Hornsby Girls High School 2012 Alumni Cindy Huang was presented with a prestigious New Colombo Plan Scholarship at an awards dinner hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs in Canberra in June. Cindy was among 40 university students between 18 and 28 years of age across Australia selected for the highly competitive scholarships, worth up to AU$67,000 each. The New Colombo Plan (NCP) is an Australian Government initiative that aims to lift knowledge of the Indo-Pacific region and strengthen our people-to-people and institutional relationships, through study and work placements undertaken by Australian undergraduate students in the four pilot locations of Singapore, Indonesia, Hong Kong SAR, and Japan. The scholarship provides an unprecedented opportunity for university students to engage with Asia, in which Cindy Huang will be an outstanding ambassador for Australia.

Cindy will study commerce at Japan’s Waseda University in the first half of next year, stating, “I hope to immerse myself in the rich Japanese culture and embark on a transformative experience; I want to challenge myself and live outside of my comfort zone.” Congratulations Cindy, the whole school is very proud of your achievements.

The Annual Flute Society of NSW Eisteddfod was held on Sunday 22 June at MLC School Burwood. Two students from Hornsby Girls High School received awards in The Annual Flute Society of NSW Eisteddfod. Emma Leong Yr 9 received 1st in Baroque category and Junior championship and Satiya Seymour Yr7 also received first in Grade 5/6 category. With 71 contestants, 30 adjudicators and assistants, 4 official accompanists and the committee it was a busy and exciting day which engaged with a broad spectrum of the flute community. The Eisteddfod is not just about winning prizes, it is also a great opportunity for students to hear their colleagues perform, hear new repertoire and learn to be an attentive and respectful audience. Congratulations Emma and Satiya.

Congratulations also to Sophie Ho HGHS Alumni 2013 who has been selected for inclusion in the Young Writers Showcase 2013, the anthology of exemplary extended compositions by students from the 2013 Higher School Certificate English Extension 2 Course. The official launch of the book will be held at the State Library on Thursday 31 July from 5:30pm to 7pm. Well done Sophie!

Thanks to support from the HGHS P and C the Languages and HSIE Faculties
have used the **Language Perfect** personalised learning web based vocabulary and knowledge program to enhance teaching and learning. Students recently participated in the Language Perfect World Championships and Education Perfect World Championships and received the following awards. Congratulations to the following students:

Language Credit awards: Olivia Aitkens, Eeshaa Batra, Jasmin Borsovszky, Jennifer Cha, Rachel Gong, Connie Kuo, Lauren Nguyen, Samantha Riezenkamp, Vanessa Tang
Bronze awards: Summer Guo, Asha Hossain, Coco Xiaoge Huang, Fariha Islam, Shannon Li, Alvina Lock, Christina Shen, Millicent Tai, Victoria Wang, Louise Zhang
Silver awards: Lorrain Gong, Morgan McKenzie, Sarah Zeng, Julia Zhou, Winnie Chan

**Social Sciences Championships Education Perfect:**
Gold Award: Morgan McKenzie
Silver Award: Coco Huang
Bronze Award: Sharron Chen, Asha Hossain, Sophia You

The proposed social event ‘Casino Royale’ between Normanhurst Boys and Hornsby Girls High School on Saturday July 26 has been cancelled due to very limited ticket sales.

As mentioned at the P and C meeting last Wednesday the School Canteen has been licenced to Bright and Healthy Catering for the last five years. Mrs Rita Bright the owner operator of this service has done a wonderful job in providing healthy food and drink options for our students. This licence is about to expire and under the DEC rules a tender process will commence to determine the best operator for our school. I will form a committee to oversee the tender process and hope to have the new five year licence awarded by the end of this term.

**Spirit Week 2014**

Participants in the Great Debate 2014 - ‘Elvis’ aka Maddy Jones, Mr Marshall, Ms Coggins, Ms Davenport, Jehanna May, Mr Burke, Mekala Shanker, Dr Briggs, Rhea Kohli, Margaret Cai, Esther Barnes and ‘Snoop Dog’ aka Abi Padmasiri
Jehannah May and the student team destroyed the teachers’ argument that “The Music of Today is better than the Music of Thirty Years Ago”.

Students shocked to see Dr Briggs line-dance to “Achy Breaky Heart” and Mr Marshall sing “Wrecking Ball” during The Great Debate.

