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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS – A TIME TO REMEMBER

What a fantastic week to celebrate 20 wonderful years at Quakers Hill HS. Last week we had a smorgasbord of dramatic, artistic and creative arts coupled with a day of student centred, fun filled activities. It certainly has been a sensational testament to the commitment our school has to providing every student with the opportunity to discover their individual talents and to share these amazing talents with our local community. In saying that, such a huge extravaganza could not happen without the hard work and dedication of our staff here at Quakers Hill HS. I extend my sincere thanks to the staff for making this past week such a special occasion for our students.

The final chapter of our anniversary celebrations will be opening the time capsule from 1993 and finalising the contents of our time capsule from 2013.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Schools play a vital role in the social and emotional development of children. Regular attendance enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and assists in building important coping and friendship skills. Confident children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour. Ultimately, unsatisfactory attendance at school may affect the awarding of the ROSA. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOOL

Principals are legally responsible for maintaining accurate records of student attendance. When reasons for absences are provided to the school by parents, Principals are accountable for their decision to record a student's absence as justified. Principals may decline to accept as satisfactory an explanation for an absence and will record that absence as unjustified. Principals may request medical

Upcoming Events

8 October

All students return for Term 4

9 October

Uniform Shop open 2.30—4pm

14 October

P&C Meeting 7pm

15 October

Collegiate Cup

16 October

Parent/Teacher Night
Years 8, 9 & 10

Accelerated Parent Meeting
Year 9—6.30pm

Support Unit Swim School

18 October

Vaccinations

Contact issued

22 October

Fast Forward Year 9 Skills
Day

23 October

Support Unit Swim School

certificates or other documentation when absences explained as being due to illness are frequent or prolonged.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS

The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents (including carers) ensure that children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend, school or are registered with the Office of the Board of Studies NSW for home schooling. The New South Wales Department of Education and Training may take legal action against parents and carers who do not send their children to school without a valid reason.

What is a justified reason for being absent from school?

Justified reasons for absences may include the student:

1. having an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably, these should be made after school or during holidays)
2. being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
3. being required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
4. being sick, or having an infectious disease.

All children have a right to an education. Only by regular school attendance can children make the most of educational opportunities, leading to greater social and economic outcomes.

CAMP GIVEAWAY

As part of Sport and Recreation's outdoor education week, you have the chance to win an adventure-packed family weekend away at a camp. Click on the link, watch the video and answer two easy questions to enter the competition. Good luck. Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/win/index.asp>

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL CAMP

School camp is one of the highlights of childhood, however, it's also true that for some children (and their parents) the thought of staying away overnight can create a little anxiety. Read these tips for school camp confidence. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-ready-for-camp>

WATER SAFETY TIPS

Beaches, lakes, rivers, creeks and pools are popular spots in summer for people young and old to cool off and have fun. Here are some easy steps you can take to make sure your child stays safe. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

EXAM STRESS BUSTERS

The mere thought of an exam can make kids nervous. Help create the right study conditions for your child in the lead-up to exams and know the warning signs if it's all getting too much. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-exam-stress-busters>

SCHOOL RETURNS TERM 4

All staff and students return on Tuesday 8 October 2013. Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Lauretta Claus, Principal

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WOW, WHAT A TERM!

The last few weeks have been buzzing. The 20th Anniversary Celebrations was an absolute showcase of the amazing talent that we have here at Quakers Hill High School. While exhausting, I can honestly say that I am proud to be a Deputy Principal in such a fine school. From working bees to lots of shows, many were working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that everything was perfect. Congratulations to Ms Mel Lachevre for her impeccable organisation of every aspect of the week's celebrations. She is an amazing teacher and mentor who goes above and beyond the call of duty and the school is truly grateful.



It would be remiss of me, not to take the time to thank Lauretta Claus on behalf of the school community for allowing all of these opportunities to happen in the school. She is an inspiration to us all and supports all our endeavours. The staff and students are very lucky to have such a caring, considerate Principal who believes in us all.

