



UPCOMING EVENTS

1 December

Volunteering visit to Quakers Hill Nursing Home

2 December

Jamberoo Excursion

3 December

Year 10 Formal

4 December

Rehearsal for Year 10
Graduation Periods 1 & 2

Rehearsal for Presentation
Day Periods 3 & 4

5 December

Year 10 Graduation
Periods 1 & 2

8 December

Presentation Day
Periods 3 & 4

P&C Meeting

12 December

Reports issued

Contact issued

17 December

Last day for students

18 December

Last day for staff



HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE

What Science Has Been Up To Page 6

SRC Visit to Parliament House Page 7

Support Unit News Page 8

Creative & Performing Arts News Page 11

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM 2015

The following students have been selected by staff and their peers to lead the school in 2015. Congratulations go to:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2015

Katie Towell & Aidan Bath

SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS 2015

Tamara Savage & Boaz Villarosa

SRC REPRESENTATIVES 2015

Year 8

Geoffrey Garcia
Laura Towell
Erin Wilson
Jordan McGregor
Jordan Ayyad
Hayden Johnson-De Silva

Year 9

Genesis Asuncion
Tamika Ezzy
Dominique Burke

Oliver Arreza
Luke O'Keeffe

Year 10

Tamara Savage
Boaz Villarosa
Katie Towell
Yasmine Abdel Fattah
Aidan Bath
Bryce Simpson
Kaitlin Heggen
Jacob Chin
Jayden Thompson
Jaime Bonsall

A big thankyou to Ms Del Pinto and Ms Valatiadis for their organisation and coordination of the student election process. We have an excellent team who will no doubt distinguish themselves in 2015.

SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The assembly is our effort to publicly acknowledge those students who throughout the school year have taken on tasks and responsibilities



Education &
Communities

that have assisted and supported school programs and the learning achievements of other students.

Congratulations to:

LIBRARY MONITORS - Oliver Arreza, Camryn Batchelor, Sarah Branson, Jacob Chin, Bradley Coleiro, Andrea Deller, Emma Goldsworthy, Kaitlyn Hockey, Saraf Hossain, Arashdeep Kaur, Janani Krishnar, Kopal Mathur, Kavya Mathur, Luke O'Keeffe, Meet Patel, Chloe Silva, Bryce Simpson, Muskan Soni

HALL CREW AWARDS - Siau Bhupinder, Liam Dewsberry, Harley Downton, Clayton Faulalo, Michael Hanley, Dylan Lambert, Stanley Malae, Isiah Rudolph, Kiko Talakai, William Yallop, Sarim Zaidi

SOUND CREW AWARDS - Laura Sainsbury, Chloe Thistleton, Jayden Thompson

PEER READING TUTORS - Sarah Andrew, Marie Grace Araullo, Jai Astill, Ashleigh Bernecic, Julian Bugarin, Daniel Byrne, Bradley Coleiro, Laura-May DeBouter, Dylan Fio, Matthew Fleming, Emily Frey, Harvinder Gill, Sameesh Gupta, Renee Harradine, Elisa Keyte, Bailey Long, Michelle Marcelliano, Kavya Mathur, Chantelle McCristal, Fardeen Mohiuddin, Jade Olsson, Kate Poole, Cody Price, Nicholas Robinson, Daniel Robson, Krysten Rock, Allanah Sako, Cody Schoer, Mosese Seru, Kierra Shepherd, Emma Smith, Kasalaini Talei, Jeremy Turoczi, Matthew Walker, Charlie Wood, Jasmin Xuerub

PEER TUTORS AT BARNIER PUBLIC SCHOOL - Sarah Andrew, Jai Astill, Ashleigh Bernecic, Dylan Fio, Aloka Holland, Clare Miller, Tara Mohammadi, Athena Nikas, Sophia Panagopoulos, Jaysal Prasad, Krysten Rock, Joshua Wadsworth

READER/WRITERS FOR FORMAL EXAMS - Jordan Ayyad (reader), Lincoln Deering (writer), Owen Eltringham (reader)

SRC REPRESENTATIVES

Year 7 Jordan Ayyad, Billie Farla, Geoffrey Garcia, Laura Towell, Erin Wilson

Year 8 Genesis Asuncion, Micah Bonello, Adam Coleiro, Emily Elder, Ashleigh Kennedy, Neridah McRae,

Year 9 Jacob Chin, Timothy Devanathan, Tamara Savage, Katie Towell, Boaz Villarosa, Christopher Wadey

Year 10 Justin Acuesta, Joshua Ahmad, Jessica Bobbin, Kaitlyn Hockey, Bradley Lannoy, Alyssa Manalo, Sean Mulvany, Chloe Silva, Alicia Stattmann

