Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to our SRC who were inducted on Thursday 23 February. Margaret Cai is the Head of the SRC with Esther Barnes Deputy Head of the SRC. They both gave delightful speeches. Both girls have already made their mark on the school with the very successful organisation for Valentine’s Day. Thank you to Angelina Chua and Annabel Ellis (Yr 12) for their outstanding leadership of the SRC in 2012. Thank you to Mrs Frohlich (Visual Arts) the SRC Coordinator for organising the successful event which included the school’s Symphonic Band led by our conductor Mrs Dietz playing an amazing rendition of ‘The Incredibles’.

The SRC representatives for 2013 are:

Yr 11: Margaret Cai – Head of SRC, Esther Barnes – Deputy Head of SRC, Ifrit Chowdhury, Jessica Fung, Shirali Garga, Chelsey Jayadiwangsa, Michelle Malaney, Jehannah May, Annelise Nguyen, Sindoora Sabanayagam and Vidushi Sharma

Yr 10: Theresa Chang, Tian Du, Sanjna Kalasabail, Aerin Tan and Isabelle Yam

Yr 9: Esther Ahn, Zahin Chowdhury, Christina Liao, Olivia Utharntharm and Thornia Yeung

Yr 8: Mary Bajo, Lily Henke, Tina Jiang, Nadeesha Pallegedera and Grace Roberts

Yr 7: Louise Berry, Sheena Mali, Hannah Rhee and Katrina Wu

Welcome back to our Yr 11 students who attended the Crossroads Camp at Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Camp last week. The girls completed a number of activities and physical challenges including walking to the top of Mt Kosciusko. Mrs Armitage (Visual Arts) the Yr 11 Adviser has reported that the girls were very well behaved and enjoyed an incredible week of bonding, group work and preparation for their senior studies. Thank you also to the following teachers who attended the camp for the week with Mrs Armitage – Mrs McGuire (TAS), Mrs Wakelin (School Counsellor), Mr Hughson (Music), Ms Roger and Dr Stokes (Science).

It was a very enjoyable day on Wednesday 22 February at the Parramatta Pool Centre for our Annual Swimming Carnival. It is always a fun day of competition for the girls. Coghlan House came first, with Turner second, Stephens third, Rainbow fourth and Scott House fifth. The Champion of Champions event was won by Carina Lee (Yr 11). The students versus teachers race is another highlight with two teams of teachers being easily beaten by our very fast student swimmers. Thank you to Ms Coggins (PDHPE) for organising this very successful event. A full report will be in the next edition of the Torch.

Congratulations to Cindy Chee and Sarah Kung (Yr 12 2012) who were selected for the HSC Art Express. Their artworks are currently on exhibition at the NSW Art Gallery Sydney and the Hazelhurst Gallery, Gymea.
The opening night at the NSW Art Gallery on Wednesday was attended by Mrs De Losa (HT Visual Arts and TAS), Mrs Armitage and Mrs Frohlich (Visual Arts). Approximately 300 attendees saw the Minister for Education the Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP open the exhibition. The school community is very impressed that Cindy was also selected to be on a panel to discuss her art works on the Opening Night. The panel was led by the media personality Gretel Killeen. During the panel discussion she mentioned the fantastic support and guidance she had received from our Visual Arts teachers. Cindy was one of 46 students out of 10,000 HSC Visual Arts students to have her work selected for the NSW Art Gallery HSC Exhibition. Sarah was one of 60 students to have her work selected for the exhibition at the Hazelhurst Gallery, Gymea. Congratulations girls! Further we wish all of our Yr 12s from 2012 all the best over the coming weeks as they start their tertiary education studies.

