School and Community Acknowledge Students’ Achievements

Several of our senior students have been recognised for their outstanding achievements both at a school level and also within the local community. Students such as these young men continue to show what great role models they are to the rest of our student body at our school and help to create a positive image of our school in the wider community.

Deren Mehmet - Public Education Ambassador

Po-Shen Wang - Orchestra Leader

Leonardo Pane - Young Australian of the year

Vidhushan Paheerathan - Community Volunteer Award
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome to the Term 2 Bulletin. The Bushies have been very busy since the last report with many students and staff earning achievements and accolades for their efforts. Enjoy this wonderful journal.

THE IMP (Instrumental Music Program) GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

The 2013 Band Camp was fantastic! The concert was brilliant! Over 70 students from Homebush and Strathfield Girls combined with teachers, parents and tutors to put on a spectacle of unimaginable talent. The performances included brilliant classical themes, with movie music (The Good, The Bad and The Ugly), massed choirs, ukuleles, percussion, string ensembles and so much more. The students had worked incredibly hard and their behaviour was impeccable. Angela Lyris (Principal SGHS) and I left the Wollongong principals’ conference to drive the 100km to Chatswood and I can only say it was one of the best decisions we have made in a long time. My sincere thanks to the organisers, leaders and teachers, Tracy Burjan, Andrew Smith and Barb Gobel. One musician, Sam Mansfield a cellist showed me his bleeding and blistered fingers from his cello playing and still he said it was an unforgettable experience. The students cannot wait until next year. Po-Shen is a great leader.

OTEN AWARDS PRESENTATION

For another year our orchestra performed brilliantly at the OTEN awards at Burwood RSL. The band was superb with Ms Barb Gobel and Mr Andrew Smith joining in and “old” boy, Daniel Parkee, returning for an encore. Daniel, Tracy Burjan and Luke Wallace all took turns conducting and vocalist, Emma Quee (Strathfield Girls), performed 2 numbers excellently. My thanks to all the parents who supported their sons with transport and time but especially our double bass player, Jeff Mallia. We couldn’t have done it without a reliable “roadie”, our own Mr Kamie Khurshed.
SECURE SCHOOLS GRANT FINALISED

After 10 months the secure schools project is completed. CCTV, remote electric gates and security lighting is finally all installed and operational. The front office has a big screen TV which shows the entrance/exit gates for pedestrians and vehicles. Staff and community users have swipe cards which enable access through the gates. The secure schools project has installed 19 cameras targeting the playground which we hope will deter unauthorised access and minimise vandalism. All recordings are strictly managed and only the principal and the deputy principals have access to the recorded images.

PROGRAM BUILDER LAUNCH at HOMEBUSH

Minister of Education and Communities, Hon Adrian Piccoli, visited Homebush on April 8 to launch the programming tool developed by the Board of Studies to program the new Australian Curriculum for 2014. The Board was represented by President Mr Tom Alegournarias and Deputy President Ms Carol Taylor. The Minister was joined by the Member for Strathfield, Mr Charles Casuscelli, Mr Murat Dizdar, Regional Director and Ms Veronica Kapsimali, Strathfield School Education Director, on the day. Room 30 saw Mr Sid Prasad Head Teacher TAS explain the tool excellently to the audience which included Ms Angela Lyris, Principal of Strathfield GHS.

Tom ALEGOUNARIAS, Tim JURD, Carol TAYLOR, Adrian PICCOLI and Charles Casuscelli give the Thumbs up to Program builder
GOOD NEWS EXCURSION

A pleasant note from a staff member Ms Rita Zammit regarding student conduct.

Dear Mr Jurd,

Just a brief note to let you know how impressed I was with the year 10A Commerce class that I accompanied on the Parliament House and Police and Justice Museum on Friday 22nd March. There were all dressed in their school uniform and generally well-groomed. They behaved respectfully at all times, were sensitive to other commuters, were attentive, asked insightful questions and participated in an impressive manner in Question Time and the Mock Trial.

KOREAN LANGUAGE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

On April 8 the school signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Homebush, Homebush West, Campsie and Strathfield Girls to become a centre of excellence for the teaching of Korean language. This means that students who have started learning Korean in primary school will be able to continue their studies at Homebush. The school was honoured to have the Regional Director, Mr Murat Dizdar and the School Education Director Ms Veronica Kapsimali as well as the representative of the South Korean Consul General Mr Hanjoo Kim.

KOREAN PRINCIPALS’ STUDY TOUR

During the holidays I was fortunate to go to South Korea for the 2013 Australian Principals’ Korean Cultural Experience Program which was run by the Korean Government. The study tour involved visiting 11 cities and 4 schools including our sister school Cheong-ju High School, a “SMART” school, an Arts High school and a school attached to a university. I visited the DMZ and saw the guards of North Korea first hand (North Korea is a very sad and tragic country). It also involved looking at the incredible industrial achievements and many cultural performances. It was brilliant. The Korean people are fabulous and I intend to go back to see all the places I missed. I will try to report on their education system in more detail to executive. We will be hosting Cheong-ju HS in August so this is another time to look forward to our continued Korean Konnections.

Deren Mehmet

SRC member Deren Mehmet year 11, was selected to represent Homebush as the SWSR Public School Ambassador. Deren started his ambassadorial duties welcoming Secondary Principals to the State SPC Principals’ Conference at Allphones Arena. Deren was an outstanding representative of Homebush ensuring that all principals received a warm welcome and were correctly registered and guided to the conference venues and facilities. Deren mixed amiably with his fellow ambassadors who all looked fabulous in their formal school uniforms.
DOWNLOAD THE NEW HOMEBUSH APP

As part of the tools used to keep our parents, students, staff and community informed we have purchased a new smart phone app. This app is downloaded from iTunes or your android provider and it is free. It was recommended by some of our feeder primary schools as it is proving very popular. The screen shot below shows the screen after you login and the menu across the bar at bottom shows calendar, photos, notifications and newsletters. I hope it will become a useful part of our many methods for communicating with our community.

Login is community and password is homebushbohs.
To find the app search the iTunes for “homebush boys”.

