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### **TERM 4**

#### **2nd December**

Year 7 Information Night

#### **3rd December**

Year 7 Vaccinations +  
Year 9 Boys

#### **4th December**

Year 7 - 2014  
Orientation Day

#### **5th December**

School Presentation Day

#### **18th December**

Last Day of Term for  
students

#### **19th - 20th**

#### **December**

Staff Development Days

### **Term 1 2014**

#### **28th January**

Start of school term  
Staff development day

#### **29th January**

Term 1 begins  
Year 7, 11 & 12

#### **30th January**

Term 1 begins  
Year 8, 9 & 10

# LINK-UP

TERM 4 WEEK 9 2013

## Principal's Message

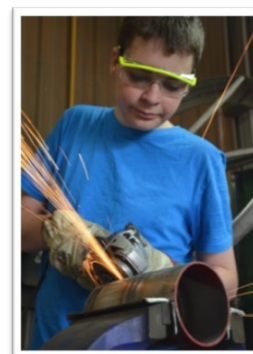
Recently there has been a lot of media attention to the new model of NSW school funding. One of the key components of the model is the Equity Loading. This is based on the needs of individual students. The result is a substantial increase in funding for our school. We are currently planning for 2014 and determining the most effective way to utilise this funding for the education of our students. Unfortunately, as much as this extra funding is very welcome there now appears that the Federal Government has indicated uncertainty around the continuation of this funding model past 2015.

There has been an extraordinary number of events and achievements throughout Term 4. However it would be remiss of me if I only reported on Term 4 and did not make mention of the incredible Multicultural Day that was on held on the last day of Term:3. The opening ceremony incorporated guest speakers and amazing cultural performances. It truly set the scene for an amazing day that showcased the sixty different nationalities of our school. Congratulations must go to all the staff and students that contributed towards the success of the day. Special mention must go to Ms Shukla who coordinated the entire event and provided wonderful inspiration leading up to the actual day.



Examinations and assessments featured heavily throughout this term. Years 7 to 10 completed their yearly assessments and students in Year 8 did the National *Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA)* online examination. Reports are in the final stages of completion and will be mailed home very soon. At the beginning of this term our students of Year 12 endured the stressful process of the Higher School Certificate examinations. We now join them in the anxious wait for the HSC results which will be available on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. However, the year 12 formal provided a well-earned chance to celebrate all the hard work and sacrifices that have been made throughout the HSC course.

Part of the HSC Vocational Education and Training courses is a mandatory component of work placement. Work placements are designated and co-ordinated through the company BREED, our work placement provider. At the end of the year BREED recognises those students who display excellence in employability skills at an official function at Blacktown City Council chambers. This year two Plumpton High School students featured amongst the seventeen awardees from all of Western Sydney. BREED Managing Director Stephen Frost said, "Every-year we are faced with the enormous task of selecting from hundreds of outstanding students; this year is no exception, the 2013 winners are remarkable young people and wonderful ambassadors for the Blacktown Region." Congratulations to Nick Hamilton for the award of 'Student of the Year for Metalwork' and Liam Cummings for 'Student of the Year for Information Technology'.



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## Principal's Message Continued

In the middle of November the students and staff of Plumpton High school displayed wonderful charity and community spirit by supporting two very deserving causes. Two concerts were held to raise money for those affected in the bushfires at Winmalee. The performances by students and staff were incredible with over \$2100 raised on the day. In conjunction with money raised through the concerts; hundreds of cans of food, over 1000 bottles of water and countless toiletries were donated for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.



The Citizenship Continuum presentation was also held in November. The event has grown considerably as the years have progressed. Nearly two hundred family members and friends were present to support the students from Plumpton High School, William Dean and Plumpton Public schools. These students have displayed excellence in the compilation of their portfolios. Congratulations to all students who received awards and to Ms Amanda Cook for her exceptional co-ordination of the program and the event itself.



