays and Wednesdays only and Mrs Gilchrist took leave at the end of Term 1. Her Classes were adequately looked after by Mrs Leghorn, Mrs Scerri and Mr Kladakis.

We very extremely pleased to have Ms Su continue in her role as Stage 4, 5 & 6 Chinese Co-ordinator. As always, the LOTE faculty was fortunate to have the professionalism of Ms Su as she became the Coordinator of all Saturday School, Open High School and Distance Education students.

Ms Yu continued her excellent work with the Korean teaching program at HBHS as a resident full time teacher, coordinating Korean studies for Years 7 through to year 12. 2014 also marked the third year of KOREAN language studies at Homebush Boys High School. The NSW Curriculum and Learning Innovation Centre of the Department of Education and Communities and the Korean Education Centre continued to highlight Korean as a language of growing importance in NSW. An exciting new program with many interactive activities was in stall for our Korean students.

Cultural Experiences continue at HBHS.

On Wednesday 29th October 2014, a group of 9 Year 11 students from Dong Incheon HS in Korea visited HBHS, as part of our sister school relations program. After meeting their buddies (also from Year 11 but NOT Korean speaking), the boys were treated to a tour of HBHS campus, an introductory PowerPoint lesson on life at HBHS and finally some time to unwind, chat and enjoy morning tea.

It was a wonderful opportunity for students of the same age but different cultures to mix together. It was quite obvious that Year 11 boys like the same things, admire the same people and have similar (but somewhat different) experiences at school. Students from Dong Incheon HS presented group PowerPoints of their school and successful activities they were involved in.

All in English! Once again, I would like to thank Ms Su for organising the day and for giving both students at HBHS and
visiting "mates" the chance to meet and share experiences. Check the photo of the day included in this edition of the Bush Bulletin.

**Chinese Confucius Classroom at HBHS in 2015.**

The LOTE Faculty is proud to announce the introduction of a Chinese Confucius Classroom in 2015. As a result of Ms Su's hard work and dedication towards this initiative, HBHS will receive a grant of $15 000 towards both staff and technological resources to transform Room 33 into a world class venue for Chinese teaching and learning and in line with Hanban Institute and Chinese Educational Government initiatives. Stay tuned for changes in Room 33. Watch this space for latest developments. I would like to personally thank Ms Su for her undying efforts with this “dream”. As we always say...“dreams do come true to those who wait”. WOW!!

Yes! 2014 was a busy year full of student challenges, achievements and successes, full of staff challenges and rewards, full of faculty expectations and targets achieved. Underlining all our dreams, wishes and work behaviours have been the following Faculty tenets.

- Come prepared for every lesson. Make sure you are punctual, have all resources and have completed all necessary homework tasks.
- Participate in all language classes. Italian, French, Chinese or Korean classes are NOT for spectators only.
- Make sure you are using your DIARY to record homework, incomplete class work, assessment tasks, projects and any other reminders
- Abide by the LOTE Faculty classroom rules
- Abide by the HBHS Student Code of Conduct and
- Respect the learning in ALL classes.

In the words of Brad Henry, "A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instil a love of learning." My LOTE staff epitomise the essence of what Brad Henry describes above. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Gilchrist, Ms Su, Ms Lay and Ms Yu for their professionalism and for their continued efforts with all LOTE students. Also gratitude must be extended to our regular casual staff, Mrs Leghorn , Ms Scerri, Mr Kladakis ,Ms King, Mr Lee and Ms Hwang for “picking up the pieces” when needed. Thank you all.

I look forward to a happy and productive 2015, a year full of growth for our LOTE students - growth both physically but also mentally as we endeavour to immerse them in the spoken and written language and the culture of our European and Asian languages.

Finally, a few inspirational quotes that I have shared with LOTE staff, students and Bush Bulletin audiences in 2014.

- Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. **Nelson Mandela.**
- I am not a teacher but an awakener. **Robert Frost.**
- The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled. **Plutarch.**
- Education is not for today, it’s for eternity. **Helen Keller**
- Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn. **Benjamin Franklin**
- It’s not our job to toughen our children up to face a cruel and heartless world. It’s our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless. **L.R Frost**
- Formal education will make you a living. Self-education will make you a fortune. **Jim Rohn**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the LOTE staff, students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday break. Thank you for your continued support in 2014. Good luck to the “Class of 2014” as they eagerly await their HSC performances.

I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for another exciting year in 2015.

Mrs Matina Shadwick

Head of LOTE Faculty
Dong Incheon HS students and their HBHS buddies

Dong Incheon HS students give a powerpoint lesson on life in Korea

Happy visitors from Dong Incheon HS

Sister school delegates from Dong Incheon HS visit HBHS.

Dong Incheon HS students and their HBHS buddies

The faces of our visiting Dong Incheon HS students
Everyone is WELCOME in the LOTE Faculty.

The LOTE noticeboard outside Room 34-full of vital info.

Seungyo Yeom-High Academic Achievement and 3rd in Course for Preliminary Japanese Beginners at OHS

Farewell to our Dong Inchoen HS visitors
ABOUT 15,000 women across the nation are diagnosed with breast cancer each year.

Homebush Boys High School continued, on the 31 October, 2014, with its strong donation tradition as part of a Pink Ribbon fund-raiser and cancer awareness day.

Pink Ribbon Day is an annual event run by the Cancer Council which aims to raise funds and awareness about breast and gynaecological cancers.

Individual personnel dressed in pink to support the Pink Ribbon Day initiative and raise funds for breast and gynaecological cancer. Many shared stories of the need for early detection and support mechanisms that are available. Whole school personnel also engaged in practices of reflection, remembering loved ones who have lost their battle with cancer.

Homebush Boys High School raised funds through the selling of pink ribbons by our student leadership body, generous donations made by whole school community personnel and a sausage sizzle lunch. As a school, we reinforce that donating is part of the Australian culture. It is also not for individuals, but for much needed medical research.

Many around the world battle forms of cancer. Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women. Pink Ribbon Day is a great opportunity to remind women and/or others of the importance of detecting breast cancer in its early stages and that treatments are available to both fight and prevent the disease.

Homebush Boys High School salutes and thanks all those involved in Pink Ribbon Day initiatives and for the generous donations that continue to be made by many. As Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning, I personally thank those who dig deep to help find a cure, and improve the lives and wellbeing of those currently battling this disease in our society.

Suzi Milovanovic

Head Teacher Teaching & Learning

Ibrahim Speaks about Pink Ribbon Day.

Mr Khurshed makes a point with his Pink Ribbon attire.
Ms Vine and Ms Milovanovic support Pink Ribbon Day.

Ms Donahue in support of Pink Ribbon Day.

Ms Vine and Ms Horiatopoulos support Pink Ribbon Day with the right colour.

SRC students collect donations in support of Pink Ribbon Day.
ABW business report by William Chan

I was extremely fortunate to participate in Australian Business Week (ABW), which was held from the 24th to 28th of November 2015 at Marie Bashir Hall. It was an excellent program that I will never forget, even after twenty or forty years later. ABW was a fantastic hotel business simulation, which allowed groups of nine to ten students in a group to discuss and explore methods on how to manage a business effectively.

ABW has virtually changed my life. It is not an exaggerated statement because this is the truth. I have the golden opportunity to improve my teamwork, organisation, management, communication and improvisatory skills. As the CEO of my company, I have mastered how to clearly address my objectives in a straightforward manner, or else some of my members would not be engaged into the project, but relax instead. At times, I had to apply pressure in order to encourage them to work more efficiently. ABW was like an enjoyable and tough training section for your grand soccer match. In this friendly program, I was exposed to the pressures of managing our whole team and the importance of guiding them in the right direction, because the success of the business ultimately depends on you, the CEO. Moreover, I assigned roles for marketing, financial and operations officers and the human resource manager.

