HSC EXAMS START FOR OUR YR12 STUDENTS

The 2014 cohort of Yr12 students have embarked on their final journey at Homebush BHS with the start of the HSC exams. With all the hard work and study done its now up to the boys to do their best and then await their final results from the Board of Studies.

At the end of last term the students were farewelled at a formal assembly that included many of the boys parents. It was an emotional assembly with speeches that addressed their sense of school pride, their achievements and the general highs and lows of that time.

They then had their graduation ceremony in our school hall, where all students were recognized for their individual achievements over the year. It was an emotional assembly with speeches that addressed their sense of school pride, their achievements and the general highs and lows of their time at Homebush BHS.

We wish them well in whatever endeavours they take on in the future, but the one thing that remains for all of them, is that they will be always be called the ‘Bushy Boys’ of 2014.
Welcome to the term 4 Bush Bulletin and I thank Mr Attwood for his continued editing of this high quality newsletter.

This will be my last term at Homebush as I am retiring after 39 years with the Department of Education. The Director of Strathfield schools, Ms Veronica Kapsimali, has formed a selection panel to search for a new principal to take on the honour of being the principal of this wonderful school from the start of 2015. I thank the whole community now for their support and friendship but I promise that a more thorough reflection on my 23 years as a Homebush classroom teacher then deputy and then as principal, will be included in the final Bush Bulletin for 2014.

It gives me great pleasure to applaud the achievements of the students and staff of this great school.

The 2014 HSC is well underway and students are doing their best to achieve their goals and their aspirations. I thank 5 students who took time to speak to the Sydney Morning Herald, Channel 10 and the Epoch Times about their experiences as Homebush students. I thank Mohamed Alla-Yari, Bassel Rana, Deren Mehmet, Vidhushan Paherathan and Po Shen Wang. These extraordinary student leaders showed their selfless attitude and thoughtfulness when they were interviewed straight after English paper 1 and their comments generated a number of emails and phone calls praising the quality of students at our school. Please see some of the stories on line at:


Congratulations to Mr Chris Burke of the Homebush science staff on his receipt of the highly prestigious Dr Charles Perkins AO Memorial Prize at University of Sydney on Thursday 16 October.

The Dr Charles Perkins AO Annual Memorial Oration was established in 2001, at the University of Sydney, in collaboration with the Koori Centre, when they launched an annual oration by a leading spokesperson within the field of Indigenous and non-Indigenous race relations. The Dr Charles Perkins AO Memorial Oration was established with the full support of the Perkins family and in acknowledgement of his tireless dedication to human rights and social justice for Indigenous Australians. Dr Charles Perkins AO Memorial Prize was established in 2000 by the Koori Centre. It commemorates the life-long achievements of Dr Perkins, the first Indigenous Australian graduate of The University of Sydney. With the support of all Faculties of the University, The Charlie Perkins Trust for Children & Students and the Koori Centre, there are now 3 prizes awarded to Indigenous Australian students who have completed a Bachelor or Honours degree and have achieved outstanding results during their studies.

Dr Perkins enrolled at the University of Sydney in 1963 after being inspired to undertake university study when a stint playing soccer professionally in the UK led him to play in a game against Oxford University. As well as being remembered as the first Aboriginal man to graduate from university, Perkins also organised the 1965 ‘freedom ride’, when 30 students set out from the University of Sydney to travel through rural New South Wales to protest against discrimination and poor living conditions for Aboriginal Australians. He went on to pursue a career in public service, becoming the first Aboriginal person to head a federal government department as permanent secretary of the department of Aboriginal Affairs.
Zaki Ousmand of year 9 has been selected in the Schools Spectacular Hip Hop Ensemble.

Congratulations to Zaki who is also part of the school orchestra, as he will be performing with the Hip Hop dance group at the Qantas Credit Union Arena (Formerly Sydney Entertainment Centre) on 28 and 29 November in 4 shows which will be televised Nationally. Zaki was selected from many aspiring dancers and has stated that hip Hop dancing is a passion that he hopes to develop in the future. We wish him well.

Ibrahim Taha of year 9 – Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award

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Year 12 2014 Graduation Day – 18 September 2014

230 Year 12 students graduated on the 18th of September. Many guests, parents and friends join us for this memorial occasion. The Year 12 students walked into their final outdoor assembly under the fig tree by our school’s fantastic drum corp. The year group had their formal graduation ceremony after the assembly followed by a scrumptious lunch catered by the very professional Homebush Boys High School Hospitality staff and students. It was a beautiful way to farewell our Year 12 students. We wish them all the very best in their upcoming examinations and their future endeavours.

Symphonia Jubilate

Welcome back to the Symphonia Jubilate who have returned from the Public Schools Tour of China. Thank you to the 12 Homebush BHS musicians who worked so hard to make the tour a success. Thank you also to Ms Tracy Burjan (Orchestra Leader) who worked tirelessly to ensure the orchestra was prepared perfectly and performed magnificently. The boys were excellent ambassadors for the school and their country. Thank you all.

