HOMEBUSH BHS CELEBRATES
100th ANNIVERSARY OF ANZAC DAY

On Friday, April 24th, our school recognised the 100th anniversary of Anzac Day with our special Anzac Day assembly. The wonderful Drum Corps created the atmosphere for the event and our student leaders spoke with passion and empathy for all the servicemen and women of our country who answered the call to serve our nation with some making the ultimate sacrifice.

Our entire student body showed the quiet respect that is required at such an event, as we reflected and remembered all those who died in wars all over the world.

“Each Anzac Day war veterans march through streets in many cities and suburbs around Australia and many people lay wreaths of flowers at War Memorials in remembrance. Today’s ceremony is our chance, as a school, to remember the sacrifice of our fellow Australians.”

Calendar events for term 3

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Principal’s Report

As it is the end of term I thought it was timely to review some of the recent events at Homebush Boys High School and upcoming activities that will affect your children.

Annual School Report 2014

The ASR for 2014 has been completed and was uploaded to our website earlier this term. You may wish to review it and the successes of 2014.

The New School Plan

We have started a new school planning process this year and the School Plan for 2015-17 has also now been uploaded to the school’s website for your perusal. The new school planning model is a very different model to the previous one and is a model that requires constant review of the achievement of school targets. This plan is the result of much work completed by Ms Dwyer and the School Improvement Team. I thank them for all their work on this massive task.

Symphonia Jubilate

A large number of our boys are a part of the Symphonia Jubilate music program. They have been rehearsing every Monday afternoon and many Saturdays this term at the Marie Bashir Auditorium.

I had the great pleasure of attending their highly successful concert on the 20 June 2015. It was a brilliant showcase of public education. Well done boys!

Anzac Day – The Centenary Year

Our boys represented us with great distinction at the Burwood Dawn Service and in the city at the ANZAC Day March. If you would like to check out the website you can see some of the snaps of this historic event. We also held a very poignant ceremony here at school on the Friday before ANZAC Day. A big thank you must go out to Ms Budenovic and the history faculty for all their work on this event and I must also thank Ms Brown and Ms Kamil for coordinating all of the outside school events participation.
Multicultural Day 2015

Another highlight for me this term was our annual Multicultural Day. This was a mammoth event coordinated by Ms Kumaralingam and it truly was a celebration of Multiculturalism and the very core of our school community. Well done Ms Kumaralingam and team.

Recital Night and Creative Arts Expo

Recently Mr Albertson coordinated a highly successful evening at school which showcased the talents of our Music students and also our Visual Arts students. It was an intimate evening which gave the boys the opportunity to showcase their musical abilities and to display their visual art pieces. Thank you Mr Albertson and the Creative Art team.

Year 11 and the Preliminary course

During Term 3 Year 11 students will be drawing to the end of the Preliminary Course which will culminate with their Yearly examinations in. Students will have the opportunity to drop one of their subjects as they move into the HSC course. This process will take a little while and will involve consultation with you and your child. Students will be issued with subject change forms in late September and have the whole process explained to them at that stage. Should your son wish to drop a subject they will need to have completed all the work in that subject? I would recommend they keep an extra subject however to ensure they maximise their HSC result.

Year Assemblies

Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 recently held another round of very successful Formal Assemblies. These events were coordinated and chaired by students. The students coordinated the assemblies and provided the entertainment and were also marvellous audiences. These year groups are a credit to their respective Year Advisors;

Year 7: Mr Belgre and Mr Burke
Year 8: Mr Abbou and Ms Lutak
Year 9: Ms Adams and Ms Su
Year 10: Ms Altundag and Mr Carrozza
Year 11: Mr Koff and Mr Lai
Year 12: Mr Madyski and Ms Kumaralingam

Mr Kennedy congratulates students on their awards at the Yr8 assembly
I was particularly impressed with the number of students who received awards for improved academic progress and improved attendance at school.

Yours in education.