Quakers Hill East PS came to see the show



Some of the cast members





YEAR 10 NEWS

Election Day Cake Stall

Mrs Jo Warner, Mrs Rebecca Iacono, Mrs Leanne Thompson, Mr Sultana, Ms Tweeddale, Mrs Claus, Mrs Pratap, Ms Ossington, Ms Lachevre, Mr Brooks, Mr Khehra, Ms Ravikumar Mr & Mrs Hut-ton, Ms Spring. On behalf of Year 10 and Ms Tong we'd like to thank all the staff and parents who contributed to the Cake Stall. It was a very successful day that was predominantly run by Megan Warner, Jacqui Bryan, Shannon Barker, Anja Karanovic, Yvonne Robertson and Michael Emerson who helped set up. Well done team.

General Information

Recently you would have received a letter outlining information about Term 4 events. I'd like to clarify a few points:

- All Year 10 students are encouraged to use the upcoming holidays to revise and prepare for the Year 10 Collegiate ROSA Exams which will be held on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 October. These exams will be conducted across all Nirimba Collegiate schools and are vital in attaining the Nirimba Collegiate Stage 5 Certificate. The Elective exams however, will be school based and will be held in designated times in Weeks 2 – 4. A timetable will be issued.
- Students have been informed if they are on the Non Formal list and the reason why they are on this list. I have had many students come to see me to discuss possible ways to address this sanction. Those that have been **suspended** in 2013 will have to seek approval to attend the formal. At the beginning of the year there was a meeting held with Year 10 where the expectations clearly stated that students who had outstanding work or had not met our behaviour expectations in 2013 would **NOT** be allowed the privilege of attending the Year 10 Formal. Our SMART code of conduct is something all Year 10 are very familiar with.
- **The Graduation Dinner** at Crowne Plaza Norwest, is on the evening of Wednesday 4 December, 6pm on the Terrace and to be seated by 7pm. Parents should arrange to pick up students at 11pm. This is a **school function** and as such, all students are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. The evening is an opportunity to celebrate an important time in the lives of our students. There will be a short formal part to the evening when a number of speakers will address the group. Again students are expected to respond in the appropriate manner. Students are required to have their deposit paid before the end of term. Those students that redeem themselves and get their name off the Non Formal list can pay their money in full in Week 4, when the final decision will be made.
- The formal **Graduation Assembly** on Friday 6 December at 9.30am will require all students to attend in full school uniform. Those not dressed in this manner will not take part and will receive documents at some later date, **at the Principal's discretion**. This is an important milestone and we are treating it with the utmost respect.

Assessment and Exams

As we come to the end of Term 3 it is important that students reflect on their academic journey thus far and look for ways to improve on their current results. Perhaps some of the time in the holidays could be spent getting ready for the Yearly Exam period which is Week 2 & 3 in Term 4 for Year 7 & 8 and Weeks 2 – 4 for Year 9 & 10.

Social Media

Recently, there have been a number of behavioural incidents that stem from comments being posted on Facebook. I urge parents to take an interest in their child's activity and monitor the various sites that are being used. One app I'd like to draw your attention to is Snapchat. Here are some tips on good digital citizenship:

- **Help others** - Check in with your friends who use Snapchat and make sure that they know about the privacy settings and safety information.
- **Think before you send** - How will your message make the other person feel? Would you be upset, embarrassed or get in trouble if they showed it to someone else? If you feel like you're taking a risk or doing something that makes you even a little bit uncomfortable - stop what you're doing and don't send the message.
- **Have fun** - Snapchat is supposed to be fun, if you're not having fun or if you're ruining someone else's fun, *you're doing it wrong* and you should re-think what you're doing.

Parent Teacher Evening

On Wednesday 18 September Parent Teacher Evening was held for Year 7. The evening provided parents and carers the opportunity to discuss their child's academic progress and gain advice on supporting further improvement. The Year 8, 9 & 10 Parent Teacher Evening will be held on Wednesday 16 October (Week 2, Term 4). The students have been issued with an appointment card to book in times with their various teachers. If you cannot attend interviews but would like to find out about your child's progress, please contact the class teacher on 9837 1533. Many thanks to Mr Paul Sultana for organising the evenings and to the numerous staff and students who assisted.

