HOMEBOURSH BHS EMBRACES MULTICULTURISM

The 3rd annual Multicultural day celebration was held on the 7th of June at Homebush BHS and was again another roaring success. At the beginning of the day there was an assembly which was opened by the iconic international flag march led by the school’s drum corp. We had the honour of inviting distinguished guest speakers from the DEC and from the political arena which was concluded with some fantastic cultural performances of music and dance by students both from our school and also from Strathfield GHS items of very high standards. This day was organised by the SRC where everyone soaked in the spirit of a Multicultural school community.

The day continued with multicultural performances held in the hall where the atmosphere was electric as the cultural performances were absolutely riveting. Students from every grade had a turn to view the performances. Performances ranged from eastern, western classical piano pieces, Indian classical drums and flutes to beat boxing battles, cultural Indian dancing and also bands from our very own school. During the lunch break everyone had the opportunity to sample the different cultural culinary dishes that were on sale to students and teachers alike.

The day was a great insight into the rich diversity of the many different cultures we have in our school and is a testimony to how multiculturalism works both in our school and in the local community.
Welcome to term 3 at Homebush and I hope all in our learning community are well and happy.

FILM STARS AT HOMEBUSH

Homebush is gaining a reputation as a good school at which to film blockbusters. Thanks go to Ms Lidia Budanovic for her excellent organisation of the Cyber Safety Filming involving students of 7A. This was part of the Australian Communications and Media Authority developing of resources for parents that showed young persons safe use of computers, mobiles or tablets to access the internet both inside and outside the classroom. Also thanks to Mr Kamie Khurshed for his organisation of more filming that happened in the holidays in our school buildings. This was a great opportunity for students to see the complexity of the process and to be involved in this creative activity. Our school was the main focus for the movie set of ‘Alex and Eve’. The students saw the equipment, movie stars and directors. Mr Khurshed said, “Some takes took up to 15 times! Approximately 100 of our lads featured in a Hall scene and some were chosen for other scenes. The school in the movie is called Homebush High. Maybe we should have a red carpet in the front entrance.”

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Duke of Edinburgh excursion was once again an amazing success due the selfless dedication of Ms Linda Adams with Mr Alan Curry. On the last 2 days of term 2 they walked with the Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh students through the wilds of the forests between Sydney and the Central Coast. The Silvers continued for the Saturday and the Golds went on to the Sunday. All the troops were safe and happy and again I thank Ms Adams and Mr Curry for looking after this wonderful program.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

During the holidays our Public Works staff was asphalting the fig tree assembly area. Now the trip hazards and broken pavement have all been removed and the new asphalt should last for many years. In addition, 2 tree planter boxes were removed and the new ones are much larger for increased seating for the students. The new term will see plantings of native plants in these beds.

SPORT ACHIEVEMENTS

At the end of term 2 our school participated in both Volleyball and Football state knock out competitions. The volleyball team travelled to Minto and successfully won their final 16 and quarter final games. They were eventually knocked out in a hard fought semi-final to Rooty Hill and then lost to Kelso to come 4th in the State! This was a great effort by the boys to go this far, but it was only possible because Mr John Pearson gave up his retirement to...
come back, train and coach these young athletes. Also, our mercurial football team travelled all the way to Alstonville to play the round of 16 playoff. Unfortunately the local school won 2-1 in extra time showing good use of the home ground advantage. Thanks to the boys and to Mr Scott Belgre for their efforts. It is a tough call to travel away and win and we are proud of how far you have come.

CURRICULUM

The school has completed the mid-year academic reporting process and all parents should have received reports but unfortunately this is not the case. Many reports remain at the front office waiting for parents to collect them or to have their sons collect the report by handing in a signed, genuine letter from mother or father. The new teacher interview booking system, using the student moodle for appointments, seemed to work well after a few technical matters were sorted out.

Year 10 subject selection night was the start of the subject selection process by the year 10 students and this is the start of the 2015 timetable. Subject selection for the Year 10s is critical at this time. The students benefited from the specific subject information Head Teachers at the evening meeting in term 2 and the presentation by faculty representatives provided on Thursday in week 1. Year 10s will hand in their Subject Selection Form to Mr Chris Halkidis. This is their Expression of Interest and determines which courses will be offered in the ‘second round’. Their final choices will be made in about week 5.

FAREWELL TO MR GASPARSE CARROZZA

The staff wished Gas all the best for his retirement at a retirement dinner. Organisers Ms Joanna Chan and Mr Chris Halkidis were joined by over 80 well wishes. Ms Chan’s PowerPoint punctuated a very successful and popular career as a superb teacher, valued colleague and loving family man. After a poignant speech by Mr Halkidis we heard from Gaspare about the highlights of 37 years teaching. We all wished Gas the very best in retirement but are happy that Gas is still casual teaching at our school.

STAFF FACILITIES

Facilities for staff continue to be improved with Mr Ecky Mani installing a bright, shiny staff kitchen in the Bridge Road Gallery under the support and guidance of chief architect Mr Khurshed. This will be a great boon to all staff and parents and continues Mr Khurshed’s hard work and renovation of this well used staff and community space.