It is the best program ever to train every Homebush Boy students into intelligent and creative entrepreneurs!

One of the most exciting opportunities for me was to monitor the share price of my company. Here, we learned how to master many terms that were crucial for senior Social Science subjects, especially Business Studies and Economics, including return on equity and assets, occupancy and depreciation. We developed an understanding of how to maximise the share prices and increase our profits. I also love challenging myself by solving problems. The useful skills we learnt such as communication, teamwork and meeting deadlines also applied to other subjects, including Maths, English, Science and Commerce. We also discussed the different strategies on how to improve our share prices, when our team ranked tenth on the share price chart.

Year 10, 2015, you will discover the specifics if you embark this crucial journey by participating ABW next year.

There were countless of fabulous opportunities for everyone at Homebush Boys to shine, including the trade display and commercial. Personally, I adored our commercial the best because it was very interactive, as we were free to demonstrate our acting skills. The trade displays were one of the best chances for us to demonstrate that we were professional artists and designers. One of the most cunning things we encountered was that a teacher asked us a random question that we were never prepared. Don’t worry at all, my friends, ABW is the solution! I successfully have proved to a teacher at Strathfield Girls that I am knowledgeable about financial strategies and made her extremely impressed with me.

I used to think that if I excelled in tests at school, I was very knowledgeable. But this was not always the case. Sometimes, learning from a textbook is totally different comparing to actually experiencing the process of business management yourself. This is a once-in-a-life time opportunity for everyone to achieve their ambitions. It is not a program only for students who are interested in operating a business in the future or ones who desire to choose Economics or Legal Studies. It is also excellent for students who are keen on improving teamwork, problem solving, communication, and confidence and time-management skills. You will never regret participating ABW next year, I guarantee!

This program would never be successful without these conscientious and professional teachers. Many thanks to: Ms De Michiel, Ms Kench, Ms Su, Ms Lee, Mr Lai, Mr Arun, Mr Pisani, Ms Zammit, Ms Anton and Mr Sculthorpe for all your hard work.
ABW Report From Kevin Kadamani

To most of us, Strathfield Girls HS was unchartered territory. Our termed ‘sister school’ seemed to have large influences on the decisions down at the assembly, with stories of cooperation and team work between our schools often making it to the loudspeaker, but they are the ghosts of our hallways, the stage director who never leaves the confines of the stage curtains to claim credit for an excellent piece; the silent achievers. These ‘ghosts’ were not very different from us as we found out. They possessed qualities that reflect the Homebush character of ambition, positive work ethics, and most importantly, a great time while doing it. Such similarities made assimilation into groups easier, as we defined a common interest, and worked in cohesion to achieve it.

Simulation of the business coupled with the creation of annual reports and commercials, the manifestation of 3-D computer models and an oral presentation that displayed our professionalism were ruthlessly demanded over the course of the project. In spite of this, the phenomenal stress only proved to strengthen our friendships, level our weaknesses and once in a while when word doc is not responding at 4 in the morning, cop it on a high held chin and watch the tedious rotations captioned ‘loading’ (*and never press the exit button!!!).

Over the 5 days, we had the privilege to see inspirational and humorous people tell us about their experiences in business in the real world. Their main message was a choice that we noticed had to make both in and out of the simulation; to have a lighter load or a stronger back. At first I thought that there was no difference between the two, after all, the journey is would be easier in both situations, right? I was wrong.

As I found out, to ask for a stronger back means that you have already acknowledged the devotion and effort that the task asks for and that you are not willing to compromise on it; but prepared to compromise on yourself to achieve that task to get that pristine polish. This means that you might have to cut back on sleep, miss your favourite TV show that runs on that day, sometimes, and the worst, spending time away from family to get it done. It’s the bolder option. To ask for a lighter load on the other hand is the more selfish and lazier decision, because you effectively acknowledge what is required of you and your team, but even then you still choose the better preference for yourself while neglecting your team who are braving the early hours of the morning to make a good name for the business.