HOUSE CAPTAINS

RAVENSWORTH Joshua Ahmad, Aidan Bath, Paige Bootle, Tamarah Bradley

OBERON Harley Downton, Amy Dunn, Pita Faulalo, Russell Galli

YALLAH Daniel Gill, Bradley Harrison, Hannah Kemp, Emily Laughlin

GUNDAGAI Jessica Mason, Jarrod Mathew, Jordan McGregor, Elizabeth Micallef

BATHURST Jade Olsson, Nikolas Savage, Tamara Savage, Blake Simpson

PERISHER Alicia Stattmann, Breannon Thompson, Zac Toomey, Matthew Walker

PEER SUPPORT COUNSELLORS -

Jaimie Bonsall, Jeremy Bushell, Gemma Hewitson, Vrinda Talwar, Shania Tweedie, Sarah Wakeling, Tamarah Bradley, Julian Bugarin, Bradley Coleiro, Jamie Cumbo, Andrea Deller, Corey Dickson, Emily Dive, Renee Harradine, Kaitlyn Hockey, Shivam Kaushal, Kethini Krishnar, Bradley Lannoy, Kavya Mathur, Clare Miller, Dennis Newsome, Cody Price, Chloe Silva, Bhoomika Sreenivasan, Stephen Woodward

PAPER RECYCLING CREW

Year 7 Cooper Boswell, Michael Clarke, Logan Ferro, Ryan Harvey

Year 8 Alexander Hopkins, Caleb Lambert, Marcus Robertson, Saed Haji

Year 9 Andrew Baird, Luke Bianco, Jacob Chin, Phoebe Foulke, Jessy Hewes, James Huang, Con Lioulis, Chad Llesis, Daniel O'Keefe, Jesse Owen, Ethan Tims, Christopher Wadey

Year 10 Bianca Davies, Tomas Dobell, Bradley Lannoy, Dan Pogson, Sarah Thomas, Thomas Ward, Kirsten Wilton

PRIMARY PROSPERITAS MENTORS - Aidan Bath, Adam Coleiro, Andrea Deller, Sally Husking, Elisa Keyte, Alyssa Manalo, Kavya Mathur, Kate Poole, Aarya Raghubanshi, Emma Smith, Bhoomika Sreenivasan, Kyle Thompson

NEXT GENERATION TEACHERS PROGRAM - Jai Astill, Ashleigh Bernecic, Jaime Bonsall, Tamarah Bradley, Bradley Coleiro, Laura-May DeBouter, Gemma Deering, Emily Dive, Morgan Edmunds, Emily Frey, Chloe Galey, Renee Harradine, Kaitlin Heggen, Gemma Hewitson, Kaitlyn Hockey, Maria Hondrogianis, Caitlin Ives, Elisa Keyte, Kethini Krishnar, Alyssa Manalo, Jessica Mason, Erin McCready, Sean Mulvany, Kate Poole, Aarya Raghubanshi, Liam Rodger, Allanah Sako, Mosese Seru, Emma Smith, Bhoomika Sreenivasan, Yumin Sun, Nicholette Watts

This special assembly would not be possible without the hard work and commitment of the teaching and ancillary staff that coordinate and organise this event. Whether it be; preparing the students' performances for the assembly, producing the copious numbers of student certificates, or organising the rehearsals for the event. I would like to personally thank the wonderful team who pulled the assembly together: Erika Cooper, Maria Romerosa, Daniel Nash, Georgia Valatiadis, Jesse Pearce, Amanda Tong, Bronwyn Tweeddale, Luke Cole, Jason Kantek, Sheree Johnson, Michael Brooks, Savi Ravikumar, Michelle Brakell, Karen White and Emily Morgan of Year 10.

Next week the school will again be consumed with very important events – the Year 10 Formal and Graduation, followed by our annual Presen-

tation Day Ceremony. Students who came first in a subject in the year will receive a medal and students who have worked consistently in a subject throughout the year will also be awarded commendations for excellent academic achievement. Any students who has come first in a class in either Semester 1 or 2 will receive certificates in with their Semester 2 report which will be issued to all Year 7, 8 & 9 students during period 6 on Friday 12 December.

After our Presentation Day Assembly I will be taking leave to visit family overseas and so this is my last CONTACT for the year. Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy festive season. Remember school resumes for Year 7 on Wednesday 28th January and Years 8, 9 & 10 return on Thursday 29th January 2015.

Merry Christmas.

Lauretta Claus

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SURVEYS AND EVALUATIONS

An important feature of the end of every school year is taking the opportunity to look back and reflect on the year. All Australian teachers are regularly reminded of the need to be reflective practitioners and to consider the success of every assessment, lesson and program. Students are also often assessed on their ability to look back at what they did well, what they could do better next time and how they could do it better.

