Welcome to the new school year. I trust your family had an enjoyable holiday and parents and students are excited that the new school year has begun. A very warm welcome to our new students and parents.

Our students performed brilliantly in the HSC in 2014. The following results reflect not only their excellent work ethic but also the superb teaching of our expert teaching staff and wonderful supportive parents. The following are some of the highlights from the HSC Class of 2014.

Kay Song achieved an ATAR of 99.9

Ten students achieved ATARs of 99 or above. Congratulations to the following students:

Sandea Chandrakumar, Sophie Ge, Simone Luca, Jehannah May, Phoebe So, Kay Song, Chloe Wong, Tengteng Zhang, Sherrie Zheng and Grace Zhong.

Twenty students received a Premier’s Award for 'All Rounders'. Congratulations to the following students:

Margaret Cai, Sandea Chandrakumar, Hannah Chen, Maria Wynona Louise Chen, Ifrit Chowdhury, Aurora Crain, Rashmi Fernando, Shirali Garga, Sophie Ge, Simone Luca, Jehannah May, Alexandra Motbey, Madeleine Picard, Jennifer Song, Kay Song, Natalie Tang, Jessica Win, Chloe Wong, Tengteng Zhang, Grace Zhong
First Place in Course

Simone Luca received a first place in Spanish Beginners

Vanshika Virmani received a first place in Hindi

Congratulations to Simone and Vanshika.

Seven students achieved a Top Twenty place in various subjects. Our Top Achievers are:

Sulithi Dewendra, 2nd in Spanish Beginners
Sampavi Kanagalingam, 8th in Information Processes and Technology
Simone Luca, 1st in Spanish Beginners
Alexandra Motbey, 18th in Business Studies
Kay Song, 15th in Chemistry
Vanshika Virmani 1st in Hindi
Grace Zhong, 17th in English (Advanced)

In Music Extension 1 three students Anika Ng, Naomi Ng and Daisy Ou achieved the perfect score of 50/50

Band six results: 380 Band 6 results from 119 students

Congratulations to all members of the Class of 2014.

We have a number of new staff for 2015 due to retirements, promotions and maternity leave.

Mr Wilson is our new Head Teacher Languages and Music replacing Mrs Roberts who has retired.

Mr Li is our new Chemistry teacher replacing Mrs Tarran who has retired.

Mrs Chaikin is now a permanent member of the Science staff and replaces Mrs Gamble who has retired.

Mrs Wong is our new Mathematics teacher replacing Mrs Davidson who has retired.

Mr Fish is replacing Mrs Johnston while she is on maternity leave.

Ms Nelson is our new TAS teacher while Mrs Graham is on maternity leave.

Mrs Tutty (HSIE) and Mrs Kohloff (Mathematics) are employed on a part-time basis as new members of staff.

Mrs Walker is our new member of the English staff replacing Mrs Palgan who has accepted a promotion at OLMC Parramatta.

Mr Foster and Dr Dennett are replacing Mr Clark who has been seconded to Asquith Girls High School as Relieving Head Teacher.

A warm welcome to these new members of staff.
Over the holidays the **Year 12 Cottage** was fitted out with new furniture, shelving and carpets and was re-painted. We hope the new and fresh environment will be enjoyed by our girls for years to come. Thank you to **Mrs Sexton** (Deputy Principal) and **Mr Ellis** (General Assistant) for organising the refurbishment and to the **P&C** for their generous support.

Congratulations to **Gizem Bilgin** of Year 12 who gained a place and scholarship to attend the National Youth Science Forum at ANU between 19th January and 31st January 2015.

There are a number of parent meetings over the coming weeks. However the **Year 9 Laptop Parent and Student meeting for Wednesday 4 February at 7pm** has been **postponed**. I am hoping to re-schedule the laptop meeting for late February or early March.

There is a **Year 11 Parent Meeting** on **Thursday 5 February** from 7pm. There is a **Year 10 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 10 February** at 7pm.

There is a **Year 7 Parent and Student Meeting** hosted by the **P and C on Wednesday 11 February at 7pm**. Year 7 students will also be attending this meeting. At this meeting the Year 7 students will introduce their parents to their new teachers. From 7:45 to 8:30pm the Year 7 students will be doing activities with the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders under the direction of **Mrs Marriott the Head Teacher Student Wellbeing**. These activities will strengthen the learning and friendship bonds made at the Year 7 camp. I look forward to meeting you at these upcoming meetings.
I hope the first week of school has been enjoyable for your daughter. If you have any concerns regarding your daughter’s progress please contact either her Year Adviser (Year 7 Mrs Rogers, Year 8 Mrs McGuire, Year 9 Mrs Wallwork, Year 10 Mr Hughson, Year 11 Ms Davenport, Year 12 Mrs Frohlich), the relevant Head Teacher for the subject area (Dr Green - English and Drama, Mrs Black - HSIE, Mr Wilson - Languages and Music, Mr Marshall - Mathematics, Mrs Marriott - PDHPE, Mr Re - Science and Ms DeLosa - Visual Arts and TAS). Additionally Mrs Sexton is the Deputy Principal for Years 7, 9 and 11 and Mrs Drayton is the Deputy Principal for Years 8, 10 and 12.