After the SJ performed so brilliantly at the Opera House at the NSW Public Schools Music Festival on 25 August they have been invited to be the headline ensemble at Come Together – a celebration of excellence at the Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday 4 No...
The music program at Homebush has something for everyone and I am pleased to announce that the lovers of jazz and rock will find an avenue for expression in the formation of our inaugural stage band. To find out more email Tracy Burjan at Tracy@myjellybeansmusic.com

Edward Ye year 11 – Minister’s Award for Student Excellence – Community Languages Schools

Congratulations to Edward Ye of year 11 for the 2014 Minister’s Award presented on 29 September at the UNSW. These Ministers Awards for Excellence were presented by the Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli and at this spectacular event, 130 students were given awards to recognise their achievements in community languages. Apart from Mr Piccoli the DEC was represented by Mr Gregory Pryor (Deputy Director General) and Mr Murat Dizdar (Executive Director).

The evening started with a speech delivered by Edward in flawless Chinese in which he spoke about the benefits of learning your community language as it assists the personal performance in other studies. Edward then invited the audience to join with him in singing the National Anthem.

The evening culminated in ten students being honoured by being granted a Minister’s Award for their outstanding achievement in the study of a community language, their contribution to the development of intercultural understanding and their involvement in the school and wider community. Edward was one of these ten outstanding students.

Edward is an excellent mathematics student and he is a leader in the school drum corps. Well done!
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High School Students Speak their Minds.

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For more information visit our newsroom at http://newsroom.legacy.com.au contact:

Liz McDougall
Media & Communications Sydney Legacy

A proud Ibrahim at the Legacy Junior Public Speaking award ceremony
When considering the health of young people, we cannot ignore the major impact of their mental wellbeing. In our present climate, we see 25% of young Australian’s experiencing some form of mental health issue. This can have a life-long effect and in many cases, leading to a loss of life.

Over the last couple of months, 9 of our year 10 students have been researching and preparing for the inaugural ‘What’s the story?’ Mental Health Public Speaking Challenge. This is an initiative developed by the Inner West Area Health Service and the Children of Parents with Mental Illness (COPMI) health service that aims to increase the awareness of mental health issues among young people and looks to decrease the stigma surrounding mental health issues. The challenge was to deliver a ten minute speech as a group of three that addressed topics surrounding mental health.

In groups of three, they aimed to drive home specific messages that increased awareness of mental health issues in young people, improve the understanding of mental health issues and look to advance the treatment of young people experiencing mental health issues. An integral part of moving forward is through reducing the stigma surrounding mental health issues and young people. What is normal? Is the stigma more disabling than the disease? How do we include and not isolate those experiencing mental health issues?

Our three teams ventured to Fort St High School ready to take their messages to the wider world, competing against schools from across the Inner West of Sydney. The nerves abated; each speaker engaged and enthralled. In the end, our boys represented Homebush with distinction.

When asked how they felt, each described the adrenalin rush of speaking in front of an audience and the excitement of performing. The boys gained a greater understanding of not just mental health, but of public speaking as a whole. Their skills developed over the weeks leading into the challenge and they formed a stronger bond with their teammates. The first prize was taken by Concord High School. As this competition was the first of its kind in Australia, we will see it grow bigger and better in the next few years.

Yr10 students that were involved in the public speaking challenge for mental health
Albert Einstein (1879-1955) stated that “Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned at school.”

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

Homebush Boys High School wins the Grand Prize in 2014 Book Review Competition

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 Semester 1, Korean students in Years 8-11, participated in the 2014 Book Review Competition organised by the Korean Education Centre (KEC) and the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Sydney. At the end of last term, Mr Jurd and Ms Yu were sent a special invitation to attend a presentation at the Sydney Office of the KEC. I am pleased to announce that one of our Year 11 students, Daniel Kim won the Grand Prize in Division A and Michael Tang (Year 8) won the Third prize in Division B. This is Michael’s second award in this competition having also taken out the same prize in 2013. Both boys attended the formal presentation at the KEC. Michel was very happy to receive a beautiful looking award and a Coles-Myer voucher. Daniel was presented with a very elaborate looking certificate & his Coles-Myer voucher as well as the recognition of taking out the top prize.

I would like to thank Ms Yu for her efforts with this endeavour and for initiating the work that went into Daniel and Michael’s successful application. Well done Ms Yu and of course congratulations to both students 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 Daniel & Michael, achieve recognition in the local Korean community. Please see photos of both boys included in this edition of the Bush Bulletin.

Edward Ye (Year 11) wins Minister’s Award for Excellence in Heritage. Congratulations to Edward for receiving this prestigious award and for representing HBHS at the awards ceremony in a very mature and diligent fashion. Edward’s award reflects his dedication and is a result of his hardworking and consistent efforts towards the study of Heritage Chinese. Well done Edward, we are so proud of you! Edward was congratulated by our Principal Mr Jurd at our regular Friday morning assembly early in Term 4. Check out the photo of Edward 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...
“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 continues to be realised for HBHS and the LOTE faculty on a regular basis. On Monday 8th September, education delegates from Gapyeong HS in Korea visited HBHS. Together with the Mayor of Strathfield and the Asian Language Exchange Program Coordinator for our area, the guests were given the opportunity to find out a little about HBHS. They were particularly interested in the staff, students and aspects of daily life at our wonderful school. Ms Yu’s talk (in Korean!!!) and inspiring PowerPoint satisfied both their visual and factual information. After a brief tour of the school (the fig tree was top on their list of things they “had” to see), our guests departed full of praise for our time and efforts. It was very reassuring to later receive a letter (both to the Principal and Head Teacher), thanking and praising the school. The contents of the letter are shown below—another opportunity to highlight the wonderful initiatives of the LOTE Faculty and HBHS. Thank you to Ms Yu for saying all those “positives” about us (well, I hope that’s what she was saying in Korean!!)