NRL OPPORTUNITIES

The NRL Opportunities initiative has been running very smoothly and the feedback from the organisers as well as from the boys is very encouraging. With the presence of footballers the boys seem to be thrilled and learning the basic lessons of life and feel sense of being responsible. To make it easier for the boys, there is one and only one rule which is RESPECT and has worked well so far. Apologies to those Maths classes on Wednesday mornings who have the pleasure and pain of hearing the boys in Western Grass. The program continues into week 6 with a grand gala day organised for week 7. It’s all for a worthy cause.

Enjoy the rest of the Bulletin

Tim Jurd
HOMEBUSH BHS COMMEMORATES ANZAC DAY

Homebush Boys High School has a strong tradition in remembering ANZAC Day both at school and at several other venues including the march through Sydney to honour all members of the armed services.

Our school captain Scott Worthington spoke about ANZAC Day at our school assembly.

“We have gathered here today for the ANZAC Memorial Assembly. On 25 April all Australians remembered all who had served in the Navy, Airforce, Army and other services for our country, particularly those who gave their lives.

Each year on ANZAC Day we show our respect for service men and women who are willing to risk their lives.

Each ANZAC day all Australians should remember those who have died in wars all over the world.”

Nayan BHATHELA/Perrin TASKER

ANZAC Day has become much more than simply remembering the involvement and sacrifice that Australians gave at Gallipoli 98 years ago. It is a special time when Australians remember the involvement in wars for the last 100 years. We also remember Australian service people who have been involved in relief operations.

The real meaning of ANZAC Day is best explained in the phrase ‘Lest We Forget’.

Peter WILSON

Each year I am impressed with the respect that Homebush Boys students show during the Anzac Day assembly. A number of students who attended our school have served in the military and some have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

As you go about your regular school day, please remember boys who have walked through these corridors before you and have served in the military.

Congratulations to all who have shown respect today during this assembly and thankyou to David Brimfield who continues to come to our school and play for our ANZAC Day assembly.
Nayan Bhathela

Mr Peter Wilson

David Brimfield plays ‘The Last Post’ alongside the school Drum Corps
Ambrose Hill leads the Drum Corps

David plays ‘Reveille’

The Drum Corps ready to march outside Burwood RSL
School pride on ANZAC Day

Our students continue the tradition on ANZAC Day march in Sydney
Homebush Boys High School student, Leonardo Pane, has won the Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards 2013 – Community Service Award.

Leonardo Pane is a student of exceptional standing and has been recognised through many awards for outstanding service rendered to the community. He has proven to be a valuable asset to both the school and region. He enjoys a tradition of active community involvement, over 750 hours to voluntary based and community service activities. He is also an organiser and participant of community school activities, as well as, being a fine student.

Leonardo has encouraged both young and old to participate in a variety of community services; raises funds for various charities; assists community members in developing 21st Century skills; has assisted with the planning and organisation of present and future community events; most importantly, provides the community a voluntary health service through his service, leadership and association with St John Ambulance. He has shown leadership and initiative well beyond his years. His contribution to community service has been incalculable, recognised and applauded by many organisational personnel.

Homebush Boys High School congratulates Leonardo and all award recipients on their outstanding achievements.

The Strathfield Youth Achievement Awards acknowledge the accomplishments of Strathfield young people aged 12 to 24 years and recognise their achievement, dedication and commitment. The awards are a joint initiative of Strathfield Council and Strathfield Rotary.

Ms Suzi Milovanovic
HT Teaching & Learning
Leonardo at left with other recipients with their awards

Mr Murat Dizdar Executive Director meets the Homebush - Strathfield string ensemble
Monday, the 29th of April marked the first day of the regional finals of the Bond University National High School Mooting Competition 2013. Bond University’s Faculty of Law conducts an annual mooting competition involving student representatives from secondary schools around Australia. Mashrur Shan, Thomas Sritaran and Sahil Bhandula of Year 11 represented Homebush Boys High School with Ms Quick as their legal advisor and head teacher. Winning meant the boys would go on to Gold Coast to compete in the finals for a scholarship to Bond University.

A moot is a legal argument conducted by opposing teams before one or more judges. The argument involves the application of legal rules to fact situations like those dealt with by the courts every day. The contest is decided by assessing the advocacy skills of the participants, rather than on the merits of the case. The issue before us was one of the tort of negligence and we were representing David an 11 year old who injured his 18 year old sister in a minor driving accident. As the case was on appeal we had to refine our key legal and policy arguments and support these with reference to precedent. As there was no clear ratio descendi (or binding precedent) in this case before the Queensland State Supreme Court we were able to examine and relate the obiter dictum (persuasive precedent) from a variety of cases, notably Russell v Rail Infrastructure Corp a NSW case that is currently on appeal to the High Court.

After lots of hardwork and preparation with Ms Quick during lunch times, after school and the holidays, the boys were finally ready to present their case. The mock trial took place at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on Market Street at 3pm. Homebush was up against one of the strongest school in the region, Sydney Grammar. An intense trial took place with each team presenting their arguments and answering impromptu questions asked by the judge. Each speaker was allowed to speak for 10 minutes in which they had to prove why their case was much stronger using key legal proofs and terms.

Unfortunately, HBHS was unsuccessful in the trial as Sydney Grammar was one of the strongest teams from the biggest region in Australia and was one of two teams to go on to Gold Coast. However, this was a great learning opportunity and experience for the boys as they realise the hardwork and concentration put into being a lawyer. Each speaker received very positive feedback on their performance in terms of articulation of legal arguments and the confidence to use their knowledge under the high pressure of spot questions from the Judge. As a result of the competition we gained skills in legal research and advocacy, argument analysis and substantiation as well as critical thinking and public speaking. Being the only government school in the whole competition, HBHS did extremely well and are proud of their efforts.

Several of our brave students volunteered to have their heads shaved to highlight issues of cancer especially leukemia. The event also raised money that the school community will forward onto the Cancer Council which will go towards the continuing research for a cure to all types of cancer.

Sahil Bhandula and Ms Quick

Ms Quick, Mashrur, Sahil and Thomas
WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

Several of our brave students volunteered to have their heads shaved to highlight issues of cancer especially leukemia. The event also raised money that the school community will forward onto the Cancer Council which will go towards the continuing research for a cure for this terrible disease.

The Bald Truth....well done boys it will grow back!
Healthy and supportive school programs contribute to the health and wellbeing of children. Students miss breakfast for a variety of social and economic reasons, but the result is always the same: a lack of energy and concentration in the classrooms, leading to a less than optimum performance; nutrition and health issues.