Good luck to our new Rowing team (Eve Timms and Laura Wunderlich both of Year 8) who will be competing for the first time this Saturday at Iron Cove. Thank you to Mr Timms and Mr Wunderlich for organising and managing the Rowing team. If you would like more information about the team please contact the school.

Running Club commences on Monday February 2 at 7:30 on the school oval under the leadership of Dr Dennett. All welcome!

Dr Justin Briggs
Principal
Looking Back, Looking Forward

You have seen the wonderful photo of the newly refurbished Year 12 Cottage in the Principal’s Report. I have included below an extract from the Minerva Magazine 1999 which outlines the history and origin of the Cottage. For the second time, the students and staff are very grateful for the support of the P&C and we look forward to the continued use of this cottage in years to come.

Jeanmaree Sexton
Deputy Principal

1999 President’s Report

During 1999, a dedicated P&C group met on the third Wednesday of the month in the Staff Common Room at 7:45pm. Parents and staff covered a range of topics associated with policies, procedures and activities to ensure that parents had their say in matters that affect the broader school community.

The year started with an ambitious project to relocate a 1930’s era classroom from Castle Hill Public School (to be demolished due to the Castle Towers expansion) to Hornsby Girl’s High School for use as a Year 12 Common Room. A scramble towards the end of the fourth term saw us gain Education Department and Council permission for this to occur.

In the last week of fourth term, 1998 bits of building started to arrive at the school and by the time school resumed in 1999, the building was re-assembled and ready for parents and friends to begin the clean-up and painting required. Over many Sundays during Term 1 and 2 the building, thanks to an enthusiastic team of 4 to 24 was stripped internally, repaired, painted (inside and out), had electricity and gas (for heating) re-connected, water and drainage connected, and floor re-carpeted. Early in Term 3 the building was handed over to Year 12 girls who quickly renamed it “The Cottage”. From all reports, the use and acceptance of this facility has been extremely well received by the 1999 Year 12 girls and those taking possession of it for 2000.

Thanks to those who donated their time (those involved had a lot of fun) and the necessary funds ($2,115), without this assistance, this worthwhile and lasting project would not have been possible.
Band and Orchestra News

**Next Committee Meeting- Monday 9th February 2015 - 7:30pm – 9:00pm 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: President, parent contacts for the Concert Band, Flute Ensembles and the Jazz Band, as well as many assistants. Parents of Year 7 and 8 students are encouraged to come along.

**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: hghsoc@y7mail.com

**2015 First Rehearsals**
Rehearsals have started for all groups. Please check the notice board outside Room 101 for details. Anyone in Years 7 – 12 wishing to join a group needs to come and see Ms. Dietz at 8:35am Tuesday – Friday in Room 101.

**Beginner Instrument Meeting**
All students who wish to learn a new instrument this year are to meet in 101 briefly right after school on Tuesday 3rd February. Ms. Dietz will hand out forms and show you the instruments available. Especially needed are players of trombone, French horn and bassoon.

**Flute Ensembles – First rehearsal Tuesday 9th Feb in 101**
Ms. Clare Yuan will be conducting our Flute Ensembles this year. The Junior Flute Ensemble rehearses on Tuesdays in Room 101 from 3:15pm until 4:00 pm. The Advanced Flute Ensemble (must have completed Grade 5 skills) will meet at 3:30pm, but meet with Ms. Yuan from 4:00pm in 101.

**Speech Day Accolades**
What an exciting performance was given by the Symphonic Band at Speech Day performing highlights from the movies *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Captain America*. Thank you to all the girls who played for your hard work leading up to the performance. Thank you to the members of the Junior Flute Ensemble for their entertainment in the foyer before the ceremony began. The Full Orchestra will be performing music from Tchaikovsky’s ballet *The Nutcracker* this year. Save the date!

Deb Dietz (Ms), Conductor
Melissa Jones (Mrs.), Retiring Committee President
INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS

to

our February P & C Meeting
on WEDNESDAY 11 February from 7.00pm
outside the Agnes Brewster Hall

‘Meet the Teachers and Year 7 Parent Information Evening’

This will be followed by a P and C Meeting
In the Agnes Brewster Hall
From 7:45pm – 8:30pm

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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