PLAYGROUND CLEANLINESS

I am disappointed that some students continually ignore good practice and drop litter in the playground. This term I will be starting again the mantra that littering is pointless and that to use the bins is sensible and rewarding for all. Please help me. I asked the students to invent an acronym that will send a positive message e.g. WAR (war on rubbish) I mentioned this on assembly and as soon as I went into the playground students came up with great ideas. The best one was “PURGE Homebush!” (Pick up rubbish, garbage everyday). Neat isn’t it?
ATTENDANCE

I am very pleased that the following graph shows attendance trends for the first semester of 2014 compared to trends during 2013. There is clear evidence that the strengthened attendance policies and practices have improved the student engagement. We can only hope that student attainment will show a similar success trends. See the graph below:

It is important that parents notify the school whenever their son is absent so that no text message is sent out. If a text is sent home can you reply as soon as possible with a reason for the absence.

NAIDOC WEEK

Thanks to Mr Pete Wilson for organising the year 10 NAIDOC presentation. These performers provided a very uplifting and celebratory workshop which had many year 10 students up dancing and counting in authentic aboriginal sign language. It is important that our students gain valuable insights into the culture and habits of the oldest civilisation on this continent.

CAREERS EXPO

Thanks to Careers Adviser Ms Georgia Anton and the staff who supported her at the careers expo. According to feedback the expo was a great success and students career info was enhanced. This will support their choices for future success.

CAPA NIGHT

Thanks to the CAPA staff for organising their presentation evening which was a great success. An enthusiastic crowd of parents and their families attended the Capa Night at the end of last term. Artworks from Yr7 to Yr11 were on display along with some excellent musical performances. This annual event again showcased the talents of our of our budding artists and musicians.

DREAM CRICKET

In tune with our Stage 5 theme of engaging with our Community a group of Year 9 boys headed off on Thursday 24 July to participate in "Dream Cricket" an initiative sponsored by The Don Bradman Foundation in conjunction with Strathfield Rotary. This was first done by Interact Club members from Year 12. The day consisted of our boys assisting and participating in various skills of cricket with children who have a disability. Mr Peter Smith, a familiar name to HBHS, as the chief coordinator stated the following about our boys are “a great group of boys-they had a ball and brought a lot of smiles and laughter to 30 disadvantaged kids. [they are a] credit to their school and families.”
IFTAR

The Homebush Iftar was a success again with a record attendance. This is a magnificent show of support for the culture of Homebush which respects the spirituality and beliefs of their fellow students. See the report in this bulletin and the pictures which demonstrate the experience of the night. It was great to be joined by local member Mr Charles Casusscelli, Director Ms Veronica Kapsimali and Mr Craig Laundy (Federal Member) gave his apologies. Staff from Burwood Girls, Strathfield Girls, Homebush West and Hombush came to join us. Our parents committees were represented by Ms Cathy Scanlan and Ms Catherine Lea. Thanks to Ms Bolbol, Mr Abbou and the magnificent team.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE LIFTS

What are we doing for Education Week? We celebrated the opening of our lifts and ramps with a wonderful ceremony. Read more about this day later in the bulletin but I am thrilled to have these wonderful lifts and ramps enabling students, staff and community with mobility disability to gain access to the learning spaces throughout the school.

GOOD LUCK TO YEAR 12 IN ASSESSMENTS

Year 12 Trial HSC has started on the 30 August. Good luck to all the students.
HBHS P&C

Trivia & Music Night

Sat 6th Sept, 2014 at 7pm
Concord Bowling Club
Clermont Ave, Concord

Cost: $20 entry – Adults only

RSVP by 3rd Sept, 2014 to school office on 9764 3611
or email hbhspandc@gmail.com
Please join us and support your school.
Get a group of friends together or join a table.

Games  ❖  Raffles  ❖  Auctions  ❖  Trivia
Live band – Silverhair (made up of P&C members).
Drinks available at the bar. BYO snacks/supper.

All funds raised will go towards playground seating
and the rejuvenation of the old school gym.
Donations welcome.
HBHS NEW SCARF AND BEANIE

Students at Homebush Boys High School wear their school uniform with pride. The school’s Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, Ms Milovanovic, and SRC Coordinator, Mrs Kumaralingam, have this year, introduced two new pieces of clothing as part of the school uniform. Added to the already polished school uniform is a school scarf and beanie. This has ensured that student wellbeing needs are being further met for the upcoming winter season.

The beanie will cost $5 and the scarf will cost $10. If you wish to purchase both the scarf and beanie as a set, it will cost $12. The new scarf and beanie is now part of the school uniform. No other scarf or beanie, of any design or colour, is to be worn. The new scarf and beanie are available for purchase from the front office.

Staff and students at Homebush Boys High School were delighted this term with the arrival of the new school scarf and beanie. Individual staff and students engaged in the design and consultation process last year. A collection of designs were considered, and the final decision of keeping the scarf and beanie simple in style, was made. The order was placed, scarf and beanie arriving at the school this term.

Our Principal Mr Jurd was the first to model the new school scarf and beanie. He was in strong competition with Homebush Boys High School’s next top models. Thank you to Luke, Ananth, Arnav and Adam for the magnificent job they have done in our modelling photo shoot, and most importantly, for wearing the school uniform with pride on a daily basis.

Thank you to all staff and students involved in the designing and consultation process. Thank you to Mrs Kumaralingam and Ms Milovanovic for their time and effort in organising the manufacturing of the scarf and beanie, and most importantly, to the company who has done a magnificent job in producing it.

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

Early Leave Passes

Early leave passes can be obtained from the HT Administration Office. 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 class time, recess or lunch 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
HT Administration/LOTE

Ms P Vine
HT Administration/Librarian
HOMEBUSH BOYS’ STAFF SUPPORT
AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Homebush Boys High School staff once again came together to support Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea for 2014. Our regular Monday morning staff meeting was transformed into a social event for staff to enjoy a delicious spread of sweet and savoury treats which had been supplied by faculties and to donate to an important cause. Staff showed their generosity and bought raffle tickets for the many prizes on offer including vouchers from our local businesses. Our ‘monster raffle’ ensured that there were many happy winners.