Schools are also required to survey, evaluate, analyse and critically reflect on the year gone by in order to consider how successful they were in meeting their targets and whether or not they need to refine their goals.

As part of our annual system of review and evaluation, students, parents and staff have been surveyed on a range of different things and we have already shared some of the results with the students at last week's assembly.

Approximately 350 students from Years 7 to 10 were surveyed on a range of statements and overall the results were very positive. Some of the statements included "The staff at QHHS are focussed on helping me" and "I understand what it means to be a SMART student" and students were asked to indicate whether they *Strongly Agreed*, *Agreed*, *Disagreed* or *Strongly Disagreed*.

The results will be published in more detail in the Annual School Report but some results are as follows:

- ☐ 93% of students agreed or strongly agreed that they understand what it means to be a SMART student.
- ☐ 80% that they are encouraged to try lots of different things at QHHS
- ☐ 87% that QHHS has anti-bullying systems in place
- ☐ 92% that there are consequences for students who do not behave appropriately

Some results indicated to us that there are areas where we still need to focus our attention on improving and developing. Some examples are that approximately 20% of students feel that SMART behaviour is not regularly rewarded. These results indicate that this is an area where we need to work together on recognizing and rewarding pro-social and positive behaviours.

One statement and result that stood out to me was "I am encouraged to try different things at QHHS." One of the benefits of belonging to a large high school such as QHHS is that there are many opportunities to try different things and to get involved. The Service to School Assembly provided many such examples of ways in which students can connect to school. Helping out at Parent Teacher nights and Orientation Days, CAPA showcase, peer reading, peer counselling, Premiers Reading Challenge, ICAS competitions, sporting competitions, library monitors and many, many more are all ways in which your child can get involved and thereby feel more engaged and more connected to school. It is very disappointing when students choose not to get involved and therefore spend their entire school career disconnected and adrift. Do encourage your child to get involved and do support their involvement wherever you can. It makes for much stronger connections between school and home.

SWIM SCHOOL

Mrs Maricic, Mrs Claus and I have all taken the opportunity to visit the Stage 4 Swim School program. The feedback from the staff has highlighted the outstanding behaviour of the Year 7 students and the overall good behaviour of the Year 8 students. It was wonderful to see so many students happily engaged in survival swims, resuscitation practice, theory work and safe entry and exits.

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY

Yet again Orientation Day was a resounding success. Such an event relies on the work and organisation of many but particular thanks must go to Mrs Lachevre whose capacity for event coordination seemingly knows no bounds.



JAMBEROO EXCURSION

Tuesday 2 December is our Big Day Out to Jamberoo. Current forecasts are good and we hope that all students attending will have a wonderful time. If your child is attending, please remember that they need to be at the bus bay / basketball court area in time to leave at 7.30 or soon after. We need to leave at this time as a swim assessment has been organised at the site and we cannot be late. We intend to be back at 5pm but this is dependent on traffic conditions. If we are going to be late, we will endeavour to get children to contact their parents and/or have a message placed on the school's Facebook account.

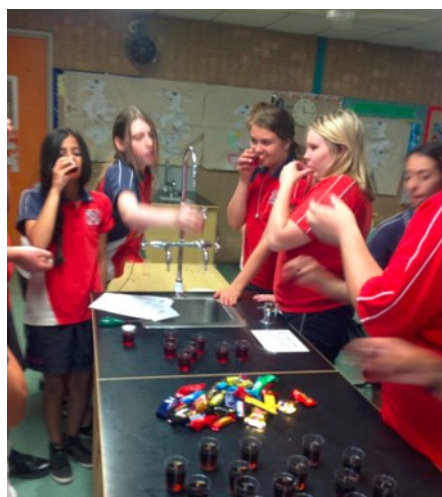
Mrs Rebecca Mahon, Deputy Principal, Years 8 & 10

WHAT SCIENCE HAS BEEN UP TO

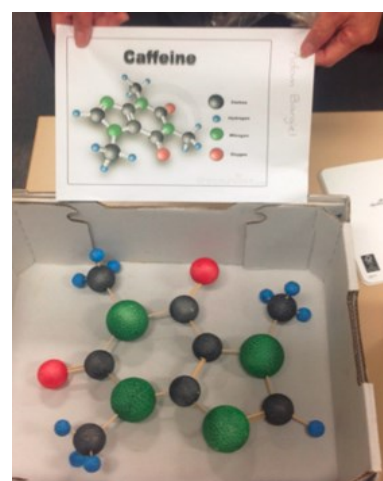
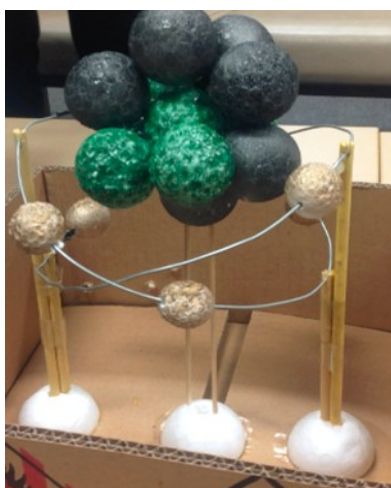
Mrs Rajendran demonstrating combustion reaction in an extra -ordinary way to her Year 10 class.