John Kennedy
Principal
BA DipEd
Med Leadership

Ex student Jonah Bolden presenting Mr Kennedy with his American college basketball top

Khaled is caught in mid air before landing in the long jump

Ms Sarah Brown, Mr Kennedy and Mr Khurshed support our magnificent Drum Corps at the ANZAC Day march in Sydney
Homebush Boys High School’s, 2015 Study Skills Program, assists students with their educational endeavours. The Senior Program this year has included session presentations by guest motivational speakers from various universities. Year 12 students had the pleasure this term, of welcoming leading motivational speaker, Mr James Arvanitakis, to the school. James is a regular speaker at national and international conferences, delivering keynotes and research papers.

Leading motivational speaker Professor, James Arvanitakis, delivered a motivational workshop to all Year 12 students at Homebush Boys High School. Professor James Arvanitakis is a Professor in the Humanities at the University of Western Sydney and the Head of The Academy at UWS. He is also a member of the University’s Institute for Culture and Society. His research areas include hope, trust, political theatre, piracy and citizenship. James has worked as a human rights activist throughout the Pacific, Indonesia and Europe. He is currently working with the Whitlam Institute looking at issues confronting Australia’s democracy.

During the workshop, James explained which transferable skills students needed to succeed in areas yet unimagined. The workshop also presented engaging content that was useful for every student, no matter whether the path they choose to success is university, TAFE and/or the workforce.

I am delighted on the positive comments that have been made by students regarding his workshop. The students certainly benefit from our guest speaker’s knowledge and expertise.

As Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, I would like to thank whole school personnel with regards to the implementation of this workshop. Most importantly, thank you to our wonderful guest speaker, Mr James Arvanitakis and UWS coordinator, Ms Yani Martin.

Ms Suzi Milovanovic
HT Teaching & Learning
The annual Recital Night concert was held in the School Hall on Thursday evening, 11 June. In recent years a display of student artworks has become an added feature of this school event. Art works were on display from 5.30 pm followed by the Concert at 6.30 pm.

A cozy audience of parents, staff, local friends and students enjoyed an hour of diverse musical entertainment. Twenty students performed during the concerts. Items ranged from piano solos, electric guitar solo, viola solo, guitar duet, guitar ensemble and the Year 9 Elective Music class band, 4 Shades.

At the conclusion of the Concert there was a lucky door prize draw. Winners received vouchers for services and products donated by local businesses.

Supper was served by Interact Club members. Donations received totaled in excess of $240 and will go towards the Nepal Relief Appeal.

Ian Albertson
Music Teacher/Recital Night Coordinator
Isaac Yoon playing the viola at Recital Night

Mr Albertson and Mr Kennedy presenting lucky door prizes on the night

Sam Mansfield and Chris Standard perform on the night

Yr7 student artworks

Isaac Yoon playing the viola at Recital Night

Oscar Verelli’s Yr11 artwork

Mr Albertson and Mr Kennedy presenting lucky door prizes on the night
ROCK ‘N’ ROLL EDUCATION AT HOMEBUSH

On the 7th April master guitarist Terry Murray visited our school to demonstrate his skills to Yr 8 students. Terry’s guitar workshop took the students on a musical journey through various periods of rock and roll, film and TV music. The students were captivated by Terry’s extraordinary talent with the variety of sounds and different technical skill he did in replicating many of the famous guitar riffs which fascinated the students and teachers with Terry’s vast knowledge of music.

HOMEBUSH STUDENTS IN CLEAN SWEEP OF PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Four of our students entered the ‘Snap To It’ photography competition that was run by Strathfield Council and the students won every prize. The boy’s photos were of an excellent standard and congratulations go to Aydin Bremner, Raghav Rampal, Aryaman Baisyet and Douglas Cheung. Special congratulations to Aydin who received a special award.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact:

Kerry Meucci (Head Teacher, Learning Support) Phone: 97643611 Extension 121; or
Judith Edwards (Learning and Support Teacher) Phone: 97643611 Extension 131
Our school celebrated the 6th Annual Ramadan Iftar on Thursday the 26th June. Under the guidance of Ms Kamil, Mr Abbou, Ms Bolbol, Mr Achmed and Ms Fattouh, the boys worked closely with the prefects to run another fabulous evening of food, fun and celebration of our school’s multiculturalism.

