2015 Multicultural Fair
We have had three magnificent community events this last week – The Multicultural Fair, the Spring Concert at the Hornsby RSL on Tuesday night and the HSC Visual Arts, Textiles and Music Exhibition on Wednesday night.

Thank you to everyone involved in the HGHS MCF 2015. It was a magnificent celebration of our wonderful multicultural school. The HGHS P and C organised a brilliant event for the whole school community. Thank you to all the members of staff who assisted and who attended. It is very much appreciated. Thank you so much to Ms Kate Bromley who coordinated MCF 2015. This was her first MCF and she did a superb job. Our students have such a great pride in their school. Their contributions to the stalls, the performances, as artists and as helpers were of the highest order. We are all very fortunate to be part of this wonderful school community. The accompanying photos show the great joy and pride our students have for their school. Our special guest for the day was Mrs Pamela Carey who graduated from Hornsby Girls High School in 1935. She attended Hornsby Girls High School during the time of our first school principal Miss Agnes Brewster.

The Spring Concert performances by the 180 students were superb. Congratulations to all the students who performed on Tuesday evening. Well done to Mrs Dietz who conducted the students brilliantly for her last concert with the school after nearly two decades of service. “Abram’s Pursuit”, the concert closer was certainly a spectacular finish as the audience were taken on a ride through the Arabian Desert by our expert musicians. Thank you to the Band Committee in particular Co-Presidents Dr Christine Sadek and Mrs Mel Jones for organising this great event.

Congratulations to all the Visual Arts, Textiles and Music students who exhibited and performed on Wednesday night. The students must be incredibly proud of their achievements. It was a stunning showcase of their talents. Well done to their teachers Mrs Frohlich (VA), Ms Nelson (TAS) and Mr Fish (Music) for the work they have done to inspire our students to greatness. Thank you also to the Year 9 students who provided an interactive art display for the patrons.

Helena Kertesz (Class of 2014) is featured in this week’s edition of the Hornsby Advocate. Her art work ‘Unnatural Selection’ has been selected to exhibit at the Margaret Whitlam Galleries. Read her story on p.41 at:
http://newslocal.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/viewer.aspx

Justin Briggs, Principal
Author Visit

Year 7 students were privileged to hear author Frances Watts talk about her new book, *The Peony Lantern*, and also about the writing process. Frances has a PhD in Literature and has been the winner of the Prime Minister’s Literary Award for Children’s Fiction in 2012, the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Eve Pownall Award, as well as having been awarded a KOALA children’s choice award Honour Book. Frances discussed her work as an editor for some major publishing companies and how she balances that with writing her books. She explained how she researches her work, and showed some interesting images of the inspiration for *The Peony Lantern* which is set in nineteenth century Japan. Year 7 students asked some very perceptive questions and responded very enthusiastically to the presentation.

Book Week Competition

Students are submitting video clips recommending their favourite books, genre or author, to win a book or movie voucher. Entries are due in by 4th September. All entries will be available on the Library Moodle for everyone to enjoy.

Year 7 Book Club

Year 7 students who love reading and like to share their experiences are meeting in the Discussion Room on Wednesdays. If any Year 7 students would like to join, come along to the Library at the beginning of lunch on Wednesdays. Bring your lunch and some interesting books and ideas to share.

Year 12 Book Group

Year 12 students who were in Book Group when they were in Year 7 are getting together for a last meeting in Week 9 and sharing their post-HSC Reading Lists. If you were in that original group, come along and celebrate our years of shared reading experiences.

‘Faith with Fortitude’ by Beryl Harris.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting a Hornsby Old Girl who has published her memoirs with the school motto as its title. Beryl left Sydney in 1946, an idealistic 25 year-old who was a
qualified nurse and midwife, to serve in the Belgian Congo. Over the next 60 years she served there as a missionary on 18 separate visits. As a result of her devoted service she was honoured with the title of Mama Ketshi (Mother of Mercy). Beryl donated her book so that some of the girls may share her experiences.

**President Obama’s Reading List.**

For those who like to know what politicians read or who would like some interesting reading suggestions, The Sydney Morning Herald published a list of the books President Obama intends to read over his summer holiday break:

*All That Is.* James Salter  
*All The Light We Cannot See.* Anthony Doerr (Pulitzer Prize Winner 2015)  
*The Sixth Extinction.* Elizabeth Kolbert  
*The Lowland.* Jhumpa Lahiri  
*Between the World and Me.* Ta-Nehisi Coates  
*Washington: A Life.* Ron Chernow

Wendy Hardy, Teacher-Librarian

**Mathematics News ...**

**Maths Challenge for Young Australians – Challenge Stage**

Towards the end of Term 1, one Year 7 student, two Year 8 student and two Year 10 students took part in the Challenge Stage, attempting to solve six difficult problems using their mathematical skills and knowledge within a three week period.

The students who competed in this Australia-wide competition were:  
Year 7: Ashna Desai,  
Year 8: Jennifer Kim, Swara Tapaswi  
Year 10: Nishka Tapaswi, Daphne Wang

These students are to be commended for their dedication to competing in this difficult competition and excellent results were achieved.

Nishka Tapaswi and Daphne Wong both achieved a distinction, which is an amazing achievement. Well done to Nishka and Daphne.  
Ashna Desai, Swara Tapaswi and Jennifer Kim received Participation awards, recognising their hard work in attempting the difficult problems.

