Year 12 - Goodbye and Good Luck

The 2013 cohort of Yr12 students from our school were farewelled at a formal assembly before their graduation ceremony in our school hall. It was an emotional and poignant assembly with speeches that addressed their sense of school pride, their achievements and the general highs and lows of that time.

The students have now embarked on their final journey in completing their HSC and now await their results with a touch of anxiety and excitement. We wish them well in whatever endeavours they take on in the future, but one thing that remains with all of them now, is they can now call themselves the ‘Bushy Boys’ of 2013.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

HSC ends and life begins for year 12 2013 on 6 November when the last examination, Visual Arts, concluded. Now begins a nervous wait for results which will be published on 18 December. I congratulate all the students on their dedication and I hope all their dreams come true.

On 19 November the Parents and Citizens P&C will meet for the last time for 2013. Following this meeting we will elect the committee for 2014 at the Annual General Meeting. It was sad to farewell long time members Simone Burton, President and Simon Ford, former President and School Council President. These parents have spent many years supporting the school fund raising, reviewing policies, working on merit panels, giving their time to clean up days and donating generously. They have been there whenever I called and they supported their wonderful sons as they completed successful academic, sporting and leadership careers. We cannot thank our parents enough but Simone and Simon went above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you for your commitment and experience.

As I write I look forward to the Barefoot Bowls fundraiser at Concord Bowling Club. We always enjoy meeting up socially with our parents and carers.

It was my pleasure to greet the new student leaders on 14 November when 28 prefects and 17 Student Representative Councillors. The ceremony was brilliantly organised by Ms Effie Bonis, Prefects Coordinator and Ms Sathya Kumaralingam, SRC Coordinator. The chair for the presentation was Panayioti Constante who did a great job.

We were entertained by Zane Wu’s piano performance and Philip Raneri led us in the National Anthem. The morning tea was organised by the hospitality caterers led by Ms Hamide, Ms Greenshields and Mr Saber. It was great sharing this wonderful moment with the parents and family. I look forward to working with School Captain Vidhushan (VIP) Paheerathan, Vice Captain Bassel Rana, Senior Prefect Deren Mehmet and SRC President Arjun Abayasingam.

The extraordinary students at Homebush have seen many ways to raise funds or run projects to help people in need or those who are less well off. The Breakfast Club on Wednesdays is becoming more and more successful. Our newly formed Interact Club has been recognised by Rotary Mr Peter Smith for its sound structure and dynamic leadership. The student leaders from the Prefects raised $1500 for bushfire victims and Yunus Isik, SRC year 10, raised $250 more from the basketball competition. This level of responsible citizenship is what makes Homebush very special.

Our musicians led by conductor Ms Tracy Burjan, have performed as part of the community schools, Symphonia Jubilate, S.J. The S.J. were the headline at the opening of the new public school in Albert Road Strathfield. This school is called the Marie Bashir School and Professor Marie Bashir opened the school accompanied by her husband, Sir Nicholas Shehadie. The S.J. has also performed at the Forever Young concert at the Sydney Town Hal and the Directors Choice concert at the State Sports Centre and they were praised for their extraordinary talent and preparation. The main piece was an exceptional composition Lieto, by conduct Ms Tracy Burjan. The S.J. final concert was at the ‘High Tea’ at Mortlake P.S.

Our students in Year 8 have completed the ESSA science assessment. The student tutors in roll call 19 and 20 have successfully completed their literacy training and received their certificates. As you will see our artists have been recognised with works chosen for Directors Choice and Art Smart. Leandros Pandoulis’ Art major work has been nominated for the Art Express and Otis Burian-Hodge has been chosen to attend the National Art School in Canberra during the school holidays January 11-18 for his photography Body of Work. Only two from each state are chosen. Year 10 are studying the All My Own Work (AMOW) scholarship and ethical practice program designed by the Board of Studies. Only by completing the AMOW will students be able to be registered for the HSC course of study.

Our 1949 Old Boys always want to help and Professor Geoffrey Vaughan and wife Jenny visited the school to make 2 donations; a cheque for $1000 and a magnificent art work of a cross stitched framed picture of our school crest. Geoffrey did this to while away the time in hospital when he was recovering from some surgery. Old boys from 1963 gave $1500 and an estate left a legacy of $5000 all of which will be used for student educational programs.
Po Shen Wang leads the string section of the Symphonia Jubilate at the High Tea at Mortlake PS.

Professor Geoffrey Vaughan presents a magnificent artwork to new School Captain Vidhushan Paheerathan.

Senior prefect Deren Mehmet with Professor Geoffrey Vaughan and School Captain Vidhushan Paheerathan.

School Council President Simon Ford with P&C President Simone Burton.

Ms Effie Bonis with School Captain Vidhushan Paheerathan and SRC President Arjunasingham Abeyasingham.
Prefect Adviser Ms Effie Bonis with the Homebush student prefect group of 2014

Ms Kumaralingam and Mr Jurd with the 2014 SRC representatives
Mr Jurd shows his true colours with his spot a teacher vest.

Yunis Isik speaks on the assembly about the bushfire appeal.

Dr Balan shows his generosity by donating $100 to the bushfire appeal.

The ‘Silverhairs’ band at Concord Bowling Club - Michael Lee, Kamie Khurshed and Jeff Malla.