The boys worked closely together volunteering their time to organise a wonderful night that was attended by students of all faiths and cultures. It was lovely to see boys who had graduated from Homebush return and join current students and teachers. Special guests on the night included Emad El-Kheir (GWS Giants Community engagement coordinator), Omar Al-Jamal (Human Appeal International) and Veronica Kapsimali (Director, Public Schools).

Science teacher Miss Brown and year 12 student Luke Mansfield gave touching recounts of their experience of fasting that day and were congratulated by all that attended on the night. The food, provided by Al-Aseel Catering in Greenacre, consisted primarily of Middle Eastern food, such as kefta, rice and several variants of chicken as well as the typical tabouli and other salads, plus more. Desserts were plenty and enjoyed by all.

The night was mainly sponsored by Human Appeal International Australia. Human Appeal International is a charity organisation that provides support and relief to people in need all over the world. The school was honoured to hand over a cheque of over $2000 raised from ticket sales. Human Appeal was also appreciative of further contributions made on the night by teachers and students.

A night like this would not be possible without the generosity of individuals and businesses who recognise the importance of holding nights like this for the school community. We would like to thank Harris Farm Market for their donation of fruit for the dessert buffet. We would also like to thank Big Fresh for donating all the water and drinks. Jessie’s Den in Homebush generously helped with making fresh Lebanese dessert Knafeh. Greenacre Charcoal Chicken provided the very tasty chicken on the night. Mr Isik generously donated pides and cutlery.

The night was enjoyed by all, and you could tell by the sound of their chatter, humans connecting with one another, from various religions and backgrounds. That is really what the purpose of the night is about; to both inform people about this month and to unite the school community and be there for each other.

Ramadan Iftar Team
One of our special guests Omar Al-Jamal with Mr Kennedy at the Iftar evening.

Staff and students help celebrate the Ramadan Iftar evening.

Student volunteers at the ready to serve their hungry guests.

Some of the delicacies on offer.

Students stop for a moment of reflection at the Ramadan Iftar evening.
UWS Young Entrepreneurs Business Skills Day

On Thursday, 16 July 2015 Homebush Boys High School students were invited by the School of Business at the University of Western Sydney (UWS) to attend a Young Entrepreneurs Business Skills Day. UWS were looking to work with high school students from key schools in Greater Western Sydney, to help build their business and professional capabilities, to help produce tomorrow’s business leaders.

The UWS Young Entrepreneurs Business Skills Day offered our students a 1 day program designed for gifted Business Studies or Commerce students. The program focused on real business models and taught robust business processes aligned to the HSC curriculum.

The program delivered a unique experience for our gifted and talented students and acted as a catalyst for superior learning. Selected students were high achievers, who have demonstrated leadership, superior academic performance and are currently undertaking a business related study stream.

The day provided students with a superior learning experience, providing life lessons and exposure to what to expect if they contemplate starting their own business. Students gained skills in strategic thinking, leadership, communication, team building, entrepreneurship, decisiveness and innovation. Students were given mini lectures from UWS academics, heard inspirational stories from successful young entrepreneurs, played teambuilding games and had to plan, develop, market and pitch a business idea to a panel of judges.

The UWS Young Entrepreneurs Business Skills Day was a highly successful day and all students involved should be congratulated for the excellent way they represented the school. Special mention goes to Sihyong (Jake) Kim, Nicholas Li, Benjamin Nguyen, Subbiah Surendran, Dylam Tran and Ryan Wu of Year 10, who were not only the youngest competitors on the day, but also won the business idea activity. Also, thank you Ms Anton (Careers Adviser) for assisting in the organisation of this excellent initiative for our students.

Mr Achmad

Head Teacher Social Sciences

Homebush students proved to be great ambassadors at the business skills day
The 4th annual Multicultural day celebration was held on the 5th of June at Homebush BHS and was again another roaring success. At the beginning of the day there was an assembly which was opened by the iconic international flag march led by the school’s drum corp.