Happy Holidays

By the end of a term both staff and students are ready for a break. I hope that everyone has a safe and restful holiday in preparation for the work ahead in Term 4. The school uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 9 October 2.30-4pm but if your child discovers that they have grown and no longer fit into their summer uniform they can approach the office and arrangements will be made to accommodate them.

Mrs Beatrice Maricic, Deputy Principal (Years 8 & 10)

VACCINATIONS SCHEDULE

Friday 18th October 2013 Yr7, 3rd Dose HPV (All students)
Yr7, 2nd Dose Hep B
Yr9, 3rd Dose HPV (Boys only)

This program is only free when delivered via the school program run by the Department of Health.

If your child has not brought home the Vaccinations Forms please ask them to collect it from Mrs Brakell in the Welfare Department.

Please be aware any enquiries about the program, especially those of a medical nature, should be made to the Department of Health on this number: 9840 3603.

TAS FACULTY STUDENT WORK SAMPLE

In TAS, we are very proud to showcase the work of our awesome SMART students who work hard on their assessments to produce good quality work. Here is an interesting interview conducted by Food Technology Student, Elsa Pita (Year 10), who created an article on the intriguing Peruvian Food and Culture as part of her Cultural Food Assessment task. Sit back and relax as Elsa transports you to the warm and exotic flavours of Peru.

Mr Roma, Food Technology

PERUVIAN FOOD & CULTURE ARTICLE – Interview by Elsa Pita

How is Peruvian culture maintained in Australia?

The person I am interviewing is my mother Veronica Pita Valcarcel from the capital city of Peru, Lima and even when her three kids were born here in Australia, she tries to maintain the Peruvian culture and values including the food. The reason for that is because she is married to another Peruvian guy, my father, who was born in Lima as well.

As a Peruvian, we try to keep cooking our food in between the Australian ones, even if we don't have all the ingredients like Ollucos, which is a type of potato, Ajipanca which is a type of chili that is dried. We gather together with other Peruvian families to eat together as most of the time the food is Peruvian and we try to maintain our culture in Australia.



Is Peruvian food known internationally?

Yes, especially the last decade, there is a Peruvian guy named Gaston Acirio that cooks Peruvian food around the world in famous restaurants and hotels. He was in Sydney last year for a Peruvian Food Expo which lasted for a whole week and was presented in one of the main hotels in Sydney. He has been on TV on SBS channel presenting a wide range of Peruvian dishes.



Is Peruvian food easy to cook?

Peruvian food is easy to cook but the preparation is a bit long compared to the Australian one. Peruvian food has a few spices and it's not a light food. It takes longer to digest with all the spices, however, spending the time to cook Peruvian food is worth it because it is very delicious. An example is anticuchos (cow's heart) as it needs to be prepared the night before soaking the heart pieces into a vinegar sauce. The next day you can cook it in a coal grill like a BBQ.



Anticuchos

Is there a certain type of food that is used seasonally?

Yes, one that kids particularly enjoy a lot is the one made traditionally in October and it's called Torron De Dona Pepa. It's made in October because there is a procession where people take a statue of Jesus crucified on a religious march in the main street of Lima. Thousands of people follow Jesus and as a tradition Torron De Dona Pepa is sold to people who believe in Jesus. My kids like Torron De Dona Pepa because it is a dessert that has pastry bars stacked on to each other and each layer you pour Miel which is honey made of fruits, the top layer you sprinkle hundreds of thousands.



Torron de dona pepa

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP – LEICHHARDT

On Friday 23 August four classes of Year 9 Geography students attended an excursion to Norton Street Leichhardt. On the day students had the opportunity to observe and experience the characteristics that make Leichhardt an Italian community.

We began our day with a tour along Norton Street where students observed “Café Sport”, where the first Cappuccino in Australia was sold, the building of La Fiamma and Rete Italia, the Italian newspaper and radio station and visited Mezzapica, a café specialising in delicious Italian cakes and pastries.