Dear Mrs Shadwick

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for hosting a tour for our Gapyeong Sister School City delegation.

The presentation and school tour was informative and enjoyable.

Yours sincerely,

Cr Daniel Bott
Mayor of Strathfield

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 Thursday 4th September, HBHS played host to the Consul General of the Republic of Korea, when he visited to address our Year 8 Korean students. Rooms 26 and 27 were converted to a double room auditorium, as Mr Kim addressed our students and presented a very informative PowerPoint on Korean life, culture and challenges faced by teenagers in Korea. Our Korean students enjoyed the Q & A time and showed knowledge in both the factual
and inferential style questions, receiving on the spot prizes (Korean memorabilia, key rings etc) for correct responses. As always, we welcome these cultural exchange opportunities at HBHS and appreciated the ongoing moral and financial support we receive from the Korean Cultural Office.

Additionally, a week later, on Thursday 11th September our Year 8 Korean students travelled to the University of NSW to participate in the Korean Immersion Day, organised by the Korean Cultural Office of NSW. Thanks to Ms Yu’s contacts and careful planning, the 55 students were treated to free admission to all activities. Together with students from Punchbowl Boys, Marsden and Burwood Girls our boys enjoyed T-shirt stamping, name tag making, cooking and eating activities provided on the day. Please read the excursion recount in this edition of the Bush Bulletin.

Changes to LOTE Staff and responsibilities.

Ms Gilchrist has decided to extend her leave till the end of 2014 and her teaching position will be taken by Mr Con Kladakis. Mr Kladakis is a highly competent teacher and a true linguist. With knowledge of many languages (Greek, Italian, French, German, Afrikaans just to name a few!!), we welcome Mr Kladakis to HBHS and the LOTE Faculty. I expect a symphony of dialogue of many different languages emerging from Room 34.

On behalf of all staff and students at HBHS, we wish Mrs Gilchrist all the very best during her leave and look forward to having her back in 2015.

Another important change is Ms Su’s appointment to the responsibility of Open HS Coordinator and Saturday School Coordinator, effective immediately. Please look out for information regarding these two avenues of Languages study from Ms Su in the near future.

Finally, I am quoting from an article that Mr Jurd recently shared at a recent executive meeting titled “Chinese students do better in Australia” Interestingly, it highlights statistical evidence that proves that Chinese students perform better in Australia than in Shanghai. It also infers that Australian teaching programs and initiatives are better suited to the needs of Chinese students thus implying that we, as a nation are suitably producing Chinese students with excellent communication skills.

“A new study has found that students of Chinese background in Australian schools scored an average 615 points in Maths, compared to 600 for Shanghai students” (2009 PISA results) “Cultural background appears to be more consequential for the educational attainment of Chinese immigrant students in Australia or New Zealand”, say the authors of the article published in the Journal of Educational. “We know that actual classroom teaching and learning practices are highly consequential for student achievement”.

A big thumbs up for the Australian curriculum and in part (the LOTE faculty teaching and learning practices at HBHS).

Mrs Matina Shadwick

Head of LOTE Faculty

Goodbye Mr Kim, Me Lee from our Principal, Ms Yu and the Year 8 Korean classes
Always happy to present guests with our school magazine and mug.

All schools represented and all were made feel welcome at all times.

A few familiar faces working hard painting their T-shirts.

Korean cooking food demonstration.

Daniel Kim (Year 11) won 1st prize in the Korean Book Review Competition.

Michael Tang (Year 8) won 3rd prize in the Korean Book Review Competition.
History Report

Term 3 was a busy one in the history faculty. As well as preparing our Year 12 Ancient, Modern and History Extension students for the Trial HSC and HSC, we have had an incursion for year 8 that featured James Adams' Medieval Show, that allowed student to be 'hands on' with a range of replica weapons, and a Year9 Excursion to the fascinating Quarantine Station at North Head.

We are very proud of the boys' efforts in the Australian History Competition. The following students should be congratulated on their outstanding performances.

Year 8

High Distinction:
Khushal Dogra
Farid Faruq
Charles Prentice

Distinction:
Joshua Anderson
Fawad Faheem
Mohammad Mohaghegh
Ethan Tiah
Justin Yuen

Year 10

High Distinction:
Hugh Black
Nicholas Jorgensen
Kevin Kadamani
Jathusanan Yogesan

Distinction:
Harri Jani Khan Milligan
John Lee Matthew Monro
Samuel Mansfield Jeremy Sum
Tony Mei

Mr. P. Wilson

Head Teacher - History

Mr Peter Wilson with students and their Australian History competition awards
The annual Year 12 CAPA night that included Music and Visual Arts was again a very successful event that highlights the many talented students within the creative and performing arts in the school. Parents, friends, staff and teaching colleagues from our school region attended to see a fantastic selection of artworks from the Visual Arts students as well as some outstanding musical performances from the Music students. Mr Tony Letsios and Mr Kim Attwood were the Visual Arts teachers and Mr Andrew Smith was the Music teacher, who were in charge of the Y12 classes this year. We now hope all the hard work they have put in, will hopefully come to fruition when they get their final marks for the HSC later in the year.

