Congratulations to the Year 8 Debaters - Emma Barlow, Ella Croasdale, Pooja Vyas, Swara Tapaswi and Meha Batra. Their team won the prestigious Janene Best debating competition for Year 8 NSW Selective Students which was held at Hurlstone Agricultural High School. The girls successfully competed against James Ruse Agricultural High School, St George Girls High School and Hurlstone Agricultural High School. Thank you to their teacher Mrs Christie Smith (English Faculty).

Thank you to all the parents who contributed to the recent ‘Thank you to the Teachers’ afternoon tea. This is an annual event organised by the P and C Events Coordinators (Mrs Debbie Lee and Mrs Divya Mathias). The afternoon tea was very well attended by parents, students and staff. The school staff were able to enjoy delicious food from the many different cultures that make-up our school. The teachers appreciated the effort that went into the afternoon tea and enjoyed chatting with the parents and students who were in attendance.

A lovely night was had by Year 12 students and staff at the Year 12 formal on Monday night at the Sergeants Mess Hall at Chowder Bay. The Year 12 Formal Committee and the Year Adviser Mrs Frohlich organised a great night for us all. I hope you enjoy the photos of the night.

At the Annual General Meeting of the P and C on Wednesday night all positions were filled through nominations. Mrs Parul Batra as President of the P and C has done a wonderful job these last few years. She has effectively encouraged many parents to be part of the P and C and helped to broaden its base so that all parents have had a voice within the school. She has overseen the collection and distribution of large sums of money to the school to improve teaching and learning, and the school facilities in her time as President. Thank you Mrs Batra for your time as president. The P and C President for 2016 is Mr Armand ten Dam. The two Vice Presidents are Mr Andrew Roberts and Mrs Parul Batra. The Secretary is Mr Subhash Parui. The Treasurer is Mr David Potter. The Events Coordinator is Mrs Divya Mathias. The Multicultural Fair Coordinator is Mrs Kate Bromley. The Grounds Coordinator is Mr Andrew Roberts. The Careers Expo Coordinator is Mrs Madhu Krithivasan. The six Committee Members are Mrs Sumana Kulasinghe, Charissa Cameron, Dr Anne Mok, Mrs Alison Barry, Mrs Tan Truong and Mrs Sharmin Shafiuddin. The two Associate Members are Mr Guna Gunashanhar and Mr Niranjan Sabanayagam. There are also three Year 7 2016 parent positions which will be filled in 2016. Thank you to the above parents for their ongoing and important commitment to the school.

The 85th Anniversary Celebration and Reunion organised by the Old Girls Union continues to grow. Former students from across Australia will be attending on Saturday December 5 from 10am. The reunion has been mentioned in the Sydney Morning Herald RSVP page and there will also be an article in the upcoming
Hornsby Advocate on the celebrations. Many students have offered to be tour guides or assist in the Library. If you would like to assist please let me know. Please see the accompanying flyer in this edition of the Torch.

Year 12 Formal
Dear Supporter,

On behalf of Cancer Council I would like to thank you for your recent support of the Pink Ribbon campaign by raising $1,245.30.

The money you have raised will help the countless women affected by breast and gynaecological cancers. Cancer Council is the only charity that supports women through the entire cancer journey - from diagnosis and treatment, to recovery and life after cancer. So every dollar you raised is funding vital research, prevention programs and support services for these women.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope that you will continue to support us in the future so that we can work to defeat all women’s cancers.

Warm regards,

Vibeke Burke
Event Marketing Manager, Pink Ribbon
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English News ...

Thank you to the ten wonderful parents who worked in the school Common Room on Monday and Tuesday to help the English Faculty by covering books. This is such a great way to help us and we are extremely appreciative. Thank you!

From all the English teachers
Loreto Normanhurst Regatta 7 November, SIRC, Penrith
Year 8 1000 single scull
1st Eve Timms, HGHS
2nd MLC
3rd Tara

Loreto Kiribilli Regatta 8 November, SIRC, Penrith
Year 8 1000 double scull
1st MLC
2nd Laura Wunderlich, Eve Timms HGHS (only 0.4s behind)
3rd Kinross Wollaroi

Year 9 1000m single scull (the Yr 8 single scull was just after the Yr 8 double, so could not race both Yr 8 races)
1st Queenwood
2nd Sydney Girls
3rd Loreto Normanhurst

9th Eve Timms, HGHS

18th Laura Wunderlich, HGHS
Beach Safety Excursion

112 Year 10 Hornsby Girls travelled to Manly Beach on Thursday November 19 to participate in a Beach Education program. The aim of the day is to provide the students with the best Surf Education and skills to enable them to safely and confidently enjoy beaches for leisure and sport.

The day is also about the girls supporting each other, building Year Group links and taking positive risks, that is so important for our young people’s resilience.

A wonderful day was had by ALL!!

PDHPE Staff and Mr Hughson - YR 10 Year advisor
Adventure Journeys, April 2016

To assist with planning of family activities, below are details of camps for Easter, 2016.

Bronze Preliminary Training and Practice, Week 1, 11-13 April 2016
Bronze Test, Week 1, 14-15 April 2016
Bronze Preliminary Training and Practice, Week 2, 18-20 April 2016
Bronze Test, Week 2, 21-22 April 2016
Silver Pack and Paddle Training and Practice, Week 1, 11-13 April 2016
Silver Pack and Paddle Test, Week 1, 11-13 April 2016
Silver Pack and Paddle Training and Practice, Week 2, 18-20 April 2016
Silver Pack and Paddle Test, Week 2, 18-20 April 2016

No Bronze participant can complete both Adventurous Journeys in one week. Registration is completed online and payment is direct to Somerset. Details and costs will be available early Term 1, 2016. Gold level participants need to contact Somerset direct and organize Gold camps themselves.

Adventurous Journeys for all levels will be offered in the September/October holidays as well. Somerset does offer camps in the July holidays however, HGHS does not organize camps for these holidays. Students can attend the Opens in July.

Mrs Riches, Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator

To Staff, Girls and families…….

Please join us, the Old Girls’ Union, as we celebrate the 85th Anniversary of Hornsby Girls’ High School At the School…. Saturday 5th December, 2015
10 am – 4 pm
Cake cutting – 10.30AM and morning tea served.
Entertainment by current and past students.
Archives display & Memorabilia sale.
P&C BBQ lunch – 12 noon – at low cost.

Parking: Limited Disabled Parking only in HGHS grounds.
(Thomas Street entrance behind oval)

85th Anniversary Open Day information
Please enter the School by the front steps on the Edgeworth David Avenue entrance.
Sign the attendance sheets for the Archives.
Displays of work by current girls will be in the front corridor.
Morning tea will be available in the Staff Common Room (previously Science Lab looking out to the tennis courts), at low cost.
Principal:
Justin Briggs, B.A, Grad. Dip. Ed, M.Ed, PhD, COGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

SPEECH DAY PRIZE DONATIONS – 2015

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 will be held on Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 10.00 a.m at the Sydney Town Hall. I look forward to seeing all parents and caregivers at this significant school event.

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.

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 Friday 27th November 2015. A receipt for all donations will be issued. Cheques should be made payable to Hornsby Girls’ High School, Mastercard and Visa facilities are also available.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Justin Briggs
Principal

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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.

Amount $ ........ VISA / MASTERCARD NUMBER .........................“ ”..............

CARDHOLDER’S NAME ................................. EXPIRY DATE ..............................

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

Tuesday 15th December 2015

Professor Iona Novak
Head of Research at
Cerebral Palsy Alliance Research Institute
Fulbright Scholar
HGHS Alumni

Dr Justin Briggs
Principal