The Great Feast Spirit Week 2014

Congratulations to the whole school for your participation in Spirit Week 2014. Thank you to the SRC particularly Tian Du and Sanjna Kalasabail and Mrs Frohlich for their organisation and leadership of Spirit Week 2014. Thank you also to Georgia Burley Class of 2013 for judging the House Choir Competition.

Dr Justin Briggs, Principal
In the last week of Term 2, Year 9 English students’ study of Romanticism – a movement which placed emphasis on emotion, imagination, individuality and nature – culminated in a lesson celebrating the period. Through a broad variety of individual student projects ranging from poetry writing and reading, musical performances and dramatic recitals, to ICT presentations and artworks, the students demonstrated their understanding of the period.

Evatt Competition

On the 13th of June, Hornsby Girls sent 5 delegations to the regional round of The Evatt Debating and Diplomacy Competition at Oxford Falls Grammar School. Our teams represented Chad, Lithuania, Rwanda, Australia, and the United States. Over three hours, we debated three resolutions from our country’s perspective: one on prohibiting organ trade, another on reducing domestic military spending, and a third on the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the Middle East. Other conflicts were also touched upon, such as the sovereignty of the Falklands, during a brief but memorable exchange between the UK and Argentina. It was fantastic meeting young people who were equally passionate about international affairs from all over Sydney. Overall, it was a very positive experience and we all improved our research, critical thinking, and debating skills in the process. Nicole Leong

Teams were:

Team 1   Nicole Leong and Eeshaa Batra
Team 2   Alisha Matthias   Lily Henke
Team 3   Georgina Oates   Sunaina Salagame
Team 4   Meher Mehta   Avanti Gomes
Team 5   Smriti Srivastava   Beth Jones

Congratulations to Eeshaa Batra and Nicole Leong who have progressed through to the semi-finals.
The Guringai Festival Writing Competition 2014

The Guringai Festival Writing Competition 2014 aims to promote Reconciliation amongst young Australians. The competition encourages students in years 5 to 9 to write a short story that expresses their understanding of Reconciliation and Aboriginal culture.

Well done to the large number of our Year 7 students who submitted entries. Congratulations to Amie Doan who was chosen as the High School Winner, Yi Zhao who was selected as the High School Runner Up and Hayley Yu who received a Highly Commended.

These students were presented with a prize and certificate by the Councillors of Willoughby and the Harbour to Hawkesbury Reconciliation Group at a special Exhibition and Awards Presentation night.

Their stories will be featured at Chatswood Library from Tuesday 10 June - Friday 27 June. Well done, girls.

Band News...

NSW Senior State Music Camp 2014

Held at the Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Centre in June, twelve students from Hornsby Girls’ HS attended the Arts Unit Senior State Music Camp; Millicent Tai 8, Louise Wilson 9, Olivia Utharntharm and Jiayi Li 10, Karen Cortez, Nerida Reichardt, Yvonne Chuk, Sahana Murali, Maddy Jones, Catherine Wilson, Chantelle D’Souza, Jasmin Borsovzsky 11. We, along with 250 other talented young musicians, were split into 4 of the 5 main ensembles:

Chantelle D’Souza sang in the vocal ensemble under the excellent guidance of Mr Brett Waymark, music director of the Sydney Philharmonic Choirs, and sang a variety of beautiful works for the final concert, including Irish Tune from County Derry (Percy Grainger) and Set a Seal Upon My Heart (sacred).

Yvonne Chuk and Karen Cortez were part of the Symphony Orchestra, on violin and cello respectively. The Symphony Orchestra was conducted by Mr Steve Williams, and explored a wide variety of repertoire, from the famous Capriccio Espagnol by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov to music from the film Gladiator. The “Finale” of
Tchaikovsky’s 5th Symphony was performed at the final concert. This piece is of great importance to Tchaikovsky, as he wrote it during a period of doubting his self-worth, and the progression of his depression is evident from the beginning of the Symphony to the end.

The Grainger ensemble was one of two wind bands of camp, named after the eccentric Australian composer Percy Grainger. Under the direction of Jason Isaacs, Olivia Utharntharm (trumpet), Jasmine Borsovsky (bass clarinet), Nerida Reichardt (French horn), Louise Wilson (flute), and Jiayi Li (alto saxophone) were directed in the art of proper breath control, tonal shaping and ensemble awareness, which ultimately culminated in the performance of movements 1, 4, 5 and the finale of Edward Elgar’s Enigma Variations for the final camp concert.

