Congratulations to Year 12 who enjoyed their last week of school at the end of Term 3 with a number of activities that celebrated their superb contributions to the school over many years. On Wednesday evening the prefects organised the annual ‘LipSync’ Charity concert with students and staff performing to enthusiastic audiences. The concert raised funds for Stewart House. On Thursday morning the Student Representative Council organised a Farewell Morning Tea for Year 12 and staff which was enjoyed by all. This was followed by the ‘Clap Out’ Assembly where Year 12 was farewelled by all the school. The accompanying photographs demonstrate the wonderful student and staff relationships that are encouraged through our diverse learning and student wellbeing programs. The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony was held at Hornsby RSL with a performance by the school Jazz Band to commence the evening festivities. Over 430 students and guests attended the function which was a joyous celebration of their achievements. Thank you to Mrs Sexton for organising the Graduation Evening.
The school will remember the Class of 2015 as a group of students who are passionate about knowledge, about social justice, about creativity and about issues that affect adolescents including positive mental health strategies. On a personal note I have been very impressed with their creativity particularly in Music with 33 students from the Class of 2015 in the Band and Orchestra program and 30 members in the School Choir. Additionally the HSC Visual Arts, Textiles and Music Exhibition was one of the best we have seen and heard in many a year. The Class of 2015 have been well led by Tian Du and Sanjna Kalasabail and the Prefects. They have worked hard as a team so that the whole school has benefitted from their efforts. Well done Year 12 and all the best for the upcoming HSC written exams which commence on Monday 12 October.

Congratulations to Nishka Tapaswi Year 10 on her outstanding Science results, to Linda Jian Year 11 on her 3rd place in the Japanese Language Contest, to Vanshika Virmani and Jennifer Xu on their Business Plan success, to Tiarne Lu, Sahana Murali and Sophia Lin on achieving Gold in the Duke of Edinburgh and to Sophie Shead on winning the Mary Armstrong Cup. Please see the accompanying articles.

Please see the invitation to the P and C Information Evening on Wednesday 21 October at 7:45pm where our speaker will be Mr Trent Wilson Head Teacher Languages who will present information on the Languages Faculty and curriculum choices and patterns for Language students.

The HGHS P and C have also organised a ‘Thank You Afternoon Tea’ for the teachers to be held on Wednesday 28 October from 2:35pm. Please see the attached flyer.

Justin Briggs, Principal

Science News ...

The Australian Science Olympiad Competition is a national extension program for top performing secondary science students which culminate in the International Science Olympiads – the Olympic Games for science students.

To earn a spot representing Australia at the International Science Olympiads, Year 10 and 11 students must first sit one or more of the four Australian Science Olympiad Exams on offer in the disciplines of Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science and Physics.

Based on their exam performance, top performers are offered a place at the Australian Science Olympiad Summer School. This is a two-week intensive residential program that gives students the opportunity to study with others passionate about science. The very best summer school students represent Australia at the International Science Olympiads.

Several students sat the qualifying exam this year in Chemistry, Biology and Physics. Nishka Tapaswi of Year 10 was placed 14th in Chemistry and 27th in Physics out of all entries in Australia. She has elected undertake the Physics training at the Summer School. This is an outstanding achievement and we wish her every success in this training.

Thanks to Mr Bridge and Mr Song for their efforts in organising the training.
Business Studies News ...

Congratulations to Vanshika Virmani and Jennifer Xu of Year 11 Business Studies, both girls had a successful return to school this week with their Business Plan winning Division 2 of the CPA Australia Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition. Winning entries were announced on Wednesday night at the headquarters of CPA Australia. Jennifer and Vanshika both gave an excellent outline of their enterprise “Lemon Myrtle”. Their business idea for Lemon Myrtle is a health conscious and Australian native foods based café, to be located in Waitara. The Judges were impressed with the girl’s financial details and clear identification of a competitive advantage. Well done Jennifer and Vanshika and congratulations also to Mrs Stephanie Boden who helped guide the students through the planning process.

Languages News ...

This year, Linda Jian, a Year 12 Japanese student participated in the 45th NSW Speech Contest and earned 3rd place in the High School Senior Division! Over 40 students from various high schools and universities in Sydney competed in the contest held on 8 September at Macquarie University. Each contestant gave a speech about his/her chosen topic and was judged based on presentation, content, and language. She created a unique Japanese word called 'Mayonakatsuki' that must have grabbed the judges’ hearts. Her main concept of the speech is that 'Mayonakatasuki' is the combination of 'mayonaka' (midnight) and 'akatsuki' (dawn/daybreak). It reminds the listener that "after the darkest night, comes the light of dawn".

Congratulations to Linda on her outstanding effort!

It is pleasing to announce that Sophia Lin, Sahana Murali and Tiarne Lu all of Year 12, have completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. They have been forwarded to the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Office for approval. Congratulations, Sophia, Sahana and Tiarne.