Over 120,000 people were diagnosed with cancer last year and contributions made by The Biggest Morning Tea go directly towards Cancer Council’s $15 million that they invest into research that will one day explain the causes of cancer and provide new and improved treatments. The Cancer Council of NSW is at the forefront of research, support services and prevention programs that will one day eliminate the devastation that a cancer diagnosis can bring.

Thanks goes to Laura Donohue and her band of helpers, who have coordinated this event since 2005. With tax deductible donations and proceeds from the raffle, the morning raised over $1,200.00. We are proud that our ‘cup’ is helping to make a difference, as every cup really does count in the fight against cancer.

Linda and Laura with all the raffle prizes for the ‘Biggest Morning Tea’

SCIENCE REPORT

Our favourite term is beginning and not because we have trial HSC and preliminary HSC exams, but because we run our SCIENCE WEEK activities over the term. In August Dr Balan and Ms Catalano take a bus load of select year 7 and year 8 students to three days of Science and fun at Canberra.

We also have activities booked to inspire years 7, 8 and 9 from the CSIRO’s education unit. Ms Brown and Mr Everett will be taking a group of year 8 students to the Australian Museum’s Science week presentation.

Junior classes will have special lessons on the Science Week theme of Feed the World. And still more is being organised! Students and parents need to be alert for notes and information over the term.

Alan Everett (HT/Science)
Ramadan Iftar

On Friday the 18th of July a team of students embarked on the Muslim occasion of Ramadan, to forge one of the finest Ramadan iftar dinners the school has ever seen. The team consisted of a variety of faiths combined. There were Christians, atheists and Muslim's who came together to commemorate this month. This month of Ramadan is a period of thirty days in which Muslims fast from food and water from sunrise to sunset. This month is the month in which the Quran was also revealed to the prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, in which the first words revealed were “Read!” “Read!” “Read!” Hence this month also holds the reading of the Quran of great value. The month isn’t just about fasting from food and water, but also from swearing, from backbiting, violence and all other sins. It is also a month in which one strengthens the ties between friends and family and reflect upon their lives and try to improve themselves.

Mrs Fattouh originally started this concept of inviting the school community, some four years ago, to encourage them to fast and share the experience with the Muslim students, and break fast with them at iftar (when the sun sets). Four years down the track, and we have one of the finest iftar dinners ever planned, under the supervision of the diligent; Mrs Bolbol, Mr Achmad, Mr Abbou, and many others.

The night began with an introduction from Ibrahim Talha and myself, Yousef Iqbal, with a brief outline about the value of the month. Next was a Qur’anic recitation of Surah al Baqarah, pertaining to the month of fasting, by Muhammad Abbou, and translated by Yunus Isik. This was followed up by a five minute speech by our guest Sheikh Hasem al Farasche, a lawyer and respected sheikh, who talked about the beauty of the month and how one should conduct themselves both within and outside of this month.

This was followed up by some words from our sponsors for the night, Human appeal, which gave a brief introduction to their organisation and encouraged the audience to take home with them a piggy bank, which they would fill up at home and bring back to school. This piggy bank would then go back to Human Appeal, to use in the variety of charity cases and natural disaster zones that they are involved with. At the conclusion of their speech, we presented them with a cheque for over two thousand dollars that were raised from the ticket sales (all for the sake of charity).

Afterwards we had Lewis Meucci, of year 11; give a touching recount of his experience of fasting and going to a local Mosque. After this of course came the food. And oh my were the boys eager to get their hands on it. This year the food was multiplied, and yet we still ran out of chicken. An estimated two hundred and thirty students had attended, not including the many guests and teachers that also attended. The food consisted primarily of Middle Eastern food, such as kefta, rice and several variants of chicken as well as the typical tabouli and other salads, plus more. Everyone really enjoyed themselves, and you could tell by the sound of their chatter, humans connecting with one another, from various religions and backgrounds. That is really what the purpose of the night was... to both inform people about this month and to unite the school community and be there for each other.

By Yousef Iqbal
Sandakan Remembrance Service

Our Drum Corps did a wonderful job at the 21st Sandakan Remembrance Service at Burwood Park today. Year 12 were absent due to trials, but we were able to find some wonderful replacements:

Panayioti Constanti (Drum Major)
Ananth Kumuralingham (Bass)
Drums
Jathusanan Yogesan, Zac Foster, Zac Jones, Callum Hannah
Jayanth Kumaralingham, Edward Ye, Amaan Ansari,
Sharmik Patel, Chris Kadamani, Younis
Flags
Oscar Verelli
Khan Milligan

Many parents came to watch the boys and Mr Kumaralingham and Mr Constanti helped me a great deal transporting equipment etc. Cullum fainted during the service but St John’s and his mum were there to deal with that. It’s worth mentioning that Callum regained his feet pretty quickly and participated in the final march to end the service (what a kid).

Khan Milligan’s entire family attended, including his grandfather who is an ex-serviceman, so that was pretty special.