We had the honour of inviting distinguished guests new State MP Ms Jodi McKay, Ms Angela Lyris, Ms Deane Stephenson and Mr Simon Paterson from the DEC to our special day. The day was organised by Ms Kumaralingam and Ms Adams along with the SRC where everyone soaked in the spirit of a Multicultural school community.

The day continued with multicultural performances held in the hall where the atmosphere was electric as the cultural performances were absolutely riveting. Students from every grade had a turn to view the different acts. Performances ranged from eastern dancers, western classical piano pieces, Japanese classical drums and flutes to beat boxing battles, cultural Indian dancing and also bands from our very own school.

During the lunch break everyone had the opportunity to sample the different cultural culinary dishes that were on sale to students and teachers alike. The day was a great insight into the rich diversity of the many different cultures we have in our school and is a testimony to how multiculturalism works both in our school and in the local community.
School Cross Country

On Friday 20th March 2015, the school conducted its annual cross country. As every year, it is compulsory for all year 7’s to participate plus nominated runners from years 8-12. The event is held at Airey Park (Homebush) and the course loops around through suburban streets of Homebush. The 12s, 13s and 14s managed a 3km run, with the 15s, 16s, 17s and 18s pushing out 4.5km. Neither distances are large, but successfully allowed the better runners to be chosen for zone.

Once again Yr 7 students were involved in the Adidas School Fun Run. The School Fun-Run is a physical activity based fundraiser that complements existing school curriculum and aims to promote and encourage healthy living, physical activity and literacy skills. The students who raised money are encouraged to get their donations finalised and brought into school.

Congratulations to Cory Junior Sharma-Constance who was the first student past the finish line in the senior groupings for the second year in a row and to Gus Newton who was first across the line in the junior ages. A tremendous effort, well done!!

A massive thank you to the year 11 and 12 SFR students and to the year 11 SLR boys that helped on the day.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The annual school athletics carnival was held on Friday the 1st of May. Even though we had horrible weather the day still went ahead, with a solid number of students participating. Special thank you to all staff for their assistance under the harsh conditions.

A big congratulations to all students from the Hayes House who were eventual winners on the day for the second year in a row.

List of the Age Champions:

- 12 Years- Onur Saklak
- 13 Years- Min Huh
- 14 Years- Korhan Sozen
- 15 Years- Joshua Beattie
- 16 Years- Cory Jnr Sharma-Constance
- 17 Years- Khaled Abu Mahmoud

Congratulations to all year 12 who participated in their final Athletics Carnival at Homebush Boys. Special thank you for all your service in representing the school at all levels of Athletics.

Daniel Carrozza
Relieving Sports Coordinator
Min Huh is airborne in his long jump attempt.

Joshua Beattie with his shot put attempt.

Mr Madycki starts another race in the wet.

Students enjoy the day despite the inclement weather.

Age champion for 12 year olds Onur Saklak makes it over at his attempt in the high jump.

Yr12 in their traditional fancy dress attire for the athletics carnival.

Students enjoy the day despite the inclement weather.
Tarek is ready for a shot put throw

Mr Doolen and Mr Carozza with some keen competitors

Yr7 students enjoy their first athletics carnival

Athletics carnival ......rain, hail or shine!

Cory and David in a thrilling finish in the relay
Not even rain could dampen staff enthusiasm at the athletics carnival.

The pace is on in this long distance race.

David Chen flying high at the high jump.
Students proudly hold their ‘World’s Greatest Shave’ certificates

Ms Evonne Yun and colleagues from Strathfield Council were on hand to award certificates of appreciation to Kevin and Puneeth
Hong Tan and Kareem Ahmed with their prints that were chosen for the Silk Cut exhibition in Melbourne

Cory Jnr Sharma-Constance was recognised for his second place in the CHS cross country event

All smiles for the Grand Final winning 14 C football team
Coach Carrozza with a happy Grand Final winning 15C football team

A proud Mr Prasad with his winning Grand Finalists 14B football team
The 15B football team were gallant in defeat in their Grand Final game.

The 15’s OA rugby team celebrate with a win as Grand Finalists.
Mr Khurshed with his mighty undefeated Grand Final winning U/13’s rugby team

Coach Khurshed giving the boys a pep talk at half time