Our School Choir performing on Thursday 9 May in the School Hall

Congratulations to:
Daisy Ou of Year 11 whose piano recital was on radio station 102.5 FM Wednesday May 8 as part of the Emerging Young Artists program.

Rea Agrawal, Jess Fung, Jane Hu, Jay May, Nethmi Ratnayake, Fiona Tham, Jo Tan and Carissa Yu of Year 11 who participated in the Relay for Life Cancer Fund Raiser on 4 – 5 May. With a group of students from Normanhurst Boys our students raised over $1300 for cancer research. Please read Nethmi’s article in this edition of the Torch.

Year 11 Visual Arts students who have completed their Preliminary Body of Work using three styles – painting, sculpture and digital. Their stunning work is also a tribute to their teacher Mrs Margo Armitage who has truly inspired them. These artworks are currently on display in Visual Arts.

Anna Stewart-Yates of Year 9 who is currently in Arizona, USA as a participant of an International Science Competition. Mr Re the Head Teacher of Science has written a report about Anna’s project in this edition of the Torch.

Six Yr 12 students who have applied for Tuckwell Scholarships available through the Australian National University. We wish them all the best.

Georgia Burley Year 12 a very talented singer who has been accepted into the Talent Development Project for 2013/2014.

Mrs Jeanmaree Sexton Deputy Principal Years 7, 9 and 11 who received her Rotary Pride of Workmanship Award at the Hornsby Rotary function on May 6 which was very well attended by staff, parents and family members.

HGHS staff and students who contributed to the Selective Principals meeting last Friday. Twenty four principals from fully or partially selective high schools from NSW saw presentations from our teachers on Gifted Education, Procrastination,
Project Based Learning, Action Learning, High Resolves, Positive Philosophy and Mindfulness.

The school choir, flute ensemble and brass band for your excellent performances on Thursday 9 May. Thank you to Mrs Johnston, Ms Berger and Mr Hughson for your organisation of the concert.

Well done to all!

We are continuing to plan for our next School Development Day on Monday 15 July in conjunction with Normanhurst Boys High School. Our focus will be on Assessment for Learning with a presentation to the schools from a Board of Studies School Liaison Officer. Thank you to Mrs Jo-Anne Drayton Relieving Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning for her leadership of this project.

Thank you to all the parents who were present at the P and C Information Evening last Wednesday evening on ‘Languages Teaching’ at HGHS. Thank you to all the presenters from the Languages Faculty – Mrs Roberts, Frau Arch, Mme Anderson and Mme Barbeau who were very well received. The next P and C meeting set down for June will be on the school uniform and will be led by Mrs Marriott the Head Teacher Student Wellbeing. It is a requirement of all DEC schools to review uniform policies and consult with the community every five years. The P and C meeting in June will be an opportunity for Mrs Marriott to provide feedback to the community from the SRC, teachers and parents and to gather comments and opinions from those present at the meeting regarding some very minor proposed changes.

Over the next three weeks there will be a number of important activities including the Grounds Day Saturday 18 May, Athletics Carnival Tuesday 21 May, Autumn Concert Thursday 23 May, Years 7 and 12 Parent Teacher Night Wednesday 29 May, and Father Daughter Night Saturday June 1. I hope to see you at these important events.

Justin Briggs  
Principal

Band & Orchestra News...

Next Committee Meeting - 2013 Monday 24 June - 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 February Bulletin. There are still vacancies in several positions: parent contacts for the Concert Band and Flute Ensembles as well as many assistants. Parents of Year 7 and 8 students are encouraged to come along.

Future meetings - Mondays, 19 August, 21 October AGM,

25 November Christmas party

Autumn Concert – Thursday May 23 – 7:00 for 7:15 pm start

Everyone is invited to our Autumn Concert of Instrumental Music. All of our groups will be performing: including the String Orchestra, the Flute Ensembles, the Jazz Band, the Concert Band and the Symphonic Band. Donation $5 for adults; all staff and children are free. Bring some finger food to share for supper. Don’t forget our raffle! If you have something to donate, please take it to Mrs. Sexton’s office or contact Christie Penollar on 0409 922 247.

