Congratulations to all at the school for supporting the Bandaged Bear Day last Friday by buying cakes and biscuits, helping to judge the bear pageant and for organising music. The school raised $1559.55 for Westmead Children’s Hospital. Well done school and thank you to Year 8 and Mrs McGuire (TAS Department) for organising the fundraising event. It was a great day and Shelly from Westmead Hospital was very impressed with the positive energy in our school.

Congratulations to Nicole Leong Year 11 who was runner up in the Pat Fisher Best Speaker Award at the 24th Young Women in Public Affairs Presentation Dinner 2015. The event was held at the Killara Golf Club where Nicole told the audience she would like to use her skills and passions to contribute to improving human rights. Mrs Marriott the Relieving Deputy Principal attended the event and was very impressed with Nicole.

Thank you to Annabel Horsburgh and Gizem Bilgin Year 12 and the Prefect Team for organising the Student Wellbeing Mental Health Forum. Panelists from KYDS, Mission Australia and Child Youth Mental Health Services (Hornsby Hospital), Rape Crisis Centre and NSW Police attended on Wednesday. In the evening Dr Yael Perry from the Black Dog Institute and Kym Carlson from KYDS Lindfield addressed parents at the P and C Information Meeting regarding Student Mental Health. Both presenters were very impressed with the school’s positive culture of understanding and acceptance.

Alex Chen Year 7 (Snow-boarding and skiing) and Isabel Persson Year 9 (skiing) are competing in the NSW Regional Interschool Snowsports Championships as part of our new Snow Sports team over the holidays. We wish them all the best!

Year 7, 8 and 9 have been participating in Cyber Safety and Digital Citizenship Awareness program called ‘Digital thumbprint’. Students are looking at their online behaviours in relation to security and safety.

Congratulations to all the Year 7 students who entered the Guringai Festival 2015 Reconciliation Writing Competition. In particular Parvathi Sanjeev’s composition has been selected as Highly Commended. Parvathi’s story will be featured at Chatswood Library over the next month. She will be presented with a prize and certificate by the Councillors of Willoughby and the Harbour to Hawkesbury Reconciliation Group at the Exhibition and Awards Presentation on Tuesday 23 June. Well done Parvathi.

Congratulations to Tina Yip Year 8 who is a member of the NSW Arts Alive Orchestra. She will be touring Europe playing a number of concerts representing NSW Public Schools during the September holidays.

Vanessa Tan Year 12 has been officially awarded the 2015 Pierre De Coubertin Award. She attended the Olympic Academy Awards Presentation Day today to receive her award with Mrs Lang (PDHPE). Well done Vanessa.
Congratulations to Dr Susan Green Head Teacher English who was chosen by BOSTES to provide advice to Year 12 students in the HSC 2015 Study Guide. The HSC 2015 Study Guide was published in the Sydney Morning Herald on 15 June. Dr Green gave advice to English Advanced students regarding Paper 2 Module A, B and C.

I will need to form a number of selection panels from September to December 2015 to select new classroom teachers if given permission by DEC Staffing. These panels for classroom positions consist of the principal, a staff representative and a parent representative. To be on a panel as a parent representative you will need to view the following instructions ‘Selection Panel e Learning’ at - http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/careers-centre/e-learning

I will be asking for assistance in this process from the parent body at upcoming P and C meetings. **Half-Yearly Reports** will be issued to Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 on Friday 26 June. As previously mentioned **Year 7 Half-Yearly Reports** will be issued at the beginning of Term 3. I hope your daughter and your family enjoy the mid-year break. Students return in their full winter uniform on Tuesday 14 July. At the School Development Day on Monday 13 July staff will engage in discussions and activities with our presenter Mr Nic Green a PhD candidate in Effective Feedback for Students.

Kind regards, Dr Justin Briggs

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**Year 8 Charity Day ...**

The Year 8 Charity day was held on Friday June 12th. The chosen charity is Westmead Children’s Hospital.

The Bandaged Bear from Westmead visited the school and spent lunch time giving hugs and being photographed in the Polaroid Photo booth.

A very successful cake stall was held with a range of delicious cupcakes, brownies and cookies made with love by the Year 8 students and their families. A big thank you to all the girls who helped on the day as a member of the committee or by bringing in baked goods for the cake stall. A big thank you to Rujuta Banhatti Year 8, who was our Bandaged Bear and for Kristel Rodrigues Year 8, for her beautiful posters.

It was a hugely successful day with $1559.55 being raised for the hospital.
Band and Orchestra News ...

Next Committee Meeting- 2015 Monday 17 August - 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. There are still vacancies in several positions: Jazz Band and Flute Ensembles Contacts as well as many assistants. Parents of Year 7 and 8 students are encouraged to come along. Future Meetings – Mondays - 19 October AGM, 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@yahoo.com.au or hghsbando@gmail.com

A Grade Workshop Sunday 24 May Symphonic Band
Much positive feedback has been given from the tutors who worked with the Symphonic Band at the A Grade workshop, commenting on how eager the girls were to learn and how well behaved they were. Our performance this year should be the best ever!