Mr Jurd congratulates Dux (and Senior Prefect) of Yr 12 Nayan Bhathela along with Hardikkumar Patel, Harshanddeep Singh and Dylan Kang.
This year our school Homebush Boys High School has achieved success by raising $2350 for the 40 Hour Famine. More than 50 students have participated in this program and was co-ordinated by Mr. Innasi. The boys have worked hard by sacrificing their own time by going around from place to place to raise money for these disadvantaged people in developing countries around the world to help them.

Most of our boys gave up their food, technology and sleep time to show what these people go through every single day with their families in order to survive. You’re prepared to spend 40 hours without something you love, just so you can understand a bit better what it’s like for kids who have no choice but to go without.

But the question we should ask ourselves is, is it really enough by giving up 40 hours to help these people? Of course not, this is just another test that we try for ourselves and cannot achieve. In Australia $40 isn’t really a lot of money to sacrifice but in these countries, by you taking out $40 from your own pocket your simply feeding an entire family for up to 3 months.

Hopefully next year we will have more boys helping out with the 40 Hour Famine and make a difference for these people as a team as I know we can achieve this as we are the BUSHY BOYS!

By: Yunus Isik

BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Major Peter Sutcliffe from the Salvation Army would like to thank Yunis Isik and the whole school for their generous donations that will go towards families that have lost their homes. The school raised over $1500.00 and Yunis also raised $237.00 from the basketball competition.

The bushfires have ravaged the Blue Mountains area and over 200 families have been affected with the loss of their homes. The Salvation Army will work with these families for as long as they need our assistance. Thanks to all who have contributed. I would like to ask Yunis to accept this Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the school.

Major Peter Sutcliffe and Yunis Isik
Evatt Model Security Council Competition

Throughout term 2, Nicol Brodie and I took up the challenge of the Evatt Model UN competition run by Youth UN Australia. This competition tests both knowledge of politics, debating and negotiation skills. Our initial round, at the Penrith RSL was exciting as it was the first time we had entered the competition, and only had a few hours to impress the judges to move on to the next round.

Representing Luxembourg, our staunch capitalist agenda and strong ties to the EU helped us make many allies and make a name for the small country. By the end, we had influenced many resolutions of the Security Council and had even the largest of counties listening closely to Nicol and I. Of the roughly 400 teams entered, we were selected as the only team from the Penrith round to the top 50 Semi Finals, among only one other non-selective school and only 10 public school teams.

At this round, we had more fun than we should have representing Russia, and made few friends as we would not compromise on core Russian foreign policy. By the end, I had convinced Nicol to VETO every resolution of the day, and once again a superpower had prevented world peace. This performance was enough to put as through to the top 15 for the State Finals of Evatt, held at NSW Parliament House. We were overjoyed as we were the only non-selective school in the state left in the competition.

Representing Togo this time, we felt it difficult to get the opinions of the African nation out, as competition was fierce. Nicol put in some inspiring speeches as always and I tried to broker peace at the possible break out of a U.S - Chinese war, to no avail of course. Though ultimately, we weren’t selected in the top 5 to attend the National Finals in Perth, Nicol and I were proud to have gotten this far, and had more than enough of diplomacy for a little while.

By Bassel Rana
History Faculty Incursions and Excursions

In 2013 the History Faculty has conducted an evaluation of our excursion and incursions, to maximise the engagement of students in the study of History. New excursions for Year 7 to the Police and Justice Museum and for senior Modern and Ancient History students will be introduced in 2014.

Below are some photos from some of our favourite incursions: James Adams’ Medieval weapons show for Year 8, and the year 9 drama Killin’ the Kaiser, performed by Brett Hunt.

P. Wilson
Head Teacher History
Homebush Boys Achieve Success in the National Economics And Business Studies Competition.

Every Year students from Homebush Boys and along with thousands of other students across the Australia and the Asia Pacific Region, compete in the Australian Economics Competition. Students from our school have always achieved excellent results and this year is no exception.

For Year 12 entries Dean Bardas, Vindesh Nadan & Hardikkumar Patel all received Distinctions (Top 10%) in the Economics Competition and Vindesh Patel also received a Distinction in the Business Competition. Also Year 11 students did extremely well in this competition as well. Congratulations to all students.
UTS Law Discovery Day

A group of dedicated young men aspiring to enter the law industry attended the UTS Law Faculty for their annual law discovery day. On the 21st of November, Arfan Yari, Aaron Coughran, Mashrur Shan and Sahil Bhandula visited one of the country’s most respected universities to be more informed about possible law courses offered. We learned about the nature of law, what it means to be a criminal, and how the Australian justice system deals with them. Schools from all over Sydney were invited to this informative and wonderful occasion – and therefore an ice breaker activity was performed. Students were then informed of a variety of aspects of the law including crime and human rights, and in particular contemporary issues which affected Australia such as slavery.

The first proper activity included watching and answering questions about a presentation about human rights – where we as Homebush did very well. Then there was a mediation activity where everyone got split up into groups – this involved conflicts between two parties and a neutral mediator trying to resolve this dispute. It was a new experience and informed us of how the Australian law functions.

Then there was a short lunch break where we divulged in conversation with current UTS law students, perceiving their views and perspectives of what university life was like in comparison to high school. Their opinions on law, and the lecturers that teach it, influenced our view on what it means to be a lawyer.

Prior to the end of the day, a mock trial between various students was performed, where Homebush Boys had to act as the defendant for a hypothetical graffiti case. Mashrur and Aaron acted as witnesses who were present during the crime as they amusingly played their part, not to mention twisted the plot in favour of our team, resulting in a win. It was a very real experience, with a real judge, proper defendants and prosecution and gave us an insight on how the court room would be in a real life situation with cross-examining, etc.