Instruments Still Available

The following instruments are looking for a loving home and someone to play them

It is never too late to learn an instrument. Looking for homes with students are:

Year 8 only: French horn
Prefects News...

PREFECTS ‘I DREAM OF GENIE’ DRIVE!

On Wednesday 8th of May, the prefects held their annual auction fundraiser. This year we granted the wishes of our student "masters" as genies, and raised funds for the Make A Wish Foundation. Since genies work better together, our prefects paired up and proved to be very popular amongst the bidders. Melva Yi and Praba Sekha acted as our auctioneers for the event, encouraging students to bid with their sharp wit and puns of pure "genie-us" and the successful bidders managed to raise $430 for our chosen charity; a great achievement!

Friday 10th May was an exciting day for genies and "masters" alike, with some weird and wonderful errands being requested. A few of the tasks required of the genies included; One Direction serenades, secret messages to the teachers, and the inevitable requests for McDonalds. It was a sight to see all 20 prefects running to and from Westfield with trays and bags full of food granting the final wishes for their contented "masters".

The ‘I Dream Of Genie Drive’ was a fun event for the prefects who are pleased to have contributed a significant amount to such a worthy cause, thanks to the students of Hornsby Girls. We hope that this tradition will be faithfully continued by next year’s prefects and that they will enjoy it as much as we have!

Prefects – Georgia Burley & Erica Penollar

VA AND TAS News...

Year 9 Food Technology last term studied the importance of breakfast and explored the types of foods suitable for a nutritious breakfast. The girls enjoyed preparing breakfast meals and learning about the nutrient protein in detail as well as exploring the functional properties of protein foods including coagulation and denaturation. They were required to design a breakfast suitable for a teenage girl from a list of ingredients and their results were so impressive that we have published a breakfast cookbook with their recipes.

If you would like a copy of the cookbook please have your daughter contact Mrs McGuire. You will never have an excuse to skip breakfast again.

It has been an incredible start to the term and a lot has been happening already. Many practical classes are finishing off works they have been spending weeks on and submitting them for marking. At the moment we have 11VA Modernist paintings and sculptures up on the art dept foyer walls for everyone to come and see. There are some particularly good works with students really exploring this unique and conceptual style of art. Alongside these works are the 9 Visual Design Hybrid works, where students have integrated a variety of
disparate design elements to come up with a cohesive graphic work. They have scanned elements of these, manipulated them digitally and produced exciting cover designs for their Visual Art Diaries.

8VA landscape paintings are still being finished off but many are looking fantastic. They have started a new unit around portraiture and getting excited about some of the tasks coming up. 12VA have had their mid review for their body of works. We were extremely fortunate to have the assistance of Jennifer Minogue (Pittwater HS) and Christina Charalambidis (Pymble Ladies College) who came in and offered some objective and insightful observations on the work. All of the HSC students recognise the value the feedback this review offers.

A big thanks also to the visual arts dept for their assistance on the day and James Burke for also supporting the staff and students so enthusiastically.

Jessie Du completed the first stage of the Artology Project and found it very different from her own experiences. They were encouraged to work across a wide variety of the Arts not just focus on Visual Arts and as Jess is also a talented musician, she was right at home with the rigours of the program. She is certainly learning a lot about the art world and the creative and talented people who work in it.

The combined Normanhurst Boys and Hornsby Girls Staff Development Day was very collegial and both VA faculties from each school discussed some joint initiatives we will be exploring over the year. Our first initiative will be a holiday G&T program for Yr8 students. More news on this to come.

In additional to scheduled exams, the following are additional important dates to note:

20 May – Year 8 Technology classes change over & 10VA Paintings and Minimalist tasks due
23 May – 7VA Research Tasks and VAPD’s are due; 8VA respond to unseen plates - in class task
24 May – 9 Textiles Practical is due
30 May – 8VA Artmaking Portfolio’s and VAPD’s are due
6 June – 7VA have an in class theory response task
Week 7 – 7 Technology folios are due this week
11 June – 9 Textiles Folio is due
12/13 June – 9VA Portfolio’s are due
14 June – 7VA Portfolio’s are due
25 June – 11 Philosophy essays are due

**PDHPE News...**

**YEAR 9 SPORTS SCIENCE ELECTIVE**

Year 9 Sport Science elective class spent 2 practical lessons studying ‘cheerleading’ with a specialist coach. The specialist coach had represented Australia at 3 World Championships and was not only very skilled but very entertaining instructor.

