Thank you to the following parents and students who attended **Grounds Day** on Saturday 16 May. Thank you to our organisers **Mr Andrew Roberts** and **Ms Catherine Lentfer**.

We moved 10 tonnes of mulch and 3.5 tonnes of Red River Gravel and planted over 100 native plants during the morning’s activities.

Well done to all!

Eugenie **Yamamoto**, Catherine Lentfer, **Freya Roberts**, Andrew Roberts, **Grace Lee**, Jian Fu Su, Joseph Foo/Bee, Tu Anh Tran, Terry Diep, Patty Ng, Bernadette Daners, **Andrea Daners**, Bin Xue, Andrew Lee, Bobby Wong, Yukai Komatsu, **Sammie Reizenkamp**, Ling Khoo, Ekram Chowdhury, Craig Schwartz, **Annabele Schwartz**, Scott Simpson, **Anna Simpson**, Guangliang Hu, Paul Basanti, **Kitty Yen**, Austin Yen, Ashish Motiani, Lal Vidyaratne, Jono Sanders, Yong Rui Zhu, Wenzhuang Tan, **Christine He**, Priyanka Pallegedera, Joel and Maria Bajo, **Michelle Ai**, Alan Yuk Lun Chan, Sujatha Murali, **Kiki Liang**, Jian Yin Ma, Henry Han, Ayano and Steve Seymour, Daven Timms, Neel Kapuge, Dadong Wang, George Wang, Sui Wong Cheng, Man Cheng, Lily Yan, Ai Phaik Sien, Robert Dyer, Karu Pallegedora, Xianchen Ren and Cui Lian Tang.
Dr Turner (Careers Adviser) presented to over 100 parents at Wednesday’s P and C meeting. His presentation on a general Guide to the HSC and University Admissions can be viewed on the school website at:


Please do not hesitate to contact Dr Turner by email if you have any questions. The theme of his talk was that your daughter should choose the subjects that she enjoys and do the best that she can in those subjects. By following “Turner’s Theory of Success” your daughter will achieve the best possible mark in the HSC and the highest possible ATAR. During the presentation Dr Turner quoted from Abi Rajkumar Class of 2013 and Tuckwell Scholarship Recipient in her recent email where she stated, “… studying what you love, are interested in and therefore are good at, will always deliver”. The system of gaining an HSC mark and an ATAR can seem complex but if your daughter follows this simple maxim, she will do well in the HSC and at University and beyond.

We are also expecting large numbers for our next P and C meeting held on Wednesday June 17 which will be a forum on Student Wellbeing and Positive Mental Health and so that meeting will now take place in the School Hall. This forum will feature Dr Yael Perry from the Black Dog Institute and counsellors from KYDS. I encourage you attend the forum “Building Positive Mental Health and Academic Resilience in preparation for the HSC and beyond”.

Congratulations to the Prefects on their Road Safety Rules video on Youtube: ‘Road safety HGHS prefects’ or click: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNqyyvAi4W8

The message is always listen to the Prefects!

Congratulations to Vanessa Tan Year 11 on her international sporting success in Table Tennis. Please read the article in this edition of the TORCH. Well done Vanessa!

Congratulations to Nadeesha Pallegedera Year 10 who participated in last weekend’s Channel 7 Telethon to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House. She sang “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough” with the Australian Girls’ Choir. She has been performing with the choir since Year 3. Well done Nadeesha!

Congratulations to Lily Henke Year 10 and Tian Du Year 12 who progressed through to the finals of the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition. Well done Lily and Tian!

Best wishes to Katherine Allen Year 12 who is presenting at “The Sunrise 2015 – The Silicon Valley Myth Explained” Sydney Conference as part of the Sydney VIVID Festival on Monday 25 May. She will be speaking about her team’s recent success at the Robotics World Championships held in St Louis, Missouri and demonstrating the robot she built with her team.

Social Debating has commenced on Thursday afternoons. Jehannah May from the Class of 2014 is leading the group of students through debating and public speaking techniques. Jehannah is a published poet having won the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition in 2014 and a highly skilled Performance Poet. She is performing her poetry at the Sydney Writers’ Festival this Saturday night at the Bondi Pavilion. Members of the English faculty will be in attendance to support Jehannah and acknowledge her ongoing commitment to the school.

The school will be offering the sport of Fencing as an extra-curricular activity from Term 3. Thank you to Mrs Lang (PDHPE) for organising this activity. Interested students should see Mrs Lang to collect their permission note.

