Our Annual Multicultural Fair will be held on Saturday August 23 from 11am to 4pm. There is much to do and many opportunities in which to be involved. If you would like to participate in the Fair either through helping at a stall or through a performance please contact myself or Mrs Melissa Jones over the coming weeks.

This day is a wonderful celebration of the many cultural backgrounds that make up our school and our international city. There will be an enormous variety of food - Chinese, Malay, Singaporean, Indonesian, Thai, Indian, Korean, Sri Lankan, French, a European Cake stall and an ‘English Tea Shoppe’.

There will be many other stalls and activities including Trash and Treasure, High Resolves, FRED, Rotary Books, Coffee, Tea and Drinks from the canteen, Cultural and Craft displays, a Kids Corner and Carnival Rides on the school oval. There will also be performances from our very talented students including a K-Pop dance, Korean Fan dance, Brass Ensemble, School Choir, Chinese dance, Zither and Violin performance, Aerobics, a number of Bollywood dance routines, Indian Classical Singing, Jazz Band and a special mystery guest! It will be a great day and I look forward to seeing you at this very important community event.

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students Karen Tang, Natalie Tang, Elizabeth Sheh and Alex Motbey who successfully applied for a Pricewaterhouse Coopers Trainee Program. The highly competitive and prestigious program will allow the recipients to put their university theory into practice and potentially have a long term career with PwC. Well done girls!
Hornsby Girls now has their own social media presence in the form of Twitter, Facebook and Google+ accounts. These three social hubs are all really great ways of reaching out to a large a varied public audience and a great way of promoting our events including the Multicultural Fair. It gives the school a chance to distribute information and gives the wider community a chance to get a taste of the contributions and culture of Hornsby Girls.

facebook - https://www.facebook.com/HornsbyGHS
twitter - https://twitter.com/hornsbyghsgoogle+ - https://plus.google.com/113154576982068809891/about?hl=en (need to wait 30 days to get a "nicer" address).

A reminder to all parents and students that we have an additional Sports class for all students which starts at 7:30am most Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on the school oval. This is a free class available to all students. The class involves some light jogging, short sprints, some cardio and aerobic workouts involving push-ups, squats, mountain-climbing, sit-ups (including the dying cockroach) and burpies. The class is conducted by our visiting historian Dr Bruce Dennett who is also a qualified athletics coach. To assist Dr Dennett and encourage the students I am also participating in these classes. We have a small group of enthusiastic students but would love to have many more students involved. Please feel free to participate or at least come and cheer us on!

On Thursday DEC School Security reviewed our school security procedures following on from an intruder stealing money from staff and students in April. A subsequent incident last week where more money was stolen from a staffroom prompted School Security to fast track their planned review. In both cases the intruder’s description was reported to NSW Police. Following the review commencing Monday 4 August the entrance gate between A Block (Administration) and B Block (Music, PDHPE and Languages) will remain locked until 3pm each day due to its ease of access from Edgeworth David Avenue and its proximity to the Senior Girls’ Toilets. All other entrances to the school will remain open throughout the day. This means that students arriving for music rehearsals via Edgeworth David Avenue will need to walk through A Block to access B Block. Parents driving students to school are required to use the ‘Drop Off Zone’ in Thomas St only. Staff have been instructed to request anyone on the site who is not a teacher or student or registered visitor to immediately sign-in at the front office. Students have previously been instructed to report any suspicious behaviour to teachers on playground duty, myself or the Deputy Principals.

The DEC Security Officer who conducted the review was impressed that on his arrival yesterday afternoon a staff member requested he go to the front office to sign-in, a student then asked the officer whether she could direct him to the front office (and checked to see that he was going to where he said he was wanting to go) and when he got to the front office the front office staff told the visitor to sign-in to get a visitor’s badge.

Needless to say we received a big tick in the box for ‘visitor protocols’.

Dr Justin Briggs
Principal
Success in the 2014 Annual ICAS Science Competition

The annual ICAS Science Competition was held on June 4th this year. 460 of our girls entered the competition and the results were outstanding. The total of 19 High Distinctions represents a tremendous achievement by the students at this school. In fact, nearly half the girls were awarded a Distinction or High Distinction Certificate which is a fantastic result and the highest overall level of achievement ever attained by the school.

The following students received High Distinction Certificates placing them in the top 1% of all entrants in the competition:

Year 7 - Andrea Daners, Amie Doan, Hiro Kojo, Grace Lee, Claire Li, Hayley Yu
Year 8 - Zara Baseotto, Emma Gosbell, Arushi Joshi, Anusha Pillai, Jenny Wang, Masako Wong, Sarah Zeng
Year 9 - Julia Mokdsi, Jessie Zheng
Year 10 - Olivia Kong, Maree Johnson, Smriti Srivastava, Shirley Xue.