In a commitment to making a positive difference, Homebush Boys High School, has recently established the ‘The Breakfast Club’ Program. This program gives high school students, in areas of greatest need, a filling and healthy breakfast, to get them through the day. It fuels the body for the rest of the day, ensuring that students can learn to the best of their ability in class.

Most importantly, it encourages students who tend to be embarrassed of personal hardships, to come forward and have breakfast with whole school community personnel. This barrier of embarrassment, complemented by shy student behaviour, is eliminated and daily breakfast routines, established. It also contributes to the further development of student social skills.

I would like to acknowledge the support of amazing student volunteers, teachers and local community groups, who are actively running this ‘The Breakfast Club’ Program and who on many weekly occasions, donate funding, food and beverages. Without these people, the program wouldn’t be possible.

Most importantly we would like to sincerely thank Mr Albertson, who recently was successful in gaining funding in support of the ‘The Breakfast Club’ Program. With his assistance, we are delighted that the Strathfield Rotary Club has donated $800.00 for the purchase of a brand new rotational toaster. Homebush Boys High School thanks Strathfield Rotary Club for their generous donation.

‘The Breakfast Club’ Program is held every Wednesday morning.

Suzi Milovanovic
HT Teaching & Learning

The new ‘Albertson’ toaster

Toast is on the menu

So is cornflakes

And finish it off with fruit
## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013

### Week 9
**June**
- **24**: ADFA Presentation for Yr 10-12  
  Chemistry competition  
- **25**: DRAMA NIGHT PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP 4pm  
- **26**: Sport - Period Rotation 1,3,2  
  Great Lakes Stayover - Volleyball championships  
- **27**: CAPA event evening 6-7.30pm  
- **28**: Last day of term 2

### Term 3
**Week 1**
**July**
- **15**: School Development Day 3  
- **16**: Sport - Semi-Finals, Rotation 1,3,2  
- **17**: Parent Teacher Evening Years 9 & 10  
- **18**: SGHS combined Dance  
- **19**: NSW CHS Cross Country Carnival - Eastern Creek

### Week 2
**July**
- **22**: The Hurting Game - Year 7 presentation. New Gym  
  Sydney North Region Athletics Carnival - Olympic Pk  
- **23**: Sydney North Region Athletics Carnival - Olympic Pk  
- **24**: Sport - Grand Finals Rotation 1,3,2  
  OC Placement Test HALL  
- **25**: Year 11 PDHPE - First Aid Course  
- **26**: U/19 State Fustal Titles

### Week 3
**July**
- **29**: YR12 HSC Trial Exams All week  
  National Literacy Week  
- **30**: Sport - Period Rotation 1,2,3  
  Australian Mathematics Competition

### Week 4
**July**
- **5**: YR12 HSC Trial Exams All week  
  Science G&T camp Canberra  
- **6**: Science G&T camp Canberra  
- **7**: Sport - Period Rotation 1,2,3  
  Year 9 Snowy Mountains Excursion 3 days  
- **8**: World of Maths Roadshow year 7  
- **9**: Year 9 Snowy Mountains Excursion return to school

### Week 5
**August**
- **12**: YR12 HSC Trial Exams All week  
  Australian Museum Science Festival 60 yr 8 students  
- **13**: Sport - Period Rotation 1,2,3  
- **14**: “My Girragundji” yr 8 Parramatta Riverside 12-3pm  
  VP Day Commemoration (Rhodes)  
- **15**: Maths in Surveying excursion  
- **16**: Science week event DNA to the Max 2 groups of 30 yr 10 students  
  Mock Interviews for Students for Scholarships G. Anton

### Week 6
**August**
- **19**: Science week event States of Matter show - 2 groups of 60 yr 7, periods 1-3  
- **20**: Science week event Energy Forces and Motion Show 2 groups yr 8 periods 1-3  
- **21**: Sport - Period Rotation 1,2,3  
- **22**: Reactions and Products show 2 groups 60 yr 9 periods 1-3  
- **23**: Multi cultural Day  
  Science week event DNA to the Max 2 groups of 30 yr 10 students  
  Mock Interviews for Students for Scholarships G. Anton

### SUBMISSIONS TO BUSH BULLETIN
If you wish to submit a photograph or article to the BB please send it to Mr Kamie Khurshed email address: kamie.khurshed@det.nsw.edu.au
UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS WITH HOMEBUSH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

As Homebush Boys High School Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, I have had the pleasure of both organising and welcoming many practicum teachers that the school has hosted, from our association with over 15 universities. I have had the delight of working with, and assisting many, with both professional learning/experiences and completion of mandatory practicum reports. I acknowledge the efforts of all staff and university personnel in their continued involvement, supervision of practicum teachers and support of teacher education programs.

Homebush Boys High School has established solid community partnerships with universities and supports teacher education programs/professional placements for practicum teachers from over 15 universities. The school last year hosted over 30 teacher practicum placements and continues to do so this year. It is essential that such placements are offered. Practicum teachers are required to attend placements at their allocated school consisting of specified days of lesson observations and actual teaching requirements.

The school has also taken on Internship placements. The internship is conceived as a professional learning bridge between the ending of pre-service professional preparation and the first year of teaching. It is an extended school based-placement in which Interns are expected to consolidate their knowledge and experience across all facets of the role of the teacher in the school. It provides an opportunity to further develop skills in teaching and for Interns to be mentored in preparing themselves as thoroughly as possible for their early experiences of teaching.

I am delighted on the positive comments that have been made by practicum teachers and supervisors. Feedback is provided to both the school and universities on the vital place that their teaching experience has had in their professional development.

Thank you to the many staff for their support of Homebush Boys High School/university teacher education programs. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. The practicum teachers certainly benefit from your knowledge and expertise and we look forward to welcoming them into the teaching profession in the near future.

Ms Suzi Milovanovic
Head Teacher Teaching & Learning

The Interact Club

The ‘Interact Club’ which was initiated by Ms Juska and Yr11 student Vidhushan Paheerathan and is about volunteering beyond the school and into the wider community. We have links through Rotary to the business community who support the ‘Interact Club’. The students go out and fundraise for two particular projects. One project is international and the other is for a local project. Mr Alan Teale from Rotary came to our school where students were elected to our ‘Interact Club’ Board. The students in the photo below will run the club, set up meetings and organize fund raising.