YEAR 9- As part of the Nervous system topic students were conducting Taste Test experiments



Year 8 Compound Models- students created some amazing models for their project
WATER



SENIOR STUDENT YOUTH LEADERSHIP ENCOUNTER AT NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Mr Kevin Conolly MP, Member for Riverstone would like to thank our student leaders Alyssa Manalo and Justin Acuesta of Year 10 and accompanying teacher, for attending the 2014 Senior Student Youth Leadership Encounter at NSW Parliament House on Wednesday 12 November 2014. The afternoon allowed our student Leaders to reflect on the elements of Leadership and to connect with other students from the Riverstone area. There was a Leadership discussion with Government Ministers with an opportunity for the students to ask some questions. The students were then given a tour of Parliament House and they were able to watch Question Time, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Attached are some photos of our student leaders with Mr Conolly and guest speakers The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP, Minister for Family and Community Services and The Hon. Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Citizenship and Communities and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. Mr Conolly has asked me to extend his compliments to your school leaders for their courteous behaviour, attentiveness and manners shown on the day.



Mr Kevin Conolly MP, Member for Riverstone with our student Leaders Alyssa Manalo and Justin Acuesta of Year 10



The Hon. Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Citizenship and Communities and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.



The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP, Minister for Family and Community Services



SUPPORT UNIT INFORMATION

10W WORK EXPERIENCE

This term 10W has been taking part in Work Experience. Every Wednesday Kirsten has been attending Coles at Blacktown and during Week 6 our other class members divided up between two other locations. Sarah and Brad went to Wiggles and Giggles Childcare Centre and Dan, Thomas and Tomas went to Coles at Stanhope Gardens. They worked fabulously and each company was very happy to have them.

A huge thank you to these companies for being so helpful and accommodating; our students have had a really valuable and enjoyable experience.



ORIENTATION DAYS

Over the last year and half 10W have been transitioning to Wyndham College. This has provided our students with opportunities to meet new staff and students, as well as developing their understanding of how the college runs. Last Monday and Tuesday all of Year 10 attended their Orientation Days at Wyndham and 10W had an additional day on Wednesday to be ready to commence at the start of next year.

Whilst 10W were transitioning on Wednesday, we had our final Orientation Day for our eight new Year 7 students for 2015. They had a fun-filled day and we look forward to seeing them on Wednesday 28th January for their first day. A big thank you to Andrew and Jacob from 9W for their fabulous help with our Year 6 students.





YEAR 10 ORIENTATION DAY



YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY

MESSAGE FOR PARENTS— STUDENTS LEAV- ING EARLY

If you need to pick up your child early from school:

Write them out a note in the morning.

Tell your child to take the note to the office before roll call in the morning.

The office staff will issue your child with an Early Leavers Note which allows them to leave class at the nominated time.

Your child will be able to leave class at that time and will be sitting in the foyer waiting for you when you arrive.

**REMINDER—EVERY
WEDNESDAY ALL
STUDENTS FINISH
AT 2.25pm**

**THE QHHS UNI-
FORM SHOP IS
OPEN EVERY MON-
DAY MORNING
FROM 8.10—9.30AM**

10W LAST CLASS EXCURSION

Last Friday 10W went on their last class excursion to M9 Laser Tag at Blacktown. Our class had a great day, Thomas was the leader in both games and of course Mrs Shields and I were the newbies on the other end of the ladder.



SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

Wishing Brad and Cooper best of luck this Friday and Saturday (day and night), as they perform at the 2014 School Spectacular, which will be broadcast on Channel 9 on Saturday night.

MEET AND GREET AFTERNOON TEA

Just a reminder to our parents, we will be holding our annual Meet and Greet afternoon tea on Monday 8th December from 12.45 till 2.45pm. We hope to see you here.

SUPPORT UNIT END OF TERM EXCURSION

On Friday 12th December the Support Unit will be attending their last excursion for the year. We will be going to Blacktown Leisure Centre, Stanhope to swim and students will have the opportunity to purchase their lunch on the way back to school. Notes will be coming out this week.

