On Friday, 20 November 2015, 36 talented female students across 23 high schools attended the Women in Leadership Forum at the Shangri-La Hotel in Sydney. Hornsby Girls High School was represented by Olivia Utharntharm of Year 11. The prestigious event involved a private talk and Q&A with Australia’s first female Prime Minister, Julia Gillard alongside four other female leaders in the business, science, entertainment and sporting industries. The successful students underwent a rigorous selection process which involved 200 applicants across 50 schools and was overseen by social enterprise, Make a Mark Project (MAMP), as well as extensive leadership and business etiquette workshops conducted by MAMP.

The forum was run by the Layne Beachley Foundation (LBF), with assistance from MAMP to partner with student delegates. Launched in 2003, the LBF ("Aim for the Stars") offers financial scholarships nationally to girls and women who aspire to excel in their chosen field of pursuit, while becoming beacons in their community for motivation and inspiration. The LBF has gifted over 400 grants to girls and women across the areas of Academia and Education, Business and Leadership, Science and Technology, Culture and Community Development, Environment and Sustainability, Arts and Entertainment and Sport. For more information on 2016's grant applications, see: www.aimforthestars.com.au.

MAMP is a not-for-profit provider of leadership solutions whose mandate is to solve challenges that exist for young female high school students. It has collaborated with some of Australia’s largest banks, universities and not for profits and paired them with hundreds of students across New South Wales. For more details on MAMP, see: http://mamp.com.au/.

Congratulations to Olivia Utharntharm on her selection to this prestigious leadership program.
Congratulations to Soo Bin Lee who competed at the Australian National Fin swimming Competition, which was held by the Australian Underwater Federation on the 12th and 13th November.

She achieved great results in the monofin events, officially holding the Womens’ 16 years record for 50 metres. Soo Bin also received four gold medals for the 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m. Well done Soo Bin!

It has been another magnificent year of success at Hornsby Girls High School. I hope to see you all at Speech Day on Tuesday 15th December. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

Justin Briggs, Principal

Debating News ...

Last Thursday, we travelled to Hurlstone Agricultural High School for a debating competition with Mrs Smith. Even though we were very doubtful about our three prepared debates, we made it to the finals and won. In the preliminary rounds we defeated: James Ruse Agricultural High School, Macquarie Fields High School and St George Girls’ High School. In the final, we went up against Hurlstone Agricultural High School and debated the topic, “That we should tax junk food.”

Overall, it was a great day of debating and we had great fun in the car and experimenting with our speaking positions. We also made some new friends from the other high schools. The best part, however, was when Dr Briggs gave us an ice cream to keep up the tradition of food and debating.

It was a really great day and the most important thing that our team learnt was, "It doesn't matter if we win or not, as long as we get cake!"

Swarz Tapaswi, Meha Batra, Emma Barlow, Pooja Vyas and Ella Croasdale

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award

Congratulations

The following students have been awarded the 
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award: Asha Hossain
Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award: Lily Henke

Mrs Riches, Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordonator
Languages News ...

This year, three groups of Year 11 girls studying Japanese each submitted a short film in a contest organised by the Japan Foundation. The guidelines stated that the video had to be no longer than three minutes in length and it had to include a clock! All short films were excellent but only one could win. The entries were judged on film techniques, creative Japanese content and originality in incorporating the clock.

The short film by Chiettha Prajnadewie, Janice Ma and Bianca Ng was the outright NSW winner from a "huge number of entries". Congratulations! It featured the girls trying to remember how to write the word for clock in Japanese and in the process their minds drift to all the possible words that include the word for clock. In essence they’re playing with words throughout the video, creating a number of puns. There was wide use of humour, the standouts being a video which cleverly played with Japanese language. Please watch the video on the Japan Foundation Website for the brilliant acting skills in Japanese! Alternatively you can watch it on YouTube. http://youtu.be/j807JoD4HTUâ

HGHS shines at the Alliance Française French Challenge

Every year, Year 10, 11 and 12 French students sit for the French Challenge Competition organised by the Alliance Française de Sydney in Listening, Reading and Writing.

The top 3 candidates from Year 12 who have also achieved a High Distinction are invited to sit for the Concours La Pérouse, a highly competitive speaking exam in French. Aarthi Packirisamy, Yuanze Wang Wang Xu, and Sanjna Kalasabail went into the city for their interview in French. Topics ranged from talking about themselves, a situational role play with an examiner, and defending a point of view (on a contemporary issue).

We are extremely pleased to announce that Sanjna Kalasabail is the overall winner, and she has won a $ 7, 540 trip to France, sponsored by AFX Student exchange. She departs on Boxing Day for 5 weeks in France.

Sanjna Kalasabail was unable to attend the ceremony, though she texted that she was over the moon on winning this prestigious trip. The Concours La Pérouse judges told us that Sanjna was by far the best candidate they had examined for the competition in the last 5 years. Sanjna also received prizes and a Certificate for coming first in the NSW French Challenge in Year 12. Félicitations to Sanjna! Her efforts, her talent and her passion for French have been rewarded. We hope that she is able to realise her dream of working with Médecins sans Frontières (MSF), as she wishes to continue using her French.
At the award ceremony on Friday, 27th November, Hornsby Girls was represented by Johanna Bartlett, who was equal first with Lily Henke in Year 10. (Lily is currently in France on exchange). The Year 11 winner was Eeshaa Batra.