Drum Corps Coordinator

Sarah Brown

Homebush BHS is proud of the dedicated and passionate students of our Drum Corps
Bruce Lee will always be considered as one of the world’s most renowned martial artists and sets the tone nicely for the current Year 7 Korean adventures. With true “fighting” spirits Year 7 students landed “fist” first in Korea. Basic greetings, number recognition and cultural experiences all proved to be very popular with our young students. Year 7 had their ears and eyes open as they travelled different roads, paths and adventures as seen by the stamps in the students’ virtual passports. Korea was an interesting place—the boys discovered how diverse and traditional the land is, how hospitable the people are and how we can all relate to the average 12-13 year old Korean student.

With population of over 74 million and a land area of 219,140 km², there is a lot to see and do.

Here are a few greetings I have mastered so far:

**What is your name?** : -reu-mi mu-eo-sim-ni-ka
**Nice to meet you** : ban-kap-seum-ni-da
**How are you?** : eo-teo-ke ji-nae-sim-ni-ka
**Where is the bathroom (toilet)?** : hwa-jang-sil-i eo-di i-sum-ni-ka
**I’m sorry** : mi-yan-ham-ni-da
**Please be quiet** : cho-yong-ee-hae (close mouths)
**Don’t do that** : hudge-ii mar

**Thank you** : kam-sa-ham-ni-da
**Thank you very much** : tae-dan-hi kam-sa-ham-ni-da
**You are welcome** : cheon-ma-ne-yo
**Please** : je-bal
**Please help me** : jom do-wa-ju-se-yo

**Excuse me** : je-song-ham-ni-da or shilae?ham-ni-da
**I don’t understand** : jal mo-reu-get-sum-ni-da or mul-ay-oh (don’t know)
**How do you say this in [English]?”** : i-geo-seul [yeong-eo]-ro meo-ra-go ham-ni-ka
**Can you speak [English]?”** : [yeong-eo]-ro mal-hal-su it-seum-ni-ka
**Wonderful** : hul-ryung-han
**Awesome** : a-sa

**How much does it cost?** : eol-ma-im-ni-ka
What is this? : i-go-seun mu-eo-sim-na-ka
I’ll buy it : i-go-seul sa-ge-seum-ni-da
Too expensive (The price is too high.) : neo-mu bi-ssa-yo
Could you lower the price? (Give me a discount, please.) : jom kka-kka-ju-se-yo

Not bad for a first timer!!

China is next on the agenda... so Let the new travel adventures begin !!!

The New Era of learning in the LOTE Faculty.

Ipad Learning in Stage 4 and 5 continues to be popular as we relax into Semester 2. Student engagement and motivation has increased and the LOTE staff have reported that Ipad discovery learning has allowed the students to work ahead, explore and broaden their travel experiences. With the introduction of the Year 7 chrome books and other devices, our students are enjoying the researching, software applications and working beyond opportunities opened to them. All students are been catered for!

What is it about technology that makes it so appealing to our clientele? Perhaps it’s one or more of the features below.

Student engagement was the main focus area of concern during the recent Parent-Teacher interviews. Student reports are very detailed and allow for a comprehensive account of student achievement, social development and areas of concern to be identified. Mrs Gilchrist, Ms Yu, Ms Su and Ms Lay all reported that the majority of LOTE students did very well. All students can strengthen their performance with the following study tips.

Make studying a part of your everyday school routine and don’t be limited to ‘cramming’ for exams and tests.

1. **Establish a routine**
   
   Set aside a particular time each day for study and revision and stick to it.

2. **Create a study environment**

   This should be away from interruptions and household noise, such as the television. Ensure there is adequate lighting and ventilation, a comfortable chair and appropriate desk.

3. **Set a timetable**

   With a timetable you can plan to cover all your subjects in an organised way, allotting the appropriate time for each without becoming overwhelmed.

4. **Look after yourself**
Drink plenty of fluids, especially water, and eat healthy foods. Keep sugary foods to a minimum. Make sure you get enough sleep each night. Regular physical exercise makes you feel great, boosts your energy and helps you relax. So try to keep up regular sporting activities or at least fit in some regular exercise as often as you can.

5. **Reward yourself for studying**

Watch your favourite television program, spend time with your friends, walk to the park and play sport throughout the week.

6. **Have variety in your study program**

Study different subjects each day and do different types of work and revision in each study session.

7. **Avoid interrupting your concentration**

Have all the appropriate materials with you before you start a session of study to minimise distractions.

8. **Test yourself on what you have studied**

Ask your parents or family members to quiz you on what you have learnt, use draft questions from books, past assessments or major exam papers.

9. **Don’t panic at exam time**

If you have followed a study routine and have been revising your class work, there should be no need to worry. Try to keep yourself calm, positive and confident.

10. **Ask your teachers for guidance**

Especially if you’re having trouble - whether it’s grasping a new concept or understanding something you learnt earlier in the year. They will be happy to help.

Recognising student achievement is always a pleasure for LOTE staff and worthy of mention in such publications. Congratulations to the following Year 8-10 students who achieved a score greater than 80% across the whole cohort in their Semester 1 reports.

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Additionally, congratulations to the following LOTE students who have been awarded HT LOTE certificates during Term 2, 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.

**HT LOTE AWARDS**

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Working beyond the Classroom………LOTE Excursions.

On the 11th June, the Year 9 Chinese students attended an Asian languages workshop at the University of New South Wales. Together with their regular teacher, Ms Su and Miss Lee (a pre-servive LOTE teacher), the boys enjoyed the experience of hearing about the importance of knowing and speaking Asian languages both in Australia and abroad, and spending time with students from other schools as they were exposed to many Asian cultures. Of particular interest was the playing of traditional Indonesian musical instruments and learning to harmonise! The boys were also keen on the study of Japanese, the language, its grammatical context and its links to the modern world. “Can we please study Japanese at HBHS?” was the request following the excursion. Definitely, something to consider in the future as the LOTE Faculty looks at offering Languages that will meet the needs of its students. Please read Miss Lee’s excursion recount and enjoy the photos included in this publication.
Year 12 Chinese students attend the HSC Study Day at the University of Sydney.

