There was excitement in the Google office on the morning of October 9th as the Google judges, Bronwyn Bancroft, Professor Chris Turney and Lyn McGrath too the hard job of choosing 32 State and Territory winners!

Introducing the Prefect Body for 2014

Row (L-R) Kay Song, Chelsey Jayadiwangsa, Adela Yip, Aurora Crain, Anika Ng, Ifrit Chowdhury (Senior Prefect), Esther Barnes (Senior Prefect), Margaret Cai (School Captain), Shirali Garga (School Vice Captain), Ms. E. Coggins (Prefect Coordinator)

Back Row (L-R) Annelise Nguyen, Sindoora Sabanayagam, Michelle Malaney, Alex Motbey, Madeleine Picard, Vidushi Sharma, Nethmi Ratnayake, India Armstrong, Jessica Fung, Jehannah May

Absent from photo: Rea Agrawal

As we welcome the new Prefect Body, we must firstly acknowledge and congratulate the 2013 Prefect body on their commitment and involvement in all facets of school life. They have been a fine team of innovative, passionate and dedicated young leaders and I commend them all on the way they have embraced and conducted themselves in this leadership role.

Ms E. Coggins (Prefect Coordinator)

Victoria He Year 7 was selected to represent NSW to compete in the U15 National Badminton Championships held in Sydney during the September holidays. Her team came fourth. Victoria and her partner were the runners up of the girls’ doubles event. Victoria is now ranked 6th best in Girls Under 15 Badminton in Australia. This is an extraordinary achievement for a 12 year old. Well done Victoria!

We welcome back Ms De Wulf our School Counsellor who has been working on the national program ‘Kids Matter’ and to Mr Hindmarsh (HSIE) who has been travelling through Europe with his family and raising funds for underprivileged children in the developing world.

In other staffing news, Mr Lane’s Science position will be filled by the end of next week through interview. Also Mr Stephen Clarke a highly respected and innovative Ancient History teacher from Crestwood High School will be our new permanent Ancient History teacher replacing Miss Kerry Wilson who retired at the end of last term after a wonderful career at Hornsby Girls High School. Mr Clarke has a Masters degree and is completing his PhD in Ancient History. The Head Teacher English position is now advertised and applications close on October 30. I would like to thank the two parent representatives Mrs Bridge and
Mr Sabanayagam who are on the panel with myself, Mrs Marriott (Head Teacher Student Wellbeing) as the representative of staff and the Director of Schools representative Mrs Nichole Graham (Head Teacher English Carlingford High School). I will give you a further update on our progress with this position in the next edition of the Torch.

I would also like to congratulate the students who received Community Languages Awards presented at the UNSW during the September holidays – Asha Hossain Year 7, Ivy Wong Year 8, Cynthia Zhuang Year 8, Alvina Lock Year 9, Tavishi Arora Year 10 received awards for their efforts in community languages. Cynthia Zhuang also received a Premier’s Award for her study. Well done to all the students.

My wife and I attended the Beams Visual Arts Festival in Chippendale to support our Year 9 students who were selected to participate in this prestigious public art exhibition during the September holidays. Our students received many positive comments from members of the public on their thought-provoking artwork. Thank you to Ms DeLoSa who successfully applied for our students to exhibit. Thank you to all the parents who assisted on the night. Please read the article in this edition of the Torch.

The SRC have voted for the new Head of SRC and the new Deputy Head. Congratulations to all the SRC members who participated in the voting and nomination process and to Tian Du (Head of the SRC) and Sanjna Kalasabail (Deputy Head of the SRC).

Justin Briggs
Principal

Tournament of Minds has proved to be a successful and engaging program for Hornsby Girls High School students in 2013. Our Language Literature team won the Secondary School Northern Sydney Regional Finals of this problem solving program involving open-ended challenges. The team had to solve a long-term literature challenge by combining their knowledge of various texts in preparation for the Regional Final. They also completed a spontaneous challenge on the day itself. Our team members of Jasmin Borosvzky (Year 10), Kassandra di Bona (Year 9), Paromita Mitchell (Year 8), Emma Chen (Year 7) Brianna Hadiwijaya (Year 7), Devika Koroth (Year 7) and Jasmine Xu (Year 7) worked very effectively together.

As winners for our region, the team competed in the State Final of the competition at the University of New South Wales on 8 September. State Final teams complete a spontaneous challenge and an unseen three hour challenge. They present the challenge to an audience. Although we were not placed at the State Final, the experience was invaluable and the girls presented their ideas with flair. It was a remarkable achievement for our talented team considering this is a Year 7 to 10 competition and our team included four Year 7 students. We are looking forward to TOM 2014!