Our Improvised Music Program has developed a strong reputation across the region. Orchestra leader Ms Tracy Burjan who is a highly accomplished musician continues to develop and foster the students’ musical talents. The success of the orchestra is also attributed to some dedicated and supportive parents that play with the orchestra along with staff members Mr Andrew Smith and Ms Barbara Gobel who have both given much time and support to the students. Another highlight was Yr 8 student Harris Totidis having his print selected for the Silk Cut Awards in Melbourne. We were again represented in the Operation Art exhibition with four students having their artworks exhibited at the Armory Gallery in Newington.

Congratulations to Vince Lam who has been nominated as a finalist in the 2014 Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize – Student Section. This a fantastic effort by Vince who has a keen eye for this medium and we wish him well when the judging is finalised. Vince’s photo will be displayed at the Moran Prizes Exhibition at Juniper Hall in Paddington from Wednesday 29th October, 2014 to Sunday 15th February, 2015. The finalists and further information is available at www.moranprizes.com.au.

Kim Attwood
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts.
Yr12 students Michael, Addam and Nathaniel playing some contemporary rock

A section of Zheng Cheng’s HSC Body of Work

An interested audience view the HSC Bodies of Work at the CAPA Night
Year 9 Snow and Canberra Excursion 2014

An early start on a cold August morning is not always positive. However, when you are travelling south to visit Canberra and the Snowy Mountains, you can’t help but be optimistic. There were 60 year 9 students, Mr Wilson, Ms Yong and Mr Sculthorpe rugged up in warm clothes and jumped on the bus. 2.5 hours of yelling, singing and action-packed movies saw us arrive for our rest stop, then another 2 hours to Canberra. First stop, The Australian Institute of Sport.

Here the group was broken into three smaller groups. Each group was taken to the far corners of the AIS to experience sports run by the athletes: Lacrosse, European Handball and Sock Wrestling. This was a great way to warm the boys up after a long trip on the bus. The sports were enjoyable, with several students needing to gang up to defeat the might of Kendyll Vati in sock wrestling. The boys played it cool, passing by the former WNBA and Australian Basketball player Lauren Jackson. It was only when Mr Wilson let out a squeal of delight at seeing her that the group’s status dropped down a few pegs.

On to the bus and off to the Parliament House. After some meagre snacks, two groups were formed and went off for a tour of the Parliament House. The tours are always interesting and provide a new understanding of the happenings in Parliament House. The boys gained a greater insight into the Senate and House of Representatives. The boys toured the building and viewed the artwork. Having expert commentary from Mr Wilson, our students were given a historical view of Australia’s Government and how it relates to the present.

Go Karting was next on the itinerary. Quite obviously, this proved very popular. While some were watching their mates crash into tire barriers and whizz down the straight, others were engaged in arcade gaming with their peers.

Worn out and exhausted, the boys went on the bus to the accommodation at High Country Motel, Cooma. While most of them were engaged in the movie, some fell fast asleep. We arrived at our accommodation, as the bus driver negotiated the tight driveway of the motel. Once the boys acquired their bags, they were welcomed to the simple but comfortable rooms. Dinner, then back to our rooms. Trying to get 60 Year 9 boys to sleep is just as hard as it sounds. Most of the boys stayed up late after finally finishing their confectionery collection.

Thursday 5.30 a.m: Brekky and then off to the snow! The boys were given their snowboards and skis and went off for their lessons. While some were struggling with their lessons, more experienced snowboarders and skiers ventured further up the mountain for a more arduous run. After a brief lunch break, the boys were out in snow again, to put their newly learnt skills to the test or have a snowball fight with their peers. Exhausted, we got back on the bus and headed back to the motel, with some falling fast asleep along the way.

A more respectable wake-up time on Friday. The boys cleaned their rooms (how can that many lollies be consumed in such a short period of time?) and packed their bags. Off to breakfast then onto the bus for our last day in Canberra. The Australian Electoral Commission sounds as if it would not be as engaging and exciting as Go Karting; however, the boys were engaged and participated with enthusiasm in the voting and electoral based activities.

Our last activity was a tour of the Australian War Memorial. Here, the group showed the utmost respect for our fallen and represented the school in a manner that their parents would be proud of. Separate groups visited the exhibits dedicated to 3 different theatres of war, and then regrouped and concluded our tour with an aviation display. Next was the long trip back to Sydney, with a brief stop at McDonalds Sutton Forest for dinner.

We would also like to recognise that PACER funding was used to subsidise the cost of the excursion. Excursions like this allow students to take opportunities that may not be afforded to them otherwise. It allows the school to match real-world examples to their teaching and gives the students a chance to challenge themselves whilst forming strong bonds with their peers.

By Chinnu Vedantam
THANK YOU from the Sydney Kings

Josh Duinker and Angus Brandt from the MightyMite Sydney Kings would like to thank the students at Homebush Boys High for a great basketball training session last week. They were both impressed with the standard of basketball at the school and thank the students for their time.

As a thank you the Sydney Kings handed out Junior Dunker vouchers for 2 FREE tickets per family to their first home game on Saturday 11th October against the Wollongong Hawks. Sydney Kings would like now to extend this offer to ALL the students at Homebush Boys High so bring your families and friends and you can see both Josh and Angus in action.