On the 12th June, the Year 12 Chinese students were given the opportunity to attend intense workshops at the University of Sydney. The workshops adequately supported the modules completed in class and were well received especially given the timely Trial HSC examinations. The students were very grateful for the experience to study and receive helpful hints, model requirements and ask questions about exam expectations and the marking process. On behalf of Ms Su and Ms Yu, and the whole LOTE Faculty, I would like to wish Year 12 LOTE students the very best of luck in the upcoming HSC Trial exams and urge them to tackle the questions “to the best of their ability”, realising that they have been very well prepared. We are looking forward to wonderful results. Study hard boys and good luck!

LOTE Faculty showcased in the recent Asia Education Foundation School Walk.

Homebush Boys High School was recently chosen to showcase its Asian teaching programs to a group of 20 teaching delegates from around Australia on Wednesday 18th June 2014. This was an excellent opportunity to put “our best foot forward” and display our on-line, interactive and investigative learning methods in the Stage 5 and 6 Chinese and Korean classes. And that is exactly what Ms Su and Ms Yu did!! Principals, Deputy Principals, Head Teachers, Classroom Teachers and even Educational Delegates from all over the country witnessed both Korean and Chinese lessons, interacted with our students and even learnt a few Korean and Chinese phrases as well. Our visitors were officially welcomed by our Principal who spoke of the changing clientele at HBHS and the need to foster the study of Asian languages as also indicated in the recent Australian Curriculum Statement, which focussed on the need to expose our students to the study of Asian Languages as a way of “keeping up” with the impact of Asian Languages in the modern world. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Yu and Ms Su for their participation in this event. Photos of the day are included in this publication.

Year 9 2015 and Year 11 2015 LOTE courses

Year 8 and Year 10 students have been through Subject Selection Evenings and Market Days where information was presented about the courses on offer in the LOTE Faculty. The following courses have been published as “on offer” for 2015.

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Students can also apply to do many different Saturday school courses or study at the Open High School. If any student is interested in studying an alternate language, please see Mrs Gilchrist for further information. Parents are also welcome to ring the LOTE Dept. to clarify any concerns they may have.

As always, 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.

Mrs Matina Shadwick
Head of LOTE Faculty

Languages educators from around Australia visit HBHS

New Bollywood member Mr Craig Laundy? Don’t give up your day job!  

Bollywood comes to Homebush!!
Year 9 Chinese students visit the University of NSW

Year 9 Chinese students went on an excursion on the 11th June Wednesday. The excursion was held at The University of New South Wales and students attended the ‘Asian language workshop’.

We made our way to the UNSW early in the morning at 8 am via train and bus, as it was a long journey to the university. Thankfully, we were on time and were being able to start with no delay. Together with students from Narara Valley High School, which is about 2 hours away, we felt privileged that we travelled a reasonably short distance, we looked forward to a day of learning and socialising (with the girls!).

The workshop started off with an Introduction to Languages Studies at UNSW with focusing on the increasing number of students taking language course every year, primarily in the Asian languages of Chinese, Japanese and Korean. There were 4 panels that were there to give us useful information by reflecting their personal life experience in adapting foreign languages and how it affects their current career life.

All four people could speak more than one language which they find crucial in their careers as it gives them great opportunity to interact with foreign people and most importantly, it gives them advantage in finding jobs. We had Q&A time with the 4 panels, which was extremely helpful to students to gain knowledge of the influence of Asian language.

Morning tea followed, and off we moved to our next session. We were put in a tutorial classroom and one guest speaker prepared a nice lecture for us. She talked about ‘What is the Asian Studies Stream?’ How Asians are not same anymore, how Asia got rich, how can we benefit from Asia’s rise and what are its challenges. Quiz time followed which was fun. The winning team was to get a prize! And it was us! Homebush Boys High School won the prize!

Our next session was the highlight of the excursion. A representative music teacher at the UNSW taught us how to play Gamelan instruments which are traditional Indonesian music instruments. He placed every student in front of an instrument and gave them individual instructions. We were eventually making harmony and building up beats, which sounded beautiful. We were very new to the instruments but with the help from the teacher, we unified in music and it was definitely one of the most exciting and unforgettable moments.

Lastly, students learning Japanese at UNSW organized a fun activity for us. We enjoyed learning about Japan through anime characters and famous places in Japan. We also played a team game and surprisingly we won prizes again. We ended our excursion with a delicious Vietnamese Lunch and made our way back home from UNSW campus.

The students, together with Ms Su and Miss Lee found the excursion extremely meaningful and insightful. It satisfied our curriculum demands of Asian cultural experiences. It also opened our eyes into our wish to have Japanese teaching at HBHS. Students expressed a desire to want to learn Japanese at HBHS. We are hoping to have a Japanese teacher at our school sometime SOON!!