Mme Anderson, Mme Barbeau and the whole school community are very proud of the girls and wish them every success in their French studies.

Bravo les filles!

GERMAN NEWS.......

CONGRATULATIONS TO GEORGINA OATES AND COCO HUANG!!!

Coco Huang from Year 10 submitted an outstanding essay in German and won a Goethe Institut scholarship. She will be travelling to Germany in January, 2016 where she’ll spend 3 weeks taking part in a Goethe Institut course in Berlin. We’re all very proud of her and wish her a wonderful experience and adventure.

Georgina Oates in Year 11 won a SAGSE (Scholarships for Australian-German Student Exchange) scholarship and will spend 10 weeks in Schwerin, in Germany. She’ll be living with a German family and attending school with her host sister and have a full immersion experience. I know that she’ll make the most of this wonderful opportunity and that she’ll speak German fluently upon her return.

>Edit Arch, German Teacher

Year 10 Sydney Jewish Museum and Una’s Austrian restaurant excursion

In the second week of term 4; on Monday October 12th, the year 10 German class took an excursion to the Sydney Jewish Museum in Darlinghurst and then to Una’s(Austrian) Restaurant.

World War II having been a common topic in German Culture and History classes, you wouldn’t expect this to be anything new, but it managed to surpass any expectations we had. Providing an insightfully informative view on the Jewish experience, backed with genuine artefacts from photographs to relics and interactive maps- it was certainly an experience one won’t quickly forget.

We were taken on a tour of the museum by Louise, a particularly knowledgeable lady and here we learned a lot about the significantly traumatic events, horror and anguish of the Holocaust victims and survivors including Kristallnacht, life in ghettos and Dr Josef Mengele’s experiments. One section of the museum that was particularly striking was the children’s memorial, which featured the faces and names of the children murdered in the Holocaust, a sculpture symbolising the shoes those children were never able to grow into and a haunting near-overflowing, still filling basin of water representing the tears of the lost children. The architecture of the museum was particularly aesthetically impressive, the stairs fringed and enhanced the centrepiece of the museum: the Star of David.
After the tour we were led into a room to listen to the story of a Jewish Czechoslovakian Holocaust survivor, Olga Horak. She recounted with brutal honesty how once Hitler had condemned them and the people they thought they could trust turned abruptly cold, treating them as harshly as they would murderers. She told of how one day, her sister was taken from them and never seen again, told about when her mother’s friend had housed them for ten days before turning them in, about how she was separated from her father and sent to the extermination camp at Auschwitz with her mother and nearly died from sickness if it were not for a blanket made from human hair to keep her warm that an officer had dropped. In one more twist of fate, her mother died the day after they were liberated by the British in 1945. After listening to such a moving story, therein lies little doubt that we would leave with a significant amount of inspiration and respect for Olga.

This rare opportunity we were provided with, enabled us to appreciate the deeply shocking and traumatic events from an entirely new perspective and understand that this was real and more than a paragraph in a history textbook.

At the conclusion of the museum tour, we went to lunch at Una’s Restaurant where we enjoyed a main course of either veal, chicken or vegetarian Schnitzel, with a side of Rösti and cabbage salad. The portions were generous, delectable and extremely filling. To complement the main dish, dessert was a sweeter affair with the choice of either an Apple or Cheese and Cherry Strudel, with whipped cream on the side.

If you’re in search for somewhere you could learn about World War II and the Holocaust, or if you’re simply interested in history, then the Sydney Jewish Museum is certainly a viable candidate. If you like hearty, divine, Austrian food with a comforting homely, rustic atmosphere, Una’s Restaurant is without a doubt the place to go.

Freya Osterberg, Year 10 German

Band News ...

Next Committee Meeting- Monday 8 February - 7:30 – 9:00 pm
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. Thank you to all of our committee members who will be leaving us as their daughters are in year 12: Melissa Jones, Chitra Shanker, Suja Murali, Sally Reichardt, Elena Cortez

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: hghsbando@gmail.com

Players Needed
Players are needed in any year for the following instruments: bassoon, trombone, tuba
One of the Symphonic Band alto saxes needs to play bari sax as there are too many alto players and no bari. Please help our group by taking on this responsibility.
Speech Day – Tuesday Dec 15 – 7:30 am sharp!!!
The music for Speech Day is coming along really well. The Full Orchestra has been working very hard to prepare their music, so it should be a great performance. Please note: all members must wear summer uniform NOT performance uniform for Speech Day and meet in the square between the Town Hall and the Cathedral by 7:30 am as we are the first group to set up and rehearse. The school must be out of the Town Hall by 1:00 pm, so make your lunch plans now! Heavy instruments may be taken on the truck. The truck will be packed on Monday afternoon and return to school after Speech Day finishes Tuesday afternoon. You may pick instruments up on Wednesday 16 Dec.

The Flute Ensembles will be performing in the foyer of the Town Hall before Speech Day starts. Please note instructions given by Ms Sowden.

2015 School Spectacular Participants
Two of our students were given places in this year’s orchestra for the Schools Spectacular: Karen Cortez 12, who again led the cello section, and Ashleigh Jo 12, bassoon. Well done girls!

2016 Term 1
The Symphonic Band needs to rehearse on the first day of school for the SRC Induction, which will be held in Week 4, as members will be missing in the following weeks due to Yr 11 and Yr 7 camps. Don’t forget!!!!

Deb Dietz, Conductor
Christine Sadek, Committee President
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
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