For your 2 FREE tickets log onto www.sydneykings.com and look for the ‘Junior Dunker’ button.

Angus Brandt
Age: 24
Height: 208cm (6’10”)
Position: Centre/Forward
Player Number: #12
Was member of Australian Boomers Squad

Josh Duinker
Age: 25
Height: 211cm (6’11”)
Position: Power Forward
Player Number: #8
Recently arrived back from Europe where he played in the Dutch National team and Spanish League
A Letter to Mr Sculthorpe from Sydney Kings

Hi Jon

Can’t thank you enough for allowing Josh and Angus to come and play a little basketball with your school students. The guys went away saying what a great group of basketballers you have and how well behaved the group were. They seemed to be really interested in the players and what they had to say. Well done to you Jon – their manners were impeccable.

I have attached a thank you letter with Josh and Angus’ photos and bio so you can upload this straight to your website and newsletter as would love to have this posted with the extra offering now to the students. You will note that in the thank you letter we have now extended the Junior Dunker offer of 2 x free tickets per family to all the students at Homebush Boys rather than just those who attended the training session as we felt there were probably many others that would have loved to be bouncing a few balls with the players. The students will have to register for their tickets but hopefully we can get a good number at our first game on Saturday 11 October. Should be a great match between the Kings and Wollongong for as you probably know they are pretty fierce competitors. The students can come up after the game to say Hi to the players on court and have anything signed by them.

There is also a feedback form we would love to have back when you have time. Is it possible to post this photo attached on our website? Will wait for you to check for approval from the school so just email me when you can. Would be fabulous for you to place this in your newsletter when you upload the thank you letter.

Thanks again for all your support Jon and do hope you are also coming to the game as you need to publicise this to the students as they will follow. Have not had a big uptake yet but the students need to book soon. Let me know if you are heading to the game and will try to come to say Hi.

Very best wishes and keep in touch.

Ciao for now,

Sandra Gugger
Sydney Kings Basketball

[Image of students with Josh and Angus]
HOMEBUSHSADMITON TEAM WIN TITLE

On Sunday 21st of September 2014, the HBHS badminton team competed in the GBAS badminton carnival, held at Seaforth community centre. Having missed out on a medal last year, this year we have trained very hard and were determined to improve our performance. Under the guidance of Mr. Ha and the assistance from Ramana and Joe, we played well and managed to put on our very best performance. There were some very close matches; however the determination to win drove our players to win that last point and ultimately, the match.

At the end of the day, we managed to get through the competition undefeated; making us the winner of 2014 GBAS school badminton carnival. The team consisted of Terence Bai, Brian Yu, Chris Yu, Minkyu Lee, Patrick Ho and Steve Kim. Well done to the boys and special thanks to Mr. Ha who constantly provided us with tips, and our coaches, Ramana and Joe who sacrificed their time to assist us in improving our skills.

Terence Bai
Team Captain

Michael Napoli Wins Trampoline Championships

Year 12 student Michael Napoli won Gold in the double and single mini and silver in the tumbling at the recent CHS Trampolining Championships.

Michael was the highest point scorer combined over the four disciplines and went on to compete at the Champions of Champions which is an open aged title, where he also won gold.

Michael has also been awarded a CHS Zone Blue, which is a very prestigious award to receive.

Mr S Belgre
Sports Coordinator

Mr. Jurd congratulates Michael Napoli on winning 2 gold medals at the CHS Trampoline Championships.
**SCHOOL CALENDAR 2014**

### Week 4
- **October 27**
  - HSC Written Examinations - All week
  - Year 8 Debate at Sefton HS
  - Year 11 Assembly P2 Old gym
  - DONG INCHEON HS Delegation visit
  - Summer Sport Round 8 - 1,2,3,4

- **October 28**
  - Year 9 and 10 History Dramas
  - Pink ribbon day - assembly
  - World Teachers Day 2014
  - Interact Sausage Sizzle lunchtime

### Week 5
- **October 3**
  - HSC Written Examinations - All week
  - Year 10 Exam Week

- **October 4**
  - Prefects to Kokoda Day

- **October 5**
  - Come Together Concert Rehearsal Town Hall

- **October 6**
  - Summer Sport Round 9 - 1,2,4,3

- **October 7**
  - Alan Davo - Round 4 v Concord High
  - Mini Orientation Yr7 2015

### Week 6
- **October 10**
  - AMOW - Year 10 - All week

- **October 11**
  - Year 7 Cultural Day

- **October 12**
  - Summer Sport Round 10 - 1,2,3,4

- **October 13**
  - BELL SHAKESPEARE Opera House

- **October 14**
  - Inquisitive Minds Workshops

### Week 7
- **November 17**
  - AMOW - Year 10 - All week

- **November 18**
  - TIMSS TESTING - Period 2

- **November 19**
  - P & C MEETING - 7.00PM

- **November 20**
  - Summer Sport Round 11 - 1,2,3,4

- **November 21**
  - Transition presentations

### Week 8
- **November 24**
  - AMOW - Year 10 - All week

- **November 25**
  - Summer Sport Round 12 - 1,2,4,3

### Week 9
- **December 1**
  - SRC& Prefect Induction 9 am to 11:30 am Hall

- **December 2**
  - Summer Sport Training - 1,2,3,4

- **December 3**
  - STRATHFIELD COUNCIL HSC ART SHOW

- **December 4**
  - ORIENTATION DAY Year 7 2015

- **December 5**
  - STRATHFIELD COUNCIL HSC ART SHOW

### Week 10
- **December 8**
  - Sport - Staff v Student Cricket Match - 1,2,3,4

- **December 9**
  - School Presentation Day

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Jump Rope for Heart 2014

On the 29th of August 2014 Homebush Boys High School had a jump off day. We did this to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease and money for the heart foundation. Cardiovascular disease is a group of diseases where the body experiences strokes, heart attacks and heart failure. It will usually happen to very inactive people and they usually die at a younger age as their heart becomes very weak.

