From the Principal…

Last Sunday saw 27 students from our environmental action group FRED and three parents participate in Clean-Up Australia at Edgeworth David Garden, Hornsby. Thank you to Mr Re (Head Teacher Science) who organised our school’s participation. Mr Re reports that the FRED group collected and removed a lot of rubbish from the local park. FRED students are also promoting Earth Hour which the school will be supporting on Friday.

Last Friday three hundred students from Hornsby Girls’ High School and Normanhurst Boys’ High School were at our Semester 1 combined school dance. Thank you to Margaret Cai (Head of SRC), Esther Barnes (Deputy Head of SRC) and Mrs Frohlich (Visual Arts) our SRC Coordinator for organising this event. All the students enjoyed themselves immensely and were very well behaved.

Last night saw 90 friends, family, former students, parents and colleagues past and present gather at the Hornsby RSL to farewell our beloved Mr Peter Hatton Deputy Principal 2007 – 2013. Peter had a wonderful time sharing anecdotes about his educational journey in the seven schools in which he has taught from 1975. It was a great night celebrating a fantastic career.
dedicated to public education. We especially thank Peter for his work with our students these last five years. We wish Peter all the best for his retirement. Thank you to Mrs Sexton for organising the wonderful function in honour of Peter.

There is much anticipation in the school as we await the arrival of our German sister school Graf-Rasso-Gymnasium. Thank you to the following students and especially their parents who will be host families for the next few weeks starting tonight. The school appreciates your efforts in maintaining this excellent exchange program. Thank you to Frau Arch (Languages) for organising this program.

Year 9 – Edna Boey and Georgina Oates.
Yr 11 – Sulithi Dewendra, Michelle Malaney, Katie Shead and Amy Thomas

Our Grounds Day for Term 1 is held tomorrow Saturday 9 March from 8am – 11am. There is always much to do including weeding, digging, mulching, cutting and cleaning. Come along and have some fun improving the school environment while meeting other parents. We will be stopping for morning tea around 9:30am. I look forward to seeing you at Grounds Day tomorrow.

We have arranged for Dr Jill Forster an expert in Gifted and Talented Education to present to parents at the P and C meeting on Wednesday March 20 at 7:45pm in the common room. Dr Forster will be giving an overview of the work she has been doing with the school over the last year and will also be providing practical advice to parents about raising gifted and talented girls. I look forward to seeing you at this important school function. Please see further details in this edition of the Torch.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for the NSW Public Schools Instrumental Music Ensembles – Caroline Cheng and Yvonne Chuk in the NSW Public Schools Symphony Orchestra, Kassandra di Bona in the NSW Public Schools Sinfonia and Nerida Reichardt in the NSW Public Schools Symphonic Wind Orchestra.

Alexandra Motbey (Year 11) has been invited to attend the UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy which will be held at Sydney University from Monday, 15 April until Friday, 19 April this year. At the academy Alex will be:

- introduced to a diverse group of contemporary women leaders.
- shown the possibilities and satisfaction of a career in business
- encouraged to take on leadership aspirations
- provided with leadership skills development

The program is residential at The Women’s College, Sydney University. It is a wonderful opportunity for Alex to develop her leadership skills and develop new relationships with peer groups from other schools.

Congratulations to Jenwai Huang (Year 11) who has won the Junior Secondary Section of the annual 2012 Francis Forbes Society Australian Legal History Essay Competition. Her essay titled ‘How did the Mabo Decision reflect social forces regarding Aboriginal history at the time?’ was awarded first place by Justice G.C Lindsay of the Supreme Court of NSW. For more information on the Francis Forbes Society see: http://www.forbessociety.org.au/