Mrs Pilley
English Teacher and TOM Co-ordinator

Congratulations to Alexandra Motbey of Year 11 who came 3rd in the Australasian Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition. Alexandra is shown above accepting her award and cash prize from Michelle Cook representing the Chartered Practising Accountants and Joe Alvaro EBE NSW President.

Other students have also been recognised for their excellent work in the Newcastle University Year 11 Business Plan Challenge, with Crystal Lee, Jessica Fung, Jialin Guo, Diana Liang and Lucy Zhao being acknowledged for Outstanding Achievement. Everyone else in the class was awarded a certificate of High Achievement. Students can be proud of their excellent results, well done.

Our inaugural Business Studies Challenge night against Normanhurst Boys High was held at the end of Term 3. The stakes were high and competition fierce with lots of laughs and fun as teams competed for a trophy and glory. A team from Normanhurst Boys won the evening competition with Hornsby Girls vowing to reclaim it next year. We finished off the evening with pizzas and drinks. Thanks to Mrs Boden for her organisation of this event.

Mrs Black HSIE Head Teacher
Band & Orchestra News...
Next Committee Meeting - Monday 21 October
AGM - 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 Bulletin. There are still vacancies in several positions: parent contacts for the Concert Band, Flute Ensembles and many assistants. Parents of Year 7 and 8 students are encouraged to come along.

Future meetings – Mondays: 25 November
Christmas party

Hired Instruments
If you are not renewing the hire of an instrument for 2014, please get it serviced and returned to Ms. Dietz with the service receipt. You will then be given your refund. Please inform our instrument hire committee members if you will not need your instrument in 2014.

Open Day
Thank you to all Concert Band members for playing at Open Day in between the raindrops! The workshop with the Year 5 students was well received, so will be an annual event.

Term 4 Rehearsals – Wednesday – Friday only

Wednesday – Strings only; Full Orchestra should come at 7:25 am in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8; no rehearsal week 9 due to Orientation Day (Wed Dec 4)

Thursday – Symphonic Band – year 9 should come every week (Choir girls speak to Mrs. Johnston). Last practice will be Thursday Nov 28.

Friday – Concert Band – Only years 7 & 8 need come on Fridays until Orientation Day (Wed Dec 4), when all members in Years 7 – 9 will play. Set up normal time at 7:25 am outside the hall (weather permitting).

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

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Bronze: Chantelle D’Souza, Irene Nidhi, Bianca Wong, Cindy Xie, Jennifer Xu

Silver: Catherine Wilson, Grace Zhong

The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Office has notified the school there will be an increase in fees, effective January 2014.

Bronze - $112
Silver - $117
Gold - $131

I would encourage any student who has completed a level to present their Award and if they wish to continue to sign up before the end of this school year for the next level.

During Legacy Week, the Prefects volunteered their time to raise funds for the families of deceased or incapacitated war veterans by selling merchandise, including the well-known Legacy badges, to the general Hornsby public. Their feedback was very positive and we enjoyed continuing this Prefect tradition of supporting Legacy. Over the course of the week we raised $1800, which is largely reflective of the generosity of the Hornsby community. We would like to thank all students, teachers, families and friends who contributed funds to this worthy cause.

Aparna & Georgia (2013 Prefects)
Visual Arts News...

On Saturday 21st September, the Year 9 Visual Design Class helped light up the streets of Chippendale for the BEAMS Festival. The four group entries are shown here and while it was a huge day, setting them up, enjoying the festival and then packing up at the end of the concert, it was a fantastic night for all. I was incredibly pleased with the behaviour and commitment of all the students.

HGHS @ BEAMS

A big THANK YOU to all the staff, students and parents who supported us on the day / night, but special mention to Mr DeLosa’s husband, Steven Brunner in assisting the students set up and pack up their lighting installations and to the wonderful parents - Philippa Stewart, Bernarditha Marasigan, Karen Metcalfe, Angela Yu and Sjamsia Asmawati.
On the first period of the first day of Term 4, our class, Year 12 Visual Arts were buzzing with excitement and anticipation not only for the new term, but for the prestigious guest in our midst, full-time artist Clara Adolphs. She is the winner of over ten art prizes since 2009, with her most recent achievement the Mosman Art Prize for Young Emerging Artist. She came to talk to us about her journey as an artist and her experience as a young artist in the contemporary art world. She spoke to us about her years as a COFA (College of Fine Arts) graduate, and her years of experimentation in different art styles and mediums and the struggles and rewards of being an artist. She shared with us the processes she goes through in order to produce some of her latest works (pictured below) which have been highly successful and exhibited in the MiCK gallery, and sold through her art consultant. She also exhibits her work on Saatchi online. This has allowed us to gain a further insight into how the art world operates in this current society and we learnt a lot from her experiences. We wish her all the best in her endeavours, and we know she will continue to make great art in the future.