Miss Erica Lee
LOTE Pre-service teacher
June 2014

Hands on experiences on the Year 9 Chinese excursion at the UNSW.
### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2014

| Week 5 | August A | 11 | Science G&T camp, HSC Trial Examination All Week  
12 | Science G&T camp, ICAS Mathematics Test  
13 | Summer Sport Trials - 1, 2, 3, 4 Science G&T camp  
14 | Year 7 dTpa, Chicken Pox vaccination, Yr 8 Subject Selection Evening Sculthorpe, Dwyer 6pm hall  
15 |
| Week 6 | August B | 18 | Science week events in hall  
19 | P & C MEETING - 7.00PM  
20 | Summer Sport Trials - 1, 2, 3, 4  
21 | STRATHFIELD CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY - 6.00PM  
22 | Multimedia Presentation 6pm |
| Week 7 | August A | 25 | Cheap Thrills presentation - Year 10  
26 | Maths Roadshow Year 7  
27 | Exhibition of Yr12 of Artworks in the Hall till Fiday  
28 | Summer Sport Round 1 - 1, 2, 3, 4  
29 | Official Yr12 CAPA Night Opening 5pm - 7.30pm  
30 | Year 8 Incursion - Medieval shows in Old Gym |
| Week 8 | September B | 1 | Preliminary Course Examination Period all week  
2 | FATHERS DAY STALL  
3 | FATHERS DAY STALL, Old Boys visit from 1950-4  
4 | Summer Sport Round 2 - 1, 2, 3, 4  
5 | Yr7 Geog Excursion to Blue Mountains  
6 | CHS Athletics at Olympic Pk  
7 | CHS Athletics at Olympic Pk |
| Week 9 | September A | 8 | Preliminary Course Examination Period all week  
9 | Summer Sport Round 3 - 1, 2, 4, 3  
10 | Battle of the Brains Rd 2, Hall Pds 1 - end of lunch.  
11 | Year 9 Commerce to Luna Park  
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| Week 10 | September B | 15 | Alan Davidson KO - Strathfield Park  
16 | Year 9 Geography & History Excursion  
17 | Alan Davidson KO - Strathfield Park  
18 | Measles Vaccination Program  
19 | Summer Sport Round 4 - 1, 2, 4, 3  
20 | YEAR 12 GRADUATION  
21 | Last day of term 3 |

**SUBMISSIONS TO BUSH BULLETIN**

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**Having fun on the Year 9 Chinese excursion at the UNSW.**

**Ms Su - always reminding Year 9 Chinese students of behaviour while on excursions.**

**The wait is nearly over. Year 9 students waiting to play traditional Indonesian instruments.**

**Year 9 Chinese students planning their future Asian studies at the UNSW!**
Duke of Edinburgh students rewarded with a swim, the sun and a beautiful sunset
The journey began with our train winding its way through the mountains and valleys of the Hawkesbury River Region. It was at Wondabyne a small station at the end of the Hawkesbury River we began our ascent up the Wondabyne valley. The steep climb took us up through rainforest and walls of sandstone, into the next valley where we rested by the waterfall.

From a short break at the falls we climbed again up and over into the next valley. Here we stumbled across wildlife and native wildflowers. We climbed again to the pinnacle of Mt Wondabyne where before us the valleys we had climbed through spread out beneath our feet. As we ate our lunch we could see for miles across the Brisbane Water National Park, to the bays of Palm Beach, Woy Woy and Gosford wetlands.

By the end of the day we had covered a large area of Wodabyne Valley and returned to Umina where we set up camp by the beach. Day 2 included a walk along Umina Beach and a climb across the rocky peninsula to Pearl Beach. On return to Umina we farewelled the bronze award participants.

Day 3 we walked 5kms to the Ettalong Ferry Wharf to catch a Ferry to Palm Beach. From there we hiked to Barrenjoey Lighthouse along the beach. Day 3 concluded the adventure for the Silver participants.

Day 4 included a beach hike however due to gale force winds we concluded the adventurous journey early and weary travellers made their way home.

The Great North Walk- Wondabyne to Woy Woy

Photos from the latest Duke of Edinburgh Adventure
Good morning everyone. My name is Darshan and I would like to introduce you to Suran who will also be presenting today. Suran and I would like to talk about how the lifts will help students and staff members with a disability. Before that I proudly announce that the construction for the lifts and ramps in Homebush Boys is now complete. Some of us might not have realized how lucky we are to have these facilities.

The reason our school is very lucky to have these facilities is that if any staff or students have an injury or a disability the lifts and ramps will be very useful to them. For example I get very tired when I go up and down stairs.

These facilities will also be handy for the janitor because if he needs to take for example a vacuum cleaner upstairs or downstairs he will not need to carry it. This is also much safer because when they carry a vacuum cleaner up the stairs they may trip over a wire and that is very painful.

Earlier this year, I was unable to walk due to an operation on my legs. I had plaster around both my legs because my Achilles tendon were too tight. I didn't have the lifts to help me, so I had trouble walking up and down the stairs. I also needed one of my friends to carry my bag while I went up and down the stairs.

Another reason why we are lucky to have these facilities is because most other high school do not have these facilities.

This also helps develop the school. When I say develop, I mean more people will choose Homebush Boys because we have got all these facilities.

Thank you Darshan and Suran.
‘Coraline’ Rap by Riley Tsingolis

Riley wrote a rap based on the experiences of the protagonist, Coraline, from the movie of the same name.

It’s a cold night, dewy day, in a dream, feel tight. But it’s alright.

What’s this? A hidden cellar door with presents, damn I want some more.

Man, I can see it. I think I want to be it.

“Sleep time, Baby”, let me go back, wait Mummy’s gone! What’s up with that?

Decline black buttons: so I start running around the world in a dozen...seconds.

This is the new place. What do you reckon?

Darkness rises, wraps around my throat, can’t breathe!

It’s like I’m drowning, but I’m not soaked.

