Thank you to Mrs Parul Batra and the P and C Executive for their organisation of the Father Daughter Night on Saturday June 1. The ninety fathers and daughters present had a delightful time. It was good to see the fathers working with their daughters making paper aeroplanes and paper mountains as part of the challenges held on the night. The best paper plane prize went to Pavan Divakaria of Year 12 and Mr Divakaria. The highest paper mountain went to Tia Dosen of Year 7 and Mr Dosen and their team. Our fastest text messenger went to Elizabeth Rawnsley of Year 7. It was reassuring to see the girls beating their fathers with this challenge despite some fathers seeming to get a head start. There were eighty trivia questions asked with only three disputed answers – there have been eleven doctors in the Dr Who series but we also accepted twelve due to the advice of the Dr Who experts present; the current doctor is Matt Smith but he has now quit the series and a new Doctor has been named; and the first Prime Minister (not President as stated on the night) of India was of course Nehru. It wouldn’t be a good trivia night without some controversy! Congratulations to Table Eight who had the highest score on the night.

Year 7 students Poppy Morandin, Elizabeth Rawnsley, Sheena Mali and Varsha Krithivasan and their fathers with their paper mountain at the Father Daughter Night June 1.

Well done to Jehannah May Year 11 who was a finalist in the Ku-Ring-Gai Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Awards on Wednesday night. The event was held at the Killara Golf Club. It was great to see Jehannah supported by her friends, family and teachers. Jehannah gave a magnificent speech on the topic of how she could improve the lives of women. She was a most worthy finalist. Congratulations also to Abi Rajkumar Year 12 who had previously been named as a Zonta Area Winner. She was acknowledged by the Zonta Committee on the night and will represent NSW in the National awards. I also did not leave empty handed. Part of the Zonta night is a fund raising raffle. Two years ago at the awards night I won second prize – ballet lessons! Needless to say I donated the prize via a colleague to a local kindergarten. This year I won the third prize - an Advanced Driver Lesson and I donated the prize to one of our students. It was a very enjoyable evening to be able to listen to the intellect and talent on display from all the represented schools. Thank you to Mrs Dunnett for her attendance at the event and also for her leadership of our public speaking program.

Congratulations to our Symphonic Band who performed last night in the Yamaha Festival at Chatswood Concourse. Their playing was superb and their behaviour exemplary. Well done students and thank-you to Mrs Dietz our conductor.

Our Annual Multicultural Fair will be held on Saturday August 31.
There is always so much to do to ensure that it is a successful night. Thank you to the organising committee and in particular Mrs Jones who has done a magnificent job over many years in leading the Committee Please read the flyer in this edition of The Torch.

A reminder that our P and C Information meeting is on at 7:45pm in the Staff Common Room. I will present an update on the Uniform Review, the General Purpose Space/Classroom, the ending of the DER Laptop program and how we intend to keep this technology program going and some staffing updates. I look forward to seeing you at this meeting. All welcome.

In early April, Katherine Allen (Year 10), along with Cindy Huang (Year 12 2012) and Melinda Blake (Year 12 2011) travelled to Hawaii to compete in the FIRST robotics competition Hawaii regional, as part of FIRST Team 3132, Thunder Down Under. Also on the team are Rhiannon Crane (Year 8) and Gizem Bilgin (Year 10).

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is an organisation founded by Dean Kamen, the inventor of the Segway, that aims to inspire young people and direct them into careers in science, technology, engineering and maths. The FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) is the highest level of competition, where students build large robots on a tight-six week schedule, for a different game each year. This year the game was Ultimate Ascent - a modified version of Ultimate Frisbee.

At the Hawaii regional, the team did incredibly well. Their robot, named Ikara (an Aboriginal word for throwing stick), was ranked 7th out of 38 robots and was selected to play alongside the 4th ranked team for the final matches. The team went further than ever before, reaching the semi-finals and missing out on the finals by a single Frisbee.
did at the event to assist no fewer than 5 other teams to get their robots working and on the field, including one belonging to a Chinese team who, at the last minute, were unable to travel. The Regional Chairman’s Award is the top award that a team can win at a regional, and recognises the work that a team does to spread science, technology engineering and maths throughout their community.

Winning the Chairman’s Award qualified the team to attend the World Championships. During the holidays, Katherine and Cindy travelled to St. Louis, Missouri with the team to compete in the Championships, representing Australia and the Asia-Pacific. The team had an amazing time at the Championships, and, while they did not win any awards, are beginning to be regarded as equals by some of the best teams in the competition.

"Katherine repairing the robot after a control system failure. The team then went on to win the next match."

It is with absolute delight and pride that HGHS announces that Jessica Gao, Alpa Gupta and Anna Rumjahn (Left to right) have been awarded their Gold Duke of Edinburgh. These students have progressed through the three levels of the Award Scheme and the Gold Award is a culmination of their dedication. They will be presented with their Awards by the Governor of New South Wales at Government House.
Permission notes and details are now available for the September/October Bronze and Silver Adventurous Journeys. Students are advised to sign up now as Somerset Outdoor Learning contacted HGHS and indicated camps were already “filling up”. If students have not finished their Bronze Award and are certain they will be completed by September they can sign up for the Silver camps. Notes are available outside the History staffroom and any enquiries please contact Mrs Riches.