In conclusion, with the help of various law students and advisors from the faculty such as Diana and Maree, we were able to get a very real experience about a possible future at UTS law. It was an enjoyable day, and we strongly recommend the future bushy boys aspiring to be lawyers to attend and gain knowledge of what their life could be like.

By Sahil Bhandula and Mashrur Shan
Year 8 Geography Excursion to Georges River

On the 25th of October, Year 8 Geography students attended a Geography excursion to the Georges River Educational Centre and Warragamba dam. Students enjoyed a variety of activities at the Georges River Educational Centre which included water testing, field research, observing live and preserved animals and watched geographic documentaries.

The planned trip to Warragamba was unfortunately cancelled due to the bushfires in the Blue Mountains; however an incursion was conducted through the Sydney Water Catchment Authority. On the incursion students learned about Sydney’s water supply, land uses in the catchment as well as how to test water and how individuals impact of water quality.

The boys would like to thank Mr Pearson, Ms Kench, Mr Achmad and Mr Pisani for attending and making this excursion possible.

Photos from the excursion
Central to our study of Commerce in Year 9 is the theme of money and all aspects of financial life, ranging from investing, to travel, e-commerce and promoting and selling. In fact, we have learnt about a range of consumer and business issues through our study of topics relating to Consumer Choice & E-Commerce, Personal Finance, Investing, Travel and Promoting & Selling.

As part of our current unit of study on Promoting & Selling, the students received a wonderful opportunity to enrich their learning by visiting Luna Park, a business engaged in providing entertainment/recreational services for the public. Luna Park, like all businesses, needs to promote the service that they provide, which in this case is the entertainment that they offer in the form of rides. Hence, going to Luna Park was not only a fun day away from school to enjoy with our mates, but we were also able to experience the practical applications of Promoting and Selling a service.

Commerce, like Luna Park, is about having fun both in and out of the classroom. So, on Friday 22nd November Year 9 Commerce experienced the magic of Luna Park whilst learning about how this fun park markets its services to its target market/s. We were so lucky to access and be able to enjoy every ride within this fun-filled park. We not only enjoyed the rides which were amazing, but we were on assignment to shoot a commercial which would advertise Luna Park. Filming in Luna Park is tremendous as you not only film from the ground but you can film yourself while on the rides, adding a personal aspect to the commercial, especially when it is done with friends.

Unlike most other school excursions, we were not tortured with clipboards, thick booklets and zero fun. Fortunately for us as Commerce students, we were able to learn and also have fun at the same time at Luna Park.

Commerce is a very popular and engaging elective amongst Year 9 students and the visit to Luna Park, an annual excursion, is probably the highlight of the year. It was an absolutely brilliant excursion filled with learning and much fun.

On behalf of all of the Year 9 Commerce students who attended this excursion, we would like to thank the Social Science teachers who organised and supervised us on the day – Ms Legge, Mr Innasi and Mr Achmad. Thank you

Harri Jani and Kevin Kadamani
Year 8 Geography Trivia

On the 29th Of October 2013, 12 Year 8 students were selected to represent Homebush Boys in the WESSTA Geography Trivia Competition. The students travelled to St Mary’s Memorial Hall to compete against 42 schools in the Sydney Metropolitan area.

The trivia included a variety of geographical questions, some which were covered in class, but most included challenging general knowledge questions. Homebush’s two teams were both very competitive on the day. One team which consisted of Yusuf Ali, Jake Kim, Sai Manikyanivas, Joshua Redolfi, Madhav Sunderram and Denis Mulya performed exceptionally well, they lead the competition most of the way to finish second overall. The other team consisted of Waqas Ali Khan, Lincoln Dale, Mohammed Elakhras & Ryan Wu.

The boys described the day as thoroughly enjoyable, a good experience to work in a team environment and a great opportunity to display Homebush Boys talents in Geography. The boys would like to thank Mr Pisani for assisting the Homebush Teams on the day.

History Distinction Award Winners

Mr Peter Wilson and Mr Jurd with Yr 8 and Yr 10 History students who received Distinctions and High Distinctions in the Australian History competition.
Orientation Day

Next year’s Yr7 students and their parents attended our school for their orientation day, where they heard various information from various staff and students about how the school operates and the expectations of being a Homebush BHS student. Year Advisor Ms Dana Quick introduced herself to the students and gave a brief explanation about the relevant booklets in the package that the students were given. At the conclusion of the presentation the students were taken around the school and shown where various faculties and specialised rooms were located.
2014 SRC Executive Arjunasingam (President), Freeman (Secretary), Adam (Treasurer), Ananth (Assistant Secretary), Jimmy (Assistant Treasurer)

Our new school leaders Vidhushan, Bassel and Deren
The Australian Mathematics Competition

On the 5th of August 523 students from our school participated in the largest mathematics competition in the world, the Australian Mathematics Competition. I would like to thank all students and staff for their cooperation and patience on a day full of disruptions. A special mention must be made of Ms Gobel and Mr Halkidis who coordinated the competition.

The table below summarises our results for 2013:

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As can be seen from the table, our students continue to impress with their mathematical insight and interest with over 39% of the competitors receiving an award. It is unfortunate that the competition is held in the middle of our HSC Trials which prevents our year 12 students from participating.