Vidhushan Paheerathan, Arnav Karnik, Pierre Patrick Tiah, William Nguyen, Paniayoti Constanti and Thomas Sritharan with Ms Juska.
Albert Einstein (1879-1955) stated that “Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned at school”.

Year 7 have now all experienced their virtual China trip. After filling in their Visa and completing all passport requirements, sorting out travel itinerary, learning new greetings, exploring scenery of interest, preparing their photo album preparation and collecting all material needed for their ICT project, all Year 7 have now expanded their horizons and gained some insight into the wonderful sights and culture of the Chinese people. Next on the “tour” list is Italy. All boys have “landed” in Italy and are staring their travel journey. Remembering the above words from Einstein, my wish is that the new Year 7 taster course will give the students a memorable education of the world around them. I have always believed that education is not what one learns in the classroom but rather what one choses to do with that knowledge.

Enhancing the learning in Year 7 classes, is the introduction of Ipad activities and YES…the students will be using Ipads. The LOTE faculty is proud to announce the introduction of 10 Ipad’s, thanks to a grant received by Ms Yu. These Ipad’s are for the exclusive use of the LOTE students and the Apps downloaded on each Ipad will adequately supplement the classwork, provide extension work for the Gifted and Talented students or assist in the learning of our low ability students in all classes. I would like to thank Ms Yu for her devotion towards the Ipad learning initiatives at Homebush Boys High School. I am eager to read the student responses when we evaluate the Year 7 taster course.

On Monday the 8th April, Ms Yu, Mrs Hong and myself were excited to be part of the Korean agreement between Campsie Public School (CPS) and Homebush Boys High School. Mr Jurd was happy to “sign on the dotted line”, ensuring all boys from Campsie Public School be given entry to Year 7. This has become of importance since all students at CPS study Korean from Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten). Transitioning these boys into HBHS will ensure their Korean education is still maintained. This agreement was financially supported by Mr Kim, a representative from the Korean Cultural Office, who was also present on the morning and joined us all for lunch. Thank you Mr Kim for your support and for picking up the bill for lunch!

As always, the LOTE Faculty would like to acknowledge all its students who have received Head Teacher LOTE Awards. Congratulations to the following students-keep up the solid efforts.

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All LOTE students have settled well into a very short and deadline driven term-assessments, marking and reporting. At the time of writing, Year 11 and 12 reports have been completed. Congratulations to the following Year 12 students who have achieved a score greater than 80% in their progressive Semester 1 reports-Yupuchuan Du, Luke Feng, Cheng Huang, Siu Ming Mak, Jie Keng Pan, Chun Kit Wong, Yuze Wu, Jie Yang, Rui Zhang, Sung Woo Kim, Dong Hyun Lee, Eunseok Lee, Il Tae Park, Jung Moon Park. Congratulations must also be given to the following Year 11 students who have similarly achieved excellence in their language studies-Lingbo Yu, John Jun Lee, Seong Kyeong Yeom, Jun An John Yun.

Please add in your diaries the following two dates-Tuesday 28th May is the Year 11/12 Parent-Teacher afternoon and Tuesday 18th June is the Year 7/8 Parent-Teacher afternoon. Your son will bring home information about these two afternoons soon. I look forward to meeting all LOTE parents.

Year 7-10 students who achieve excellence in semester 1 LOTE reports will be acknowledged in the next edition of the Bush Bulletin.

For all LOTE students- our faculty classroom practices and requirements remain the same.

- 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.
- As Richard Branson (Founder of Virgin Australia) says, Just do It, Have Fun, Be Bold, Challenge Yourself, Stand on your own two Feet, Live the Moment, Value Friends & Family, Have Respect!

For Parents of LOTE students

Please feel free to contact me at school, if you have any queries and/or questions regarding your son’s language studies at HBHS. I will try to assist you in any way possible. Every concern will be addressed and I will endeavour to return all phone calls ASAP.

Finally, a few inspirational thoughts that define my beliefs about education and my vision for all the LOTE students.

- Knowing is NOT enough. We must apply. Willing is NOT enough. We must DO! - Bruce Lee
- It is vital that when educating our children’s brains that we do not neglect to educate their hearts. - Dalai Lama
- We have to think and see how we can fundamentally change our education system so that we can train people to develop warm-heartedness early on in order to create a healthier society. I don’t mean we need to change the whole system, just improve it. We need to encourage an understanding that inner peace comes from relying on human values like, love, compassion, tolerance and honesty, and that peace in the world relies on individuals finding inner peace - Dalai Lama.

Mrs Matina Shadwick
Head of LOTE Faculty
Andy Tse and Ricky Chen welcome Year 11-12 parents to the Parent-Teacher afternoon.

Everyone is welcome in all Languages.

HSC Study seminar at HBHS.

Jamie, Harrison, Ethan and Marcus of the Year 9 Italian with Ms Gilchrist.

Mr Kim, Ms Yu, Mrs Hong and Mrs Shadwick at the Korean Agreement between CPS and HBHS.

Mrs Hong and Mrs Shadwick examine samples of Year 6 Korean work from Campsie Public School.

Ms Yu and the box of LOTE Ipads she carries happily.

The LOTE faculty enjoy dinner at a Greek restaurant.
English Report

Like every year, the English Faculty is the focus of the whole school community this term with the English Week activities. These activities help your son to understand the importance of English and communication in the curriculum.

Each student in years 7 to 11 will have had the opportunity to experience live theatre during late-May and early-June. These performances were chosen to facilitate each year’s interest and needs. The performances ranged from the hilariously upbeat Heroes production for Year 7 to the satirical tones of the nationally renowned satirical poet Steven Herrick who will share his work with Year 11 during term 4. Other events include the English, Writing and Spelling competitions. I am pleased that most of the students will have had the opportunity to participate in some of these activities.

Some of the debating teams are in the midst of their competitions. We have 6 teams competing in their respective competitions. We wish them well and I would like to send out a big thank you to Ms Quick, Ms McGuinness, Ms Mirkova and Ms Zammit for the countless hours they put into coaching the boys, organising debates against other schools and the immense travel necessary to make the competition possible.