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| **Saturday 9th March**      | P&C Grounds Day  
8-11am All Welcome |
| **Monday 11th March –**     | German Sister School  
Friday 22nd March visit |
| **Tuesday 12th March**      | School Photos  
P&C Executive meeting |
| **Thursday 14th March**     | Selective High School  
Test Years 6 into 7 |
| **Friday 15th March**       | Band Tour rehearsal pm |
| **Monday 18th March**       | Band & Orchestra  
meeting 7.30pm |
| **Wednesday 20th March**    | P&C Information  
evening 7.45pm – Dr Jill  
Forster Japan Trip parent  
meeting 6.30pm |
| **Thursday 21st March &**   | Year 8 Camp  
22nd March |
| **Friday 22nd March**       | Band Tour rehearsal pm |
| **Saturday 23rd March**     | Mother Daughter night –  
Saturday 4-8pm |
INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS

to

our March P & C Meeting

on WEDNESDAY, March 20th

at 7.45pm

in the School Common Room

The special presentation for this meeting will be on

**Gifted and Talented Education: Hornsby Girls’ High School**

Presenter: **Dr Jill Forster**

Dr Forster is an expert in Gifted and Talented Education. The school worked with Dr Forster extensively in 2012 and she will continue this role as our academic mentor during 2013. She will be reporting on the school’s achievements in Gifted and Talented Education, where the school is heading in 2013 and advice to parents on Gifted Education for girls.

Light refreshments will also be served, so please come along and meet other parents in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

Regular HGHS P & C Association meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month during the school term. Please mark the dates in your diary. With your active participation, the P & C can achieve great things to enhance your daughter’s education. Please show your support.

You will be made very welcome!
Valentine’s Day Celebration

To celebrate Valentine’s Day this year the students added their favourite literary quote or couple to the heart in the entry of the Library. There was some heated debate around the board each day!

World Read Aloud Day. March 6, 2013

793 Million people worldwide are not able to read.
Imagine a world where everyone can read...

World Read Aloud Day is about taking action to show the world that the right to read and write belongs to all people. World Read Aloud Day motivates children, teens, and adults worldwide to celebrate the power of words, especially those words that are shared from one person to another, and creates a community of readers advocating for every child’s right to a safe education and access to books and technology. (An extract from the World Read Aloud Day website.)

We are celebrating World Read Aloud Day by holding a Read Aloud Competition for the girls to demonstrate their love of reading.

New Resources.

A selection of the new titles added this year...

*The Australian Long Story.*
*The Best Crime Stories Ever Told.*
*The Best Australian Stories 2012.*
*Flourish.* Martin Seligman.
*Steve Biddulph’s Raising Girls.*
*The Girl from Snowy River.* Jackie French.
*An Abundance of Katherines.* John Green.
*A Very Unusual Pursuit.* Catherine Jinks.
*Scorched Earth.* Robert Muchamore.
*The Novella Project.* Julianne Schulz.
*My Australian Story: Escape from Cockatoo Island.* Yvette Poshoglian.


Cambridge University Press is holding a photography competition. Have your work published on the 2014 HSC Checkpoints editions and the chance to win an iPad. Go to [www.cambridge.edu.au/photocomp](http://www.cambridge.edu.au/photocomp) for more details. Information is also available at the Library desk.

Staff Recommendations.

What have your Hornsby Girls’ High School Staff been reading over the summer break?

Below is a snapshot of some of the titles read by the Staff:

*Dr Briggs* has been reading books on Workers’ Protest Movements concerning living conditions during the Industrial Revolution, the Luddites, the Tolpuddle Martyrs and the Chartists. “**Rebels Against the Future** by **Kirkpatrick Sale**” was about the Luddites from Nottingham, England during the 1810s some of whom were transported to Australia for destroying factory equipment in night raids across Nottinghamshire. Nottinghamshire is the same county that created the legend of Robin
Hood; the people of this county had an interesting history of fighting for fairness and justice.”

**Mrs Sexton** – Crime Fiction by Ian Rankin: *Standing in another Man’s Grave*; Patricia Cornwell’s latest novel *Red Mist* and *Code* by Kathy and Brendan Reichs.

**Mrs Drayton** – *Home* by Marilyyne Robinson, re-reading *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy; *The Litigators* by John Grisham; *Into that Forest* by Louis Nowra. While travelling through Vietnam: *In the Shadow of Angkor* - Contemporary Writing from Cambodia; *Mother’s Beloved Stories from Laos* by Boun Yanorong; *Wandering through Vietnamese Culture* by Huu Ngoc; *A Survivor from Khmer Rouge* by Boun Meng.