The following students received awards:

**Prudence Award** (student with the most consecutive correct answers) – Andy Wu

**Year 7**

**Distinction:** Junjie Yao, Muhammad Fawad Faheem, Charles Prentice, Scott Miller, Peter Kelleher, Zhihong Yu

**Credit:** Ukjin An, Abdul Chami, Alfred Zhang, Nick Huang, Steven Choi, Joohyuk Kim, Seungjun Ryu, Ethan Morrison, Sreyus Philip, Seunghyun Ryu, Mohammad Mohaghegh, Leon Salsiccia, David Dang, Alan Gu, Oliver Sarker, Wang Weitong, Ran Hou, Kevin Nguyen, Siddharth Satyavolu, John Vuong, Nathan Labrakis, Ethan Tiah, Fahd Abdul, Benjamin Ly, Ranak Rai, Khushal Dogra, Eric Duong, Alwin Le Roux, Michael Xu, Farid Al Faruq, Eugene Lee, Leo Li, Thomas Pearson, Gurusanjeev Ravindrarahaj, Siuhang Sham, Ren Hong, Christopher Kadamani, Vaibhav Mehta, Akash Raja

**Year 8**

**Distinction:** Andy Wu, Benjamin Nguyen, Brian Lee

**Credit:** Sumon Majumder, Matthew Wong, Aaron Lam-nguyen, Andrew J Le, Benjamin Wong See, Huqian Zheng, Ganeshan Manoharan, Joshua Redolfi, Jeff Chen, Pratik Raj Mishra, Nicholas Burns, David Chen, Sihyong Kim, Subbiah Durai Surendran, Nicholas Li, Madhav Sunderram, Hojun Lee, Hohn Bilsel, Daniel Choi, Jacob Oh, Sam Kim, Kevin Wang

**Year 9**

**Distinction:** Ti Choe, Jeremy Sum, Anthony Wu, Harri Jani

**Credit:** Junyong Lee, Allan Xie, Sang Woung Yoon, Jie Chen, Berkan Ozsut, Adam Yoon, Anthan Kalaruban, Johnny Qian, Chris Jung Han Lee, Tony Mei, Jesse John, Pak On William Chan, Lakshanthi Sivapalan, Kaya Bremmer, Kevin Kadamani, Sa Huk Yang, Dalian Ivelja, Nicholas Jorgensen, Zhen Tan, Fahmid Ahmed, Khan Milligan, Vincent Nguyen, Jathusan Yogesan, Justin Ton, Ahmed Chami, Pirannavan Kumaralingham, Kasidit Muanrooddee, The Vy Christian Nguyen, Jay Houhlias, Vincent Kuo, Han Sung Lee, Kyle Murray, Dhrumil Shah, Abhijeet Sharma, Dominic Abudureheman Bilali, Richard Ham, Collin Yin, Yifei Zhao

**Year 10**

**Distinction:** Jonathan Wong-see, Ahmed Parappil, Jiakheng Cao, Yeun Su Kim, Richard Tran, William Phan, Tianshu Bai, Edmond Kim, Sonshin Yong

**Credit:** Elton Cheng, Jason Dang, Mahardhika Hidayatullah, Mathew Qian, Koheleti Vaitaiki, Keerti Malladi, Seunghyo Yeom, Hadi Taha, Lalith Vudata, Sathwik Nimmagadda, Joshua Shanthikumar, Yu Shen, Garry Zhang, Yue Cao, Seongwon Yeom, Vipulan Puvanendran, Sumukha Jagadeesh, Ryan Koh, Krish kumar, Eric Son-Trinh, Srinivas Byreddy, John Park, Paul Kim, Dhruhil Brahmbhatt, Diyao Chen, Luckshun Selvarajah, Allan Lai, Zeeerik Malik, Jason Chen, Vincent Chung, Dion Lin, Jack Liu, Mohammad Talha Tariq

**Year 11**

**High Distinction:** Paul Habashy, Raymond Zhou

The Mathematics Challenge

Following last year’s competition, some of our top year 8, 9 and 10 students were invited to participate in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians. This competition requires students to attempt 4 very challenging questions over a period of three weeks. I am pleased to announce that of the 13 competitors, 8 were awarded Credit certificates, 4 received Distinction certificates and 1 gained High Distinctions.

This is a summary of the awards:

Credit: Harri Jani, Kevin Kadamani, Arfeen Sultanul, Srinivas Breddy, Andrer Breddy, Praeen Jarasu, Murtaz Kanpurwala, Gobickishan Parthibhan

Distinction: Mayun Zou, Jan Zhou, Fawaz Mahfouz, Krishnath Maharasa

High Distinction: William Nguyen

This is an outstanding result for the boys and the school as fewer than 1000 students Australia wide participate in this event. Special thanks must go to Mr Sivasothy for coordinating this demanding competition.

Mr G. Carrozza / Head Teacher Mathematics
LOTE and Hospitality boys visit The Australian Walkabout Wildlife Park

It was Friday 13th September, 2013 and the LOTE and Hospitality boys were promised Billy Tea, Damper sticks and termite sandwiches.

“At last our very tolerant bus driver got us through the Sydney traffic heading northwards to our excursion destination - The Australian Walkabout Wildlife Park! Today’s excursion group consisted of a mix of Year 10 Hospitality, Chinese and Korean students. Today’s excursion, organised by Ms Greensheilds, had a keen focus to expose students to some traditional Australian bush tucker - meeting the syllabus requirements specifically related to food for the three subject areas!

Upon arrival we were greeted by two very friendly walk-a-bout staff members ready to take our students on a day of adventure. Considering today was all about ‘bush tucker’ that’s exactly what we got! Handmade ‘damper sticks’ baked slowly on the hot ashes of the camp fire, topped with golden honey and butter. This was accompanied with some sweet honey infused ‘billy tea’ skilfully swung over head by one of the walk about ‘billy tea’ experts.