Our team adopted this principle at 12 AM in morning of the annual report being due, a time where we could have easily gone to sleep under warm blankets to bear the lighter load and the easier option. I am proud to say now that over that Wednesday, no member from my group 20 had more than four hours of sleep as we processed our report and I am certain that no other participants of ABW would have indulged in such a luxury when there was work to be done. The time that we spent in abundance with red eyes, stress, and a tempting desire to go to sleep at any given moment is a time that I will look back on, and find the motivation to do just the same when required. This moment that we shared defined our friendship and its proximity, and also the miracle abilities of coffee, to such the extent that our efforts were recognised by the judges and we were awarded with the ‘Best Annual Report’ accordingly.

I am honoured to call myself an ABW participant and to have such an amazing year group and sister school that have such high expectations and standards that both the staff are. A final message not only to year ten but to every student in Homebush Boys HS, appreciate your teachers, your deputies and your principal for such an extensive effort that they put in to make ABW and other programs possible in Homebush Boys HS.
IN MEMORY OF DANIEL MORCOMBE

Homebush Boys High School is committed to ensuring that schools remain safe places for children. The school is also determined to prevent crime and violent behaviour by any member of the school community. Countering crime and violence is consistent with the school's endeavours to ensure that Homebush Boys High School is a safe and harmonious environment, and to enhance a school culture of co-operation, tolerance and acceptance.

Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action where schools, business and community groups across Australia promote child safety and protection from crimes. As a lasting legacy to Daniel Morcombe, Homebush Boys High School asks people from all walks of life, to stand tall and ensure through action, that crimes against children have no place in modern Australia and society.

Homebush Boys High School encourages all to ‘keep kids safe’, and educate children about their personal safety. We also ask that you take time to remember Daniel, who lost his life due to horrific circumstances, and to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, by making donations, engaging in volunteering activities, organising fundraising activities, and implementing educational safety programs.

Suzi Milovanovic

Head Teacher Teaching & Learning
Spelling Bee Competition

One of our Literacy Targets at Homebush Boys High School is to improve students’ ability to spell. Since Term 1, tensions were brewing among the students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Each year group competed against one another in the battle of the brain to win the title of the “Champion of the Champions” spelling bee competition. The following students are to be congratulated for coming in first position in their year group:

Year 7 – Win Lynn          Year 8 – Khusal Dogra
Year 9 – Brian Kim         Year 10 – William Chan

All participants are champions in their own rights for having the courage to stand up in front of their peers to spell words such as: appendages, connoisseur, millennium, conscientious, memento and chauffeur.

The Champion of Champions for 2014 is: **Khusal Dogra Year 8**

**Congratulations to Khusal Dogra!**
Bebras Australian Champions

This year we entered the Australian Governments Computational Thinking Challenges. Two Year 12 students Renith Thetalia and Jathurson Subachandra achieved Australian Champions by receiving the highest score for Stage 6 (year 12) students in Australia.

The Rypen Leadership Camp is an excellent opportunity to improve one’s leadership, communication and teamwork skills. From the 23rd of May to the 25th of May I, Harri Jani, Kevin Kadamani, Punneth Kambhati and Keshav Swarswat were given the pleasure to attend this camp, during which we engaged in various team building activities, lectures about the wider community and how we could play a role in its enhancement.

Furthermore it was a unique opportunity to meet new people and new friends as we participated in many sports such as wheelchair basketball, along with which gained an insight into what life is like for someone who is in a wheelchair. In its entirely RYPEN was an outstanding experience which taught and enhanced our teamwork, leadership and communications skills, along with the chance to make new friends have an extremely enjoyable weekend.

Students enjoy the camaraderie at the Ripen Camp
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School Captain elect Craig Miller receiving his prefect badge off Mr Jurd

Vice-Captain elect Panayioti Constanti receiving his prefect badge off Mr Jurd

School Captain Craig Miller with his extended family who have a proud history at Homebush BHS
The 2015 Prefect Team

Tim’s Farewell Dinner