The girls enjoyed learning the ‘stunts’ especially the high lifts.

Cheerleading is being used as a forum to link the theory component of their course to a practical application. The students analyse the biomechanical, physiological and sport safety factors behind the cheerleading skills. As the photos show a ‘fun’ time was had by all.
Shakespeare in Years 7 to 10

Each year, during Term One, students from Years 7 to 10 study a Shakespeare play:

- Year 7: *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*
- Year 8: *Macbeth*
- Year 9: *Romeo and Juliet*
- Year 10: *Much Ado About Nothing*

As part of this study, the English Department organises the annual Shakespeare Competition.

Each student in Years 7 and 8 performs, in class, either a monologue or duologue from Shakespeare. Two winners are chosen from each class who go on to the Year Final. Each class can also choose a Wild Card entry and, after a play-off, another performance is chosen to go into the Year Final.

The Year 7 winners were Amanda Fang and Emma Gosbell for their duologue and Lauren Lancaster and Sabrina Utharntham who also performed a duologue. The Year 8 Final was won by Alisha Matthias and Varsha Sudhi, and Tanya Gunawardana and Ayesha Earey, also performed duologues.

Congratulations to all finalists and particularly to the year winners.

Years 9 and 10 worked on a Representation Task as part of their study of Shakespeare. They had the opportunity to choose from a performance representation, a visual representation or a written representation. There were many excellent performances and, from those, the following students were chosen to go forward into the Grand Final:

- Year 9: Eeshaa Batra and Brittany Gibbs, and Amelia Hiscock and Anna Stewart-Yates
- Year 10: Mekala Shanker and Madeleine Jones, and Jasmin Borosovszky, Chantelle D’Souza and Sophia Lin

The written and visual representations have been on display in the front corridor of the school. The English Department is very impressed by the high quality of the students work and the insight into their texts they were able to display through representations such as costume designs, picture books, posters and multi-media. Certificates will be awarded to the best representations.

The Grand Final of Performances was held in the Hall at the end of Term 1.

Congratulations to the winners:

- The Junior Prize for Shakespeare was awarded to Year 7 students Amanda Fang and Anna Gosbell
- The Senior Prize for Shakespeare was awarded to Year 10 students Amelia Hiscock and Anna Stewart-Yates

All the year winners will be presented with medals at an assembly.

*M. Motherwell*  
*English Department*
The Science Teachers Association of NSW has arranged a team of 3 students to compete at the Intel International Science and Engineering (ISEF) Awards in Phoenix, Arizona, USA. This team includes Anna Stewart-Yates of Year 9. Anna has been selected as an international delegate in the Broadcom Masters International Competition. This is a new program, running concurrently with ISEF, for talented Year 7 and 8 students (2012) who would benefit from being exposed to the ISEF fair. In this competition Anna will present her 2012 student research project entitled "Should we throw out the pen with the bathwater? A study in transcription methods and recall methods among Year 8 students". She will give a three minute oral presentation of her project to an expert audience who will then ask probing questions to judge her research. Anna will be in Arizona for 10 days where she will be involved in a wide range of science based activities with students from around the globe. She has spent a lot of time and effort preparing for this event and we wish her well.

Jon Re
Head Teacher Science

The Relay. It began with the opening ceremony at 9:30am on Saturday morning, where the survivors of cancer and their carers were supported and celebrated with the inaugural Survivors and Carers lap. Our walking then commenced and the day continued with us constantly walking around the track. Day became night and as the darkness grew, the candles were lit for the Candlelight Ceremony of Hope, where we remembered those who had been lost to cancer. A touching ceremony, it was definitely one of our highlights and did bring a tear or two to our eyes. The night dragged on and we got a little sleep, but we were still eagerly walking at 4 o’clock the following morning. The relay ended at 10am on Sunday with the closing ceremony which addressed the idea of fighting back against cancer.