Following morning tea our adventure walk through the bush began. Whilst admiring the many natural wonders of the bush, students were trained to identify many different types of trees and shrubs! As we learnt, many plants offer some kind of nutritional value whilst others offer medical remedies. We chewed on the tips of grass shrub for a ‘protein hit’, gathered terminates from beneath the bark later made into ‘termite sandwiches’ and collected ‘nectar pods’ from the native banksia tree to make a thirst quenching cordial (much better than any Cottée’s!).

All the boys (apart from those chosen as emu chasers) gave their helping hand to prepare fresh salads and pasta to accompany a tasting of kangaroo meat and a good old Aussie snag for lunch. In the company of an abundance of Australian native fauna, namely some very active emu’s, kangaroo’s and wallabies – it was as great an Australian setting as one could get! As stated by one of our Homebush students, it was the first time he had seen kangaroo’s and emu in the wild.

For the majority of our students it seems many of today’s activities were a first for many. It was great to see the boys getting involved and I am certain that all students, both hospitality and language students certainly learnt more than they bargained for in regards to Aussie Bush Tucker. Both in and or out of the kitchen, today’s excursion has equipped the boys with some useful bush tactics they shall have for life.

Ms Green shields, Ms Edwards and Miss Graham had a great time being out bush with the students – perhaps learning a thing or two about bush tucker they did not know themselves!!"

Ms Natalie Graham
LOTE Pre-service teacher (September 2013)
Our next (and final destination for 2013) is France and Year 7 are thoroughly enjoying their travels, learning, discovering and “tasting” the local cultures and cuisines. The passports are looking quite full and symbolise the different virtual travel experiences. The thrills on the Year 7 faces and the excitement in their voices continue to be of interest and were particularly evident on Friday the 10th October, 2013—the inaugural Year 7 LOTE Day. The day was full of 4 different cultural experiences and without the leaving the comforts and familiarity of Homebush Boys High School, Year 7 students “travelled” around the school to visit the Chinese calligraphy and lantern making wonders of Ms Su, the tasty, finger licking and popular French crepe making skills of Mrs Gilchrist, the crafty, very colourful and intrinsic looking Italian masks instructed by Ms Lay and the paper folding and origami talents of Ms Yu. All sessions were hands on and the students were encouraged to take on board all things Chinese, French, Italian and Korean the day had to offer. With the very capable assistance of Mrs Talarico, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Avery and Ju An John Yu and Peter Kim (both from Year 11), the LOTE students were quoted as saying these activities were “better than classwork”. The highlight of the day was the concert during Period 5. With the assistance and financial support of the Korean Education Centre, Ms Yu organised dancers and musicians to entertain the students and provide an insight into Korean cultural music. The instruments (a loud wooden drum) and the colourful costumes of the female dancers added to the enjoyment of the afternoon. As the Year 7 students left after a long but very entertaining day, their smiles were bigger and the buzz in the School Hall was louder than ever. A very successful day and a wonderful way to showcase the talents of the LOTE staff and supplement the exciting “travel adventures” in the Year 7 Taster course this year. Please see a selection of photos included in this edition of the Bush Bulletin. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Gilchrist, Ms Su, Ms Lay, Ms Yu and all the assistant staff and Year 11 students for adding to the success of the day. The Year 7 LOTE Day will definitely be in the HBHS calendar for 2014.

The success of the LOTE Faculty’s inaugural Ipad Learning program in Stage 4 and 5 continues to be popular and was recently acknowledged by the Korean Education Office. In Term 3, all Year 7 students were studying Korean and together with the Year 8 Korean boys, entered different ICT projects in the Year 7-10 Korean Language Performance Contest organised by the Korean Education Centre(KEC) and the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Sydney. Early this term, Mr Jurd and Ms Yu were sent a special invitation to attend a presentation at the Sydney Office of the KEC. One of our Year 7 students, Michel Tang won the Fourth Place Award for his PowerPoint on Korean Food. Michael was also present at the presentation and was very happy to receive a beautiful looking award and a $100 Coles-Myer voucher. HBHS also received a cheque for $500 recognising the excellence of the Year 8 contributions and this will go towards our continuing Korean studies. I would like to thank Ms Yu for her efforts with this endeavour and for initiating the work that went into Michael's successful application. Well done Ms Yu and of course congratulations to Michael! Another example to show that student engagement and motivation has increased with this Faculty initiative and the LOTE staff have reported that Ipad discovery learning has allowed the students to work ahead and in our recent case with Michael, achieve recognition in the local Korean community. Please see photos of Michael included in this edition of the Bush Bulletin.
At the time of writing, the LOTE staff have completed the Year 11 Reports and are thrilled with the performance of our students. Our ROSA grades are indicative of their hard work but also the consistent efforts of our dedicated staff. Congratulations to the following Year 11 LOTE students and also to their teachers Ms Yu and Ms Su.

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Recognising student achievement is always a pleasure for all LOTE staff and worthy of mention in such publications. Congratulations to the following LOTE students who have been awarded HT LOTE certificates for their continued commitment to their Language studies, academic progress, positive attitude in class and towards their studies, excellent contribution to classwork or services to the Faculty.

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“Keep your dreams alive. Understand that to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination and dedication. Remember that all things are possible for those who believe.” - Gail Bevers.