Mrs Jennifer Payne

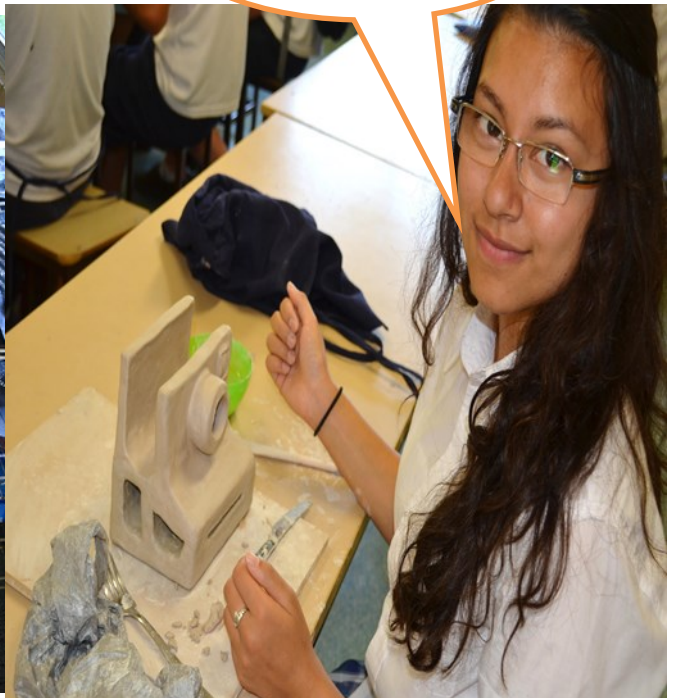
Support Unit Head Teacher

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Another eventful and busy period this term for the Creative Arts faculty. Art teachers capitalised on the amazing talents of our students with the annual CAPA Showcase Exhibition. Elective students are in the midst of completing their paintings, drawings and clay works. The Year 7 students are also continuing with their learning and experimenting with the techniques taught throughout the year, and practising their drawing technique. Yes, we are still going strong in the preparation for next year. *Artwork by Kaitlyn Aitken, Shreya Mepani and Morgan Edmunds*

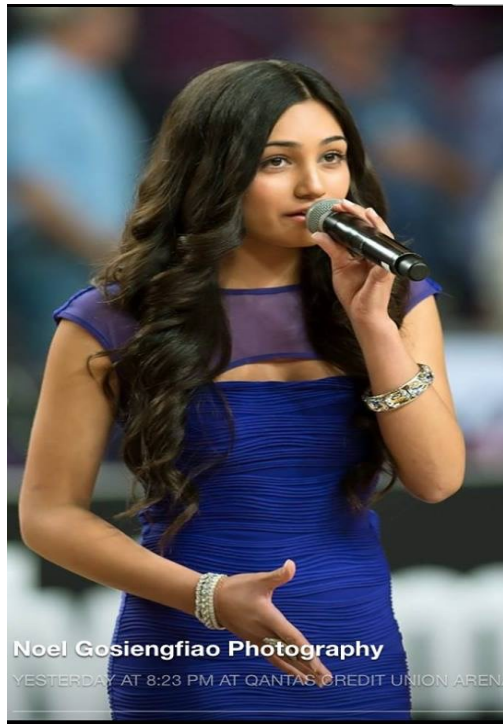


Wishing everyone a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year



MUSIC NEWS

After a much deserved break after the enormous success of the CAPA Showcase, the Music Department is back in full swing. One of our senior students, Alyssa Manalo was asked to sing the Australian National Anthem at a Sydney Kings basketball game on Sunday 16 November. This was an amazing honour and she had the full support of our Principal, Lauretta Claus, who was standing exceedingly proud in the stands, taking down the full statistics of the game at play. Alyssa was also a grand finalist at the Urban Star Talent Quest National Championship last December. You can read the full article at: <http://www.sydneykings.com/article/id/1gjrxlpmr4651jnzoa8zd8jg6> .



QHHS SPORT IN 2015

Every Wednesday during Periods 3 & 4, **Year 7 & 8** students will go to either Grade/Recreational Sport/House Sport.

During Periods 5 & 6, **Year 9 & 10** students will go to either Grade/Recreational Sport/House Sport.

There are usually 3 competitions/rotations of sport that run throughout the year. They do not line up with school terms and the duration can be affected by wet weather etc.

We are looking at offering the following recreational Sports in 2015 are:

- Dance/Zumba
- Swimming/ Boot Camp/Gym Sessions
- Table Tennis
- Power walking
- Handball Competitions
- Skiping Competitions
- Gardening Activities
- Theatre Sports
- Board Games/Chess Competitions
- Computer Games

House Sport will operate along similar lines to the previous set up for Integrated Sport. Students in House Sport will be allocated a team and they will play 2 rounds of Sport during this competition.