The pivotal event of the Year 10 BEACON program is the pledge signing ceremony where students commit to a positive future of either employment or a combination of further study and employment. The ceremony was held in the GWS Performing Arts Centre where approximately 500 students, parents, staff and special guests attended in support of this symbolic event. We were all enlightened by some wonderful guest speakers, entertained by outstanding musical performances and galvanised by the signing process. This signed pledge will hang in the front office for the next 12 months.



The NSW Department of Education and Communities *School Spectacular* is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is an extraordinary annual event that is held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. It showcases the best musical and dance performers from NSW public education. This year Elysa Villareal (yr9) made it through to the final audition round as a featured artist and we also had six students in the mass choir; Sarah Warren (yr9), Natasha McFarland (yr 9) and year 10 students Setaita Manueku, Delilah Siasaga, Sean Foster and Catherine Tatuila. This is a fabulous achievement as they have had the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience in excess of ten thousand and a massive TV audience via the channel nine broadcast. A big thank you also goes to the CAPA faculty especially Ms Watson.

Another student who has been exceptional in his achievements is Josh McKay (Yr 12). He is a very quiet and modest young man and few would be aware of dedication to this sport and of his accomplishments. He is the current Australian Junior boxing champion in the under 60kg division. Josh recently represented Australia at the World Junior boxing championships in the Ukraine. Josh narrowly lost on points in his quarterfinal, just missing a medal position and was ranked equal 5<sup>th</sup> in the world. This is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations Josh!

At the time of writing this report we are preparing for the 2014 Year 7 Information Night, Year 7 Orientation Day, School Presentation Day and the launch of a new Hip-Hop initiative for the Indigenous AFL program. So there is certainly no time for rest.

New seating and shelters in the school's *Nature Trail* has provided much needed additional shade for our students since the removal of a large number of deceased trees. Further investigation and consultation will occur with student representatives to ascertain future expansion of this sheltered seating program.

The last day of school for all students is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Staff Development days will occur on the following Thursday and Friday. School will resume for years 7, 11 & 12 on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January and Years 8, 9 & 10 on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of Plumpton High School for their extraordinary support of our students throughout the year, congratulate the students on their efforts and wish everyone a safe and restful holiday.

Peter Ezzy  
Relieving Principal  
Plumpton High School

### ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

Please pay fees between the office hours of **8:30am and 1:30pm**.  
Enquiries regarding school matters between the hours of 8:15am and 3:00pm.  
Thank you for your consideration.

# YEAR 12 FORMAL

## ALL CLASS FOR THE CLASS OF 2013

The annual Year 12 Formal was held on Thursday 21st November at Waterview in Bicentennial Park in Homebush.

The night kicked off at 6pm with students arriving in style. Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Hummers and stretch limousines were just some of the dazzling cars to pull up outside the venue as family, friends and teachers all watched to see who would emerge from each vehicle. In particular, **Brittany Good** stunned crowds as she stepped out of a bright orange Maclaren looking like a runway model.



Once inside, students moved between the photographer's mini studio and the venue's photo booth as they clamoured to immortalise the evening. From **Sulaiman Abawi's** classic suit and tie to **Tristan Mansfield's** anime costume, from **Kelly Laing's** timeless elegance in black to **Madison Pizzilli's** elaborate red Spanish-inspired floor length gown, it was a night of both glamour and fun.

Guests were entertained by a surprise performance from **Mr**

**Phil Gordon** who sang a personalised rendition of 'Brown Eyed Girl' which involved lyrics about jiggling in Plumpton Park and old friends at Plumpton High School.

**Mr Marjay Bagus'** director's edition of the graduation LipDub video was finally



revealed between dinner and dessert and was met with sentimental sighs and hysterical laughter. The blooper reel kept the audience in stitches, particularly while watching **Todd Martin** trying to sing his line while a ball was being thrown at him. **Jayden Mallinson's** attempts to dunk a basketball proved equally as entertaining.

Also between courses, the 'Most Likely To...' awards were distributed with **Clement McLennan** being voted as 'Most Likely to Rule the World' while **Sela Piu** was voted 'Most Likely to Start World War III'. Another popular vote was **Bill Gaite** as the 'Most Likely to Become the Next Bill Gates'.