The Lithgow band was the other wind ensemble of camp and was named after the Australian composer Alexander Lithgow. In this band we had 4 representatives from Hornsby: Millicent Tai (flute), Catherine Wilson (percussion), Sahana Muralia (French horn) and Maddy Jones (trumpet). Under the leadership of our young conductor, Michael, they rehearsed various pieces throughout the week, however only performed the hardest piece for the end-of-camp concert: Sketches on a Tudor Psalm, by the English composer, Fisher Tull. A great time was had in both combined rehearsals and tutorials. All of us thoroughly enjoyed being part of ensembles of such high standard.

During camp we also had the opportunity to branch into other areas of music in our second small ensemble. Hornsby Girls were well represented in almost all which was on offer: percussion ensemble, musical theatre ensemble, jazz band, horn ensemble and wind quintet. These smaller groups were ideal for learning specialised skills, refining performance styles and experiencing musical styles.

Compiled by Olivia Utharntharm 10

Photo (left – right); Karen Cortez, Sahana Murali, Nerida Reichardt, Chantelle D’Souza, Yvonne Chuk, Catherine Wilson, Olivia Utharntharm, Maddy Jones, Jasmin Borovszky, Jiayi Li, Millicent Tai, Louise Wilson

Congratulations to Annie Zhang on completing the Bronze level.

It is exciting to see the number of Year 12 students completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Any student wishing to complete their Gold level needs to be aware that the Duke of Edinburgh office takes a minimum of six weeks to renew and then approve Gold Awards.

Adventurous Journeys – September/October 2014

Summary and consent forms need to be returned to Mrs Riches by 31st July 2014. Payment will need to have been made to Somerset Outdoor Learning by 29th July 2014. Forms are available from Mrs Riches.

Mrs Riches Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator
ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Friday 6th June

Congratulations to the 72 girls who represented Hornsby Girls at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 6th June at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre, Homebush. The team was very successful in achieving 4th place overall.

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Good luck to the 16 students who have qualified to compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival next week on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd June. We look forward to hearing about your achievements.

AREA CROSS COUNTRY – Thursday 12th June
This year we had an amazing 15 girls represent at the Area Cross Country. What a fantastic achievement!


Good luck to Annelise Nguyen who is competing at the CHS State Cross Country on Friday 18th July! Well done!

GRADE SPORT CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our Year 9 Softball 1 team who were successful in winning the final of the Grade Sport Softball Championship in Term 2, beating Riverside 9-7. Well done!

(Left to Right – Back Row – Louise Wilson, Kate Lee, Soo Bin Lee, Shirin Shaban, Ashleigh Won, Olivia Se. Front Row – Linda Zacharia, Simone Boucher, Ashleigh Ng, Rani Jiang, Winnie Wong)
The Warren Centre's 2014 Innovation Lecture Series, Beyond Earth, will highlight the significant role that Australia and Australians play in global space industries. Sub-orbital space exploration is opening up exciting new frontiers for space science. This lecture event will provide detailed insights into how the area of space tourism is evolving and the opportunities it can provide for new science and exploration.

The main lecture will be presented by Enrico Palermo, a young and dynamic Australian engineer responsible for running spaceship development activities for Virgin Galactic.

Enrico Palermo
As Vice President of Operations for The Spaceship Company (a Virgin Galactic Company), Enrico is instrumental in the delivery of SpaceClass, leading the launch program for SpaceShipTwo, the world’s first commercial space line with Virgin Galactic.

Enrico will talk about his journey from Perth to the Mojave Desert via University of Western Australia and the International Space University.

If you would like to attend this lecture please see Dr Briggs.

The NorthConnex Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been placed on public exhibition by the Department of Planning and Environment from Tuesday 15 July 2014. Please visit the updated NorthConnex website www.northconnex.com.au to view the EIS as well as details regarding EIS display locations and upcoming community drop-in sessions. Submissions are welcomed during the public exhibition period and should be addressed to the Department of Planning and Environment. Information on how to make a submission is also included on the project website.
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