Early in the term there will be tryouts for grade teams as well as selection processes for recreational and house sports. Students who participate in grade and recreational sports will have to purchase a bus pass that will ensure their travel to and from sporting venues each week. This pass will be available from the front office and will be non-refundable if lost or stolen.

ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

Year 7 are making infomercials and editing their films, looking at super brands and how they are being marketed.

7R and 7S have created some very entertaining videos based on their unit of study on *Mao's Last Dancer*, as their project-based assessment task on China. They were looking at how Chinese characters are represented in film and they have created some very interesting and individual interpretations of how this occurs. Students have learnt and practised a variety of film making strategies and techniques including stop motion, camera techniques, editing techniques, script writing and research and analysis techniques. This resulted in the recreation of scenes, interviews, trailers and a performance essay. A selection of these videos will be made available to view on the QHHS website.

Year 8 are creating their own picture books, using a variety of different programs – PowerPoint, Storybird, Movie Maker. Teachers of Year 8 are expecting some very good picture books to emerge from their classes. These picture books will be uploaded to the QHHS website in the coming weeks.

Year 9 are continuing their Area of Study on *Conflict*, studying a variety of films, visual and print texts and how they represent the different types of conflict. Students are practising writing extended responses exploring ideas related to the concept of conflict using ALARM scaffolds to assist in structuring their responses.

Below is a poem written by **Natasha Fabiano, Year 9** as part of the Independent Writer elective. Natasha based her poem around the idea of the realities of life and aspirations, and making the right choices at the right times, which she further represented through a short story too long to reproduce in this newsletter. In her writing, Natasha consistently displays excellent critical thinking skills, an imaginative approach to exploring ideas and an admirable control of language.

*It's weird when it hits you;
sometimes it's out of nowhere.
It could hit you when you're very young,
the very beginning.
Sometimes it's when you're closer to the end.*

*It's weird when it hits you
because your friends say it is.
They laugh,
they smirk,
and then razz about some more.*

*They act like they have all the time ahead of the world
but the world will catch up soon.
They boast about talents and skills,
but someone is already beating them to it.*

*It's weird when it hits you,
maybe even upsetting.
You think back on all the time you've wasted,
on what could have been.*

You wish that it hit you sooner.

*It's weird when it hits you,
at the most unusual hour.
When you're sitting peacefully,
standing lost,
or maybe lying there unsure.*

*Usually when it hits you
the room falls silent.
Reality comes,
and hits you right in the nose.
The grave feeling fills the air.*

*And it's when it hits you,
that you finally understand.*

MATHS NEWS

We are nearing the end of our program for the year and getting ready to farewell our year 10s. Most of our classes have been working on the unit of Probability over the last few weeks. Some of these lessons have involved how probability works when we play games with dice or cards, so we have been having some fun in the classroom. Venn diagrams have made a return to the curriculum and students have demonstrated their understanding of how these diagrams work. Here are some challenge questions that students can attempt. The first three students who come to Ms Grantham in the maths staffroom with the correct answers will receive a prize.

If you toss a coin 4 times, what is the probability that you will get 4 tails in a row?

What is the probability of not drawing the Ace of Hearts out of a deck of cards?

Draw a Venn Diagram showing that out of a class of 30 students, 10 play football, 6 play soccer and 3 of these overlap. How many students do not play either of these sports?

YEAR 7 SWIM SCHOOL

Nervously the staff awoke on the 17th November 2014. To their amazement, the day dawned fine and hot. It was a sign that Year 7 swim school 2014 was going to be a success. Students and staff alike had a great time. Students achieved great results applying themselves diligently at all levels. The staff under the guidance of Mr D Blench (the submarine) performed admirably. Special note goes to Mr Stamatis and Mr Somerset for their superb instruction and Mr Wong for his excellent supervision of his Level 4 group. We look forward to all our students returning to Year 8 Swim School 2015.

HISTORY FACULTY NEWS

In History this fortnight, our Year 7 students have been working on their studies of Ancient China. Our Year 8's have been busy building Viking ships and helmets and will be studying Medieval Japanese culture for the rest of the year. The Year 9's recently attended a performance at school that introduced them to the History of the Modern World course that they will be continuing in Year 10.

Congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 8 students who competed in the History Teacher's Association's History Mastermind Competition at Hills Sports High School. Our students did very well and had a great time. The students involved were Year 7: Laura Towell, Oliver Turner, Elliot Luckman and Kopal Mathur, Year 8: William Skene, Thomas Luckman, Benjamin McDonnell and Harry Poulos. Well done guys!