The Old Girls Union over the last few months have been busily organising a re-union for all ex-students on Saturday December 5 from 10am – 4pm to be held at HGHS to celebrate the school’s 85th Anniversary. All ex-students are invited and encouraged to attend this celebration of our great school. Further details will be published in future editions of the Torch.

Congratulations to Mrs Tarran (retired Science teacher) and Mrs Armitage (Visual Arts) who were successfully nominated by Mr Re (Head Teacher Science) and Mrs De Losa (Head Teacher Visual Arts) for the Hornsby Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards. A dinner in their honour will be held at Asquith Golf Club on Monday night.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Multicultural Fair Planning Meeting held last Wednesday evening. The Multicultural Fair to be held on Saturday August 22 will be a wonderful celebration of the school and the community. If you would like to assist please join us at the next meeting or contact the organiser Mrs Kate Bromley by contacting the school office.

I would like to sincerely thank Mr Horan (Technical Support Officer) for his incredible commitment and dedication to the students. He has worked tirelessly over the weekend and during the week to ensure that all Year 7, 8 and 9 laptops will be distributed to all students by Monday 25 May.

Congratulations to our students who have raised $106,000 for the 40 hour Famine over the last decade. Please see the certificate in this edition of the Torch.

Justin Briggs
Principa
Vale Mary Armstrong

The Mary Armstrong Public Speaking Competition has a long tradition here at Hornsby Girls High School dating back to the 1970s.

The Mary Armstrong Cup, which is awarded to the winner on Speech Day, is named in honour of Mary Armstrong who was Deputy Principal of Hornsby Girls High School from 1972 till 1975. Mary died last Thursday while on holidays in Germany.

Mary’s connection with Hornsby began in the 1960s. She taught English here and was Mistress in Charge of English as it was called then. One of her legacies as Deputy Principal was to have the girls landscape the garden between the Hall and the History / Science block.

Mary Armstrong had a successful career in Public Education. She was Principal of Manly Girls High School which became co-educational under her leadership, and The Forest High School.

DEBATING NEWS

The Year 11 and 12 debating teams have recently been competing in the first round of the Premier’s Debating Challenge, with debates on the topics of education, media and politics. We each had three debates against Galston High School, Asquith Boys High School and each other. Both teams came out with two wins, and the Year 11s just bested the Year 12s after a very close debate on Metadata. We don’t yet know who will be advancing to the next round as no one has been a clear winner, although whoever wins will be looking forward to their next debate.

Annabel Horsburgh
Year 12
This term our Year 7 classes have had the opportunity of working with a real-life, living, breathing poet in their classrooms who generously shared her knowledge and craftsmanship with them. Eileen Chong, from the Red Room Company, led workshops teaching the craft of writing, inspiring the imagination and encouraging our students to find their own writer’s voice.

An awareness of vocabulary, sound, syntax, imagery and figurative devices has been practically explored in original poems created through a series of exercises culminating in a completed work by each student. The resulting poetry has been impressive and reflects a confidence in manipulating the mechanics of the form: effective ambiguity, multiple meanings, suggestion of connotations beyond the literal, defiance of predicable syntax and use of balance, parallelism, contrast and compression of image.

Eileen Chong was born in Singapore and studied creative writing at Sydney University under the tuition of Judith Beveridge. She has also been mentored by Australian poets Anthony Lawrence and Kate Fagan. In 2010 she won the Poets Union Youth Fellowship and was the Australian Poetry Fellow for 2011-2012. Her first collection of poems, Burning Rice, was published in 2012 and highly commended in the Anne Elder Award 2012 and was shortlisted for the Prime Minister’s Literary Awards 2013.

Her new collection, Peony, was printed in 2014. Eileen flew directly to Melbourne after completing one Year 7 workshop to attend the Peter Porter Poetry Prize award ceremony for which she had once again been shortlisted.

Congratulations Eileen and thank you for enriching us all.

Margaret Rowe

Year 7 English Co-ordinator
Life Writing

On Thursday 14th May English Extension 1 Life Writing students attended a presentation on creative writing by poet and writer Eileen Chong. Eileen has published two collections of poetry and was recently nominated for the Peter Porter Poetry Prize. The girls were inspired by her ideas and her passion for literature.

Dr. Susan Green
Head of English
Hornsby Girls' High School

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT - TABLE TENNIS

Vanessa Tan has been ranked Number 2 in the Under 18 Girls Australian Table Tennis National High Performance Rankings.