Personally, I dream of cruises, of simple but luxurious times alone on an island, reading a good book and watching time go by. I dream of being pampered and enjoying long massages and aromatic manicures and pedicures. I know this sounds bizarre but it is my dream. One must have dreams. Dreams make us believe. Dreams make us humans. As per the above quote, most of us have to work for our dreams. That’s fine. I’m not afraid of hard work, nor do I steer away from it. I have dedication and vision, which together with faith put me in a good position to understand the power of dreams and their “eventual” realisation.

The power of dreams was realised for HBHS and the LOTE faculty on Tuesday the 10th September, with the Sister School Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between YingTan No. 1 High School (in YingTan City, JiangSu Province, China) and HBHS. The official signing of the agreement and the exchange of cultural gifts between the two schools marked the beginning of a wonderful relationship. However, more wonderful were the presentations given principal Tim Jurd and Mr Wong (Principal of YingTan HS). Both spoke passionately about their schools and their students. Our
sister school might enjoy the luxuries of a HUGE campus, with beautifully landscaped gardens and over 3500 students but **WE** are the fortunate ones—so fortunate to have been chosen to have a sister school relationship with YingTan No 1 HS. We owe a large part of this to the efforts of Ms June Su. Thank you Ms Su for all your consistent hard work and for helping us to realise this dream for HBHS. Wouldn’t it be fantastic to visit YingTan No. 1 HS in the near future! Maybe this dream will be a reality soon!

At times like these I recall the words of the great Bruce Lee.

> I am not easily discouraged. I readily visualise myself as overcoming obstacles, winning out over setbacks and achieving “impossible” objectives.

Cultural opportunities continue to flow for all our LOTE students. On Friday 13th September 2013 Year 9, 10 Chinese and Korean students joined Hospitality students when they visited the Australian Walkabout Wildlife Park at Calga NSW. Together with Ms Graham (LOTE Pre-service teacher) Mrs Edwards and Ms Greenshields, the students were able to cook and enjoy some authentic bush tucker, drink real Australian billy tea and make friends with some of the wildlife. This was an excellent opportunity and a cross curricula food initiative between the LOTE and TAS Faculty. The students had a memorable time and for some of our boys it was a first time experience with the wildlife and life “in the bush”. I would like to thank Ms Greenshields for organising this activity and Ms Graham and Mrs Edwards for assisting the students on the day. Please read Ms Graham’s excursion account included in this edition. Check out the photo gallery as well.

This will be the last time I subscribe to the Bush Bulletin for 2013. As of Week 4, I will be on long service leave, enjoying some quality time with my family and travelling interstate and overseas with my son as he attempts to realise his dreams in taekwondo. I am certain the LOTE faculty will be capably looked after under the guidance of Mrs Gilchrist. Mrs Gilchrist will be able to all student and parental questions and I thank her for taking on this responsibility during my absence.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all LOTE students and their families all the very best for the remainder of 2013 and a safe, healthy and peaceful Christmas break. May the family time you share become precious moments and may you also take the opportunity to remember and pray for those not as fortunate as yourself.

See you all in 2014.

*Mrs Matina Shadwick*

*Head of LOTE Faculty*
Michael Tang and Ms Yu

Ms Ava and her Chinese lantern drawing

Ms Edwards enjoyed her Chinese lantern and calligraphy and she was good at it!

Ms Su demonstrates her Chinese calligraphy during the Year 7 LOTE Day

Examples of masks made during the Italian activity at the Year 7 LOTE day

Tarek holds up his Calligraphy examples

Year 7 masks

Year 7 music performances during the concert
The Year 10 debating team had a year of great success in both social debates and the traditional Premiers Debating Challenge Competition. Team members this year were: Adam Saker, Craig Miller, Luke Mansfield, Panayioti Constanti, Srinivas Byreddy and Yunus Isik. We were fortunate to be in the capable (if not always-critical) Ms Quick.

Out early rounds saw us defeat our opponents Strathfield Girls, debating against both their Year 9 and Year 10 teams. Topics included the use of performance enhancing drugs in sport and the abolition of school sport. During these early rounds the HBHS Year 9 team also showed their merit on topics such as banning contact sports and the teaching of media studies in schools. Our confidence building, we then had the challenge of defeating the HBHS Year 9 team, on the topic of the debate being “That we should build nuclear power plants in Australia”. Victorious again we then moved into the Regional Semi Finals. Our next challenge was to overcome James Ruse Agricultural High School – on their home turf. This was a nightmarish opponent for us as we recalled our very first debates were against them in Year 7 where we definitely came off second best! The topic was that we should ban online gambling and we were the affirmative side (to the delight of Ms Quick). After a hard fought match, we lost and our season was cut short. Despite this, the performance of each team member should be highly commended, as all speakers showed just how far they had come in terms of speaker style, matter and engagement – the key aspects of debating. Ultimately we were satisfied with our performance and look forward to the competition starting again in Year 11.

In addition to the PDC competition we also had the honour of representing HBHS in the annual Lew Wilson Shield Debate hosted by Strathfield Rotary. We were against last year’s winners St Pats in a prepared debate on the topic “That Age is No Barrier to Success”. While the whole team helped in preparation the debate was left in the hands of Yunus, Panayioti and Craig who attended the dinner meeting and then graced the attendees with their wit and analytical skills. Proudly cheering from the audience were Mr Constanti, Mr Elaro, Ms Dwyer and Ms Quick. All boys spoke well and even had to cut out material in order to meet the timing regulations for the debate. After much dispute over the definition we were awarded the win. It was with great pride that we were able to have this trophy presented to us on Assembly and a fantastic way to end the year.