The viking ship was made by Saraf Hossain and Arash Deepkaur, (Year 8).

IMPROVING LITERACY AND NUMERACY NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Great news! The Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnerships Program initiative at Quakers Hill High School will continue into Term 1 2015! This is fantastic news for our students and staff, as young and old alike will continue to reap the rewards of a whole school approach to literacy and numeracy well into the new year.

In preparation for 2015, the Literacy National Partnerships Team is developing a new and exciting project that will involve targeted Year 8 students, whilst continuing to develop the Year 7 Digital Literacy program in collaboration with Mr Brooks. We are also busily polishing up the existing the Year 7 Numeracy program, embedding comprehension strategies into problem-solving tasks so that students will develop greater understanding of what is required when tackling tricky word problems involving mathematical operations. All three programs (Year 7 Digital Literacy, Revised Year 7 Numeracy program and the newly devised Year 8 targeted student program) will be ready for implementation from the start of next year and will provide exciting opportunities for our Stage 4 students to expand upon their current knowledge base in a variety of Key Learning Areas.

With research showing that families have the first and most significant influence on their children's learning, and with literacy and numeracy skills being crucial to all aspects of our lives, there are some excellent ideas about some of the ways that you can assist with your child's ongoing literacy and numeracy development located at:

National Numeracy and Literacy Week in NSW - Parent support
<http://www.nlnw.nsw.edu.au/parentb.htm>

This site has some fantastic information and resources for parents of students from Kindergarten to Year 8, and is well worth exploring. With your support at home, our endeavours here at school will be maximised, leading to enhanced success for all students.

Once again, we continue to be excited at the prospect of the continuation of the QHHS Literacy National Partnerships aspect of the *Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnerships* in 2015 and look forward to hearing from you at any time if we can assist in your continued support of your son or daughter's literacy development at home.

QHHS: Literacy National Partnerships Team

The MORE
 that you read,
 the MORE things
 you will know.
 The MORE that you
 Learn,
 the MORE places you'll go.



URGENT: NOTICE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS

CHANGES TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TAX FILE NUMBER PROGRAM IN 2015

Quakers Hill High School was notified this week that The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

Any student aged 13 Years or over who wishes to apply for a Tax File Number through Quakers Hill High School MUST complete and return an application form to Mr Hutton or the front office by Tuesday 16th December 2014. Application forms are available from Mr Hutton in the Careers Office, The Careers Display in the Library or the Front Office.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post will begin the following process for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at www.ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at www.ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC22604'

The ATO will continue working with teachers to educate students about tax and superannuation. The curriculum resource Tax, Super & You is a free, easy to use, online educational resource aligned to the school curriculum of each state and territory. This resource can be accessed at <http://www.taxsuperandyou.gov.au>

If you require any further information you can phone the Australian Taxation Office on 1300 130 282 between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.



What have they been mainly writing ?

AUSTRALIA 澳大利亚, **CHINA** 中国, **HELLO** 你好, **HOW ARE YOU?** 你好吗,
PEACE 和平, **LOVE** 爱, **SPRING** 春天, **I/me** 我; **YOU** 你; **WE** 我们

Come and Join the Family Club!

NORWEST BULLS
JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

Home Ground: Alwyn Linfield Reserve, Glenwood

Registration: \$50 (U7 & below), \$120 (U8 & up). \$240
Maximum per Family

Registration Day: Sunday 1st February 2015

Training Starts: Wednesday 25th February 2015 6PM

For More Information:

www.norwest.rugbynet.com.au

Or like us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/norwestbullsjuniorrugby



YOUR FITTER & HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE



NOW OPEN - Group Outdoor Personal Training in The Ponds!

- Fun group fitness in the fresh air
- All fitness levels welcome
- Stay motivated with a variety of training, including cardio, toning, boxing and more
- Personal Training at a fraction of the cost
- Wide range of session times available

**Contact Step into Life The Ponds
today enjoy 3 FREE sessions!**

The Ponds
0448 024 383

step into life
Group Outdoor Personal Training
www.stepintolife.com



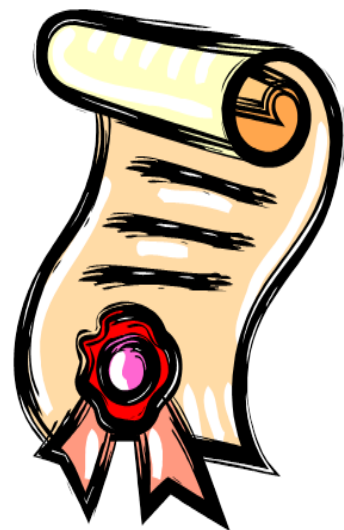
PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 7 Nicholas Clinch

Year 8 Karman Deng, Sachnoor Kaur, Arantika Kiran

Year 9 William Deng (Bronze, Silver & Gold), Kaitlyn Heggen (Silver), Rebekah Jerrow

Year 10 Rohan Comey (Bronze), Corey Dickson (Bronze, Silver & 3 Gold)



Wyndham College

Friends of Wyndham Uniform Shop

Dear Parent/Caregivers,

Below is information to help you with the process of purchasing new uniforms for 2015

Wyndham College is a Uniform School Therefore all students are expected to wear full school uniform.