The HSC courses are nearing the last Module in every course. I would like to ask the parents of Year 12 students for their support – it is vital for Year 12 students to attend school between the trial HSC and the end of term 3. This may seem a long time in the future but I can assure you it will come around very quickly. It is critical that students continue to attend all their English classes and complete the revision and exam practice sessions. Experience has constantly demonstrated to me that a student who works very hard and attempts as many exam type responses achieves so much better HSC results.

Upcoming activities your son can be involved in include the English Competition, Public Speaking competitions and the Premier’s Reading Challenge (years 7, 8 and 9). Your son can ask his English teacher for more details.

Just a quick reminder about the importance of every student maintaining a regular reading programme at home. A minimum of 30 minutes every afternoon/evening is vital. You can set a good example and do the same. As well, by asking your son to tell you about what he is reading is a crucial part in helping him improve his English skills.

Furthermore, to help students have access to good literature and raise funds for a worthwhile charity, we held the Great Book Sales earlier this term. The second Great Book Sale will be on Tuesday 25 June (week 9) under the fig tree in the playground. All money raised will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Mr Cheiban Elaro

English Head of Department

Specialised assistance arrives at Homebush Boys HS Library

2013 begins a new era in the Homebush Boys HS Library. Ms Vine has implemented a new initiative whereby teachers with specific subject specialities will be able to assist senior students, during their study periods. Teachers from such diverse faculties as PDHPE, Science, History, English and Social Science are currently stationed in the library at various times during the week.

The teachers’ role in the library is to help students revise class work, research, elucidate areas of confusion and guide through class assignments. Mr Doenau, Ms Ball and Ms Duch are also available to help with the challenging nature of structuring and composing essays in the humanities subjects.

Students can easily access information concerning when a teacher is timetabled in the library by referring to a laminated timetable positioned on the wall adjacent to the study period sign in sheet.

Ms Vine has already gained positive feedback from the students about the initiative and thanks the teachers for their support. She hopes that all senior students take up this opportunity and utilise this wonderful new resource. As always, Ms Vine is also available to assist students with their research and study skills, including in developing personal study timetables according to individual need.

Written by G. Ball
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 bullying behaviour by any member of the school community. Countering bullying 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.

This week saw Homebush Boys High School students engage in anti-bullying curriculum activities across the school. Students were made aware of the nature of bullying, how to decrease it and what to do if you are being bullied.

As the school’s Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, and as an English teacher, I have ensured that English students address issues of bullying through curriculum strategies such as poetry, drama – role playing and critical thinking. Students completed tasks on facets of bullying and provided a wide range of responses using strategies such as Edward De Bono’s Thinking Hats, Bullying Body Mind Maps, Bloom’s Taxonomy Grids, Critical Thinking Keys and Multiple Intelligences Toolbox.

Students also examined aspects of cyber-bullying. It was great to see students engaging in discussions against cyber-bullying than ever before. The trauma of being cyber-bullied in today’s society is now one of the most difficult challenges that teenagers can face. On a positive note those that are being attacked, are also those standing up for themselves, according to student discussions and research that is being conducted. Most importantly, victims should not confront their attacker face-to-face, yet go through proper reporting channels.

Bullying exists at all levels of our society. We are aware, that the effects of bullying 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 bullying whenever it occurs.

Every person at Homebush Boys High School has the right to experience positive and respectful relationships between all members of the school community. They also have the right to learn and teach in a happy and safe environment. Bullying and violent behaviour is not acceptable at any level at Homebush Boys High School.

Ms Suzi Milovanovic
Head Teacher Teaching & Learning
HT Administration Office Matters

A reminder to all students (and parents) that School starts each day at 8.50 am with a 15 or 20 minute DEAR period (Drop Everything and Read) during which time Roll Call will occur. Students are to move to their Home Room immediately the bell goes. If students fail to be at Roll Call at this time they are late.

When students are late:
- They are to come to the HT Administration Office (next to the Principal’s Office) and be given a late slip by Ms Vine or Ms Shadwick.
- If students have a genuine reason for being late, supported by a note written by their parent or guardian, then this will be recorded as Leave.
- However, if the student is late because of sleeping in, missed a train, or other unacceptable reason, then this will be recorded as Unacceptable and Unjustified.
- Students who are constantly unacceptably late will be interviewed by Mr Khurshed, Ms Dwyer, Ms Vine or Mrs Shadwick.
  - Chronic lateness can result in an interview with the Home School Liaison Officer.
  - If the HT Admin office is closed, students are to go to the Front office.

Early Leave Passes

Early leave passes can be obtained from the HT Administration Office. (If the HT Administration Office is unattended, see Ms Vine in the Library).
- Students must bring in a note from their parent or guardian to request a pass be issued.
- They must do this before Roll Call and NOT during DEAR time.
- Parents are reminded that non urgent medical and leave for family reasons should not be scheduled during normal school hours.
- The School Homework Diary contains forms for early leave passes that can be filled out and signed by the parent or guardian.

Please note - Wednesday sport afternoon is still normal class time. Do not make appointments at this time. Students will need to see Mr Belgre before they can come and get a leave pass on this day.

There seems to be an increase in the number of students with early leave passes on Wednesday Sport Day. The Policy for Wednesday afternoon Early Leave passes is as follows
- Doctor’s appointments will need to have proof (a letter or appointment notice) when you apply for leave. If you do not have one you will not be allowed to go.
- Leave for family commitments will need to be fully explained and parent/guardian phone number provided.
- If you want to leave because you have a sore leg or feel unwell, etc., you will be asked to go to the sick room and NOT be given permission to go home.
- All grade sport players will need their early leave passes signed by Mr Belgre or their Grade sport coaches, before leave will be granted.
- If teams have a bye or have finished playing for the season, it is the student’s responsibility to see the coaches who will organize other activities such as training or friendly games. They are not allowed to go home during sport time.

These are some of the reasons why students may need to speak to the HTs Administration. When visiting the HT Administration Office, please observe the following courtesies:
- ID Card is already out of your wallet, ready to hand to Ms Vine or Mrs Shadwick;
- Students wait quietly at the door until invited to enter the office;
- Bags are left outside the office (not in the doorway);

Overseas Travel

Students wishing to travel overseas must see Mrs Shadwick and fill out an Exemption form. A letter from home and a copy of flight details or an itinerary must also be attached to the Exemption form. The Exemption form MUST be submitted to Mrs Shadwick at least two weeks prior to your departure.