We then made our way to the Italian forum where we looked at Italian architecture and specialty shops, before choosing from a selection of Italian restaurants to try some authentic Italian food. Most students managed to find some room left in their tummies for gelato after lunch!

It was a fantastic day, where students were well behaved and enthusiastic.

Miss Walker and Social Science staff

WARRAGAMBA DAM FIELDTRIP

On Monday 28 August 2013, 85 Year 8 students accompanied by their Geography teachers went on a fieldtrip to Warragamba Dam. This fieldtrip supplements work being done in the classroom on Access to Fresh Water.

At the dam students started the day with a most spectacular view of the Burragorang River, from the viewing platform. Thereafter one group of students had the opportunity to participate in activities in the newly refurbished education centre while another went out to the dam. Students were very privileged to walk on the dam wall and view the dam wall and gates close up, as this area is not open to the general public. In the classroom they had the opportunity to participate in water quality activities, visit the hands on Water for Life exhibition and view a presentation on Sydney Catchment Authority's main role in catching and managing our drinking water to a very high standard.

We ended the day with a lovely lunch in their picnic area. The students thoroughly enjoyed learning in a different environment.

Mr Anthony Head, HT HSIE



AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Australian Mathematics Competition was held on Thursday 1 August 2013. In this competition students were assessed against other students in the same school year in the country. The competition gives students external recognition of their achievements. All students who enter the competition receive a certificate showing their level of achievement and a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with comparative statistics. This year the following students participated in this competition from Quakers Hill High and are to be congratulated on their achievements:

Year 7 - Meet Patel - Proficiency

Year 8 - Parneet Kaur - Proficiency

Megha Kapoor – Proficiency

Year 9—Kaitlyn Hockey – Distinction

Rebeka Wojcicka – Distinction

Kavya Mathur – Distinction

In 2014 the competition will be held on 7 August and more students are encouraged to enter.

Mrs Azad, Organising teacher



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Dear Principal

Delayed Release of NAPLAN 2013 Student Reports to Parents

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has advised Test Administration Authorities that it has identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports in Language Conventions. ACARA is devising a strategy to address the issue quickly, however, distribution of Student Reports to schools will be delayed.

On advice from ACARA, it is anticipated that 2013 NAPLAN Student Reports will be delivered to schools across Australia from 8–11 October, with distribution of reports to parents to occur in the week Monday 14 to Friday 18 October. The release of the NAPLAN Summary Report and SMART are unaffected. They will be available to schools from Friday 13 September 2013.

Schools also have access to the Participation and Registration (PAR) website during the reporting period to enable a review of student test participation information. Access is read-only and no changes can be made to data.

The Board of Studies NSW, as the Test Administration Authority, will continue to work with ACARA and other national bodies to ensure coordinated distribution of 2013 NAPLAN Student Reports.

2013 NAPLAN SMART data can be accessed through the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) portal from Friday 13 September. Any issues with SMART data should be referred to the DEC at smarttrain@det.nsw.edu.au.

Principals communicating with parents on this issue may wish to use the attached text provided by ACARA. For further details, please contact ACARA on 1300 895 563 or 02 8098 3100.

I will advise schools of any further details regarding the reporting timeline as they come to hand.

Yours sincerely

Carol Taylor
Chief Executive
11 / 9 / 2013

BOYS UNDER 15 BASKETBALL

On Friday 13 September the boys U/15 Basketball team competed in the Sydney West Final 8 Gala Day. The first game was against Castle Hill. Castle Hill got out to an early lead but we hit back to finish the half behind by a few points. The second half started the same as the first with Castle Hill getting an early lead but unfortunately we couldn't get back into the game and the final score was 31-19.

Our second game was against Nepean and this time we were the team that got out to an early lead and were ahead by 10 points at the half. Although Nepean had the most dominant player on the court we were never troubled and won the game 30-21 on the back of some outstanding defensive work from Chris McRae.