Mr Belgre organised the jump off day with Mitchell from the Heart Foundation. The Heart Foundation try to raise awareness for cardiovascular disease around Australia. They also go around to different schools in Australia telling them about CVD and telling them how to prevent you from getting it.

During the weeks before the jump off day we were doing activities within our PE classes that were to do with promoting being physical active. We were doing mostly skipping with skipping ropes and learning about how CVD can affect people and how it happens. With skipping we did do some races, competitions and timing.

My experiences during the jump rope for heart were very positive. The reasons for this were, the entire thing took up three periods (three hours) and was a large work out. The activities were enjoyable such as time trials, skipping with a very large and heavy skipping rope, races, competitions and much more. We were given fruit at lunchtime to support our physical activity with healthy eating. Overall the school raised around $1000 which was a big help for the heart foundation.

Zach Jones 7D

Yr7 Students are taken through a variety of activities for the Jump Rope for Heart day
Early in term 3 the winter season came to an end with Grand Final Day on the 23rd of July. Homebush had 33 teams compete in a variety of sports for the winter season with 27 of those teams qualifying for semi-finals and a further 12 teams making it all the way to the Grand-Final. Congratulations to 1st Grade football, 15C Football, 14B Football, 13B Football, 13’s Rugby and Junior Hockey who were crowned champions. Well done to all those students involved and the coaches who have spent so much time and effort mentoring the boys.

Sport never stops at the BUSH. We are well into our summer season with many of our teams dominating their competitions. Grade competition will continue to run until the end of November. House sport will finish on the 3rd of December with our annual staff v student cricket match to be played on Wednesday the 10th of December. Summer sport will resume when all students return in 2015. Winter sport trials will start Week 6, Term 1, 2015. 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 Powell’s 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. A reminder to parents that House sport is split into two sections for the summer season, due to the extended duration of the season. Students will be choosing a new house sport during week 3 and will commence participation in Week 4. Students can choose the same sport and will be continuing this new sport selection when they return in 2015.

The Regional Athletics carnival was held in the middle of term 3. While there were some fantastic individual achievements, in particular David Chen who was named 15 years Sydney North Age Champion. Below is a list of some of the tremendous results:

- 2nd - 13yrs 4x100m relay (Sorie Musa, Korhan Sozen, Gaurav Bagale, Sean Le)
- 1st – 15 yrs Triple Jump (David Chen)
- 2nd – 15yrs Long Jump (David Chen)
- 2nd – 15 yrs 3000m (Cory Jnr Sharma Constance)

The State Athletics Carnival followed the Regional Carnival. All the boys represent Homebush with dignity putting in their all. David Chen finished a respectable 4th and 5th in the triple and long jumps.

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
NOH WORRIES FOR ISAAC AS HE WINS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Isaac Noh has created a piece of Homebush history by being the first Homebush student to win the Australian School Boys Golf Championships. Isaac’s name now sits proudly on a trophy that includes names such as Geoff Olgilvy and Jason Day.

Undefeated throughout the Australian Schoolboys Interstate Series, Isaac was part of the winning NSW interstate team and named on the Australian CHS Honours team. Congratulations Isaac.

Some late mail has come to the school's attention that Isaac has been awarded a CHS Zone Blue which is the highest honor in school sport in NSW. Hopefully Isaac can pursue this career at a much higher level in future years to come.

Mr Belgre

Sports Coordinator

Spelling Bee Competition

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

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

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

The Champion of Champions for 2014 is: Khusal Dogra Year 8 - Congratulations to Khusal Dogra!

Ms P De Michiel
Winter Sportsman of the Week

5/3/14
Jason Tam – Junior Mixed Sports
James Smith – Junior Mixed Sports
Ahmed El-Hassan – Junior Mixed Sports
Nathan Au – 7/8 Basketball
Anthony Ming – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 140
Asfand Alvi – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 129