**Mr Marshall** - Jo Nesbo’s collections of book about the rough-around-the-edges detective Harry Hole, including *The Bat*, *The Leopard* and *Phantom*. ‘The Bat is set in Sydney, with the Norwegian detective coming to investigate the murder of a Norwegian woman in Sydney. Knowing the locations of where the story was set made being "involved" in the story more real.’

Other titles: *The One-Hundred Year Old Man* by Jonas Jonasson; *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky; *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*.

**Mrs Roberts** read *The Orphan Master’s Son* by Adam Johnson. ‘Set in North Korea late last century, it presents a dismal description of everyday life and the deprivation of necessities as well as personal liberty ....rather dark, not recommended for younger readers.’

**Miss Eakins** - *The Other Hand* by British author Chris Cleave.

**Ms Boden**

**We are all Made of Glue**- Marina Lewycka and *The Interpretation of Murder* - Jed Rubinfeld

**Mrs Dunnett**

**The Churchills** ‘which was a rollicking trip through the 18th-20th Centuries with loads of lovely anecdotes and insight into a very interesting World leader... and all his very odd relatives.’

**The Hunger Games Trilogy**. ‘Loved the first one - it was all independent, versatile girl... then it descended into irritating hopeless boy needs rescuing.’

**Mrs Dunnett** is now reading *Life of Pi* and ‘wallowing in all the luxurious imagery’.

**Mrs Gamble** - loved reading *The People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. ‘It has a wonderful historic context but also a lot of scientific detail, not unlike a forensic mystery’.

**Mr Payne** – is enjoying *Lord of the Rings*.

**Mrs McClure** - read *The Life of Pi*, by Yann Martel. ‘Great read, had a fantastic ending that made you really think’.

**Mrs Winch** – loved *Sarah Thornhill* by Kate Grenville and also enjoyed *Canberra* by Paul Daley ‘which is a very gentle local history of Canberra.’ Mrs Winch is currently reading *Sweet Tooth* by Ian McEwan.

**Frau Arch** - *Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell. ‘It is very interesting!’

**And from my summer reading, two titles I would highly recommend:**

**Open Secret**. Stella Rimington. This is a fascinating account of Stella Rimington’s rise to become the first female Director-General of MI5.

**A Moveable Feast**. Ernest Hemingway. Hemingway’s account of his early years as a struggling writer in Paris, surrounded by many other famous or soon-to-be-famous writers.

**Wendy Hardy.**

**Teacher-Librarian.**

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**Visual Arts News...**

**IN THE CLASSROOM**

By the time you get this, Year 8 VA students would have participated in their incursion / art happening at Hornsby Mall / Fountain. We will put photos in the next torch for you to see but I am sure the girls will enjoy telling you all about it.

Year 7 have been working on their drawing skills and learning lots of new techniques. There are already some very accomplished work on display in the VA dept, if you want to come and have a look.

Yr 9 & 11 VA classes are preparing for dynamic and interesting excursions to the city - they need to get their notes and money in ASAP.
ARTEXPRESS 2013
The VA staff attended the last of the Art Express Openings last Monday at the Sydney Olympic Park's art gallery called "The Armoury". Dominika Duchna and Sylvia Wei's beautiful and diverse painting works looked fantastic and were certainly part of one of the most dynamic and technically skilled Art Express Exhibitions we have ever seen. The exhibition was opened by artist Wendy Sharpe who the girls had met on their Year 11 excursion.

ARTOLOGY - PERFORMANCE ART OPPORTUNITY
Yr10, 11 & 12 VA students have been advised of a wonderful art opportunity where VA students aged 15 - 18yrs can participate in their school holidays in a performance art project in collaboration with artists, writers and performers. Applications close on 15th March and need to be approved by parents. Their work will be exhibited in July at the Art Gallery of NSW.
For further information, please go to: www.artology.org.au/remix
The program is FREE - it includes all tuition lead by Cathy Milliken and a wonderful team. They will supply morning & afternoon teas and lunch.

STAFF NEWS
The Visual Art and TAS faculties would like to congratulate Mrs Armitage on the birth of her first grandchild, a grandson, Patrick.

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

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), French horn, cello
Year 11 only: Bass clarinet
Speak to Ms. Dietz right before roll call in room 101, if interested.

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.