Thank you for your co-operation with these matters.

Mrs M Shadwick Ms P Vine
HT Administration/LOTE HT Administration/Librarian
Minister launches NSW Board of Studies Teacher Resource – Program Builder at Homebush Boys High School

Minister for Education, the Hon. Adrian Piccoli, launched at Homebush Boys High School, the NSW Board of Studies new educational resource - Program Builder, for teachers implementing the new NSW Syllabuses.

Homebush Boys High School, School Captain, Scott Worthington, alongside prefects and SRC representatives, welcomed the Minister to the school upon his arrival. The school was very fortunate to have the Minister present and to announce the official launch of a Board of Studies NSW, educational resource – Program Builder.

DEC/BOS officials, staff, students, local community members and the school’s Principal, further welcomed the Minister and proceedings for the day began. Homebush Boys High School Indigenous student, Ayman Hill, delivered the official welcome to the country, followed by words from the President of the Board of Studies NSW, Mr Tom Alegounarias.

The Minister then addressed the audience and officially launched the program. He highlighted features of the program such as selecting of lines of content from the syllabuses, ready to use templates, easy drag and drop editing features, and the ability for teachers to customise the layout of their work and tailor programs specifically for student learning needs. He concluded his speech by acknowledging the expertise of teaching personnel and invited Board of Studies NSW Chief Executive, Ms Carol Taylor, to provide a demonstration of the program itself.

The Board of Studies NSW Chief Executive, Ms Carol Taylor, provided a demonstration of the Program Builder’s features with Head Teacher, Industrial Arts, Mr Sid Prasad and formally invited the Minister to observe the Program Builder in use by Homebush Boys High School staff and students. Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, Ms Suzi Milovanovic and classroom teacher, Ms Joanna Chan demonstrated the use of the Program Builder in relation to both the English and Mathematics syllabuses.

The Minister also observed the filtering content feature that enables teachers to program units of work using cross-curriculum priorities and learning areas, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, sustainability, Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia, civics and citizenship, difference and diversity, and work and enterprise. SRC students, alongside the school’s prefects and School Captain Scott Worthington, demonstrated to officials, the many wonderful resources that were available to support teachers.

Program Builder is an online tool designed and developed by the Board of Studies NSW to help teachers translate our online syllabuses into teaching programs. Program Builder selects outcomes and content for the new NSW K-10 English, Mathematics, Science and History syllabuses to create scope and sequences and units of work.

Teachers can access the educational resource by logging to Program Builder using their DEC or Scootle account. Scootle is a website which provides teachers with access to digital curriculum resources from the National Digital Learning Resources Network. This will enable teachers to start program development immediately. Additional features will be added to the Program Builder over time to give teachers greater capacity to share their work and to access teaching resources.

Program Builder has been developed alongside a range of support materials to assist teachers in NSW syllabuses. Support materials have been created to assist advice on planning for and the designing effective learning and assessment, differentiated programming, sharing learning and assessment intentions, and integrating ICT capability. There is also advice on scope and sequences and units as well as a range of samples.

Program Builder will be of great assistance to Primary and Secondary school teachers responsible for the teaching these syllabuses, as they are introduced from 2014 onward.

Homebush Boys High School wishes to thank all personnel involved in the launching of this wonderful resource by the Minister for Education, the Hon. Adrian Piccoli, and encourages teachers in all schools to become familiar with the Board of Studies NSW, educational resource - Program Builder.

Written by Leonardo Pane
Creative and Performing Arts

STEPHEN FISHER-KING VOICE MASTERCLASS

On Thursday, 6 June a group of twenty HBHS students participated in a Voice Masterclass led by multi Mo Award winner Stephen Fisher-King. Aspects covered during the day included diaphragmatic breathing techniques, working to an audience and enhancement of vocal skills. The students were enthusiastic to have such a professional musician and singer tutor them. We look forward to these students performing to their peers with their newly aquired skills. Representatives from Homebush Community Bendigo Bank which sponsored the Masterclass were on hand to witness the event.

Ian Albertson /Music Teacher

DRUM BEAT PERFORMANCE

Drum Beat again performed for all of year 8 in the school hall. The group performed for one hour demonstrating around 100 percussion instruments. At the end of the performance a group of Year 8 students were invited up on stage to perform with them. The students really enjoyed the hands on experience and with all the different instruments. Drum Beat have been coming to Homebush Boys for over 10 years and they said they enjoyed coming to such a good school where the students are well behaved and join in with their performance.
Combined Homebush and Strathfield Band Camp

Last term students from Homebush BHS and Strathfield GHS attended a three day music camp at Naamaroo convention centre at Lane Cove. This was the first time that a musical band camp had been held with both schools and students embraced this opportunity to be fully immersed and engaged in fine tuning their skills and passion in all aspects of music.

The students were well directed by band camp coordinator Tracy Burjan, whose has a wealth of experience in this field. It also should be noted that the enormous success of this event was also due to Music teachers Andrew Smith and Patricia Fong from Homebush and Strathfield high schools, they were ably assisted by Barbara Gobel from Homebush BHS and parent musicians Jeff Mallia, Noel Alley, Steve Black and Paul Burjan.

The camp concluded on Friday afternoon with an hour long concert performance before parents, friends and teachers which was met with rapturous applause. All the students came away from the camp with big smiles and much satisfaction as they had worked incredibly hard but also enjoyed every minute of this amazing experience.

Students, staff and parents combine for a fantastic musical event
SPORTS REPORT

Since the last edition of the Bush Bulletin we have seen so many great things from our students at Homebush Boys on the sporting field. I would like to start by amending a result from the last edition. Congratulations to Nathan Labrakis who was 13 years age swimming champion, this was missed in the last edition, apologies to Nathan.

We had an extremely successful summer season with 27 teams playing in semi-finals, with thirteen progressing to the grand-final. All the boys playing in grand-finals were fantastic and showed the true BUSH spirit by giving their all for their team mates and the school. We won a remarkable 10 grand-finals the most of any other school in the zone, a tremendous achievement. Unfortunately, Epping Boys were crowned summer champions due to their performances over the regular season. It is my goal and a whole school goal to take this off our rivals in the winter season. A list of all the grand final winning teams and players is in this edition of the bulletin. Congratulations to all involved.