She is in the National Junior Girls Squad and was selected to represent Australia at the 2015 ITTF World Junior Circuit Australian Junior Cadet Open held in April at Tweed Heads this year, where she won a Silver Medal in the Under 18 Girls Team Events.

Congratulations Vanessa!
The Great War and Me, was a competition for students from Years 7-10. They were to research World War 1 and tell the story of the life and experiences of a soldier, sailor, nurse, medic or animal that served in the Australian armed forces in the Great War, 1914-1918. Their feelings would be portrayed in articles, artworks or videos.

Sabrina Hor, Lorrain Gong and Jinmeng Zhou, Year 9 students, entered artworks in the competition.

Jinmeng Zhou received a Highly Commended Award.

Congratulations to Sabrina, Lorrain and Jinmeng. Their works were not only well executed but thought provoking.

Mrs Riches
History
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

PRESENTED TO

Hornsby Girls High School

For raising over
$106,000

For being part of 40 years of the 40 Hour Famine.
Your hard work and dedication has made a real difference for children living with poverty and hunger.

Thank you!

Tim Costello
World Vision Australia Chief Executive

Tanin, 12, Bangladesh
HGHS Father – Daughter Night

Saturday 20 June 2015

6-9 PM

Trivia Challenge – 2

At the 1956 Melbourne Olympic games who did John Landy stop to check on when they tripped over before he went on to win a Gold medal?

(Answers Will be Given at the Event)

Booking Now Open!

Contact School Office to Register

For Enquiries

Divya Mathias - dandivya@yahoo.com.au

or Debbie Lee - d.lee911@yahoo.com.au
Father* / Daughter Challenge Night

You are invited to our annual Father / Daughter Challenge Night,

**Saturday 20 June 2015 from 6-9 p.m.**

This will be a night of fun, trivia, challenge and sharing time with your daughter and other fathers from HGHS. You will find yourself meeting and chatting with many of the other fathers* and students in the school hall, while you work out the answers together.

So make up a table with other students (4 students and 4 fathers to a table) or ask to be placed on “year” tables.

The cost of the night is $15.00 per adult and $10.00 per student. Please bring your own drinks and snacks for the table, including drinking glasses and a pen. Coffee and tea will be available throughout the night.

We are looking forward to a great response to this night and encourage you to join us and assure you that you will meet many other people and have a great time.

*can be an uncle, grandfather, big brother etc

_In past years, we had a full hall, so please apply early._

Parent’s Name…………………………………………………..

Student’s Name…………………………………….       Year………………

Names of other students on your table

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Email any queries to Divya Mathias: dandivya@yahoo.com.au or Debbie Lee: d.lee911@yahoo.com.au

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RSVP to the school office by 10 June 2015
Snowsports Competition

Winter is not too far away! Start dreaming of white fluffy flakes of snow drifting down, making a beautiful white carpet for you to slide, ski & board down!! Represent your school & have a great time doing it! Join the Northern NSW Interschools Snowsports Competition!

If you can ski or snowboard down a blue run comfortably, you can make it through the course.


You & your family will need to organise your accommodation, travel, lift passes and snow gear.

Race entry fees are $40 per race, per competitor. There is also a once only annual registration fee of $30 that is due at the Regional Championships. The fee includes event insurance, administration costs and non-voting membership of NSW Snowsports.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining please email Chaaron: chaaron3333@gmail.com

Registration is now open & will close in early June. I will need all information and confirmation for registration with payment by 12/06/15.

The Schedule:

1/7/15
Snowboard GS all divisions
Snowboard X all divisions
Moguls Div 3,2,1

2/7/15
Alpine Div 5
Skier X Div 4
Moguls Div 4,5

3/7/15
Alpine Div 4, 2,1
Skier X Div 5,3

4/7/14
Alpine Div 3
Skier X Div 2,1

SECONDARY
Division 1: Years 11/12
Division 2: Years 9/10
Division 3: Years 7/8

PRIMARY
Division 4: Years 5/6
Division 5: Years 4 and under

1ST-4TH JULY 2015
During the Winter School Holidays @ PERISHER
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
Festival

SATURDAY 10AM TO 4PM
6TH JUNE
HORNSBY MALL
FREE EVENT
MARKET | FOOD | MUSIC
FREE: WORKSHOPS | YOGA SMOOTHIES | FACE PAINTING

FREE Workshop Program

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AVAILABLE FREE ALL DAY: FACE PAINTING | KIDS CRAFT | SMOOTHIES
WILDLIFE ENCOUNTER: OWL, RING TAIL POSSUM, BLUE TONGUE LIZARD AND PYTHON

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