Our third game was against Rooty Hill who had beaten Nepean 67-18 in their opening match. Castle Hill had also defeated Rooty Hill in their second match. This meant the winner of Quakers Hill and Rooty Hill would advance to the semi-finals. The game started out with both teams trading baskets and it appeared we were in with a great chance of an upset win. A buzzer beater from Ives Boncato gave us a one point lead going into the half time break. The second half was much of the same with both teams trading baskets and it looked as if it would come down to whoever had the last possession would be the winner. That was until Ives took over and was simply unstoppable as the game wound down. He was either scoring points or setting up one of his team mates for an easy score. The final score was 27-23 and for the first time since 2010 we advanced to the semi-finals.

The semi-final was against a much favoured Girraween team. Both teams traded early baskets but it was Girraween who strung a few possessions together to take a small lead. With outstanding team-work from Ives, Chris and Dylan Nulty we got right back into the game and were down by a point at the half. The second half was a tight game until midway through the half when Girraween again strung a few baskets together to open up a 9 point lead. With strong defense and some clutch shooting again from Ives we narrowed the lead to 5 points with just over a minute remaining. Smart play from Girraween using up the clock meant we were never able to close the gap and the final score was 30-25.

This result meant we finished in the top four of Western Sydney and were only 5 points away from being in the last 22 in the state. It was a fantastic team effort from all the boys who exceeded all expectations. I am extremely proud of how all the boys carried themselves both on and off the court. The team consisted of Ives Boncato, Chris McRae, Dylan Nulty, Shonal Deo, Mitchell Schroeder, Riley Nulty, Joennar Galindez and Ralph Danting. Also thanks to Jemmuel Magtibay who was the team mascot but was also our scorer for all the games we have played in this competition.

The highlight of the day was not on the court but was when Shonal complained of soreness from the ointment Jemmuel had given him to use like 'Deep Heat'. On closer inspection the bottle read for Animal Treatment Only, for the use on Horses and Cattle. I guess it pays to read the label.

Congratulations to all the boys on an outstanding effort.

Luke Barry

CONGRATULATIONS

A big congratulations to a very deserving Year 9 Athletic Athlete Brock Styles. Brock Styles is a very humble and talented athlete who hopes to reach the Para Olympics in the future. Brock participated in the Zone and Sydney West Athletics carnival achieving outstanding results. Only recently has it been officially documented that Brock now holds the AWD under 16s 100m Australian record. During the CHS Athletics Carnival Brock was awarded the AWD male outstanding athlete award. Brock should be extremely proud of achieving such an amazing award. On behalf of all the students, teachers and the Quakers Hill High School community, I congratulate you Brock on your exceptional achievements.

Ms Alex Liversedge, a proud sports organiser.

FUN DAY CUP CAKE REPORT

With over 200 cupcakes baked and 3kgs of butter icing made, Fun Day Cup Cake decorating was always going to be a great time. Added to this a huge array of every sugary sweet available in a lolly shop from smarties to choc chip cookies, and Fun Day Cup Cakes was going to be a hit to both the senses and the sugar craved students of QHHS. As a result students made a delightful range of designs from flowers and faces to teddy bears and soccer balls and every conceivable design in between. Asked to evaluate their own experience, students wrote:

"I had an amazing time!!! It was Heaps of Fun decorating." "There was so much variety of lollies to choose from, and they tasted good too" "I don't want to eat 'em; They're too cute"

Congratulations to Ms Del Pino and Mr Cameron and all the other teachers and staff involved in making each session so successful.



We would like to say a big thank you to the following companies for contributing to Quakers Hill High School's 20 Year Birthday Celebrations raffle which was held on Friday 13 September 2013.

FIAA, Joe's Meat Market (Stanhope), Mardon Meats (Kings Langley), MTBF, Fresh Nail (Stanhope), Beyond Beauty (Stanhope), The Hair Bar (Stanhope), Baker's Delight (Kings Langley), Michel's Patisserie (Kings Langley), Arbonne (Elaine Cranfield), Farnham Road Cellars, Kings Langley Pharmacy, Tree Top Adventure Park, Woodfire Pizzeria (Blacktown), Sydney Observatory, Featherdale Wildlife Park, Il Lago Restaurant (Norwest), Australian Reptile Park, IGA (Farnham Road), Phillipa for the Mollymook weekend away, Bunnings (Rouse Hill) and Kathmandu (Rouse Hill).