Alas, next year we will feel the loss of Adam who is leaving us for another school. He has been an integral part of the team since Year 7 and is a dedicated 2nd speaker – demonstrating his keen analytical skills to synthesise cutting rebuttal and steal the initiative. He will be missed as a speaker and as a team mate. But we had cake to celebrate/commiserate his departure so everything does have a silver lining. We wish Adam every success so long as he promises never to debate against us!

The Year 10 debating team has had a fantastic year and was truly a success. This wouldn’t have been possible without a core team committed to victory and the extremely detailed mentoring of Ms Quick.

By Panayioti Constanti (and Ms Quick).
Ms Dwyer, Mr Constanti, Panayioti, Yunis Ms Quick, Melaro and Craig, all smiles after their victory

The boys ready for a verbal battle
GOOD LUCK YEAR 12!

Year 12 Graduation marked the end of 13 years at school for our Year 12 students.

With their schooling commitments finalised, they were busy studying for their Higher School Certificate, which commenced today, Monday, 14 October, 2013.

As Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 12 students, all the very best in the HSC exams.

They have proven throughout the years to be valuable assets to both the school and region.

They have also been organisers and participants of many whole school community activities.

Many students have impressed me with their commitment to their studies and determination to overcome any weaknesses in work they may have had over the years. It is gratifying to see their determination and hard work, rewarded with excellent results.

They are a fine group of young men, who possess pleasant and engaging personalities, and show many of the personal attributes needed for success, in whatever profession or further course of study, they may wish to undertake.

They are capable students who have successfully applied themselves to the demands of various courses over the years. Many have balanced academic school commitments, extra-curricula pursuits and community work, evidence of interpersonal, intellectual, leadership and organisational prowess. Others have been involved with activities of interest, and enjoying the many programs, that Homebush Boys High School has to offer. All of these memories will stay with them forever, shaping their future outlook.

I would personally like to thank whole school personnel who have organised many curriculum and HSC preparation programs that support our students. These will help to continue the excellent results our school has attained over the years. Most importantly, thank you to the parents/caregivers, of these fine young men, for being a support mechanism, during their schooling years.

On behalf of Homebush Boys High School, I wish Year 12 students all the very best for the future, and success, in whatever profession or further course of study, they may wish to undertake.

Goodbye and good luck!

Suzi Milovanovic

Head Teacher Teaching and Learning

Yr12 students and their proud parents attend the graduation ceremony in the hall
Ms Fiona Murray and Leonardo Pane at the Graduation ceremony

Mr Jurd with Koray Cetindag at the Graduation ceremony

Yr12 Advisors Ms Rasha Kamil and Ms Joanna Carrasco at the graduation assembly
‘PINK RIBBON DAY’

ABOUT 14,000 women across the nation are diagnosed with breast cancer each year.

Homebush Boys High School continued on 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 and generous donations made by whole school community personnel. 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. Having lost many family members to this disease, 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

Mashrur Shan speaks about Pink Ribbon Day
Luke Mansfield speaks about male cancer
‘WHITE RIBBON DAY’

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

Homebush Boys High School continued on with its strong donation tradition as part of a White Ribbon fund-raiser and men’s violence against women awareness day.

White Ribbon is the world’s largest male-led movement to end men’s violence against women.

White Ribbon Australia is a non-profit organisation and Australia’s only national, male-led primary prevention campaign to end men’s violence against women.

Homebush Boys High School raised funds through the organisation of a sausage sizzle lunch, selling of white ribbons by our student leadership body, and generous donations made by whole school community personnel. As a school, we reinforce that donating is part of the Australian culture.

In addition to this, as Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, student engagement was ensured in addressing issues of men’s violence against women through art, poetry, drama – role playing and critical thinking strategies. Students completed tasks on facets of violence 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.

Through our school initiatives, Homebush Boys High School seeks to change the attitudes and behaviours that lead to and perpetuate men’s violence against women, by engaging boys and men to lead social change.

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).

Many around the world experience forms of abuse and/or violence. White Ribbon Day is a great opportunity to remind all to “never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women”.

Homebush Boys High School salutes and thanks all those involved in White Ribbon Day initiatives and for the generous donations that continue to be made by many.

Head Teacher Teaching & Learning

Suzi Milovanovic

Janarthan and Ramanan support ‘White Ribbon’ by selling ribbons

Ms Milovanovic with Piri, Dhrushil, Akif, Talah and Nivedh work on strategies for ‘White Ribbon’ day.
Students in the Creative and Performing Arts have again recorded some outstanding achievements in a very successful 2013. In Visual Arts Yr 12 student Leandros Pandoulis had his Body of Work selected in the highly rated Artexpress exhibition, which will be held at the Art Gallery of NSW early next year. In Music Tim Lee was selected to audition for the HSC Encore Music event at the Opera House in March next year.

There was also success for Yr 11 Visual Arts student Otis Burian-Hodge who was selected for the annual National Gallery of Australia, National Summer Art Scholarship. There are only two students chosen from each state and territory of Australia, so this is an excellent achievement from Otis to be chosen.

Strathfield Council held its second HSC Visual Arts exhibition at their council chambers and we were again well represented with a number of our Yr 12 students exhibiting their artwork. Michael Xu was successful in winning the ‘Peoples Choice’ award with his large expressive landscape paintings.

Our Improvised Music Program has developed a strong reputation across the region. The school orchestra has since combined with Strathfield Girls High School to form the ‘Symphonia Jubilate’ where they had the honour of performing at the opening of the new Marie Bashir Public School named after the NSW Governor General who was in attendance at the official opening.