Deb Dietz (Ms), Conductor
Melissa Jones (Mrs), Committee President

The Year 12 PDHPE class, along with Miss Coggins participated in the Swisse Colour Run held at Sydney Olympic Park on Sunday, 10th of February. The fun run supported HeartKids Australia, raising awareness for children with Heart Disease and their families. It was an enjoyable day for all filled with laughter, running, dancing at the finish festival and a lot of colour!

Kathryn Au & Jessica Gao Year 12
Swimming Carnival

“Just keep swimming”
~Dory, Finding Nemo (Year 12 cheer of the day)

On Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} February, Hornsby Girls held its Annual Swimming Carnival at Parramatta Aquatic Centre. A ‘Sesame Street’ theme swept through the houses this year, with Turner’s ‘Big Birds’, Coghlan ‘Elmos’, Stephens ‘Oscar the grouch’ and Scott ‘Cookie Monsters’. Year 12 once again excelled in their costumes and cheers, really getting into character with their theme of Disney’s Playhouse.

Well done to all the girls who participated on the day, either representing their house in the pool or cheering on their swimmers from the stands.

Congratulations to the Year 12 relay team who were successful in claiming the title of Champions of the Teacher vs Student race.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who participated in making the carnival such a success!!!

**AGE CHAMPIONS**

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Champions of Champions - 50m Freestyle

1\textsuperscript{st} – Carrina Lee
2\textsuperscript{nd} – Melva Yiu
3\textsuperscript{rd} – Soo Bin Lee

Congratulations to COGHLAN HOUSE and their house leaders who swam them to victory on the day, winning the overall point score!

**Zone Swimming**

Congratulations to the 29 students (listed below) who represented Hornsby Girls at the Zone Swimming Carnival earlier this week. All the action was happening at the Hornsby ‘camp’ at Ryde Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 6\textsuperscript{th} March, with Hornsby lucky enough to be positioned at the start/finish line for the 100m events. It was a great team atmosphere to see our school cheering each of our swimmers on as they approached the finish line. Well done to all the girls who represented the school at the carnival.

Special mention to the following students who competed in multiple events on the day:

Melva Yiu – 9 events
Olivia Se – 9 events
Michelle Lokugamage – 8 events
Soo Bin Lee – 8 events (pictured right)
Kiri Kerr – 8 events
Jasmin Borsovsky – 6 events
Kassandra Di Bona – 6 events (pictured right)

Best of luck to Kirr Kerr (Year 7) and Melva Yiu (Year 12) who have qualified to represent the Sydney West Zone at the regional Carnival on Tuesday 12\textsuperscript{th} March.

A HUGE Congratulations to Melva Yiu (Year 12) who has represented the school at the Zone Swimming carnival for the past 6 years! Melva has also gone on each year to regional to represent the North West Zone at the Regional Swimming Carnival. Well done Melva, this is a fantastic achievement.
Yr 12 Rainbow House

HGHS Champion of Champions.
“PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS”
FREE In-Depth Seminar for PARENTS/SUPERVISING DRIVERS together with YOUNG DRIVERS
MONDAY – 19 MARCH 2012
6.00 PM for 6.30 PM – 8.30 PM
AT
KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LEVEL 3,
818 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, GORDON – ACCESS VIA REAR ENTRANCE
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

STAY ALERT - HAVE AN ESCAPE!!!!

Presenter: Jeff McDougall - Trent Driving School
President, Australian Driver Trainers Assoc NSW Ltd
Member National Executive Committee of the Australasian College of Road Safety
Member of K'gai Police & Community Safety Committee, Former MD Trent Driving School

will discuss the Vital Aspects of
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN TEACHING A YOUNG DRIVER:

- A Comprehensive and Organised Approach to the Driving Task
- The Five Crash Risks for Young Drivers: Preparation for the Driving Test
- Keeping the Log Book Honest: Teaching Practical Skills Safely
- The Components of Driving: Strategies for Safe Driving
- Effective Partnerships: Making it a Positive Experience

Vital information about the current driving test!

Presenter: Snr Cons Lynda Hart - Hornsby K'gai PCYC
Will Share her “Passion for Keeping People Safe”

BOOK EARLY – SEATS LIMITED: Phone Carroll on mobile 0405 558 660
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