Also a big thank you must go out to all staff that contributed prizes for the raffle. Without these prizes our raffle would not have been as great as it was.

**Mrs P White, HT Welfare
Michelle Brakell & Karen White, SLSOs
Welfare Faculty**



YEAR 7 AND 8 GALA DAY 2013

Quakers Hill High School successfully participated in another Blacktown Zone Gala Day held at various locations across the Blacktown Zone on Monday 9 and 16 September 2013. The Gala Day is not just for serious sports people; the emphasis is on getting involved, exercising, working as a team, building on skills, making new friends and most importantly having fun.

149 Year 8 students and 189 Year 7 students enjoyed various sports including Netball, Soccer and Touch Football. 22 Year 9/10 students volunteered to referee the games throughout the day. Every team was very competitive on the day and was rewarded by their final results. Many teams were undefeated and too many teams to mention won the finals in their competition draws. All students should be applauded and proud of their behavior, sports uniform and sportsmanship they showed not only to each other but other schools, referees and teachers. A big thank you to all the teachers that came, helped and supported our students on the day. Congratulations to all students for participating and once again showing the skills of students at Quakers Hill High School.

Yours in Sport

Mrs A Liversedge

RAW PROGRAMME – 2013

As part of 'The Western Sydney Region National Partnerships Programme', Quakers Hill High School has recently had the opportunity to participate in the RAW (Ready, Arrive, Work) program. This program is part of the "Youth Attainment and Transitions" initiative for recently arrived migrants and aims to assist identified students acquire vocational learning knowledge and skills that are required within our community.

The programme consisted of 10 lessons, including 2 excursions, across one term (Term 3) and was delivered by Job Quest Youth Consultants. These consultants have extensive knowledge and experience with Youth at Risk and the local labour market. A small group of eight students received guidance in employability skills, such as: personal initiations, job seeking skills, writing resumes & cover letters, workplace health and safety policy, interview skills and communication skills.

The students attained knowledge about resources applicable to their own personality suitability during SALAD DAY (first excursion day) and how to improve their communication and team skills with peers during FRUIT DAY (second excursion). The content of both excursion days will be of definite assistance to them in shaping their future life. The following students attended the RAW (Ready, Arrive, Work) program: **Spisali Hadi, Kevin Liu, Aarya Raghubanshi, Arshdeep Kamboj, Bavneet Lamba, Maninder Sharma, Inderjit Singh, Bosyna Mohamed**. Participation in the RAW programme has assisted the identified students to acquire the required vocational learning knowledge and skills that will make them enthusiastic and successful future job seekers.

Mrs Ravikumar, Organising Teacher

MUSIC

Our students have been working and preparing for the school's 20th Anniversary celebrations. A lot of time has been spent during class and lunch times to refine their works and this shone through with their performances on the Cabaret Evening. Congratulations to the following students for their performances: Angel Abelgas, Genesis Asuncion, Kayla Auld-Schuch, Shannon Barker, Camryn Batchelor, Jaimie Bonsall, Dominique Burke, Sarah Curran, Andrea Deller, Natasha Deziel, Carmel Edgerley, Renee Harradine, Gemma Hewitson, Kaitlyn Hockey, Anja Karanovic, Rose Lewis, Jaycee Maglalong, Alyssa Manalo, Kavya Mathur, Dennis Newsome, Mark Robertson, Yvonne Robertson, Brittany Roe, Chloe Silva, Olivia Simpson, Ariana Skinner, Shania Tweedie, Rebeka Wojcicka and Jasmine Xuereb.

Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Tong

SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS

STAFF INSERVICES

On Wednesday 11 September the entire Science faculty participated in an Adobe Connect In-service with the Board of Studies. The training topic was *Assessment for the New Syllabus*. This professional learning session was based on Assessment of Learning, Assessment for Learning and Assessment as Learning. As the Science staff members are currently busy working on new programs and assessments for 2014, this In-service was both timely and beneficial for its practical application.

SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

Discovery Day—On 8 August Wyndham held its first Discovery Day. Five of our Year 9 students presented their Science Major Assessment Tasks. These students articulated their tasks very impressively to those visiting their display stands. The student who was voted the Discovery Day winner in the 7-10 Category was Erin McCready. Erin received a \$20 gift voucher from JB Hi-Fi as a prize. All students were awarded certificates for their efforts.

Young Scientist Competition—This year 25 Year 9 Science Major Projects were entered into the Young Scientist Competition. This is a state-wide Science competition organised and adjudicated by the Science Teachers of NSW based on students' ability to identify a problem and set out to investigate and test their hypothesis. Good luck to those students entered.

CAPA NEWS

Last Friday evening we saw the school hall bursting with colour as we celebrated our annual Art Exhibition with a wide range of student artworks. The talent and diversity of our Visual Arts and Photography students was on display with a selection of 2D and 3D works around the themes of portraiture, still life, fantasy, abstraction and the urban / suburban landscape. This very impressive body of work celebrates the achievements and commitment of our students and encapsulates a very busy and successful year to date. Congratulations to all of our creative students; the standard of practical work was outstanding and once again reflects the depth of talent at our school within the Visual Arts, along with the dedication and hard work of our CAPA staff. A very proud moment, well done CAPA!

Ms Valatiadis, Head Teacher CAPA



SUPPORT UNIT SWIM SCHOOL

Two of our Support Unit classes (8W and 7/8/9M) will be taking part in their Swim School Program at Blacktown Leisure Centre each Wednesday during Week 2 to Week 5 of Term 4. Our students had a brilliant time last year and look forward to having fun whilst developing more skills next term.

Mrs J Payne, HT Support Unit

TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY EXCURSION

On Thursday 12 September students from the Textiles Technology classes visited Sydney TAFE in Ultimo to view this year's Theatre and Fashion Showcase. We saw costumes from theatre and different decades throughout history. Students were able to view free standing displays of fashion design students' millinery and period costumes including shoes and hats. Students were able to see career options for Textiles related jobs and also costuming options for those going into the Performing Arts. A good experience was had by all.

Tracey Drake, Organising Teacher

WRITING COMPETITIONS

Students across all grades have entered the nation-wide Write4Fun Writing Competition, where they are able to showcase their imagination and flaunt their flair for creative writing. They have composed poems that are both meaningful and sophisticated and suspenseful short stories that will keep you intrigued till the end! Teachers and students will have the wonderful opportunity to enjoy these thoughtful and exceptional writings when they are presented at an assembly in Term 4. Many students have also displayed a high level of enthusiasm by entering the Somerset National Novella Writing Competition where they are required to compose a novella of up to 10,000 words! This competition closes on December 6 2013 and all students are encouraged to enter. Let the writing begin!

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Prices for the following items will rise starting the beginning of Term 4 2013:

Sport Shirt	\$30	Sport Shorts	\$25
School Jumper	\$65	Tracksuit Pants	\$35



**SCHOOLS
PROGRAM**

GOT AN OLD PHONE YOU CAN'T USE ANYMORE??? IF YOU DONATE IT YOU CAN HELP QHHS WIN A SONY SUPERSTAR PERFORMANCE

We have a collection box in the front office where you can leave your **unwanted** phones. If we collect enough phones our school will win a Sony Music Superstar performance. Performers include Jessica Mauboy, Stan Walker, Justice Crew, Reece Mastin, The Collective, Samantha Jade or Johnny Ruffo.

You Can... Help Australian teenagers survive cancer (without donating a single dollar)

You Can... Contribute to a greener planet

You Can... Score a host of free Sony products including laptops, cameras and televisions for your school, or Xperia Sm artphone which is WATERPROOF

Competition runs until November 29 2013

<http://youcanschools.org.au/highschool/prizes/>

ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

Year 7 students have started a unit on Public Speaking and have been having fun with activities in class to grow confidence in their ability to present in front of an audience. Students have been presenting short scripts, tongue twisters, creative stories and persuasive speeches to their classes. They have shown enthusiasm and excitement for the topic so far! All Year 7 English teachers are looking forward to hearing students' persuasive speech assessments in Week 1 of Term 4.