Once the three course meal had concluded, the dancing ensued. Students dominated the dance floor with **Jhade Tudtud** and **Sanam Shahpoor** showing people how it's done while most teachers danced awkwardly off to the side.



Unfortunately, there were a few casualties over the course of the evening with many girls like **Shaylee Brassington Cannon** succumbing to the pain caused by their high heels.

However, the evening came to an end all too soon and at the strike of 11:30pm, the lights came on. Students posed for their final photographs and said their last farewells to the friends and teachers who helped to shape them over the past six years.

The 2013 year group is one to remember and will be sorely missed at Plumpton High School. The Formal was a great night and this year's cohort went out in true Year 12 style. All class.

# BEACON



Polish



Mock Interviews



Lunch with the girls



Speed careering



## Beacon Review 2013



Visits to industry



BBQ with the boys



Charter Signing and  
Official Dinner

# ENGLISH



## A Little Bit of Salem, Massachusetts comes to Penrith!

On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November Miss O'Connor, Miss Wood, Mr Adamski and 58 Year 12 Students went to see the Emu Heights Production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*. Students were lucky enough to see the final technical rehearsal before the show officially opened that night and were treated to an extensive Q & A session with the director, cast and crew of the production as part of their HSC studies on 'Belonging'. Before watching the play, students were able to enjoy morning tea at Penrith Westfield Shopping Centre.

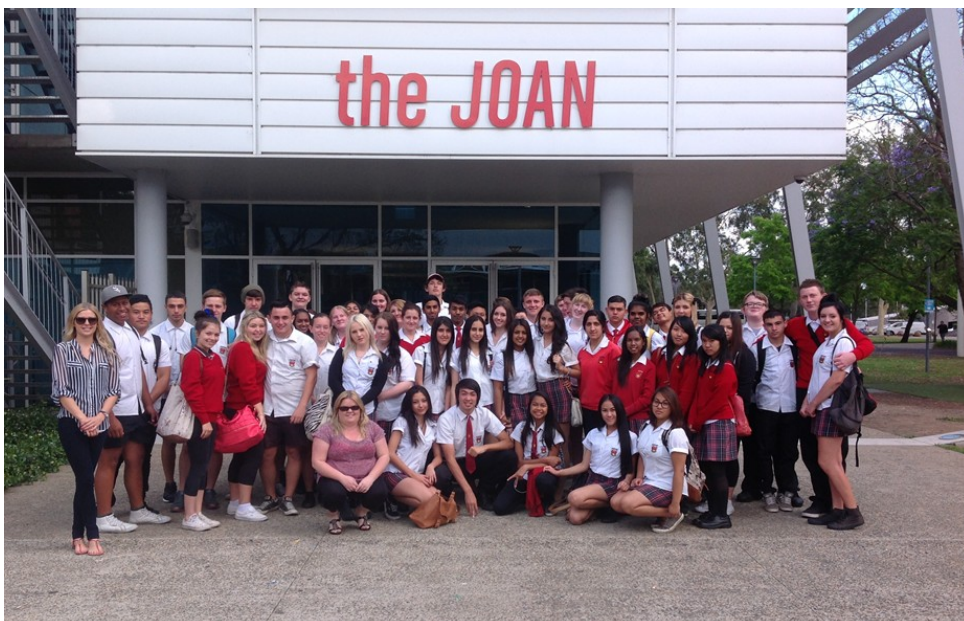
The performance was true to the dramatic text and included distinct design elements such as an evolving set to resemble the chaos and hysteria present in the play, as well as a moving border using leaves and lights to create the high tension atmosphere required for such a production.

Students benefited by being able to see emotive and realistic performances of key characters that they have been studying in depth. During the Q&A session students had their preconceived notions of the play challenged and were able to find some unique links to belonging that weren't easily noticed from simply reading the text.

Overall, seeing Arthur Miller's classic play brought to life on the stage was a wonderful experience and one that will definitely serve the students well as they study their HSC.