There were many interesting activities during the Relay including magic shows, dancing acts, sporting activities and a movie night. However the most inspiring event at the Relay was the record head shave. 77 people shaved their heads to set the world record for the most number of heads shaved at the same time. While being symbolic of cancer patients losing their hair, it was a touching addition to this year’s relay.

Overall, $336,000 has been raised by the Hills Relay for Life to support the Cancer Council in cancer research and prevention. Our team, entitled A Walk To Remember began with a goal of raising $350 towards this effort. So far we have raised over $1300 with donations still being collected.

Participating in the Relay for Life was a very satisfying experience. It allowed us to truly understand, in perspective, the pains and struggles a cancer sufferer goes through. We are very proud of the amount of money we have raised and look forward to raising even more at next year’s Relay!

RELAY FOR LIFE...
On the weekend of 4th-5th May, a team of 16 Year 11 Hornsby Girls (Nethmi Ratnayake, Rea Agrawal, Jess Fung, Carissa Yu, Fiona Tham, Jay May, Jane Hu and Jo Tan) and Normanhurst Boys participated in the Hills Relay for Life at Wrights Road Reserve, Kellyville.

The Relay for Life motto; Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back were the three principles explored throughout
During the April holidays, a group of twenty students from Year 10 and 11 travelled to Japan to learn about Japanese culture and expand their Japanese language skills. In the first week, each student had the opportunity to experience the Japanese lifestyle under the care of their host families, from our sister school Shukutoku Yono High School in Saitama. We also experienced Japanese traditions during our stay – we were taught how to wear a kimono and we watched a tea ceremony. Throughout the week, we visited many famous tourist destinations including Asakusa, Nikko, Kamakura and DisneySea. On the trip to Kamakura, we were delighted to be able to make our own Japanese lunch; okonomiyaki and yakisoba. DisneySea was probably the highlight of our school excursions, as many students deepened their bond with their host students and enjoyed themselves with the thrill of the rides. It was saddening to leave our host families at the end of the week, as all the students had become very attached to them.

Throughout the second week, we travelled to Hiroshima, Kyoto and Tokyo. From Saitama, we caught a bullet train to Hiroshima and visited the Hiroshima Peace Park, where we delivered the thousand paper cranes made by the students of Hornsby Girls. We also toured the Atomic Bomb Museum showing the history of the bombings and stories of those whom survived. The aftermath of the bombings was probably the most confronting of all.

Other famous attractions included the Vermillion coloured gate, Golden Pavilion Shrine, Ryoanji (rock garden), Daibutsu and Akihabara, the electronics city. We also had the opportunity to ride on the Romance Train which passed beautiful valleys and farm areas, enjoy karaoke with our friends, moon-viewing at night and a Ferris Wheel for a breathtaking view of Tokyo and the harbour. We also had the pleasure to experience various Japanese dishes such as okonomiyaki, obento boxes, shabu shabu and tempura.

Overall, it was an extremely fun and exciting trip where the students learnt much about Japanese culture and lifestyle. Twenty students, fourteen days, unforgettable memories. Thank you to our teachers Mrs Roberts, Mrs Black and Dr Turner.

Diana Liang and Rachel Wang, Year 11
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL RESULTS
THURSDAY 2\textsuperscript{nd} May
Held at Normanhurst Boys High School

1\textsuperscript{st} Stephens 512 points
2\textsuperscript{nd} Coghlan 497 points
3\textsuperscript{rd} Turner 481 points
4\textsuperscript{th} Scott 461 points
5\textsuperscript{th} Rainbow 225 points

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Our successful HGHS runners.
Father* / Daughter Challenge Night

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

Saturday 1 June 2013 at 7 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, and most importantly sharing some time with your daughter, 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. The fathers are welcome to enjoy a wine or beer but of course it must only be soft drink or water for the girls. 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.

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Parent's Name………………………………………………..

Student's Name………………………………………. Year…………….

Names of other students on your table

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Email any queries to Parul Batra: batra@ozemail.com.au or phone no: 0405808729

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Please join us for a great evening

RSVP to the school office by 28 May 2013
Save the date....

Hornsby Girls’ High School
Multicultural Fair
Saturday 31st August 2013
11 am to 4pm

Information in our next newsletter.