Year 8 have been revising their literacy skills through a media unit on websites. Students have been choosing topics and articles to explore on a variety of sites and completing specific literacy tasks designed to increase their vocabulary and reinforce their understanding of how to write for different purposes and target audiences. Students have had fun finding interesting and creative facts about obscure topics!

Year 9 students have been studying one of the greatest love stories of all time – *'Romeo and Juliet'* and have just recently presented their assessments in the form of a speech to their peers. The assessment required students to create either a soundtrack of modern songs to represent certain scenes from the play, a picture book for children telling the timeless story or a collection of poems they created to show the themes of the play. Some students also appropriated the traditional story to a version of their own and performed a short script, transforming Shakespeare's original into a modern love story with a twist. Congratulations to **Elisa Keyte** and **Kyle Thompson** (9 English 4) on their fabulous performance of their own script about Melody and Harry, whose parents will stop at nothing to ensure their children aren't together. Look out for an encore of this performance at an assembly next term! Congratulations to the following students of 9 English 8: **Kavya Mathur** on her artistic picture book appropriation; **Maria Hondrogiannis** and **Komeel Ali** on their entertaining soundtrack for Baz Luhrmann's adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*.

Year 10 have been exploring the topic of 'Australian Identity' this Term in preparation for their ROSA exam early next term. All classes have completed a film study and have explored several related texts related to aspects of Australian identity and stereotypes. The English staff have been impressed with the variety of interesting related texts that students have found and analysed themselves and the interesting and creative responses that students have produced. Students in particular have found some very powerful and thought-provoking texts on Aboriginal perspectives around land ownership, which will also be presented at an upcoming assembly early in Term 4. Year 10 is encouraged to revise their work on Australian Identity over the holidays to keep this topic fresh in their minds for the ROSA exam in Week 4. Just a reminder to see Miss Gray for a permission note to attend the Essay and Creative Writing Workshops, Weeks 1-3 in Term 4.

THE MURAL PROJECT 2013

What is the Mural Project?

The mural project 2013 is a representation of the dynamic character of Quakers Hill High School over the past 20 years. It's presented in different figure shapes, inspired by the popular American artist Keith Haring. The designs are based on student experiences on excursions and ideas about subjects. Also some of the dreams and aspirations of the students of Quakers Hill High School are symbolised into the design.

Who was Involved?

There were over 50 talented students who were specifically chosen to paint the figures. Every Wednesday Week A periods 1 and 2 and every Monday Week B periods 5 and 6, the selected students came to the art rooms to paint their designed figures.

Where will they be?

The mural pieces will be hung up above the main entrance of the hall.

Thank you for all the students and teachers who have helped make the mural project a success!

The students involved were:

Zahra Ali, Tynesha Caruana, Sedale Purcell, Erin Warner, William Deng, Emily Dive, Anne He, Kavya Mathur, Madeline Iacono, Isabella Cataldo, Harleen Chauhan, Casey Jobson, Isobel Jackson, Natasha Brown, Lei Octubre, Leilani Bugarin, David Ford, Kate Poole, Carmel Edgerley, Shayna Singh, Sydney Walde, Emily Morgan, Olivia Cleland, Genesis Asuncion, Byron Spittle, Sara Vella, Sonia Lewis, Cassandra Chick, Laura Sainsbury, Chloe Phillips, Yee-Li Tee, Ashley Bernecic, Anindita Chand, Alexandria Lloyd, Ella Bower, Maddison Stewart, Jaimie Mazlin, Danielle Ryan, Brooke Evans, Emily Fry, Maneeba

Arshad, Rhana El-Akkad, Oliver Arreza, Kiesha Mealey, Rebeka Wojcicka, Caitlin Cummings, Neridah McCrae, Maddison McVicar, Aarya Raghubanshi, Keira Mackie, Andrea Deller, Megan Warner, Kethini Krishnar, Laura Radwill, Abey Couzins





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