2/4/14
Bugrahan Simsek – 14C Football
Rochak Ghimire – 14C Football
Kosta Houllis – 15B Football
Osman Cakir – 15B Football
Aydin Bremner – Junior Hockey ‘A’
Syed Ali – Junior Hockey ‘A’
Michael Xu – 15’s Badminton
Eugene Lee – 15’s Badminton
Patrick Ho – 2nd Grade Badminton
James Yu – 2nd Grade Badminton
David Su – 2nd Grade Badminton
Todd Dale – 138 Football
Calvin Iturra – 138 Football
Kenny Yin – 138 Football
Sree Sista – 1st Grade Tennis
Sunny Hamal – 2nd Grade Tennis
Murut Kilic – 15A Football
Andreas Koulouris – 14’s Tennis
Thomas Nguyen – 15’s Tennis
Felix Knight – Junior Hockey ‘B’
Wassim Outour – Junior Hockey ‘B’
Suresh Tharmalinkam – Senior Hockey ‘A’
Phillip Maxwell – Senior Hockey ‘A’
Anuraj Talati – Senior Hockey ‘A’
Tej Shah – 14’s Table Tennis
Raymond Nim – 15’s Tennis
Andy Chen – 1st Grade Table Tennis
Justin Ton – 2nd Grade Table Tennis
Omar Sediqi – 1st Grade Rugby
Anthony Cowin – 14A Football
Daniel Jesuthasan – Senior Hockey ‘B’
Charles Mclean – 13B Football
Kenny Yin – 138 Football
Bradon Holland – Junior Hockey ‘A’
Vaibhav Mehta – Junior Hockey ‘A’
Joshua Anderson – Junior Lawn Bowls
Qi Li Chen – Senior Lawn Bowls

Adam Hodgess – 3rd Grade Football
Dominic Yates – 4th Grade Football
Baris Cenk – 4th Grade Football
Patrick Ho – 2nd Grade Badminton
Pierre Tiah – Senior Hockey ‘A’
Anuraj Talati – Senior Hockey ‘A’
Zac Foster – Senior Hockey ‘A’
Mahmoud Derbas – Junior Hockey ‘B’
Mohamed Elakhras – Junior Hockey ‘B’
Chris Kadamanji – 14’s Table Tennis
Ramtin Momen – 2nd Grade Table Tennis
Lachlan Beattie – 14d Rugby
Maea Havea – 14’s Rugby
Malakai Lee – 14’s Rugby
Imran Ali – 14’s Rugby
Nathan Au – 7/8 Basketball

30/4/14
Cory Jnr Sharma-Constance – 15A Football
Ismail Hares – 1st Grade Football
David Gajic – 1st Grade Football
Ender Kadayifci – 2nd Grade Football
Oliver Nicholls – Junior Lawn Bowls
Tony Mei – Senior Lawn Bowls
Hamish McArthur – 15C Football
John Bilsel – 15C Football
Saugat Bagale – 15C Football
Kael Dawson – 3rd Grade Football
Sultan Shamsin – 3rd Grade Football
Zaki Ousmand – 14’s Rugby
Harry Griffin-Colls – 1st Grade Football
Tim Xin – 1st Grade Football (Hatrick)
Ender kadayifci – 2nd Grade Football (Hatrick)
Daniel Lee – 2nd Grade Football
Matt Monro – 2nd Grade Football
Junaid Qureshi – 14B Football
Sorie Musa – 14A Football

9/4/14
Dalian Ivelja – 2nd Grade Football
Daniel Chu – 2nd Grade Football
Tim Xin – 1st Grade Football
Cameron Holmes – 1st Grade Football
David Chen – 15A Football
Anthan Kalaruban – 15B Football
Hanie Soufy – 15B Football
Terry Yoon – 14C Football
Sai Manikyaniyas – 14C Football
Daniel Yuan – 1st Grade Tennis
Ahmed Parappil – 2nd Grade Tennis
Adam Aaron – 14’s Tennis
Benjamin Nguyen – 15’s Tennis
Chris Kwon – 13C Football
Ayman Tabikh – 13C Football
Waqas Ali Khan – 14B Football
Karim Faour – 14A Football

7/5/14
Warren Guan – 14C Football
Alvaro Avaria-Jimenez - 1st Grade Football – 4 goals
Scott Miller – Junior Lawn Bowls
Brian Lam – 14’s Table Tennis
Alan Gu – 14’s Table Tennis
Daniel Wan – 15’s Table Tennis
Calvin Iturra – 13B Football
Nick Knezevic – 15’s Football
Sam Powell – 15’s Rugby
Kobe Qoriniasi – 15’s Rugby
Abdul Kanj – 14’s Rugby
Aamin Issa – 14’s Rugby
Maea Havea – 14’s Rugby
Ankit Bista – 15B Football
Fergus Knox – 5th Grade Football
David Woo- 5th Grade Football
Wassim Outour – Junior Hockey ‘B’
Jack Mansfield – Junior Hockey ‘B’
Thomas Pearson – Junior Hockey ‘A’
John Vuong – Junior Hockey ‘A’
Nathan Labrakis - 14A Football
Hugh Black – 4th Grade Football
Ka Yin Chan – Senior Hockey ‘A’
Tony Lee – 1st Grade Tennis
Moses Nadarajah – 14’s Tennis
Madhav Sunderram – 15’s Tennis
Minkyu Lee – 2nd Grade Badminton
Kenu Challenger – 15’s Badminton
Druhshil Brahmbhatt – Senior Hockey ‘B’
Sumukha Jagadeesh – 1st Grade Table Tennis
Kelvin Chan – 2nd Grade Table Tennis
Jimmy Wang – 15’s Table Tennis
Kieran Duong – 14’s Table Tennis
Justin Thai – 7/8 Basketball
Subbiah Surendran – 15’s Tennis
Abdelrahman Sumrain – 14C Football
Terry Yoon – 14C Football
Piratheepaan Thirunamam – Senior Hockey ‘B’

Junaid Qureshi – 14B Football
Waqas Ali-Khan – 14B Football
Adam Yoon – 4th Grade Football
Moath Ayish – 4th Grade Football
Sultan Shamsin – 3rd Grade Football
Sunny Hamal – 2nd Grade Tennis
Kasidit Muanrooddee – 1st Grade Tennis