Mr Kim Attwood
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts
Michael Xu with his artwork at the Strathfield HSC Art Exhibition

Otis Burian-Hodge’s photographic artwork
Yr7 Masks and Gargoyles
Images from the Yr 9 Artsmart Workshop

Seraphim Cherniakoff and Christopher Standard with their paintings

Mr Kim Attwood with Vincent Nguyen, Christopher Standard, Timothy Yeung, Seraphim Cherniakoff and Makoto Tsai who attended the Artsmart workshop

Timothy Yeung and Makoto Tsai with their digital artworks
Bushfire Fund Raising Competition Basketball Winners and Runners Up

Mr Peter Smith from Rotary and Yr10 student Yunis Isik with the two teams that fought out the final of the Basketball Competition with their medals and certificates.
SPORTS REPORT

Sport never stops at the BUSH. We are well into our summer season with many of our teams dominating their competitions. Special mentions to our 1st/2nd Grade Volleyball and 14A cricket that all remain undefeated after 8 rounds of competition. Grade competition will continue to run until the end of November. House sport will finish on the 4th of December with our annual staff v student cricket match to be played on Wednesday the 11th of December. Summer sport will resume when all students return in 2014. Winter sport trials will start Week 6, Term 1, 2014. Please keep these important dates in mind.

House sport is an important avenue for our students to be regularly engaged in physical activity. There are some fantastic achievements on a weekly basis at house sport. Whether it is bowling over 120 at AMF bowling, winning a tennis tournament at Powells Creek or just having a social swim with your friends at the aquatic centre, the opportunities to improve your physical, mental and social health are endless. Earlier this term we trialled splitting the house summer season into two ten week blocks due to the length of the season. 80% of the students selected a new option, demonstrating the need for this opportunity to change house sport to occur. Thank you to all house sport teachers and the parents of these students to allow for this smooth transition of these house sport changes.

The State Athletics Carnival has been held since the writing of the last sport report. Congratulations to our two relay teams, in particular the 12 years boys, who had to overcome a difficult situation to be able to run in the final. However, the boys showed great determination and resilience to run a great race and finish fourth in the state, a fantastic achievement. Well done Sorie Musa, Korhan Sozen, Gaurav Bagale and Sean Le. I have no doubt we will see big things from these boys in the years to come. The individual achievements of David Chen and Sanjoy Antonito in their various field events were outstanding as well.

Angus Armstrong continues to excel in the Pole Vault. Angus placed first at the recent NSW All Schools Championships and will now represent Homebush and NSW at the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships later in the year. Good luck Angus.

We have some excellent golfers at Homebush led by Isaac Noh. Isaac has been the Zone Champion the last two years, helping the school be crowned Zone Golf Champions and has also represented Sydney North Region at the CHS Golf Championships. Isaac was selected in a Jack Newton Junior Golf program to compete at the Singha World Junior Championships in Thailand in early November. We wish Isaac all the best at this prestigious youth golf tournament.

For up to date information for sport please check the schools website by clicking on the weekly sports arrangement link on the schools home page. Here you can access the weekly sports arrangements, the latest results for grade sport and a list of all the sportsperson of the week awards for Grade and House.

Mr S Belgre
Sports Coordinator
Jai Ivelja and Cameron Holmes were selected to represent Sydney North CHS cricket team

Students with their sports certificates

Powells Creek Tennis winners and runners-up
House captains for 2014

Dr Balan gives is the fairest of umpires!
The action at the annual Staff verses Student Cricket Match

Another wicket about to fall to ‘Typhoon Sculthorpe’

Mr Elaro aiming for a LBW

Mr Achmad ready to hit another boundary
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Michael Tang from Yr 7 and Zian Feng from Yr 8 present a $500 cheque to Mr Jurd with Ms Shadwick on behalf of the 2013 Korean Language Performance Contest.

Ms Duska Mirkova Congratulates Wilfred Knight, Hudson Perry and Joshua Redolfi for their great posters that promote respecting our school environment.
Ms Gyan Sahay and Ms Georgia Anton with Vidhushan

Vet students prepare lunch under the guidance of Ms Greenshields
Mr Gerard Saber and Ms Amy Greenshields with students helping to prepare lunch for World Teachers Day

Staff enjoy the beautifully prepared lunch
Retiring teachers Mr John Pearson and Mr Baron Gold

Students with their gold awards

Student Leaders with their certificates from the Leadership Conference with Ms Bonnis and Mr Khurshed
Students with their gold awards

Mr Elaro with Mr Andrew Fairly (who returned for the Yr12 graduation) and Ms Judith Edwards

School Captain Scott Worthington presents flowers to Ms Jenelle Horiatopoulos
Riley Tasker entertains Yr12 students at the graduation ceremony

Mr Bill Hilliard returns to speak to the Yr12 students at their graduation ceremony
BREAKFAST CLUB FRIENDS

The school would like to thank both Rotary and the Bendigo Bank for their financial support in supplying an industrial toaster and urn for the Breakfast Club. Many of our students are now taking up the opportunity and attending the Breakfast Club to have a nutritious breakfast to start the day with energy and enthusiasm which will then help their concentration with their school work.

Mr Peter Smith from Rotary, Ms Gyan Sahay, Mr Emmanuel Vatalis from Bendigo Bank and Mr Ian Albertson attended the school’s Breakfast Club.

Ms Loretta Gilchrist with students and their Language awards