Sophia, Sahana and Tiarne, along with Jasmin Borsovszky and Mekala Shanker, will be presented their Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award next year by the Governor of NSW at Government House. It is a wonderful achievement, reflecting their ability to take the initiative, their dedication and willingness to challenge themselves.

The following students have been awarded the:

**Bronze Duke of Edinburgh’s Award:** Puen Yeung  
**Silver Duke of Edinburgh’s Award:** Beth Jones and Nirosha Pillalamarri
Adventurous Journeys – September/October 2015 Reminder

All students (Bronze, Silver and Gold) who completed Adventurous Journeys during the holidays MUST complete their logbooks. These must be completed for Practice and Test Journeys.

Robyn Riches, Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator

English News ...

The Mary Armstrong Cup is our school's annual public speaking competition for which all students are eligible for consideration through their public speaking tasks throughout the year. In 2015 the exceptionally high standard of speakers and speeches both prepared and impromptu has again been on display. Following Year Finals, the culmination of this year’s public speaking calendar was the 2015 Grand Final on 8 October featuring speakers from years 7 to 10. This year's Year Finalists were Rhea Datar (Year 7) Ella Croasdale (Year 8) Sienna Clarke (Year 7) Peoly Gunaratne (Year 8), Natasha Pye (Year 10), Sophie Shead (Year 9), Rebecca Stock (Year 9) and Shirin Shaban (Year 10). Mrs Penelope Phillips our debating coach was the judge as students gave prepared and impromptu speeches. The audience of students, parents teachers and Dr Briggs were enthralled by the talented speakers. When the winner was announced after valued feedback from Mrs Phillips, the Grand Final winner was Sophie Shead (Year 9) with Rhea Datar (Year 7) highly commended as runner up.

A special thank you to Mrs Foster who coordinates the competition and to her able assistants on the day from Year 10. They were the announcer Freya Osterberg and the timers Seetha Pitchumani, Brinda Gunashanhar, Rhiannon Crane and Beatrice Au-Yeung.

Susan Pilley, English Department

Band & Orchestra News ...

Next Committee Meeting - 2015 19 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 monthly Bulletin. With so many year 12 parents leaving, there are many vacancies in several positions. Please consider helping out on the committee as without the committee support, our program cannot exist at such a high level. Future Meetings – Monday 23 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 Information/Membership Manager: Mrs. Suja Murali 0413 206 450 or muralis.au@yahoo.com.au or hghsbando@gmail.com
Ms. Dietz’s Retirement afternoon tea – Thank you
Thank you so much for the lovely afternoon tea. There was so much food, but I only got a cuppa and a piece of sushi as I was so busy chatting to everyone! It was great to see so many staff, parents and students from past years. Thank you for the beautiful flowers and all of the other gifts. I will bring the memory book to rehearsals for students to sign who were unable to make it on the day.

Conducting Auditions Term 4 Week 2
The two conductor candidates for Ms Dietz’s position will be held during the String Orchestra and Symphonic Band rehearsal in term 4 week 2. Please arrive on time to give both conductors a fair go in their allotted time.

Jazz Band Terrific at Graduation
The Jazz Band helped set the festive mood at the Year 12 Graduation. Thank you to all girls who played in the Jazz Band this year. With so many Year 12s leaving, several vacancies exist especially for trombones. Rehearsals will start again in 2016 term 1. Just come along and have fun!

Well Done at Prefect Induction, Concert Band
The Concert Band played very well at the Prefect Induction. I received many positive comments from staff and parents about your terrific performance - so polished for such young students.

Upcoming Performances
Open Day – Friday 9 October - CB only period 1 set up at 7:25 am
Orientation Day – Thursday 3 December – CB only Period 1 set up at 7:25 am
Speech Day rehearsals – Wed 9, Thurs 10, Mon 14 Dec Period 1 – set up in the hall at 8 am
Speech Day – Full Orchestra – TUESDAY 15 December 7:30 am – 1 pm

Deb Dietz, Conductor
Melissa Jones and Christine Sadek, Co-Committee Presidents
Hornsby Girls High School
P and C ASSOCIATION

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INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS
to
our October P & C Meeting
on WEDNESDAY 21 October
at 7.45pm
in the School Common Room.

Our next P and C Information Meeting will be a presentation from Mr Trent Wilson Head Teacher Languages on The study of Languages, curriculum patterns and Language choices at Hornsby Girls High School

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

All welcome!

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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!
HGHS Staff Thank You Tea 2015

Wednesday 28 October 2015
2:30pm – 3:30pm
Staff Common Room

Dear Parents,

We request your help by sending in a plate of food or drink with your daughter on the day
Or
Joining us with your contribution to help celebrate this event

Info:
Drop off: All day in the staff common room
Set up – 1:30pm onwards
Food Suggestions: Hot food (spring rolls, samosas, skewers etc)

  Fruit platters

  Baked goods (tea cakes, cupcakes, slices etc)

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Hope you can join us!
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