~ Mr Adamski ~

*A huge thank you to Miss Wood and Mr Adamski for their help on the day and to Miss Young and Miss Pleffer who helped to cover classes back at the nest!*



# INDUSTRIAL ARTS

## HSC projects

The HSC projects for 2013 have been finished and marked. The following is a selection of photographs and words from the student who created the project;

### Jaime-Lee Young—Rotating fishing rod holder and tackle cabinet

My project was interesting because it used recycled timber and will be a useful item at home.

I am very happy with the finished product. I think that the contrasting timbers and glossy finish look particularly attractive.



### Anjo Gulliab— Hallway Table

I built a hallway table with curved laminated supports and a frosted glass top. I particularly like the contrast of the frosted glass, timber colour and the inlay.



# INDUSTRIAL ARTS



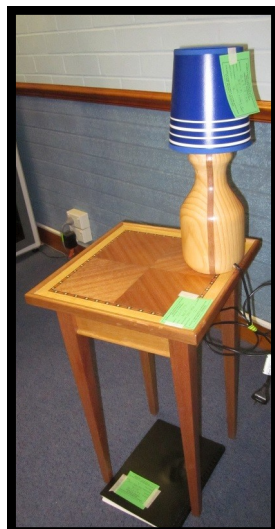
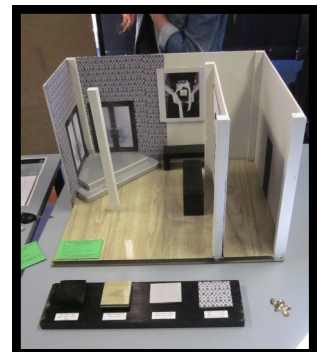
Dean Robinson—Hallway Table



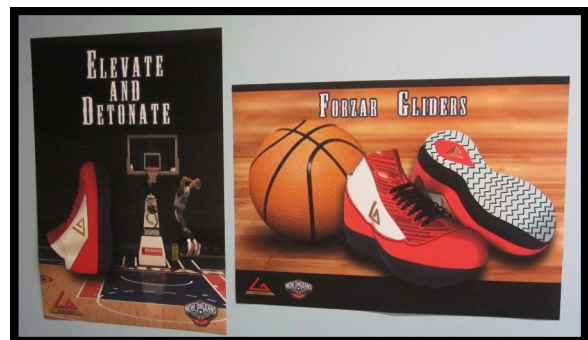
Daniel Saville—Entertainment Unit  
Jarrod Wilson—Mantle Clock



Ruby Tran—Fashion Store



Ali Aljourani—Table and Lamp

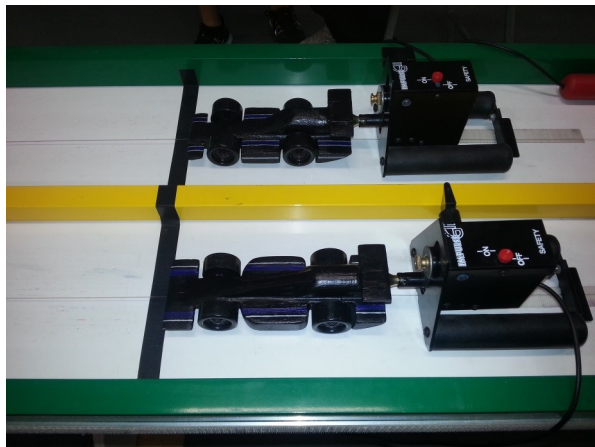
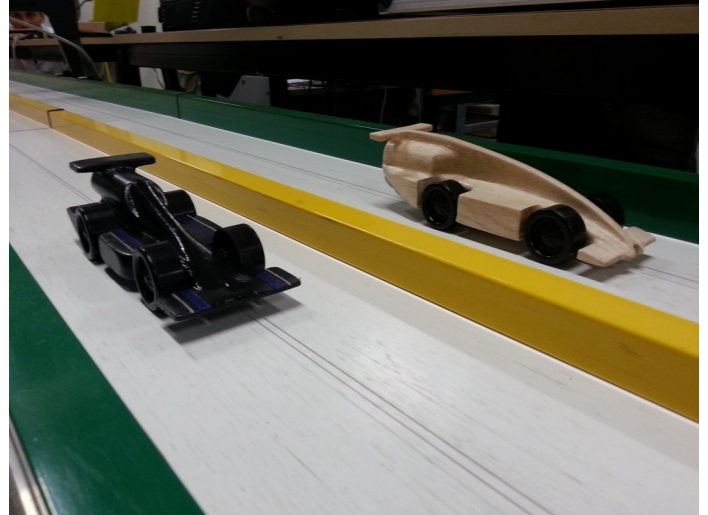