Mother suddenly turns into a witch, with a cloak, the colour black...inhale...she finally let go.

She took me to the ghost room through a door.

It’s what you might assume? Nope! It was through a mirror, bigger than the average, but thinner than a cabbage.

The house is pretty, pink and biggie.

Garden made of living plants, cute but not clingy.

I know it’s a letter with poetry, sorry I thought it would be better.

Even though I was told to count windows, I think it’s Karma for being a little sober.

But, I love my original boring mother.

Man, I learnt my lesson.

Riley Tsingolis 8F
Outstanding Achievement by our Senior Boys Volleyball Team

The Senior Boys Volleyball team has finished a very successful year, coming 4th overall in the NSW KO Volleyball Championships. The road to get to this position in 2014 has been long and winding for this successful representative volleyball team. This report is story about a group of boy’s commitment, dedication and belief in themselves and each other, and as a team, these boys have achieved what others only dream about.

The team consisted of Willis Choi (Captain), Libee Sukirthan (Vice Captain), Krishnath Maharasa, Peraveenan Jeyarasa, Ian Zhou, Arjun Abayasingham, Hao Yin, Ramanan Srirathan & Toee Niang. The team coach was Mr John Pearson.

This team has been playing volleyball together since Year 8, way back in 2010, when they were coached by Mr Ha and Bob Konikov. Since then, the team has won various junior championships and all players had been selected in various state junior representative teams. Willis Choi has represented the State in Under 16 Years and been a Sydney North Representative player in 2012, 2013 & 2014. Libee Sukirthan has been a Sydney North Representative player in 2013 & 2014. Hao Yin has represented Sydney North in 2013 & 2014. Ian Zhou represented Sydney North in 2013 and Peraveenan Jeyarasa represented Sydney North in 2014.

This remarkable Homebush Boys team have been the Under 14 Years Champions, Under 15 Years Champions, runners up for the second Grade Open Division and Part of the First Grade Open Division dominance in Area Sport being Champion Volleyball School for the last 4 years. Homebush Boys has been the Champion School for the Sydney North Region for 2013 & 2014. The Senior Boys Volleyball Team has won the Summer Volleyball Grade Sport Competition in 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014. This tournament involved playing a round robin competition against the following high schools: Epping Boys High School, Randwick Boys High School, Ashfield Boys High School, North Sydney Boys High School, Normanhurst Boys High School and Asquith Boys High School. Last Year (2013), the team finished an unlucky 13th overall in the State KO Championships. It was still an outstanding effort considering the team was unfortunate enough to incur major ankle injuries to Libee Sukirthan and Peraveenan Jeyarasa, during the first and second games of this tournament.

In 2014, the team started its campaign by winning the local round robin competition undefeated, defeating Normanhurst Boys High School 2/0 in the semi final and defeating Epping Boys High School in the Final 2/0. This year was a great time for volleyball at Homebush Boys High School with the Under 15 Years team and the Second Grade Team also winning their respective competitions and the Under 14 Years Team making it to the Final.

In the state KO Championships, Homebush Boys defeated Epping Boys 3/1, The Forest High School 3/0, Ryde Senior College 3/1, Wadalba High School 3/0 and defeated Pennant Hills High School 3/1 in the Sydney North Final. This win against Pennant Hills allowed Homebush Boys High School to be eligible for the second year in a row to compete in the ‘Steve Birt Memorial Knockout Volleyball Series’, where the top 16 remaining teams left in the NSW Knockout Volleyball Competition meet at a central venue to play off for the final placements or rankings for 2014. This year the championships were held at Minto Indoor Recreation Centre in South West Sydney.

In this Championship, Homebush’s first opponents was Caringbah High School, Homebush won the game 25/17, 25/16, 25/12. This win put Homebush into the top 8 teams in NSW. The next game was against Batemans Bay High School where Homebush won 25/20, 25/17, 25/15. This win put Homebush into the top 4 teams of NSW and therefore the Semi Finals. In the semi final Homebush lost against Rooty Hill High School 20/25, 26/24, 18/25 & 21/25. A very close and hard fought game but unfortunately Homebush was not able to maintain the pressure on Rooty Hill High School. In the other semi final game Sydney Boys High School defeated Kelso High School 3 sets to 1. For the playoff for 3rd and 4th place between Homebush and Kelso High School, again this was a hard fought game, but unfortunately Kelso were the victors 25/19, 25/16. These final two results were tough on a team which has had so much success representing Homebush Boys High School, but overall, achieving 4th place in the state is an outstanding achievement.

The boys are hoping to represent Homebush Boys High School at the National Schools Championships, which is held in Melbourne in December. With their coach Mr J Pearson retired and unavailable to attend these championships, the chances of entering and competing in this tournament will depend on another staff member giving up their time, to work with the team to achieve this goal.

The team has been excellent ambassadors for Homebush Boys High and great examples for the high skills that can be achieved when you dedicate yourself to a sport. The boys can hold their heads up high for what they have achieved for themselves, their school and the sport of volleyball. It has been an honour and pleasure to work with such a talented and dedicated group of athletes.

John Pearson

Homebush BHS Volley Ball Coach
Another hard earned point is won by the Homebush boys'

Libee Sukirthan with a perfect block against Rooty Hill High School
Libee Sukirthan with a back court spike against Caringbah High School

Coach John Pearson with the 2014 Senior Volleyball Team
Year 8 Report

Congratulations to all year 8 who progressed well through term 2, welcome to the new enrolments. I commend you on the high standard of uniform you have maintained throughout the winter season and recommend the school scarves and beanies that are now available for purchase for providing extra warmth.