Our knockout teams have been impressive in 2013. Our lawn bowls team were defeated in the regional final after progressing through four tough matches, well done to Mr Gold and his team. Our Basketball team led by Jonah Bolden were crowned regional champions after defeating Terrigal High 59-48 and will now host Tenterfield High in the last 16 match on the 5th of June, good luck. Mr Pearson and his all star volleyball team take on Carlingford High in the regional final next week as well, they have had some dominant results on their way to the final but will have a tough match against a strong Carlingford team. A win will send the boys to the last 16 championships at the end of the term. Last but not least, our Opens football team defeated Epping Boys in the regional final 2-1 to progress to the last 16 in the state. A full report of this match is included in this edition of the bush bulletin.

Jonah Bolden has continued to excel in Basketball by being selected in the CHS Basketball team and also by touring with the AIS overseas. Jonah is looking to move to the United States next year to be accepted into the United States High School system. There is no doubting Jonah’s ability; he is a brilliant young man who takes all his success in a humble and laid back fashion. I know I speak for all who know Jonah in wishing him all the best in his endeavours to make it to the top.

Congratulations to Andrew Suamili, Perrin & Riley Tasker, Kohelti Vaitaki and Tevita Moekiolia who represented Sydney North at the CHS rugby carnival in Coffs Harbour. From all accounts the boys played fantastic with Riley and Perrin selected in the shadows squad for the CHS team. Daniel Sun from year 7 won a silver medal at the CHS swimming carnival in the 12 years 100m breaststroke. A superb effort from Daniel to finish second in the whole state. Vincent Nguyen has also performed well in the pool, being crowned Zone U/14’s Champion and finishing 1st in the breaststroke and 3rd in the 200m Individual Medley at the Regional Carnival. Angus Armstrong competed in the Australian Athletics Championships and finished second in the U18’s Pole Vault and third in the U/20’s pole vault. Well done to all the boys on these fine performances.

Scott Madycki represented Sydney North at the recent CHS Hockey championships. Sydney North was crowned state champions after progressing through the tournament undefeated. Congratulations Scott on this fine achievement.

We have held our school cross country and athletics carnival at the beginning of the term. Both days were well participated with perfect weather and amazing individual achievements. Congratulations to the following age champions.

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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 sportsperson of the week awards for Grade and House.

Mr S Belgre
U19’s Win Regional Futsal Championships

The Regional Futsal Championships were held at Bankstown Indoor Stadium on April 12, with Homebush fielding two teams in strong field of 15 schools. Both teams performed exceptionally on the day with both teams winning their pool and progressing to the semi-finals. The biggest surprise of the day was the 'B' team who played fantastic football and went through undefeated in the pool stage to top their group. Unfortunately they were defeated in the semi-final.

The 'A' team went about their business in their usual fashion and cruised the pool stage. They suffered a minor speed bump in the semi-finals against East Hills Boys High when they progressed through to the final on penalties thanks to some fine keeping from Jai Ivelja. The boys were pumped for the final against old rivals St Spyridon College who defeated them two years ago in the state final.

The team was looking to avenge that loss and also reclaim some BUSH pride after watching their mates lose in the semi-final. The team produced a calm and dominant performance by winning 1-0, with Harry Griffin-Colls scoring the winner in the final. Congratulations to all the boys in both teams it was an extremely enjoyable day. Good luck to the boys from the 'A' team in the state titles held later in the year.

Homebush A – Jai Ivelja, Tim Xin, Matt Cook, Harry Griffin-Colls, James Burton, Alpay Keskin, Adrian Talevski, Hamed Bamba

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# Summer Premierships 2013

Congratulations to the following teams, players and coaches who were summer champions for the 2012-2013 season.

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What a great house sport! There is never a dull moment. Students are so enthusiastic that they are always ready to start on time. We are very lucky as Alex who runs the tennis grounds goes to a great deal of trouble to ensure that the students benefit from their time spent there on a Wednesday afternoon.

Every week all students are actively involved in a variety of tennis games including round robin. The games are all well-structured, competitive and fun. At the same time students are offered the opportunity to compete in tournaments and many students have gained the confidence to continue tennis out of school time and have successfully continued onto grade tennis. Even when students aren’t involved in one of the many activities, they are always found to be creating their own games or playing a match.

Alex regularly comments on the students’ excellent behaviour – he says that we are the best school that plays at the court! I feel very privileged to supervise such well-behaved students and Wednesdays have rapidly become my favourite part of the week. Well done boys!

Mrs A Greenshields

**Volunteering Program**

Homebush Boys High School has its own volunteering program involving year 12 students. Seniors are allocated to different year 7 and 8 Mathematics and English classes to give addition help to students. This program aims to bring out the best in every student!

In the English classrooms, the senior boys assist the class teacher by helping the students with grammar activities, as well as reading, writing and comprehension. When separated into smaller groups, it is easier for the teacher or volunteer to help the students who need it most. In these small groups it is easier to communicate with students, so they can understand more of what they are learning.

In the year 7 Mathematics classes, their abilities are mixed. With a few extra hands helping around the classroom, it is easier to assist those who are having more difficulties with Mathematics.

The volunteers tend to focus on the students who have not performed well as they should in exams. These students are benefiting greatly form the extra help and tend to improve their behaviour when senior students are around. This not only benefits the students, but the volunteers as well. It creates a bond between the ‘seniors’ and the ‘juniors’, creating a better atmosphere for the school.

By Alex Philippoy and Mrs. J Edwards
Self Defence classes begin at Homebush.

Winter 2013 sports season saw the introduction of Self Defence as a house sport at Homebush Boys High School. Under the guidance of Master Sam Loiacono (7th Dan) from Hills District Martial Arts, a group of 20 students have begun their martial arts journey.

In the comfort and warmth of our school hall, the year 7 to 11 students are put through a rigorous curriculum of kicking, defending, attacking and avoiding the predator. All students are taught the ways of a martial artist, the respect and the spirit that comes from knowing, doing and using any form of martial arts in society. Master Sam has been very impressed with the focus and determination of his team stating that, “Self Defence is a learnt skill and is not to be used unless needed to get out of a sticky situation. A true martial artist does not demonstrate his skills, nor do they rely on them in everyday life. Their life is enriched because of the discipline, confidence, loyalty and the integrity they get from knowing any form of martial arts”.