Hussam Djebbouri -14’s Rugby
Lachlan Beattie – 14’s Rugby
Ali Khalil – 14’s Rugby
Yathu Kejamuhan – 15’s Badminton
Zihong Yu – 15’s Badminton
Patrick Ho – 2nd Grade Badminton
Minkyu Lee – 2nd Grade Badminton
Seong Gwan Kim – 2nd Grade Badminton
Sunghoon Kim – 5th Grade Football
Fergus Knox – 5th Grade Football
David Namgung – 15C Football
Yunjie Kim – 15C Football
Yu Sung Jeon – 15C Football
Arjun Luckshman – 7/8 Basketball
Sebastian Labonne – Ten Pin Bowling – Bowled a 125
21/5/14
Thomas Nguyen -15s tennis
Oliver Nicholls- Junior Lawn Bowls
Dilawar Gill- Senior Hockey A
Win Lynn - Junior Hockey
Leon Burfield – Junior Hockey
Vincent Nguyen 15B Soccer
Mazkur Ayoub,- 15s Rugby
Ahmed Elahmad- 15s Rugby
Nadim Kassem - 15s Rugby
Adam Aaron- 14s Tennis
Eugene Lee - 15s Badminton
Kenu Challenger - 15s Badminton
Tianshu Bai - 1st Badminton
William Nguyen - 1st Badminton
Todd Dale - 13B Soccer
Kenny Yin - 13B Soccer
Andy Georgiou -13B Soccer
Anthony Chau - Senior Hockey B
Mashkur Shan - Senior Hockey B
Adeel Ali 14C Soccer
Omar Ashour - 14C Soccer
Soyuz Chudal - 14C Soccer
Mohamed Darouich - 14C Soccer
Koray Dogan – 14C Soccer
Rochak Ghimire - 14C Soccer
Warren Guan – 14C Soccer
Shaurya Jaggi - 14C Soccer
Azim Lalani - 14C Soccer
Krishna Manikyanivas - 14C Soccer
Our fantastic Homebush Senior Volleyball team played some great matches to finish up coming 4th overall in the NSW KO Volleyball Championships.
Mr Jurd congratulates Paul Droudis on receiving a 10 year certificate for service to the school.

Interact Club member Panayioti Constanti congratulates the senior indoor team winners.

Michael Tang and Daniel Kim were winners of the Korean Book competition.

Mr Achmed and Mr Innasi with students that received certificates for the Australian Economics competition.

Ms Kumarallingam with the Yr 7 SRC students Aryan Jani, Aymen Tabikh, Maaz Iqbal, Marcus Ngo and Sean Mansfield.
Mr Jurd congratulates Mrs Britta Crozier for all her efforts with students needing first aid.

Mr Peter Smith and Mr Andrew Murray from Rotary congratulate students who participated in the Dream Cricket program with handicapped students.

Mr Jurd with School Captain Vidushan Paheerathan and the award for the ‘Give What You’ve Got’ campaign.

Mr Tham Sivasothy with students and their bronze awards from the Chess Club.

Mr Alan Everett with students and their Science Competition awards.
Students from the Symphony Jubilate that attended the China tour.

Paul Habashy, Arjunasingam Abayasingam and William Nguyen with their Chemistry certificates.

Mr. Sheath congratulates Daniel Lopes in winning the Game Training competition.

Mr. Jurd congratulates Luke Mansfield on his fantastic job on the music tour to China.

Charles Prentice with Mr. Everett and his high distinction certificates.

Students with their certificates of achievement in the UNSW English Competition.

Ms. Effie Bonis speaks in support of the ‘Ice Bucket Challenge’.
Mr Tsang and Mr Sivasothy with Madhav Sunderram, Puneeth Kambhampati, Jie Chen, Scott Miller, Anthony Ho and Michael Tang who represented the school in a major inter-school chess competition.

Students with their School Certificates of Appreciation

Our 2015 school leaders Vice Captain Panayioti Constanti, School Captain Craig Miller and Haddi Taha Senior Prefect

Mr Jurd with Stanley Zeh and Seungyo Yeom who were involved in the Tai Kwon Do championships

Ms Yu with Yeongwon Choi and Sam Yeom and their certificates from the Korean book review competition
Photos from the Yr12 Graduation Day

Ms Chan congratulates Mohammed Allah-Yarion receiving his Yr12 certificate

Mr. Jurd congratulates our top three Yr12 students Ian Zhou 3rd, Rafid Sarker 2nd and Paul Habashy 1st

Ms Chan congratulates Adam Dafta on receiving his Yr12 certificate

A packed hall with students and their families at the Yr12 Graduation Ceremony

The graduation cake in school colours and the crest

Music teacher Matt Kurukchi and Mohammed Mohaghegh perform at the Yr12 Graduation Ceremony
Everyone enjoyed a fantastic lunch after the Yr12 Graduation Ceremony.

Ms Milovanovic and Ms Dwyer with special guest Constable Shannon at the Yr12 lunch.

Students, parents and staff enjoyed a fantastic lunch on the day.

Excited Yr12 students let loose after their graduation.

School Captain Vidushan Paheerathan with his Family along with Dr Balan at the luncheon.