NSW Band Festival
The NSW Band Festival is quickly approaching. Everyone is invited to come and hear our fantastic bands perform at the Sir John Clancy Auditorium at the University of NSW.
Symphonic Band A grade – Sat 18 July arrive 7:00 pm, perform at 8 pm
Concert Band C Grade – Sun 19 July arrive 7:30 am, perform at 9 am

Rehearsals for NSW Band Festival
Don’t forget to practice in the holidays in preparation for the NSW Festival the first week back.
Concert Band -9:00 – 10:45 am; Symphonic Band- 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Symphonic Band run through for A grade - Fri 17 July 3:15-4:15

Australian Chamber Orchestra Workshop
The ACO (Australian Chamber Orchestra) workshop at Circular Quay on Wednesday, 20th May was a pleasant experience in which around twenty-five students from different schools gathered to play string music together. We learnt selected movements from the Simple Symphony by Benjamin Britten and Rumanian Folk Dances by Bartok for two and a half hours before performing in front of our parents. It was nerve-racking when I first walked into the hall, because I had never met the teachers nor the students before. Very soon it was a lot easier, because the teachers were inspiring. To my surprise, there were not just one, but four teachers (each leading one part) guiding the ensemble. It was a very precious experience to learn from four experienced players at the same time. The leading teacher showed us her Baroque bow and how it worked. It was exciting to see how musicians in a chamber orchestra work with each other. During the workshop, we learnt different expressive techniques and ways to play the music. Overall, I think that this workshop was amazing and a very beneficial experience.
Esther Suen, violin, Year 7

2015 Japan Tour - Reunion Sunday 26 July 3 – 5 pm
Bring something for afternoon tea and your best photos to post on boards in the school hall. Relive the memories! Other family members are most welcome. Yellow jackets optional.

Deb Dietz, Conductor
Melissa Jones and Christine Sadek, Co-Committee Presidents
Carnival News ...

Sydney North Cross Country Carnival

A record of 19 HORNSBY GIRLS represented the Metropolitan North West Girls Zone at the Sydney North Carnival. With light rain scattered throughout the day and a muddy track to run on, our girls were seen running near the front of the pack in each age group!


It is so nice to see so many Year 12 students competing at this level, whilst juggling their senior studies. Well done Year 12!

6 GIRLS TO STATE CROSS COUNTRY!!!

Combined High Schools Cross Country

GOOD LUCK to the following girls who have qualified to compete at State Cross Country level; Freya Roberts Year 7, Eve Timms Year 8, Ashley Ford and Nadeesha Pallegedera Year 10, Jessica Xu Year 11, Sonia White Year 12. Such an outstanding achievement to compete at this level!!!!!
CONGRATULATIONS TO LOUISE ZHANG (Year 10) who competed at the NSW ALL SCHOOLS Swimming Carnival! Louise placed 3rd in the Backstroke for her age group, narrowly missing out on a spot for the Pacific School Games! An amazing achievement Louise!!

Adventurous Journeys, September 2015

Registration is now available for September school holiday Adventurous Journeys with Somerset Outdoor Learning. Details and forms are available from outside the History staffroom. The forms are also available on HGHS Moodle, Duke of Edinburgh. On Moodle is the ‘Student & Parent Information Booklet Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions from Somerset. It is imperative that this is checked as it includes details on location (including maps), gear and equipment, food to take, types of shoes and much more.

Any queries contact Mrs Riches at robyn.riches@det.nsw.edu.au

The dates for the Adventurous Journeys in September 2015.

Bronze Preliminary Training and Practice, Week 1, 21 – 23 September 2015  
Bronze Test, Week 1, 24 - 25 September 2015

Bronze Preliminary Training and Practice, Week 2, 28 – 30 September 2015  
Bronze Test, Week 2, 1 – 2 October 2015

Silver Training and Practice, Week 1, 21 – 23 September 2015  
Silver Test, Week 1, 21 – 23 September 2015

Silver Training and Practice, Week 2, 28 – 30 September 2015  
Silver Test, Week 2, 28 – 30 September 2015

No Bronze participant can complete both Adventurous Journeys in one week.
Gold level participants need to contact Somerset direct and organize Gold camps themselves.

Please Note: Next camps organized by HGHS will be Easter, 2016.

Mrs Riches, Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator
HGHS Father – Daughter Night

Saturday 20 June 2015
6-9 PM

Trivia Challenge – 5

We are both well-known singers/actresses who first became friends on the set of a kids TV show when we were 7.
Who are we?

(Answers Will be Given at the Event)

Last few days to register!
Contact School Office to Register

For Enquiries
Divya Mathias • dandivya@yahoo.com.au
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