Congratulations to Lily Henke Year 10 who won the Rostrum Senior Division State Public Speaking Competition on June 20. Lily although in Year 10 was competing with students in Years 11 and 12 from across NSW and was able to gain first place due to her wonderful speech. As the Rostrum Senior State Champion Lily now qualifies for the Rostrum National Championships which will be held on Saturday 25 July at State Parliament House. The school is very proud of Lily’s achievements. She was presented with the Rostrum Shield on assembly on Tuesday with a very hearty round of applause from the whole school. We wish her all the best for the National Final. Well done Lily!

Eighty members of the Hornsby Girls High School community participated in the Father Daughter Night on Saturday 20 June. A very enjoyable night of trivia, fun and games was had by all. Thank you to the organisers Mrs Divya Mathias and Mrs Debbie Lee and all their helpers.
Term 2 ended with School Spirit Week and the excellent activities organised by the SRC under the leadership of Natalie Chua and Thornia Yeung both of Year 11. Activities included the Great Feast, The Great Debate (Is Santa Real?), Talking About My Generation and Friday’s Music Festival. The School also held the fifth annual **Robert Phillips Choir Competition** which this year was won by **Turner House** with runners up **Coghlan House**. Staff contributed through various dress-ups during the celebratory School Spirit Week. Spirit Week was a wonderful celebration of the school’s culture.

Also in Spirit Week the History Department conducted the annual Medieval Day with displays of student shields, weaponry and historical stories from two professional Medieval Historians. Students were encouraged to dress in medieval clothing for the day. Anna Yamashita Year 8 in her wonderful medieval costume.

Fifteen members of the **Class of 2014** came back to the school during School Spirit Week at the end of Term 2 to say hello to the staff and students. It was great to hear of their success in their tertiary studies and employment. We continue to wish them all the best for their futures.
Amanda Yau HSC 2014 has been included in the Young Writers Showcase 2014, the anthology of exemplary extended compositions by students from the 2014 HSC English Extension 2 Course. The official launch of the book will be at the State Library on Monday 10 August. Congratulations Amanda.

Elise Vanden Dool HSC Class 2012 was on the front cover of the Inner West Advocate during the holidays under the headline of “Seeking Bright Sparks”. Elise is studying Architecture at the UNSW and participated in a submission for the future use of the White Bay Power Station. Elise would like to see the former power station which was featured in ‘The Great Gatsby’ and ‘The Matrix’ become a cultural hub for the precinct.

The next Multicultural Fair planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 July from 7pm in the Staff Common Room. All welcome!

Congratulations to our musicians Dorothy Chung and Katherine Du both of Year 11 who performed a three hour concert at a coffee shop at Epping during the July school holidays. Mr Hughson (Music Department) went to their performance and was very impressed with their singing.

The Multicultural Fair Logo Competition was won by Angel Du Year 7 with runner up Mary Bajo Year 10. Thank you to all the participants. The logo will be used for all publicity and promotion of the Multicultural Fair on Saturday August 22. Well done Angel.

Justin Briggs Principal

United Nations Youth Australia Aotearoa Leadership Tour

From the 29th of June to the 12th of July, I attended the United Nations Youth Australia Aotearoa Leadership Tour. Along with 15 other chosen delegates across Australia and 4 tour facilitators, I travelled through Auckland, Wellington and Melbourne. The central aims of the tour were to explore the response of post-colonial Australia and New Zealand in engaging with their respective Indigenous peoples, and to build awareness and understanding of the issues Indigenous communities face in Australia and abroad. In order to gain a deeper understanding into the history of Māori culture and the similarities that can be observed in Indigenous Australian history, our delegation were presented with tours in Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, and at Te Papa Tongarewa, the Museum of New Zealand.
We also received the opportunity to engage in the traditional Māori greeting, hongi, before listening to a representative from New Zealand’s Maori Rugby Team speak about Māori culture, history, and practices and its relevance in the development of New Zealand’s modern society.

Whilst in Wellington, our delegation was also involved in the New Zealand Model United Nations, an educational simulation in which 250 selected students gathered to learn about international diplomacy, global challenges and relations, and the United Nations. Revolving on the theme of ‘Global Responsibility’, our delegation participated in committees, workshops, discussions and a final plenary debating The Question of Reformation in the United Nations’ Security Council.

This life-changing experience has enabled me to obtain and strengthen multiple skills including leadership, innovation, negotiation and critical thinking. I came back to Australia with a renewed sense of belief in the power of the individual, a greater understanding on the complexities of the world in which we live in, and most importantly, a passion to create and inspire change within my surrounding communities. The people I met and experiences I gained will be an inspiration that I will never forget. I was also able to use the experience as a leadership activity towards my Gold Duke of Edinburgh.

*Natalie Chua Year 11*
Hornsby Girls’ High School

MULTICULTURAL FAIR

Saturday 22nd August
11am - 4pm

Hornsby Girls’ High School,
Edgeworth David Ave

Opposite Westfield Shopping Centre

- Huge international food fair
- Cake stall - New rides
- Cultural performances in music and dance
- Henna, origami and face painting
- Hornsby Rotary Book Fair for Lifeline
- Robotics display - Trash and Treasure
Share My Journey From Danger

Hear a first-hand account of the refugee journey from a young Afghan asylum seeker who escaped the Taliban.

There will also be a talk by Phil Gildonning - Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee Council of Australia.

There will be time for questions.

Fr Patrick McMaugh Hall  St Patrick’s School
1 Royston Pde Asquith
7.30pm (tea/coffee) for 8pm (start) Wednesday 29th July

All Welcome

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