I hope the students enjoyed the challenge and rigour of the competition. Certificates will be presented at an assembly this term.

**Maths Challenge for Young Australians – Enrichment Stage**

There are 14 students completing their final problems for the Enrichment stage, which involves solving 8 or more problems over a number of weeks. As the solutions are being marked, we are finding the standard of work submitted so far to be excellent and I wish these students well in their final attempts of the remaining problems. The results of the Enrichment Stage will be published after the competition ends.
Australian Mathematics Competition

All Junior students and students studying Year 11 Extension 1 Mathematics recently competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition. We are looking forward to seeing the results and these will be published once we receive them. Thank you to Mrs Tourikis for her organisation of the competition.

Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad

Four Year 10 students who have shown dedication to competing in both Enrichment and Challenge stages will be completing a 4 hour Olympiad in September. These students are Ammu Punackal, Nishka Tapaswi, Daphne Wang and Nantheka Nandakumarran. We wish the girls the best of luck in this challenging event.

Doug Marshall, Head Teacher Mathematics

Congratulations

The following students have been awarded the
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award: Avan Daruwalla
Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award: Phoebe Yang

Adventurous Journeys – September/October 2015

There will be a meeting for all Bronze and Silver D of Ed who are participating in Adventurous Journeys, September/October on Friday 11 September at lunchtime in Room 216. Attendance at this meeting is compulsory and each student is to bring a laptop.

A Reminder for Year 12

If there is any Year 12 student yet to finalize any of their Duke of Edinburgh’s activities this should be completed asap.

Mrs Riches, Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator

Band and Orchestra News ...

Next Committee Meeting- 2015 19 October AGM - 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. 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. Future Meetings – Monday 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_au@yahoo.com.au or hghsbando@gmail.com
Spring Concert Huge Success

Oh, what a night! Our instrumental groups sounded fantastic! Many thanks to all of the parents who helped out in some way: setting up and packing up, selling tickets, chaperoning, handing out awards, organising flowers, making the awards – the list goes on. Without your help, we could not have had such a splendid evening.

We say farewell to the largest Year 12 group ever:

Katherine Allen, Gizem Bilgin, Jasmin Borovszky, Fiona Brew, Caroline Cheng, Karen Cortez, Lisa Csomore, Chantelle D’Souza, Tian Du, Elianna Han, Lovelle Hung, Naomi Huynh, Ashleigh Jo, Maddy Jones, Jessica Lee, Tiarne Lu, Sahana Murali, Irene Nidhi, Keerti Paida, Vaishnavi Pasupati, Elizabeth Paulino, Claire Qiu, Nerida Reichardt, Lisa Ryan, Mekala Shanker, Cindy Ta, Sarah Thompson, Isabelle Truong, Sharon Wai, Catherine Wilson, Marina Wu, Alice Yan, Cherita Zu

Congratulations to our new 2016 Captains and Deputy Captains:

Symphonic Band: Jiayi Li 12 and Louise Wilson 11
Jazz Band: Cheryl Chan 12 and Echo Huang 11
Concert Band: Senara Perera 9 and Rayani Fernando 8
Flute Ensemble: Emma Leong 11 and Jolynn Zheng 10
String Orchestra: Victoria Liu 12 and Cynthia Zhuang 11

Farewell and thank you to our Departing Committee Members: Melissa Jones, Chitra Shanker, Suja Murali, Sally Reichardt, Elena Cortez
Ms. Dietz’s Retirement afternoon tea – Sun 13 September 3 – 5 pm school hall – all welcome: current and ex-students and staff and their families

All welcome - bring a plate to share. Tea, coffee and cordial will be provided. Pass the word on to orchestra and band members from previous years. Recordings of concerts and photos will be shown from the 19 years that Ms. Dietz has been the conductor of the bands and orchestras at Hornsby Girls HS.

Multicultural Fair

Thank you to the Jazz Band for providing some toe tapping entertainment at the Multicultural Fair. You helped bring a lovely day to a happy conclusion.

Orientation Day Change to Thursday 3 December 2015 - Please note the following changes to rehearsals due to the moving of Orientation Day.
The last Symphonic Band rehearsal will be Thursday 26 November.
Speech Day Orchestra will rehearse on Wednesday 2 December.
Orientation Day will be the Concert Band’s last commitment for the year.

Speech Day Orchestra Rehearsals - All members of the Speech Day Orchestra should attend on Wednesdays at 8:00 am September 9 and 16. Strings will meet as normal at 7:25 am in 101. Term 4 rehearsals TBC.

Upcoming Performances
Prefect Induction – Fri 11 Sept - CB period 1 – set up at 7:25 am
Year 12 Graduation – Thursday 17 Sept Jazz Band 6 – 8 pm Hornsby RSL
Open Day – Friday 9 October - CB only period 1 set up at 7:25 am
Orientation Day – Thursday 3 December – CB only Period 1 set up at 7:25 am
Speech Day rehearsals – Wed 9, Thurs 10, Mon 14 Dec Period 1 – set up at 8 am
Speech Day – Full Orchestra – TUESDAY 15 December 7:30 am – 1 pm

Deb Dietz, Conductor
Melissa Jones and Christine Sadek, Co-Committee Presidents
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10am-12pm

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- 24-hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
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- Accommodation
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Community Open Day

Saturday 12th September 10am-3pm

International food stall Warrah Farm Tours Organic BBQ Warrah Art Boutique Markets Biodynamic & Organic produce Live Music

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