Many other students performed to a high level as shown:

196 students received a Distinction Certificate
197 students received a Credit Certificate
38 students received a Merit certificate (a new category this year)

Congratulations to all those involved and we look forward to further success in the future. Students are reminded that these certificates are linked to the School Minerva Award Scheme. Your Science teacher will sign your forms upon request. Students can also access the ICAS website for a full analysis of their performance.

Mr Jon Re
Head Teacher Science

News from the Mathematics Department

Maths Challenge for Young Australians – Challenge Stage

Towards the end of Term 1, nine Year 7 students, one Year 8 student and five Year 9 students took part in the Challenge Stage, attempting to solve six difficult problems using their mathematical skills and knowledge within a three week period.

The students who competed in this Australia-wide competition were:

Year 7: Tina Yip, Geena Gunasinha, Swara Tapaswi, Amitoj Grewal, Jennifer Kim, Olivia Park, Minju Lee, Wasapatkorn Limpaiojana, Manisha Kulasinghe.
Year 8: Stephanie Lau
Year 9: Janice Chu, Nishka Tapaswi, Daphne Wang, Theepiga Ramachandran, Jewel Soares.
These students are to be commended for their dedication to competing in this difficult competition and excellent results were achieved.

Tina Yip achieved a High Distinction, which is an amazing achievement. Well done Tina.

Janice Chu and Nishka Tapaswi achieved a Distinction, while Geena Gunasingha, Swara Tapaswi, Daphne Wang and Jewel Soares achieved Credits which are commendable results.

Well done to the students achieving these awards, and to all students who took part in the competition. I hope you enjoyed the challenge and rigour of the competition. Certificates will be presented at an assembly this term.

**Maths Challenge for Young Australians – Enrichment Stage**

There are 18 students completing their final problems for the Enrichment Stage, which involves solving 8 or more problems over a number of weeks. As I mark the solutions, I am finding the standard of work submitted so far to be excellent and I wish these students well in their final attempts of the remaining problems. The results of the Enrichment Stage will be published after the competition ends.

**Australian Mathematics Competition**

All junior students and students in Year 11 who expressed interest will be competing in the Australian Mathematics Competition in the coming weeks. There will be a number of practice problems available on Moodle for students wishing to brush up on their skills before the competition. The results will be published later on this year. Thank you to Mrs Tourikis for her organisation of the competition.

Mr Douglas Marshall  
Head Teacher Mathematics

**First Robotics**

During the school holidays, a group of girls participated in the Asia Pacific Invitational First Tech Challenge held at Macquarie University. The girls competed with and against teams from China, Mexico, USA and Australia. The competition was of a very high standard and it was a steep learning curve for our rooky team. The skills gained in event will be put to good use in the upcoming challenge for 29014-15.

Mr Jon Re
Band and Orchestra News
Next Committee Meeting- Monday 18 August 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 Flute Ensembles as well as many assistants. Parents of Year 7 and 8 students are encouraged to come along.

Future meetings - Mondays 20 October AGM, 24 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

NSW Band Festival – Silver Awards for Both Bands
Thank you to all parents/carers and students for your support at the NSW Band Festival, whether it was helping back stage or transporting equipment and students. The adjudication can be heard on the NSW School Band Festival website. Please see the July Bulletin for details.

2014 NSW State Band
I was given the opportunity to play with the State Wind Band whilst I was at State Music Camp. It was an amazing experience in which I was able to greatly improve my own playing and meet many amazing people. The band was mostly comprised of people from country NSW, with some people from the city providing homes and filling in needed places for certain instruments. As a result, I gained many friends from across NSW and learnt much about life in the country. The band performed two difficult pieces at The Opera House with only a weekend of practice, which challenged us all and helped us further improve our playing. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience with the State Wind Band and would strongly recommend other instrumentalists to consider participating next year. Sahana Murali 11, horn, Symphonic Band

Cello, Viola and Double Bass Players Needed
Without these 3 instruments, there is no orchestra. Violins should seriously consider changing over to one of these much needed instruments. The orchestra may have to form violin groups to deal with the excess violins just as we have formed flute ensembles.

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: Double Bass (1 for school and 1 for home), Trumpet, viola, cello, bass clarinet, Baritone (1 for school and 1 for home)
Year 7 only: Trumpet, Trombone, ½ size Tuba (1 for school and 1 for home)
Any Year: viola, cello
Speak to Ms. Dietz before roll call, if interested.

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