**Ms Armitage and Cindy Chee**

Congratulations to:
- **Crystal Jang** (Yr 7) who has been selected to be a member of the Northern Sydney Region Choir.
- **Amelia Hiscock** (Yr 9) who has been selected to be a member of the NSW Schools State Junior Dance Company. Amelia will dance at the NSW State Dance Festival and School Spectacular as well as Education Week performances.
- **Lisha Lobo** and **Yingran Sun** (Yr 11) who attended the National Youth Science Forum in January have written two very thoughtful reports on their activities. I note that in their reports they thank and acknowledge their Physics teacher **Mr Re** (Head Teacher Science) and Chemistry teachers **Mrs Tarran** and **Mr Lane** for their guidance and for inspiring and developing their interest in Science.
- **Nethmi Ratnayake** (Yr 11) who has won second place in the ‘School Writing Competition: Mental Health Awareness’ organised by Baulkham Hills Council.

Kind regards,
*Dr Justin Briggs, Principal*

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Next Committee Meeting - 2013 Monday 18 March - 7:30 – 9:00 pm in the Common Room

Come and be part of our terrific team and meet other parents. Enter through Thomas St gates for parking. The updated committee list can be found in the February Bulletin. There are still vacancies in several positions: parent contacts for the Concert Band and Flute Ensembles as well as many assistants. Parents of Year 7 and 8 students are encouraged to come along.

Future meetings - Mondays 6 May, 24 June, 19 August, 21 October AGM,
25 November Christmas party

Committee Emails
If you are not receiving the committee emails or have changed your details, please send the correct information to the Committee President Mrs. Melissa Jones hghsboc@y7mail.com

2013 First Rehearsals
Rehearsals have started for all groups. Please check the notice board outside Room 101 for details. Anyone in Years 7 – 12 wishing to join a group needs to come and see Ms. Dietz at 8:35 am Tues – Fri in Room 101.

Instruments Still Available
The following instruments are looking for a loving home and someone to play them
It is never too late to learn an instrument. Looking for homes with students are:
Year 8 only: French horn.
Year 7 only: Bass Clarinet, Baritone (1 for school and 1 for home), double basses 1/2 size (1 for school and 1 for home),
Year 11 only: Bass clarinet
Speak to Ms. Dietz, if interested.

Flute Ensembles
As Mrs. Johnston is on Maternity leave until term 4, we are lucky to have an experienced flautist, Ms Sue Berger, taking over our Flute Ensembles. The Junior Flute Ensemble rehearses on Thursdays in Room 101 right after school until 4:15 pm. The Advanced Flute Ensemble meets in the Drama Room before school on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm.

Band and Orchestra Photos
Everyone, including beginners, needs to bring their instruments on Tuesday 12 March for group photos in Period 1. Wear summer uniform.

SRC Induction
Thank you to the Symphonic Band for your wonderful performance at the SRC Induction.
Parent Forums

Understanding your teenager

Ku-ring-gai Council and KYDS invite parents of teens to a series of forums.

Each forum is held on a Monday from 6.30pm - 8.30pm (registration from 6:15pm) at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon.

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BOOKINGS REQUIRED
Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services on 9424 0837 or youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au
For more information on the forums contact KYDS on 9416 9824 or visit www.kyds.org.au
Cultural Fun Day Out!
Hornsby Greek Festival invites members of the community to explore Greek culture, music, dancing and delicious food in a family friendly atmosphere. Loads of entertainment including dodgem cars, Camel rides, and jumping castles. Everyone welcome!

Where: Greenway Park, Shepherds Drive Cherrybrook
When: Sunday 10th March – 11am to 7pm
Free Admission

Secure your Smile for Life

1) No Gap check-up/clean, fluoride and 2 x-rays (for Members of All Health Funds)
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BENEDICTINE MONASTERY ARCADIA
is holding their

48TH ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR
121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia
10th March 2013

- Plants
- Sweets
- BBQ
- Choc. Wheel
- Tours of the Monastery - 11:00am / 12:00pm / 1:00pm / 2:00pm

MAJOR RAFFLE PRIZES
1st: $1000 travel voucher or computer goods
2nd: $150 shopping voucher
3rd: $75 shopping voucher

- COUNTRY SETTING • FAMILY DAY
- MASS TO BEGIN 10.00AM
- FETE TO BEGIN 10.30AM
- RAIN OR SHINE - TELEPHONE 02 9653 1159
www.benedictine.org.au/go/countryfair

In aid of the Benedictine Missions