Lisa Huang and Priscilla Chee

MUSIC NEWS...

Congratulations to the following students for earning diplomas in the recent AMEB music exams. These diplomas are nationally recognised and are the result of sustained hard work and talent:

Sherie Zheng (Year 11) LMusA (violin)
Anika Ng AMusA (with Distinction) Year 11 (flute)
Naomi Ng AMusA Year 11 (flute)
Tiarne Lu AMusA Year 10 (piano)
Whitney Liang A MusA Year 9 (piano)
Theresa Lee student AMusA year 9 (piano)

Also a special mention to Emma Leong in year 8 who achieved an A+ in grade 8 flute.

Congratulations to the many other HGHS students who also achieved wonderful results in the recent AMEB practical and theory exams.
Dear Parents,

SPEECH DAY PRIZE DONATIONS – 2013

Our annual Speech Day acknowledges the success of our students in academic, sporting and performing arts activities as well as in service to the school and to the community.

The Annual Speech Day in 2013 will be held on Monday 16th December 2013 at 10.00 a.m at the Sydney Town Hall.

To help with the cost of Speech Day, we are asking for donations from parents and friends of the School. Prizes purchased with donated money will be acknowledged in the Speech Day Program, at your request, and by letter from the School. Those donations may be for any amount.

This year we are awarding a record number of prizes to our students.

Your donations will ensure that we continue to reward academic and artistic excellence, achievement in sport, as well as service to the school and community.

If you are able to help this year, could you please complete the attached slip and return it, together with your donation, by 19th November 2013. A receipt for all donations will be issued. Cheques should be made payable to Hornsby Girls’ High School and Mastercard and Visa facilities are available.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Justin Briggs
Principal

SPEECH DAY PRIZE DONATION

IMPORTANT – DO NOT SEND YOUR VISA OR MASTERCARD WITH MAIL ORDER AUTHORITY

VISA/MASTERCARD MAIL ORDER AUTHORITY

The full amount of this account may be debited to my Visa/Mastercard account. My signature below is an authority for the Office to issue a Visa/Mastercard sales voucher for the amount shown below. The sales voucher if endorsed “Mail Order” is to be treated as having been duly signed by the cardholder.

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CARDHOLDER’S SIGNATURE ……………………………………….. DATE ……………………………
Daughter’s Name: ___________________________ Roll Class: __________________
Do you wish to be acknowledged in the Speech Day Program for donating a prize?

_________________ YES ___________________ NO
The Principal and Staff

of

Hornsby Girls’ High School

Invite the School Community
to the
Annual Speech Day
to be held at the
Sydney Town Hall

Monday 16th December 2013

The Guest of Honour will be
Dr Carmel Harrington (PhD, LLB, BSc, DipEd)
Sleep for Health

Dr Justin Briggs
Principal
All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend our Annual Speech Day. Our Guest of Honour will be Dr Carmel Harrington, PhD, LLB, B.Sc, Dip Ed, Publisher of Sleep for Health.

DATE: Monday 16th December 2013.
VENUE: Sydney Town Hall.
TIMES:
7.30am Student speaker, announcers, instrumentalists, singers, dancers arrive for final rehearsal, according to time specified by co-ordinator of each group.
8.30am Prize winners arrive.
8.45am All other students arrive for Roll Call and meet Roll Call teachers outside in Town Hall Square. Students are NOT to enter Town Hall.
9.15am Students seated and school song practice.
9.45am Doors open to public.
10.00am Ceremony commences.
12noon Ceremony concludes.

DRESS: Summer uniform, white socks, regulation black school shoes, no jumper during ceremony.

TRAVEL: Students are to make their own travel arrangements to and from the Sydney Town Hall. Students will be dismissed from the Town Hall following the Speech Day Ceremony.

ATTENDANCE: Speech Day is an official school function and all students are to attend. After 9.15 am no student will be permitted to leave the Town Hall until the conclusion of the ceremony. Any anticipated absences should be explained in writing to Mr Marshall, Relieving Deputy Principal before Friday 8th November 2013.

Please complete the slip below and return it to roll call teachers by 22nd November 2013.

Dr J Briggs
Mrs R Riches
Principal
Speech Day Co-ordinator

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SPEECH DAY – 16th December 2013 - To be returned to Roll Call Teacher by 22/11/13.

Student’s Name: _____________________ Roll Call _______________________

PLEASE TICK

☐ I have read all the details regarding Speech Day and give permission for my daughter/ward to travel to and from the Town Hall on Monday 16th December 2013.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____________________ Date _____________________
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Family Fun Day

Sunday 27th October 2013
11am - 3:30pm
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