Year 8 – Community involvement - New Beginnings Program

This two day program was aimed at building student leadership skills and also increasing community engagement.

Day one involved student’s leadership building skills training as well as equipping them with the knowledge of how to structure submission for community involvement. They brainstormed, discussed and played games that focused on building effective teams and networking, and public speaking.

Students identified issues that affected their community, and brainstormed ways of overcoming them. Included in the discussions were ideas of overcoming crime, graffiti, assisting the elderly and helping families and working together to build a brighter and harmonious future for our district.

Day two involved the students presenting a short project proposal to the mayor of Strathfield. Each team achieved a very high standard and presented their project based on their research and team work. Their projects were highly commended by the Mayor and the organizers, for their creativity and for the confidence and strength that each team conveyed through the presentation of the projects.

Diary Use

It is an important part of the school routine for each student to have their school diary and use it to record assessment and in class task as well as other commitments such as homework and excursions. I encourage all parents to please sign their diaries weekly and read their teacher’s comments which are being recorded in student’s diaries.

Subject Selections

Towards the end of this term students will need to select their subjects for studies in year 9 and 10. I encourage all parents to discuss these choices with their son and to consider selecting subjects they enjoy and do well at which may lead onto senior studies.

Information Update

As I am preparing a year 8 parent list for emails I encourage all parents to update their information such as email addresses, phone numbers and current addresses at the front office. And please look out for information on upcoming year 8 events which will be posed via your emails.

Homework Club is available every Tuesday morning from 8:00 in room 32 all are welcome. The focus of the club is to allow student access to senior mentors and teachers that can assist with homework, projects and assessment tasks.

Ms Adams  Year 8 Adviser

Ms Su  Assistant Year 8 Adviser
Creative & Performing Arts

The annual Music performance and Visual Arts exhibition was held on a chilly Thursday night at the end of term 2. The evening started with an exhibition of student artworks from Years 7 to 11 that showed a variety of ideas, techniques and materials that students have explored and experimented to create some stunning artworks. The Visual Arts teachers look to challenge the students with innovative programs that inspire them creatively and intellectually.

The musical part of the evening started at 6.30 with a variety of solo and group performances that also showed how the students have developed and honed their musical skills. This brought enthusiastic applause from an appreciative audience of proud parents, teachers and friends. Once again the night proved to be a roaring success that highlights the many talented students that we have within the creative and performing arts in our school.

Currently our Yr12 students are doing their Trial HSC exams as well as working towards completing their Body of Work which is the practical components of their course. The next big event for Visual Arts and Music students will be the Yr12 CAPA night in week 7 of this term which will feature the Music students performing their musical pieces and an exhibition of the Body of Works from Visual Arts students.

On the 7th April master guitarist Terry Murray visited our school to demonstrate his skills to year 8 students. Terry’s guitar workshop took the students on a musical journey through various periods of rock and roll, film and TV music. The students were fascinated with Terry’s technical skill and vast knowledge of music.

On the 5th of June maestro Lion Robinson came to school to demonstrate his skills to year 7 students. Lionel’s show took the students on a fast paced journey of the keyboard and piano starting with the classical sounds through the swinging 60s and up to today’s music and its electronic counterparts. During the concert several students were invited up to the front to take part in the entertainment.

Mr. Kim Attwood
Head Teacher CAPA
Student artworks
Action from the Finals of our Junior Football Teams
Mr Achmad with his 14A Football Team that came second

Ms Lutak with her winning 14B Football Team

Mr Wilson with his winning 15C Football Team
Ms Rita Zammit is congratulated by Mr Jurd on receiving an Order of Australia Medal for being an educator and for services to the Italian community.

Mr Jurd congratulates Benjamin Salib for winning the Multicultural Day poster competition.

Dr Balan with the winning 14’s and 13’s Indoor Football teams with their new football shirts that were generously purchased by Dr Balan.
Ms Jo Filopovic thanks the anonymous Homebush BHS student that found her phone and returned it to her. Well done, you know who you are.

The U/16’s Futsal team who came first in the region with their medals
Ibrahim Taha talks about his experience in attending the Walk for Respect program that focuses on diversity in our multicultural society.

The school band is helping raise money for the bush fire appeal.

Abdul Rahman Albarq with his certificate for peer mentoring.

Po Shen Wang speaks about how the school band is helping raise money for the bush fire appeal.

Simon speaks to the assembly about being involved in the 40 hour famine.

Mr Innasi with Yr12 students and their Global Challenge certificates.

Dominic Yates speaks about SRC issues at the assembly.

Ms Sahay with students that were winners of the ‘Refugee Week’ poem competition.
Ibrahim speaks to our school about the upcoming Iftar night.

Mr. Gas Carozza with his award as an author of a very successful Mathematics textbook.

Yunis speaks to our school about what Ramadan means to the Muslim community.


Students with their Certificates of Appreciation for school service.
The U/14 Futsal team who came second in the region with their runners’ up medals.

Mr Pisani with the students and their Geography Competition certificates.

Students with their Certificates of Appreciation for school service.
Official guests Mr Jurd, Mr Didzar and Mr Casuscelli address the assembly at our Multicultural day.

A special performance from Strathfield GHS.

The boys crank it up with some good old fashioned rock and roll.
Yunis leads the boys with a traditional Turkish dance

A variety of different cultural dishes were served up for all to try

Yr 9 Visual Arts students display artworks to celebrate Multicultural Day

Students ready to serve new customers