Master Sam has a wealth of experience at Regional, State and National Taekwondo tournaments, including refereeing at the Athens, Sydney and Beijing Olympics. He runs a very successful Taekwondo school in the Hills area that has produced many regional, state, national and international gold medallists.

Self Defence will continue as both a winter and summer sport.

“Train not to pursue battle but to win if engaged in battle”.

Ms Yu/ Mrs M Shadwick

Master Loiacono with his enthusiastic students
Clean up Australia Day

Despite some wet weather the event was a great success. It is estimated 550,330 volunteers were cleaning up at 7,341 sites. That’s an estimated 16,150 tonnes of rubbish removed from our prized Australian environment. What a difference that little effort makes to how we live.

Great job Homebush Boys!

Ms Adams.

Homebush Boys show their true community spirit
2013 Year 11 Crossroads workshops

During week 3 of term 3, all year 11 had the opportunity to participate in workshops that aimed at addressing the curriculum outcomes of the Crossroads course. The course looks at many areas essential to a teenager’s development- Road safety, relationships and drug use.

The workshops emphasised the need to take safe risks in these areas. This was done through 6 practical activities and a couple of presentations that drew on metaphors to highlight the significance of the areas.

The year group was divided into half, with each group spending two days working through the various activities. The six activities asked the students to work together to achieve success. The ‘Grids’ activity aimed for perfection and fine tuning of a task. ‘Building foundations’ addressed relationships and challenged the students to complete a puzzle, first in small groups, then helping other groups to achieve the goal.

The ‘River Crossing’ workshop asked students to work together to again solve a problem with given resources. They had to keep the end result in mind and work backwards to find a solution. The ‘Flood Avoidance Distribution System-FADS’ saw the students work in small groups to put a structure back together in exactly the same way as shown. Students were to use the example given, keep an eye on their work and remain on task for an extended period of time.

The distribution of roles was crucial. ‘Risk Taking’ was an exciting activity that used the setting of mouse and rat traps as a metaphor for risk taking. The task was broken down and perfected before moving to the next step. The final activity named ‘Facebook meltdown’ had the students faced with the situation of communicating ideas through different means in order to achieve a group goal. Tenacity and being alert were key here.

Braddy and the team at Optimum Experiences brought in the concept of a toolbox for life. The toolbox contains all those essential skills and values needed to get through hard times in life. Some skills introduced included Chunking- Dividing a large task up into smaller, more manageable parts and Parallel Processing- Ensuring all members of a team have a role to perform that adds to a final whole product.

Over the four days, the students were engaged and challenged. Many learnt things about themselves that they had previously not known. The aim was to have all students take one thing of value from the course. From the comments of the students, this was achieved.

Mr J Sculthorpe
Congratulations to Mitchell Boyd, Eren and Younis for being selected to take part in the NSW State Weightlifting Championship which was held at the State Sport Centre on the 18th May.

Mitchell Boyd came first in the under 77kg category in the under 20’s category out of the 15 contenders from all over the State. He will be taking part in the upcoming National Championship to be held in Brisbane during the July holidays.

Eren Aral was declared the winner in the under 94kg category. Both Eren and Younis Sarun have been only training for the past six months.

Congratulations guys!

Mrs Sahay

Opens Football Storm into Last 16 after Downing Local Rivals

The Homebush Boys Opens Football team has progressed through to the final 16 in the state after defeating arch rivals Epping Boys 2-1 in a gripping encounter at Strathfield Park on Thursday the 30th of May. Both teams have history against each other after years of classic contests in futsal and football finals. Epping has a strong team and was slight favourites prior to the match and showed why with a high quality goal mid-way through the first half to take a 1-0 lead.

As the game wore on Homebush began to find their feet and create good chances with Tim Xin and Hamed Bamba making inroads down the right hand flank. With little time remaining in the first half Tim Xin beat two players on the edge of the box and placed a firm shot into the bottom right hand corner to send the Homebush players and strong contingent of supporters in ‘The Cove’ in to wild celebrations.

The second half was all Homebush in the initial period and the boys were rewarded for their dominance when man of the match Tim Xin broke free of the Epping back line and calmly slotted the ball over the advancing Epping keeper. This led to further wild celebrations as Tim raced to ‘The Cove’ to celebrate with the loud and supportive Homebush supporter base.

Homebush continued to battle hard and Epping began to push in the final ten minutes to get the equalising goal. However, it was not to be their day with Nathan Carter, David Gajic, Harry Griffin-Colls and James Burton thwarting all Epping attacks. Jai Ivelja was again at his best between the sticks in controlling the team from the back and made some crucial saves at the end of the match. Well done to all the boys in what was a high quality match. They now advance to the last 16 with a game against the winner from the Hunter Region.

Results on the road to the regional final:

Homebush Bye      Homebush defeated Fort St High 7-0 (Bamba 3, Muqbii, Tim, Alpay, Adem)
Homebush defeated Killarney Heights 1-0 (Adrian)       Homebush defeated Pennant Hills High 2-1 (Alpay 2)
Homebush defeated Epping Boys High 2-1 (Tim 2)
Photos From Our School Assembly

Leonardo Pane being congratulated by Ms Milovanovic with his 2013 Strathfield Youth awards

Riley Tasker showing his NRL referees shirt with Mr Jurd

Scott Madychi with his CHS Hockey winners medal

Michael Cherniakoff accepts a form off Simon from the International Student Volunteer Program
Mr Jurd with our representative volleyball players

Students with their commendations for School Service
Ms Nitz is thanked for the support of Homebush Fresh with the school's Breakfast Club.

Ambrose Hill, Drum Corps leader receives an award from Burwood Council.

Marathon rower Mr Elaro gets a special mention as a teacher sportsman of the week.
Major Jeff Winterburn of the Salvation Army thanks Mr Jurd for the fantastic efforts of our students who raised over $23,000 for the Red Shield Appeal.

Mr Pearson’s senior Volley ball team of Willis Choi, Libeesan Sukirthan, Ian Zhou, Arjun Abayasingam, Raman-an Sriirathan, Hao Yin, Peraveenan Jeyarassa and Drishnath Maharasa have made it to the final 16 in the state.