Music News...

Flute and Brass Ensembles

Late last term, the flautists from Hornsby and Asquith Girls High Schools attended a workshop hosted by HGHS, given by the Tucana Flute Quartet who are a professional quartet consisting of members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and the Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestra. HSC music students from Asquith as well as the Hornsby Senior Flute Ensemble performed and were critiqued by the visiting quartet before an audience of flautists and musicians from both schools. This masterclass was followed by a performance by the Tucana Flute Quartet. The composer of one of the pieces performed by an HSC student that day is a member of the Tucana Flute Quartet. This provided invaluable feedback for the student as well as for the senior music students in the audience.

The Hornsby Girls High School Flute Quartet consisting of Anika Ng, Naomi Ng, Jasmine He and Emma Leong performed a transcription of a Vivaldi Concerto for 4 violins at the semi-finals of the recent Ku-ring-gai Philharmonic Orchestra Schools Concerto Competition. They played beautifully and received excellent comments from the adjudicators.

The Hornsby Girls High School Brass Ensemble gave their first performance of the year at the recent Choral and Chamber Music Concert with a moving performance of “Crimond” as well as an exciting rendition of music from Verdi’s Aida.

HGHS Brass Ensemble

The HGHS Senior Flute Ensemble

The HGHS Flute Quartet

The Tucana Flute Quartet
Our planning has started for this annual event which is an opportunity for everyone in our school community to come together and celebrate our diversity, eat, drink, have fun, showcase our wonderful school to others and just have a great day!

We already have volunteers to co-ordinate the following food stalls:

China   England   Korea   Malaysia   Sri Lanka
India    Thailand   ????

*BUT we are looking for many more!* Is your nationality represented? Can you get some other parents and students together and help us? We will provide the stand, the electricity and whatever other help we can, but we need you to contribute.

This year we will be aiming to involve students in as many displays as possible and encourage you to join us.

We require helpers to set-up, sell food tickets, drinks, trash & treasure etc, assist with serving tea and coffee, distribute flyers, etc. etc.

*We need many helpers!*  
*How can you be involved?*
If you &/or your daughters represent one of these cultures or one of the many others in the school please think of how you can contribute to this day - perhaps a cultural display, dance or costumes??

We are looking for displays, books, food and above all - involvement from everybody!!

We are also planning on having a trash & treasure stall and a book stall - now's the time to clear out your shelves - get rid of those unwanted gifts, games, books etc. Remember your trash could be someone else's treasure!

Can you help with organization, setting up stalls or cooking food? **We need many helpers to make this day successful and fun for everyone!**

**PLEASE** don't sit back and assume others will do the work - let's all work together to make this a great day and show the community our HGHS multi-cultural spirit!

Let us know how you can contribute:

Email - melissajones@colonialfirststate.com.au  
Call - 0411 274 892 or 8856 4811

**Fabulous Food, Wonderful Displays, Entertainment, Exciting Rides & Wonderful Bargains!**

This is one of the most important and enjoyable days in the HGHS calendar.  
Come along and help, join in the fun and be part of the wonderful Hornsby Girls’ school spirit!!
8 June 2013

Dear Parents and Students,

Our community is very saddened to hear about the tragic death of Henry Kwan from Killara High School. Unfortunately, many cheap and impure drugs have hit the North Shore area recently from China and other parts of South East Asia.

These drugs include 2 C-T-7 (Tripstasy) which is sold by dealers as Ecstasy to young people, but actually has a strange hallucinogenic effect. Many young people have reported that they have experienced 'bad trips', including spiders crawling all over them, time delay, events appearing to run in slow motion and terrible feelings of panic and distorted thinking after taking these pills. Other street names for these types of pills are Blue Mystic or 7th Heaven.

The other product is 2CB or Siberia, often sold under the name of Ecstasy, which also has an hallucinogenic effect. There have already been a few deaths in NSW from this product.

It is alleged that Henry Kwan, from Killara High School, ingested 25B-NBOMe or 25i-NBOMe, substances which can be legally imported through the internet and known by the street names "N-Bomb" and "Smiles". These are very cheap and often lethal, as the hallucinations often cause reckless behaviour. They are not LSD but mimic the effects of LSD. N-bombs can be taken as a liquid, a powder, or as a tab on a blotter paper under the tongue. The blotter paper usually has a smiley face on it with 'Mr Happy' written on it. There have already been 5 deaths of young people in the United States from this new drug and three reported deaths in NSW.

Warnings need to be issued about all these types of drugs to students and parents, as they may cause death or a reckless indifference to human life.

Please contact KYDS for further assistance or support in the following ways:

Phone: 9416 9824
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/KYDSYouthDevelopmentService
Website: www.kyds.org.au
Email: kyds@bigpond.com

Kind regards,

[Signature]
David Citer
Manager
KYDS

Rear 265 Pacific Highway, (PO Box 556) Lindfield NSW 2070 P: (02) 9416 9824 Email: kyds@bigpond.com
An Initiative of the Rotary Club of Lindfield Inc with assistance from Ku-ring-gai Council. Web: www.kyds.org.au
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