Due to large number of Year 11 students purchasing Uniforms for 2015, you are urged to purchase your uniforms early. The Information night is a very busy night so unfortunately there could be delays. We endeavour to stock sufficient quantities of uniform but if an order is required prepayment will be necessary.

We do exchange but, returns must be in original condition including attached labels and must be accompanied by the receipt.

The uniform shop maintains the lowest possible prices and is the main fundraising activity of Friends of Wyndham. All profit from the uniform shop goes back into the school.

The people serving you are volunteers. If you would be interested in volunteering to help at this busy time please feel free to contact Linda Robertson on 0421 570 005.

The Uniform Shop is open on a Monday at lunchtime 12.30pm– 1.30pm check website

Below are the additional opening times for your convenience:

Term 4—2014

Monday 17 November 2014 6.30pm—9pm—Yr11 (2015) Information Night

Monday 15 December 2014 6pm—8pm

School Holidays—2015

Thursday 15 January 9am—2pm

Thursday 22 January 9am–2pm

Tuesday 27 January 5pm– 6.30pm (Pupil free day)

Term 1—2015

Return to normal hours

Monday 2 February 12.30pm– 1.30pm



Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

Re: Whooping Cough - Public Health alert

There has been an increase of whooping cough (Pertussis) notifications in the Western Sydney area since June 2014, particularly in the 2155 postcode area.

In order to prevent further cases of whooping cough Western Sydney Public Health Unit advises the following:

If your child (or any member of your family) has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as **a dry or persistent cough**, which may be especially bad at night, please **see your doctor** and take this notice with you. A nose and throat swab test can be performed to confirm the diagnosis.

If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until s/he has taken 5 days of antibiotics.

A whooping cough fact sheet is enclosed. More information on whooping cough is available on the NSW Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx> or please call Western Sydney Public health unit on 9840 3603 if you have any queries.

Thank you for your attention.

Western Sydney Local Health District
Centre for Population Health
LMB 7118, Parramatta BC NSW 2124
Tel 9840 3603 Fax 9840 3608

EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

Greetings Parents and Carers

I am sure that you would agree that effective communication between the school and home is important. One means of communication is the school newsletter 'Contact'.

We have been concerned for some time that our Contact newsletter is not as effective in communicating as we would wish. It often does not reach home, lost without trace at the bottom of a school bag and sometimes our teenagers actively prevent the school communicating with you as parents and carers.

On top of this is the notion that a paper newsletter is expensive (over \$5000 every year) and given the increasing number of parents who use email and actually prefer it, we really need to get with the times and communicate with parents electronically. Of course, a paper version would still be available for those who require it.

Be assured that we are not aiming to overflow your IN tray with school emails.

We would like to start sending out newsletters by email thus ensuring that they reach the desired destination and saving money which would be better spent on resources for your children.

Please carefully and legibly complete the following and return it to school with your child.

Lauretta Claus

Principal

February 2014

-----"-----"-----"-----"-----"-----"

QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL - EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

CHILD NAME: _____ YEAR: _____

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS:

[illegible][illegible]

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE: _____

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS FOR STUDENTS

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

YEAR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

MOBILE NO: _____

CARER 1 NAME: _____

PHONE/MOBILE: _____

CARER 2 NAME: _____

PHONE/MOBILE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: _____

MEDICAL PROBLEMS (IF ANY) _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____



KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE

20+ male and female GPs

BULK-BILLING

NO GP CO-PAYMENTS

OPEN EVERY DAY 8:00AM TO 8:00PM

WALK-INS WELCOME

Book your GP and Physio appointment online at: www.kildaremedical.com.au
or download the 'Appointuit' App

36 Kildare Road, Blacktown 2148 (next to Westpoint) 8822 3000



44 Bow Ave Parklea NSW 2768

Call us on: 8883 4857

Or mobile: 0410 428 700

Dr. Shanba Kaleeswaran

- All general & cosmetic dentistry provided.
- Student discount for custom made sports mouth guards.
- No gap for health fund members for check up, x-rays, clean and fluoride.
- Evenings and Saturday appointments.
- No gap for Medicare Child Dental Benefit Scheme.