Junaid Ahmad—Basketball Shoe

# INDUSTRIAL ARTS

## Stage 5 Engineering Studies

The stage 5 engineering students recently travelled to Mt Drutt TAFE to race the FI in schools cars they built as part of their course work. The students had an exciting day looking at the facilities at TAFE and racing their cars. Overall fastest car was built by Anoop Sagoo.



The students designed a 3D computer model of their car and tested it in a virtual wind tunnel to optimize performance. Once the cars were finalised, tool paths were created that would drive our CNC router (a computerised machine that can carve out a shape based on a virtual model) and the cars were machined.

After the cars were machined, the students had to sand the vehicles, paint and line the cars and then fit wheels and axles. This process resulted in a number of interesting designs and the students enjoyed their day out at TAFE.

## Stage 5 Jewellery metalwork

Jewellery Metalwork is a new course this year and these are some sample of the projects the students are working on.



# INDUSTRIAL ARTS

## Shoes for Practical Lessons

It is a Department of Education and Communities requirement that students participating in classes within the Industrial Arts and Home Economics Faculty, namely Technology, Wood Work, Metal Work, Food Technology, Agriculture and Electronics are required to wear Shoes with Leather Uppers in order to participate in lessons conducted within the workshops and kitchens.

It is a requirement deemed necessary for Safety reasons.

Over the next couple of months many parents will be acquiring their children's uniforms for the new school year. Please consider this requirement when purchasing your child's footwear, as students will be excluded from participating if they are not equipped with shoes that have leather uppers.

It should be noted at this point that open style shoes such as thongs and sandals are not acceptable school footwear even on mufti days.

**Acceptable shoes**—These have full leather uppers and firm soles



**Unacceptable Shoes**—These shoes have synthetic or fabric uppers



**Unacceptable Shoes**—These shoes do not provide sufficient protection to the foot even if they are leather



# LIBRARY

The last term of the year is a quieter time taken up by special provisions exams for HSC as well as Years 7-10. At these times library activities take a back seat. When able to we still had our Wednesday Reading Club and squeezed in our Book of the Month discussion group around the exam time-table. The students are enjoying the new-look library with its colourful comfy furniture at lunch times.



One exciting event for us was an excursion to the annual Scholastic Book Sale held at Homebush on 13 November. Six students were selected on the strength of their enthusiasm and reading records for the year to go with me to this sale and help choose fiction books for the library. It was an enjoyable and worthwhile reward for these students who have shown their own delight in reading all year to have this experience. After three hours of searching for the book gems amongst the piles and crowd of other eager buyers we were quite parched and so refreshed ourselves with an ice-cream at a McDonalds outlet in the Olympic Park before returning to school.



Students involved were Aaima Kausar, Eunice Flores, Sana Dehsabzi, Abby Foster, Kinza Ilyas and Prabhjot Kaur. The last two students are to be further congratulated on completing the Premier's Reading Challenge this year.

## Junior Trivia Contest

A lot of fun was had on Thursday 28 November when we held a junior trivia contest just for some educational fun after all their exam efforts. Six teams who fought valiantly for the title of Trivia Champions 2013. No team scored less than 50% in any category of trivia, which was quite impressive. The 30 students involved from Year 7-10 behaved very well, although at times rather too excitedly, especially when they heard the answers to the questions. The Year 8 teams showed a lot of promise for trivia but, fortunately for them, the Year 10 team held their own and won the day. Well done to Razi Amjad, Aaima and Maryam Kausar and Hina Javed for their victory. In second place was a Year 9 team: Luke Murray, Wit Chompoo, Kelvin Kumar, Samuel McLennon and Patrick Quimpque.

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